

Command Operations Report 2007

1. Command Data:

Name of Command: USS CARNEY (DDG 64)

UIC: 21923

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer:

Last: Kuffel **First:** Glenn **MI:** P **Rank:** CDR

Date Assumed Command: 15 May 2007

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: SOUTHCOM AOR/ CENTCOM AOR

Permanent Location: Mayport, FL

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Destroyer Squadron Two Six

Administrative: Destroyer Squadron Two Four

Task Force/ Group/ Unit name and Mission:

MAR 07 – MAY 07: COMUSNAVSOUTH / OEF-CCA

JUL 07 – DEC 07: CTF 50 / CTF 51 / CTF 54 / CTF 58 / CTF 150 / CTF 152 / CSG 10 / OEF in C5F AOR

Names of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned: NTR

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned: NTR

Commands, Detachments of Units deployed on board: NTR

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 29 **Enlisted:** 256 **Civilians:** 0

Command Point of Contact:

Name: LTJG [REDACTED]

Job Title: Navigator

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address:

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FPO AA 34090-1282

2. Commander's Assessment:

2007 was an exciting year onboard CARNEY. After the holiday leave period, CARNEY and her Sailors spent a majority of January preparing for the Unit Level Training Assessment Certification (ULTRA-C) for all warfare areas and Engineering (ULTRA-E). By the end of the month, ULTRA-C/E was in full motion. CARNEY ran every exercise in the drill book and did not falter once. She put the new TORIS/TFOM system to the test, and passed with flying colors in all warfare areas. Not only did she certify in all mission areas, but she also certified early for her Integrated Training Team Scenario and Final Evaluation Problem. This accomplishment left CARNEY as a fully certified ship to operate unrestricted and under her own training supervision.

In early March, CARNEY learned that she was selected to represent the United States in the Caribbean Islands during the World Cricket Cup. CARNEY set sail on March 10 for a 2 month surge deployment to the Caribbean Sea in support of Operation Enduring Freedom – Caribbean Central America (OEF-CCA). After just a few days underway, CARNEY engaged with the Jamaican Defense Force by conducting Theater Security Cooperation exercises to include Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) training. Within 7 days of setting sail, CARNEY made her first Caribbean port visit in Montego Bay, Jamaica. In Montego Bay, sailors engaged with the local community through various Community Relations (COMREL) projects, including the painting and preserving of a local school, which drew attention from the United States Ambassador to Jamaica.

During a stop in Antigua, CARNEY had the pleasure of hosting the U. S. Ambassador to Antigua and the Eastern Caribbean Islands for a luncheon. She flew in specifically to meet with CARNEY, thanking her for being present in the Caribbean during the months of the World Cricket Cup. CARNEY also hosted the Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Commander of Antigua-Barbuda Defense Force and the Commander of Antigua-Barbuda Coast Guard.

The CARNEY Warriors continued their Caribbean surge throughout the month of April. While off the coast of Dominica, CARNEY provided assistance to a distressed vessel, towing her 30 NM to Marigot, Dominica using her RHIB, save the lives of 4 in peril on the sea. On 12 April, CARNEY arrived in Chaguarmas, Trinidad, where she hosted representatives of the Prime Minister of Trinidad onboard for a luncheon. Once underway, CARNEY conducted coordinated training exercises with the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard, in the areas of VBSS and towing.

On her way to St Lucia, CARNEY met up with the HMCS Zudercruis for refueling at sea. After the UNREP, CARNEY was redirected and tasked to assist another distressed vessel. A 45-foot fishing vessel had been drifting approximately 100 miles north of CARNEY for 3 days. NAVSOUTH directed CARNEY to render assistance to the vessel. Upon arrival, CARNEY proceeded to tow the vessel astern 110 miles to St. Kitts, before turning the fishing vessel over to the St. Kitts Coast Guard. 2 lives were saved during this mission. On 13 April, CARNEY celebrated 11 years of commissioned service with a Steel Beach picnic funded by the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Joseph K. Taussig, Jr., more affectionately know to the crew as "Miss Betty."

CARNEY arrived in Bridgetown, Barbados on 27 April in support of the final game of the World Cricket Cup championship. CARNEY held a reception on her fantail for both the US Ambassador to the Eastern Caribbean and the Prime Minister of Barbados. Approximately 30 Barbados government and military officials attended.

CARNEY returned to Mayport, FL on 4 May just in time for her Supply Management Certification (SMC), which she attained with flying colors. On 11 June, CARNEY honored LTJG [REDACTED] as the Annual Lanny King Memorial Leadership Award recipient. LTJG [REDACTED] served as the Damage Control Assistant onboard CARNEY.

CARNEY had a Change of Command on 15 May. CDR Patrick O. Shea was relieved by CDR Glenn P. Kuffel. The ceremony was held on the flight deck with the Navy Southeast Regional Band, CARNEY crew, and family and friends in attendance.

On 21 May, CARNEY started her 3M certification, passing the inspection with above a 97% in all areas, the highest score in the Mayport Basin.

CARNEY took advantage of some much-needed maintenance and upkeep time during the month of June, following a short underway early in the month. A Navigation Check Ride was completed, allowing the Navigation Team to demonstrate their proficiency for the new captain.

In July, the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG) got underway for COMPTUEX and JTFEX, a month-long set of exercises designed to prepare the group for deployment. CARNEY stayed busy throughout the month, conducting multiple underway replenishments, small boat operations, aviation operations, VBSS and many other drills designed to strengthen and test the capabilities of the group. Reporters from the Navy Times were invited onboard CARNEY, and a subsequent article was released featuring the crew of the unique and highly-energetic “CARNEY Nation.” A short port visit in Port Canaveral allowed the SAN JACINTO, CARNEY and HMS MANCHESTER to gather for a reception and celebrate the success of the exercise.

August found CARNEY on her way to Yorktown, VA for the pre-deployment ammunition onload. The crew also took advantage of the underway time to prepare for the ULTRA-S Certification.

Hard work and meticulous planning paid off once again for the crew as CARNEY earned high marks and full certification during the ULTRA-S inspection in September. A Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) exercise wrapped up the training and workup cycle in early October and also fulfilled CARNEY’s last requirement for full deployment certification.

During the month of October, CARNEY sailors made their final preparations for deployment, both personally and professionally. The crew enjoyed valuable time with their friends and families and wrapped up loose ends at home and on the ship. During the stand-down period, NFL kicker John Carney of the Jacksonville Jaguars, who holds lineage to the ship’s namesake Admiral Robert B. Carney, paid a special visit to CARNEY, touring the ship, signing autographs, and talking to the crew. CARNEY shifted colors on the morning of 5 November, leaving loved ones behind on the pier as she set sail for a 7 month deployment to the Middle East and the CENTCOM AOR.

During the initial weeks of deployment, CARNEY accelerated into full stride, shaking off rust and assuming the mindset of a deployed unit while conducting a wide variety of realistic and combat intensive drills. After rendezvousing with the rest of the HSTCSG, CARNEY took part in multi-ship exercises and hosted COMDESRON TWO SIX before leading the group through the Strait of Gibraltar and into the Mediterranean Sea. Once in Sixth Fleet waters, CARNEY enjoyed two successful port visits to Barcelona, Spain and Valletta, Malta. The crew enjoyed liberty, experienced new places, and made a positive impression on both the Spanish and Maltese people. CARNEY also rendered assistance to two different small boats filled with refugees from the African continent, saving 27 lives.

On the final day of November, the HSTCSG transited the Suez Canal into Fifth Fleet. Again, the Strike Group called upon CARNEY to serve as lead unit, navigating and forging the way for six warships. Under the tactical control of CTF 150, CARNEY served as a valuable asset, ensuring the safety of Islamic pilgrims who were transiting the Red Sea to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia by providing maritime security and a ready responder in the event of an emergency at sea.

In mid-December, CARNEY independently transited the through the Strait of Bam Al Mandeb, the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Sea, the Gulf of Oman, and finally the Strait of Hormuz to enter the Arabian Gulf. Before a holiday port visit, CARNEY served as Air Warfare Coordinator and a VBSS asset in the company of the HARRY S TRUMAN. Carney pulled into Mina Salman, Bahrain on Christmas Eve for a much appreciated 6-day port visit over Christmas. The crew enjoyed the time off for the holidays; dining, shopping, and calling loved ones at home during such a difficult time of the year to be separated from family.

CARNEY ended the year on a very note as the only ship in the Atlantic Fleet to earn the Battle Effectiveness Award (Battle E) and all six Warfare Excellence Awards. For this achievement, CARNEY was selected as the 2007 Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award winner, given once every 4 years to the best of 54 combatant ships in the Atlantic Fleet.

3. Chronology and Narrative:

JAN 1 – JAN 4	HOLIDAY UPKEEP
JAN 5 – JAN 28	UPKEEP
JAN 29 – FEB 2	ULTRA-C
FEB 3 – FEB 4	UPKEEP
FEB 5 – FEB 8	ULTRA-E
FEB 9 – FEB 13	UPKEEP
FEB 14 – FEB 25	PASSEX
FEB 26 – MAR 9	UPKEEP
MAR 10 – MAR 16	UNDERWAY, CARRIBEAN
MAR 17 – MAR 20	INPORT MONTEGO, JAMAICA
MAR 21 – MAR 25	UNDERWAY, CARRIBEAN
MAR 26 – MAR 28	INPORT ST JOHNS, ANTIGUA
MAR 29 – APR 6	UNDERWAY, CARRIBEAN
APR 7 – APR 9	INPORT ST KITTS
APR 10 – APR 11	UNDERWAY, CARRIBEAN
APR 12 – APR 14	INPORT TRINIDAD
APR 15 – APR 22	UNDERWAY CARRIBEAN
APR 23 – APR 25	INPORT CASTRIES, ST LUCIA
APR 26	UNDERWAY, CARRIBEAN
APR 27 – APR 29	INPORT BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS
APR 30 – MAY 4	TRANSIT, CARRIBEAN
MAY 5 – JUL 1	UPKEEP
MAY 15	CHANGE OF COMMAND
JUL 2 – JULY 19	HSTCSG COMPTUEX
JUL 20 – JUL 23	INPORT PORT CANAVERAL, FL
JUL 24 – AUG 1	HSTCSG JTFEX
AUG 2 – AUG 19	UPKEEP
AUG 20 – AUG 22	TRANSIT ATLANTIC OCEAN
AUG 23 – AUG 24	INPORT NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD
AUG 25 – AUG 26	UNDERWAY NORFOLK OPAREA
AUG 27 – AUG 29	INPORT YORKTOWN, VA
AUG 30 – AUG 31	TRANSIT ATLANTIC OCEAN
SEP 1 – SEP 16	UPKEEP
SEP 17 – SEP 19	ULTRA-S
SEP 20 – SEP 27	GROUP SAIL, JAX OP AREA, AUTEC RANGE
SEP 28 – OCT 2	UPKEEP
OCT 3 – OCT 4	UNDERWAY, JAX OP AREA
OCT 5 – NOV 4	LEAVE/UPKEEP
NOV 5 – NOV 11	TRANSIT ATLANTIC OCEAN

NOV 12 – NOV 17	TRANSIT MEDITERRANEAN SEA
NOV 18 – NOV 20	INPORT BARCELONA, SPAIN
NOV 21 – NOV 22	TRANSIT MEDITERRANEAN SEA
NOV 23 – NOV 25	INPORT VALLETTA, MALTA
NOV 26 – NOV 29	TRANSIT MEDITERRANEAN SEA
NOV 30	TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL
DEC 1 – DEC 5	TRANSIT RED SEA
DEC 6 – DEC 23	UNDERWAY CENTCOM AOR
DEC 24 – DEC 29	INPORT BAHRAIN
DEC 30 – DEC 31	UNDERWAY CENTRAL ARABIAN GULF

4. **Supporting Reports:**

COMDESRON TWO FOUR	161958Z FEB 07	ULTRA-C CERTIFICATION MESSAGE
CDRUSSOUTHCOM	142136Z MAY 07	SURGE DEPLOYMENT BRAVO ZULU
COMDESRON TWO FOUR	221513Z SEP 07	ULTRA-S REPORT
COMDESRON TWO FOUR	241316Z SEP 07	BRAVO ZULU ULTRA-S RESULTS
USS CARNEY	091952Z NOV 07	MISHAP REDUCTION EFFORT LESSONS
COMDDGRON	101645Z DEC 07	RESPONSE TO MISHAP REDUCTION EFFORT

5. **Published Documents:**

1. Deputy Chief of Mission Visits USS Carney (Mayport Mirror)
2. USS Carney Trains with Trinidad & Tobago Coast Guard (Mayport Mirror/SWONET)
3. USS Carney Prepares for Deployment with USS Harry S. Truman (Mayport Mirror)
4. USS Carney Welcomes New Commanding Officer (Mayport Mirror)
5. USS Carney Rescues 14 at Sea (Mayport Mirror)

6. **Photographs:**

1. SH-60B Helicopter Operations JUL 07
2. CARNEY Sailing with HMS ILLUSTRIOUS Strike Group JUL 07
3. CARNEY 5" Gun Firing During Exercises JUL 07
4. CARNEY Dead Astern HARRY S. TRUMAN DEC 07
5. Battle Ensign Waving DEC 07
6. CARNEY Pierside Valetta, Malta 24 NOV 07
7. CARNEY Southbound in Suez Canal 30 NOV 07