

COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT 2010
USS BULKELEY (DDG 84)

Homeport: Norfolk, VA
Commissioned: 8 DEC 2001
UIC: 22992

Command Composition and Organization

Immediate Supervisor:

Commander, DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO
CAPT WILLIAMSON
JAN 10 - JUN 10

CAPT BEAVER
JUN 10 -

Commanding Officer:

CDR Chris P. DeGregory, USN
JAN 10 -

Executive Officer:

CDR Michael Vecerkauskas, USN
JAN 10 -

Combat Systems Officer:

LCDR ██████████, USN
JAN 10 -

Weapons Officer:

LCDR ██████████, USN
JAN 10 -

Operations Officer:

LT ██████████, USN
JAN 10 -

Chief Engineer:

LT ██████████, USN
JAN 10 - JUN 10

LT ██████████, USN
JUN 10 -

Supply Officer:

LT ██████████, USN
JAN 10 - OCT 10

LT ██████████, USN
OCT 10 -

Navigator:

LT ██████████, USN
JAN 10 - FEB 10

LTJG ██████████, USN
FEB 10 -

January 2010

10 JAN	End of Holiday Stand-down
11-15 JAN	CMTQ - CM1
18 JAN	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Fast Cruise
19-22 JAN	At Sea, COMSECONDFLT Hi-Priority Tasking
26-29 JAN	At Sea, COMSECONDFLT Hi-Priority Tasking

2010 started off successfully. BULKELEY's Strike Team rolled right into their first portion of the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification during the first week back. After a long five days and many scenarios later, the team passed with high marks.

February 2010

01-05 FEB	CMTQ - CM2
02, 05 FEB	CDS 2 Fleet Synthetic Training - Force Training
08-19 FEB	Fleet Synthetic Training - Force
08 FEB	Captain's Call
11 FEB	Air Defense Commander Brief
15 FEB	President's Day

February proved to be a low-key month with important time spent pier-side for maintenance and up-keep. During the middle of the month, the combat team participated in Force Fleet Synthetic Training with multiple ships on the waterfront. All participated in this war-game exercise while being tied up in homeport Norfolk.

BULKELEY's Wardroom hailed new Navigator LTJG [REDACTED] while bidding farewell to its former NAV, LT [REDACTED].

March 2010

04 MAR	E6 Advancement Exam
05 MAR	Fast Cruise
08-12 MAR	At Sea, MARDIV FIREX
11 MAR	E5 Advancement Exam
18 MAR	E4 Advancement Exam
22-24 MAR	ATFP Exercise
26-31 MAR	At Sea, HST OPFOR
28 MAR	Captain's Call, Awards Ceremony

During BULKELEY's early stint at sea this month, the ship's Naval Surface Fire Support team was put to the test in assisting a Marine Division in their call-for-fire training. Accolades all around were received in the accuracy of shot and professionalism of BULKELEY Sailors. Towards the end of the month, the crew joined every other ship on the waterfront in a base-wide Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Exercise. The force protection condition was heightened and each ship responded in turn for a successful event.

BULKELEY also hailed ENS [REDACTED], Prospective CIC Officer into the wardroom.

April 2010

01-02 APR	At Sea, HST OPFOR
12-16 APR	Spring PFA
16 APR	Captain's Call, Summer Whites Inspection
26 APR	FC1 ██████'s Commissioning Ceremony, RADM Cullom Visit
30 APR	Captain's Call, CMC Change of Office, HSL/CDS 2 Embark

The month of April started off with a finish to a week long underway. Preparations were made on the flight deck and in the hangar bays for the Helicopter Squadron from Mayport, FL, to embark in the coming month. Additionally, the crew worked to prepare for an intensive month-long underway in May.

BULKELEY's Combat Systems Officer, LT ██████ was promoted to LCDR during an all-hands call. Additionally, outgoing Command Master Chief CMDCM (SW/AW) Henry was awarded an end-of-tour Navy Commendation Medal while oncoming CMC, CMDCM (SW/AW) Greg Renick was welcomed to the crew.

May 2010

03-13 MAY	At Sea, WOWU, Ex Quadriga Chasse
13-14 MAY	In-port Mayport
14-28 MAY	At Sea, SCC Ops, AUTEK, Ex Capella Strike, NSFS FIREX
28 MAY	Captain's Call, Awards Ceremony
31 MAY	Memorial Day

Most of the month of May was spent at sea conducting the last bit of unit-level training prior to integration into Enterprise Strike Group joint training later in the year. This was the crew's first time operating with the embarked Helicopter Squadron HSL 48 Det. 4 that will be with the ship during deployment. Week One Work Ups were completed. Many hours of the day were spent at flight quarters getting the crew as well as the air department up-to-speed. COMDESRON TWO embarked BULKELEY for approximately 10 days. The underway focused on BULKELEY's Undersea Warfare team where they successfully combated multiple underwater threats during Coalition Exercises and Submarine Commander's Course along with a second Naval Surface Fire Support FIREX in support of 2nd MARDIV 10th Marines.

June 2010

04 JUN	CDS 2 Change of Command
11 JUN	Captain's Call
18 JUN	CWO3 ██████████'s Retirement Ceremony
23 JUN	Wardroom Hail and Farewell
25 JUN	Command Picnic
28 JUN - 02 JUL	Warfare Commander's Conference

The month of June was spent in-port Norfolk. BULKELEY went through extensive maintenance while pier-side and a good portion of her crew attended multiple schools to increase their level of knowledge. Each Sailor spent some quality time with friends and family with this month in port, knowing that the coming months would surely be action-packed. Early in the month, BULKELEY was honored to have aboard RADM Buss, RADM Thomas, Commodore Williamson and Commodore Beaver for the Destroyer Squadron Two Change of Command Ceremony.

BULKELEY's Wardroom bid a big welcome to LT ██████████, oncoming Chief Engineer while saying its farewell to LT ██████████, who is transferring to COMDESRON 9 in Everett, Washington.

July 2010

02-03 JUL	At Sea
03-06 JUL	In-Port Philadelphia
03 JUL	Navy League Reception
04 JUL	Fourth of July Parade
06-09 JUL	At Sea, USNA PROTRAMID RIDE
12-14 JUL	ATFP ULTRA-S
19-23 JUL	ULTRA-S
22-23 JUL	At Sea, ULTRA-S
26-28 JUL	3M MCA
29 JUL	Captain Bulkeley Visit
30 JUL	Captain's Call

The month of July started with a lot of celebration. BULKELEY spent the Independence Day weekend in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her crew gave thousands of ship tours to residents of the city, hosted a Navy League 4th of July celebration, participated in the city's parade, and attended the July Fourth fireworks and concerts. Three crewmembers were lucky enough to conduct their reenlistments in front of the Liberty Bell, one of the most historic and patriotic sites in the country. Later in the month the entire ship was tested during the Unit Level Training and Readiness Assessment for Sustainability. BULKELEY successfully passed this last milestone in her long training cycle.

August 2010

02-06 AUG	Yorktown Ammunition Onload
04 AUG	Wardroom Wetting Down
07-27 AUG	At Sea - Group Sail
11-12 AUG	RADM Buss Visit
14 AUG	Captain's Call
26 AUG	Captain's Call, Awards Ceremony
31 AUG	Friends and Family Day Cruise

BULKELEY started the month of August with a very successful ammunition onload of missiles and ammunition for the upcoming deployment. Afterwards, she set out to sea for Group Sail. All warfare areas were stretched to their limits during this 3-week training session. On the last day of the month, the crew brought their friends and family to sea during Friends and Family Day Cruise. A steel beach picnic, 5' PACFIRE, crew served weapons shoot and static displays were conducted. Aircraft fly-overs by an SH-60B and F/A-18 were enjoyed by all.

Also during the Friends and Family Cruise BULKELEY's Executive Officer was promoted to Commander during a ceremony attended by both the wardroom and CDR Vecerkauskas' family.

September 2010

02 SEP	E6 Advancement Exam
04-10 SEP	At Sea - Group Sail
08 SEP	Burial at Sea
09 SEP	E5 Advancement Exam
10 SEP	RDML Faller's Visit
14-18 SEP	At Sea - C2F Priority Tasking: Escort Duties
16 SEP	E4 Advancement Exam, CPO Pinning
21-22 SEP	FPEX
27-30 SEP	FST-GC

September was an action packed month for BULKELEY. It started out with a week-long completion of the Strike Group's Group Sail where a lot of time was spent as a combined force honing skills that could potentially be used on deployment. The next week was also spent at sea escorting a nuclear prototype moored training ship to Charleston, SC. During the underway 5 new Chiefs were frocked. Once back in port, the entire crew participated and successfully completed their Force Protection Exercise where they were assessed on how capable they are of defending the ship while in foreign ports. Finally, more joint Strike Group work was done during our Fleet Synthetic Training the last week of September.

October 2010

05-26 OCT	At Sea - Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX)
12 OCT	RDML Fitzpatrick Visit
13 OCT	Navy Birthday
16 OCT	RDML Kraft Visit

BULKELEY continued her rigorous pre-deployment training by going to sea with the entire Enterprise Strike Group. Instead of working as a single unit, all ships, aircraft and other elements learned to work as a combined force in combating a multitude of threats. BULKELEY scored very well and received high marks from Commander, Strike Force Training Atlantic (CSFTL), the Strike Group Commander and the Commodore.

LT [REDACTED] took the reigns as Supply Officer while at the same time bidding farewell to LT [REDACTED] as he continues his career in Washington, DC.

November 2010

01-05 NOV	Fall PFA
02 NOV	Pre-Deployment Briefs
08-11 NOV	Fleet Synthetic Training - Joint
26-29 NOV	Thanksgiving Holiday

Early this month, BULKELEY Sailors participated in yet another pre-deployment training event. The Fleet Synthetic Training - Joint was a pier-side, war-fighting event for the Strike Group and proved very useful in preparing for deployment.

December 2010

02-13 DEC	Underway - JTFEX
11 DEC	Children's Christmas Party
15 DEC	Ship's Holiday Party
16-28 DEC	Holiday Leave, Section 1
28 DEC	Turnover Day
28 DEC- 10JAN11	Holiday Leave, Section 2

Early this month, BULKELEY Sailors participated in JTFEX, their final pre-deployment training event. The Children's Christmas Party was hosted while BULKELEY was still at sea. Immediately following JTFEX, BULKELEY returned to Norfolk for its Holiday Party and pre-deployment/holiday leave. Section 1 went on leave from 16DEC10 to 28DEC10. Section 2 went on leave starting on 28DEC10.