

**Classification: UNCLASSIFIED**

## **Command Operations Report 2011**

### **1. Command Data:**

**Name of Command:** USS CARNEY (DDG 64)

**UIC:** 21923

**Name and Rank of Commanding Officer:**

**Last:** Boran **First:** Marc **MI:** D **Rank:** CDR

**Date Assumed Command:** 23 November 2011

**Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:** NORTHCOM/EUCOM/CENTCOM AOR

**Permanent Location:** Mayport, FL

**Immediate Superior in Command:**

**Operational:** Destroyer Squadron Fourteen

**Administrative:** Destroyer Squadron Fourteen

**Task Force/ Group/ Unit name and Mission:**

JAN 11– AUG 11: CTF 20; AUG 11 CTF 65; AUG 11 – DEC 11: CTF 508/CTF 55

**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:** 32 **Enlisted:** 248 **Civilians:** 0

**Command Point of Contact:**

**Name:** LTJG [REDACTED]

**Job Title:** Navigator

**E-mail:** [REDACTED]

**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**Command Mailing Address:**

USS CARNEY (DDG 64)

FPO AA 34090-1282

**2. Commander's Assessment:**

CARNEY split the 2011 calendar year between rigorous Basic Phase training, Continuous Maintenance Availabilities (CMAV), and deployment to Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR). In the beginning of 2011 CARNEY was in the middle of 1A1 Continuous Maintenance Availability Period and the Basic Phase of the Training Cycle. The ship conducted multiple assessments with Afloat Training Group (ATG) Mayport and executed a Fast Cruise in preparation for the training events in February. Carney Navigation Team conducted a highly successful Navigation Checkride with COMDESRON 24 on 31 January. .

During the month of February CARNEY went through multiple underway training events and assessments. The Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) Team went above and beyond achieving 98 percent score during NSFS Certification and set the standard for all surface ships on the East Coast. CARNEY spent the second half of the month on the AUTEC Range, Bahamas Islands conducting Undersea Warfare training and evaluation events.

The month of March started with the successful Engineering Operational Certification. CARNEY Engineering Department set the standard achieving overall above average score. CARNEY entered a 1A2 CMAV on 07 March in preparation for the upcoming events in the following months. CARNEY sailors with the assistance of the Corrosion Control Assist Team (CCAT) managed to complete extensive painting and preservation tasks re-shaping all topside areas. Additionally, major maintenance and repairs were conducted on various Combat Systems and Engineering equipment. Supply Management Certification followed during the week of 07 – 11 March. CARNEY Supply Department went above and beyond achieving outstanding results. Additionally CARNEY Ship's Store was assessed as the best on the waterfront. Another major milestone – The Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP)

certification was conducted during the week of 21 – 25 March and CARNEY sailors one more time achieved outstanding results demonstrating exceptional knowledge and watch standing abilities.

April started with the highly successful Maintenance and Material Management (3M) certification during which CARNEY crew demonstrated more than 150 spot checks, achieving overall score of 85 percent. The Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification followed during the week of 13 to 15 April during which CARNEY Strike Team set the standard achieving score of 97 percent. Finally, CARNEY departed Mayport on 27 April and sailed to Cherry Point OPAREA to start her Independent Deployer Certification Exercise (IDX) entering the intermediate and advanced training phases.

IDX was the major event during May. CARNEY team conducted multiple Anti-Submarine, Anti-Surface, Anti-Air and Strike exercises demonstrating superior war fighting skills during multiple simultaneous combat scenarios. Additionally, CARNEY Vessel Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) Team achieved the highest score among those participating in the exercise. CARNEY completed the exercise on 10 May and headed to Yorktown, VA for ordnance on-load in preparation for the upcoming deployment. Ship was finally back in Mayport on 22 May after a month of rigorous training.

June started with a Force Protection Exercise (FPX) in Mayport basin during which CARNEY passed 13 of 15 drills and was ranked in the top 10 percent on the East Coast. The ship was then called to provide midshipmen training in VACAPES OPAREA from 17 to 27 June during which CARNEY conducted multiple combat scenarios and an underway Replenishment (UNREP). A leave period and 1A3 CMAV started upon return to Mayport on 27 June to make final preparations for the deployment scheduled for 01 August.

In July CARNEY continued with preparations for the upcoming deployment, while the crew had the opportunity to spend some time with their love ones and relax. A Family Day Cruise was conducted on 27 July where family members of CARNEY sailors spent a day underway and witnessed a demonstration of the capabilities of ship's Combat Systems and Engineering Plant.

CARNEY departed Mayport on 01 August on a seven month deployment. Sixth fleet inchop took place on 06 August followed by brief stop for fuel in Rota Spain on 11 August and Strait of Gibraltar transit later that day. The next stop was Valletta, Malta on 14 August where CARNEY sailors had the opportunity to take a short break and enjoy the beaches and the historical sights. The ship departed Malta on 16 August and headed to Suez Canal. CARNEY transited Suez Canal on 21 August and inched to Fifth Fleet later that day. On 24 August the ship

transited the Strait of Bab Al Mandheb and entered the Gulf of Aden which was CARNEY's final destination. The ship then joined the Combined Task Force 508 (CTF 508) and commenced anti-piracy patrols in the vicinity of the Internationally Recognized Transit Corridors (IRTC).

During her Anti-Piracy deployment as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group-1 and Standing NATO Maritime Group-2 in support of OPERATION OCEAN SHIELD from August 2011 to February 2012, CARNEY was responsible for deterring and ensuring the safety and security of vessels in the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Arabian Sea from pirate activity.

On 01 September, CARNEY received a report that a Dhow, MSV THAYIB II, was hijacked from Boosaaso, Somalia and had hostages onboard. CARNEY conducted a search of the area and proceeded to shadow the mother ship to prevent further acts of piracy. On 06 September, CARNEY worked in concert with the Omani Coast Guard to apprehend the vessel. The pirates were taken to Oman for prosecution. Port visit in Djibouti took place from 19 to 21 September where CARNEY filled her supplies and the crew took a short break and enjoyed the base facilities. The ship was underway on 21 September en route her newly assigned sector in IRTC to continue anti-piracy patrols.

CARNEY spent the month of October conducting anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden. On 03 October, CARNEY discovered five Somali Mariners adrift in a skiff. CARNEY attempted repairs, but the outboard motor remained inoperable. The mariners were taken onboard as required by the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS-74) and were provided food, water, and medical care. The skiff was towed to the coast of Somalia where CARNEY's Boarding Team took the skiff and mariners safely to the shoreline. The Boarding Team instructed the mariners to paddle the 500 yards to shore. Assistance was provided by the local fisherman to successfully repatriate the stranded mariners. In October the VBSS team conducted multiple boardings collecting valuable intelligence information. As a result of her aggressive actions, CARNEY earned the reputation of "The Policeman of IRTC" as stated by the Commander CTF 508 Rear Admiral Mattessi. The ship conducted a port visit in Muscat, Oman from 18 to 20 October where the crew enjoyed the well deserved break.

In November CARNEY continued with anti-piracy patrols deterrence operations in IRTC. The "Half Way" Celebration started on 12 November and was comprised of multiple events during a week long period marking the middle of the deployment. The prospective Commanding Officer CDR Marc D. Boran arrived on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. CARNEY departed IRTC and headed to Bahrain to conduct maintenance and repairs to her Engineering and Combat Systems equipment. The ship transited the Strait of Hormuz on the 21<sup>st</sup> and arrived in Bahrain on the

22<sup>nd</sup>. A Change of Command ceremony took place the following day and CDR Marc D. Boran relieved CDR Richard Field as a Commanding Officer. CDR Field was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal for his service as a Commanding Officer. After a week in port, CARNEY was once again underway on 30 November en route Gulf of Aden.

CARNEY transited the Strait of Hormuz on 1 December and headed back to IRTC where they located and disrupted a skiff Pirate Action Group. This resulted in a spirited chase when CARNEY showed how a well trained crew and a maintained ship can chase down a suspect skiff. Items were visibly seen being thrown over board in both situations. One skiff remained non-compliant and required a short burst of warning shots to stop an attempt to flee. These two events certainly prevented future acts of piracy. Additionally, CARNEY worked with coalition aircraft such as Japan Navy 41 and Australian Cooper 63 to prosecute multiple suspect contacts. CARNEY VBSS team conducted multiple boardings and was able to establish a rapport with locals in the area. The Yemeni and Somali fisherman expressed gratitude to coalition warships for protecting them and provided excellent Pattern of Life (POL) information to help coalition forces continue to improve operations in the region. One important discovery by CARNEY is the evolution of Armed Embarked Security Teams (AEST) onboard many of the fishing dhows. The ship visited Muscat, Oman once again from 23 to 27 December where CARNEY crew celebrated Christmas. During the last day of the year CARNEY was on station in the Gulf of Aden.

During the calendar year 2011 CARNEY sailed through over 40,000 nautical miles, visited seven foreign ports, executed over 50 "Sea and Anchor" details and over 15 "Underway Replenishment" evolutions. The ship participated in Independent Deployer Certification Exercise, Operation Active Endeavour in Mediterranean Sea and Operation Ocean Shield in Fifth Fleet AOR. During operations with Combined Task Force 508 in the IRTC, CARNEY patrolled her sectors providing security and assurance to transiting merchant vessels. It was during this time that CARNEY completed 16 successful boardings ensuring the safety of all sea going traffic in the area while showing a strong military presence and deterring piracy in the region. Additionally, CARNEY conducted over 800 Best Management Practices (BMP) hails to merchant vessels to ensure they had the procedures necessary to repel a Pirate attack. As CTF 508 Replenishment At Sea (RAS) Coordinator, CARNEY set up 63 Replenishments with CTF 53 to ensure that coalition forces had the necessary fuel and supplies to complete their mission. It is because of the diligence of the crew of CARNEY that 34 mariners were saved, 10 pirates were detained, 2 pirated vessels were released, and 4 Pirate Action Groups were disrupted preventing countless future acts of piracy.

### **3. Chronology and Narrative:**

01 JAN – 09 JAN	HOLIDAY LEAVE
01 JAN – 17 JAN	CMAV 1A1
18 JAN – 19 JAN	SARCERT
18 JAN – 21 JAN	CRAV
18 JAN – 28 JAN	C5RA
28 JAN	FAST CRUISE
07 FEB – 11 FEB	NSFS MTT
28 FEB – 03 MAR	SSRMN RANGE
04 MAR	EOC
07 MAR – 11 MAR	SMC
07 MAR – 18 MAR	TSRA
07 MAR – 08 APR	CMAV 1A2
11 MAR – 18 MAR	FST – U
14 MAR – 18 MAR	ESTAV
21 MAR – 25 MAR	ATFP CERT
04 APR – 08 APR	3M CERT
13 APR – 15 APR	CMTQ
27 APR – 13 MAY	IDX
16 MAY – 20 MAY	AMMO ONLOAD YKTN
23 MAY – 27 MAY	COSR
23 MAY – 16 JUN	UPK MPT
01 JUN – 02 JUN	FPX
17 JUN – 27 JUN	CORTRAMID VACAPES
27 JUN – 22 JUL	POM
27 JUN – 22 JUL	1A3 CMAV
27 JUL	FAMILY DAY CRUISE
01 AUG – 31 DEC	DEPLOYED SNMG-2

06 AUG	C6F CHOP
14 AUG – 16AUG	PVST VALLETTA, MALTA
20 AUG	C5F CHOP
21 AUG	SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT
25 AUG	CTF 508 CHOP
19 SEP – 20 SEP	PVST DJIBOUTI
18 OCT – 20 OCT	PVST MUSCAT, OMAN
21 NOV	STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT
22 NOV – 29 NOV	PVST MANAMA, BAHRAIN
23 NOV	CHANGE OF COMMAND
01 DEC	STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT
23 DEC – 27 DEC	PVST MUSCAT, OMAN

4. **Supporting Reports:**

COMSECONDFLT	302230Z NOV 09	NAVYWIDE OPTASK COUNTER PIRACY
COMFIFTHFLT	111242Z MAR 11	OPTASK AIR DEFENCE
COMSTRKFORTRALANT	091500Z APR 11	INDEPENDENT DEPLOYER CERTIFICATION BASELINE SOE
CTF 508	201703Z MAY 11	OPTASK COUNTER PIRACY
COMFIFTHFLT	161825Z JUN 11	EXORD COUNTER PIRACY
COMSECONDFLT	221545Z JUN 11	USS CARNEY DEPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION REPORT
USS CARNEY	111700Z JUL 11	TRANSLANT REPORT
CTF 20	121246Z JUL 11	USS CARNEY TRANSIT PLAN APPROVAL
COMUSFLTFORCOM	221415Z JUL 11	USS CARNEY DEPLOYMENT ORDER
USS CARNEY	032000Z AUG 11	SUEZ CANAL TRANSIT REPORT
USS CARNEY	092230Z AUG 11	BURIAL AT SEA REPORT
USS CARNEY	200800Z AUG 11	AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR VALLETTA, MALTA

USS CARNEY	241101Z SEP 11	AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR DJIBOUTI
USS CARNEY	231601Z OCT 11	AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR MUSCAT, OMAN
COMFIFTHFLT	070333Z NOV11	FRAGORD STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT
USS CARNEY	211200Z NOV11	SITREP STRAIT OF HORMUZ INBOUND TRANSIT
USS CARNEY	030558Z DEC 11	AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR MANAMA, BAHRAIN

## 5. **Published Documents:**

1. USS CARNEY families sent off ship on deployment – Mayport Mirror, 03 August 2011
2. USS CARNEY departs Malta – WWW.EUCOM.MIL, 19 August 2011
3. “New Captain for CARNEY” – Mayport Mirror, 30 November 2011
4. USS CARNEY Celebrates Halfway Mark – Mayport Mirror, 07 December 2011
5. USS CARNEY Disrupts Pirate Attack in Gulf of Aden – [WWW.NAVY.MIL](http://WWW.NAVY.MIL), 07 December 2011
6. USS CARNEY Halfway "Carneyval" Celebration – Jacksonville.com, 07 December 2011

## 6. **Photographs:**

1. “Burial at Sea” ceremony 9 August 2011
2. RAS in 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR
3. Suez Canal transit 21 Aug 2011
4. CARNEY sailors enjoy Thanksgiving dinner
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