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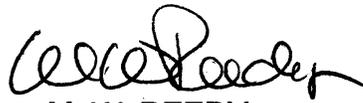
From: Commanding Officer, USS CARR (FFG 52)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (N09BH)

Subj: 1997 COMMAND HISTORY PACKAGE

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F  
(b) CNO LETTER SER 09BH/SH/8U506019

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) 1997 Battle Efficiency Award nomination  
(5) 1997 Command and Control Excellence Award nomination  
(6) 1997 Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award nomination  
(7) 1997 Maritime Warfare (Power Projection/Sea Control) Excellence Award Nomination  
(8) 1997 Logistics Management Excellence Award nomination  
(9) BRAVO ZULUS  
(10) 1997 USS CARR Chain of Command  
(11) 1997 Welcome Aboard pamphlet

1. In accordance with reference (a) and with respect to reference (b), USS CARR's (FFG 52) reconstructed 1997 Command History Package is submitted for inclusion in the Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC.

  
M. W. REEDY

## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **Mission:** USS CARR's mission as an Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate is to provide Anti-Air Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, and Undersea Warfare self-defense and local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against air, surface, and subsurface threats. To accomplish her mission, CARR is armed with HARPOON surface-to-surface missiles, medium range surface-to-air missiles, tube-launched torpedoes, and a MK 15 Close In Weapons System. The ship is equipped with a long-range 2D air search radar, a surface search radar, a MK92 Fire Control System (FCS), a Towed Array, and an EW suite that can detect and engage threats. The ship also has the capability to embark two LAMPS helicopters that provide long-range USW torpedo attack.
2. **Organizational Structure:** Refer to enclosure (10), 1997 USS CARR Chain of Command.
3. **Name of Commander:** Keith L. Wray, Commander, U.S. Navy.
4. **Permanent Duty Station:** Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia.

## CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
JANUARY 97	SPANISH PHIBLEX
JANUARY 97	INPORT TUNIS, TUNIS
JANUARY 97	INPORT CATANIA, SICILY
FEBRUARY 97	INPORT MALAGA, SPAIN
FEBRUARY 97	INPORT BARCELONA, SPAIN
FEBRUARY 97	INPORT CASABLANCA, MOROCCO
FEBRUARY 97	INPORT CARTAGENA, SPAIN
MARCH 97	MID-CYCLE ASSESSMENT
MARCH 97	INPORT BARI, ITALY
MARCH 97	INPORT ODESSA, UKRAINE
APRIL 97	INPORT HAIFA, ISRAEL
APRIL 97	INPORT ISTANBUL, TURKEY
APRIL 97	INPORT AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY
APRIL 97	INPORT NAPLES, ITALY
MAY 97	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
JUL 97-SEP 97	RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY, NORFOLK NAVAL BASE
OCTOBER 97	INPORT NEW YORK CITY
OCTOBER 97	AVIATION CERTIFICATION
OCTOBER 97	TSTA I INPORT NORFOLK, VA
NOVEMBER 97	TSTA II INPORT NORFOLK, VA

## NARRATIVE

1. CARR began 1997 deployed to the Mediterranean Sea with the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group. During deployment she also conducted operations with Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM), a naval task force comprised of warships from various European countries. While deployed, CARR participated in four major exercises: LINKED SEAS, MED SHARK 97, WHALE WATCH, and SPANISH PHIBLEX. CARR was also able to participate in multi-lateral operations with the Romanian and Ukrainian navies. Additionally, twelve port calls to eight different countries were made throughout the Mediterranean region. CARR's Mid-Cycle Assessment was conducted in March 1997. The ship received an overall grade of SATISFACTORY, with Training, Fire Fighting, and Management categories each being evaluated as EFFECTIVE.
2. After returning to Norfolk from deployment, CARR underwent an extensive three-month upkeep period. Several key equipment upgrades were installed. The SIDEKICK upgrade to the AN/SLQ-32 (V) 5 system was installed, significantly strengthened CARR's Electronic Support and Electronic Attack capabilities. The Combat System Upgrade (CSU) was also installed. This upgrade provides substantially enhanced Air Warfare (AW) capabilities by improving the SPS-49A radar, CDS, SYS-2, and MK 92 Fire Control System performance. In addition, CARR also received the Flexible Universal Stowage System (FUSS). This installation of this upgrade allows CARR to store and handle PENGUIN missiles and MK 50 Torpedoes.
3. Following the upkeep period, CARR began her 1998 Inter-Deployment Training Cycle. In October, the ship made a port call in New York City, New York. In October 1997 CARR completed TSTA I, followed by TSTA II in November. In December, the ship began making preparations for a Logistics Management Inspection and Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, both of which were scheduled for January 1998.



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**From:** Commanding Officer, USS CARR (FFG 52)  
**To:** Commander, Destroyer Squadron Three Two

**Subj:** 1997 BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD

**Ref:** (a) COMNAVSURFLANT Instruction 3502.02C

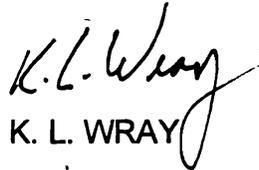
**Encl:** (1) Maritime Warfare (Power Projection/Sea Control) Excellence Award  
(2) Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award  
(3) Command and Control Excellence Award  
(4) Logistics Management Excellence Award  
(5) BRAVO ZULU's

1. USS CARR has met all requirements for the Battle Efficiency Award as outlined in reference (a) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1997. The ship began 1996 forward deployed to the Mediterranean Sea with the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group and subsequent operations with Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean. CARR completed a very successful deployment and prepared for the rigorous inter-deployment training cycle. Command Excellence awards for each area are included as enclosures (1) through (4).

2. While performing operations with COMSIXTHFLT and Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean, CARR maintained the highest possible state of training and material readiness. CARR's completion of important bilateral operations with the Moroccan Navy during MED SHARK '97 were particularly noteworthy, resulting in commendatory personal messages from COMSIXTHFLT and the Moroccan Consul General. The Mid-Cycle Assessment completed in early March was equally impressive, with CARR receiving high grades in the areas of readiness, damage control and material self-assessment. During short time with Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean, CARR distinguished itself as an important member of this international force. All evolutions were conducted with pride and professionalism, from multi-lateral operations with the Ukrainian and Romanian navies to Exercise LINKED SEAS, the largest NATO Operation of the year. CARR received an additional personal commendation from Commodore Nikitiadis, the Hellenic Navy's commander of the Force.

3. In the months following deployment, CARR's activities showed the mark of achievement ashore as well as at sea. Shortly following a productive post-deployment leave and upkeep period, CARR commenced a grueling schedule of events that ran throughout the entire competitive cycle. CARR provided flight

deck services for U.S. Army helicopters in late June before commencing the arduous, yet highly successful, Board of Inspection and Survey assessment in early July. The ship completed extensive repairs and material upgrades during a ten week restricted availability conducted with Norfolk Naval Shipyard which ended in late September. CARR again was called on to provide flight deck services for U.S.Navy helicopters from VX-1 after successfully completing the Aviation Certification and Aviation Readiness Evaluation. The ATG administered CART II assessment was completed and CARR commenced the training cycle in late October. A short port visit to New York City followed CART II with CARR conducting important interaction with representatives from the Council On Foreign Affairs. An LMA Assist visit was conducted 29-31 October, and all areas (General Stores, Food Service, Retail Operations) received a score of 71% or better. CARR has completed various portions of the TSTA process and will end the year with the Engineering Certification assessment from 15-19 December.

  
K. L. WRAY

## Command and Control Excellence Award

1. During the competitive cycle, 1 January-31 December 1997, USS CARR maintained only the highest standards of readiness and performance in areas relating to C4I, electronic warfare, navigation and seamanship. CARR has met all requirements listed in reference (a) and should receive every consideration for this award.

2. A COMSEC Material System formal inspection was completed 29 May 1996 by RMCS (SW) [REDACTED] COMDESRON 20 Communications Officer, with an overall grade of "Satisfactory" assigned. This inspection remains current throughout the competitive cycle, with the next scheduled inspection in May 1998. CARR did complete the required 18 month CMS Training Visit on 19 August 1997. A copy of the training visit report is included for review.

3. A Comprehensive Communication Assessment (CCC-27-SF) was completed 21 November 1996 by COMDESRON THREE TWO with an overall grade of 92.2. The inspectors noted that CARR was particularly strong in System Control, UHF secure voice (CCC-5-SF), Voice Communications (CCC-8-SF) and Visual Communications. A copy of the Report of Communication Exercise Evaluation is included for review. This certification is current for a two year period and no assessment was completed during this competitive period. CARR performed admirably with regards to radio and visual communications throughout the year, particularly during the deployment and the time serving as a member of the Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean. In addition, a total of four White Pinnacle quick reaction messages were processed during the cycle, with the fastest response time documented in under two minutes.

4. COMDESRON THREE TWO representatives completed the ISIC observed Navigation Check Ride on 12 November 1997. A copy of the report is included for review and CARR met all requirements to continue underway operations with regards to navigation. There have been no collisions, groundings or incidents of poor seamanship and navigation throughout the competitive cycle, which included entry/departure from 14 foreign ports, twenty underway replenishments, numerous divisional tactics with SNFM forces and one tow/be towed exercise. → INCLUDE A RESCUE @ SEA.

5. CARR has performed admirably during all exercises relating to intelligence and Electronic Warfare during the deployment and the inter-deployment training cycle. CARR was the only battle group asset to detect, localize and track an Algerian KILO-class submarine during JTG 1-97. What makes this an even more outstanding accomplishment is that watchstanders in CIC detected the track using the AN/SLQ-32(V)2 system. CARR received recognition as COMDESRON THREE TWO's

nomination for the Intelligence Excellence Award for the period 1 January to 30 June 1997. A copy of this letter is included for review. During the restricted availability period CARR received the SIDEKICK installation to upgrade the EW suite to the AN/SLQ-32(V)5 system. In addition, CARR currently meets or exceeds the requirements for TYCOM required school graduates in the areas of C2W, intelligence and PCMS Supervisor/Maintenance.

6. CARR has completed all requirements and met all criteria for consideration for the Command and Control Excellence Award. A demanding yet highly successful deployment was completed that flexed the realm of capabilities in all areas, and sustained superior performance during the training cycle demonstrated continued dedication to excellence in this critical mission area. It is requested that CARR receive every consideration for this coveted award.

## **Maritime Warfare (Power Projection/Sea Control) Excellence Award**

1. USS CARR began the year approximately one month into a Mediterranean deployment with the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group and subsequent operations with Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean. On station and actively engaged in the important mission of Power Projection and Sea Control, CARR consistently maintained the highest state of readiness and performance in all warfare areas. USS CARR superbly flexed all warfare areas with exceptional and noteworthy effectiveness. Ready to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea while carrying out our nation's policies in both unilateral and multi-lateral arenas. Specifically while deployed, CARR demonstrated her excellence in Maritime Warfare as follows:

a. Air Warfare. Rated M-1 in AW, CARR participated in multiple AW exercises with SNFM and US ships during deployment, including two where CARR was the exercise coordinator.

b. Surface Warfare. Throughout Mediterranean Deployment 97-1 CARR participated in multiple SUW exercises with other US Navy ships and other NATO ships while attached to SNFM. Exercises included a Surface Action exercise with five SNFM ships where CARR scored 24 out of 25 hits within 100 yards, 11 of which were within 50 yards. CARR maintained M-1 in SUW and operator proficiency throughout the deployment by conducting regular PACFIRES (7 for 76mm).

c. Undersea Warfare.

(1) Throughout MED 97-1 CARR participated in numerous USW exercises encompassing all facets of USW from active prosecution to passive tracking and sonobuoy localization. CARR also completed two successful rextorp firings during MED 97-1. Each USW exercise included ships from the US Navy and other NATO ships while attached to SNFM.

(2) During Exercise WHALE WATCH, CARR worked with surface ships (including a T-AGOS ship) as well as subsurface units in a week long scenario. During the exercise CARR held passive contact for 49 hours, and active submarine contact for approximately 7 hours.

(3) While attached to SNFM CARR participated in numerous USW exercises as part of a multi-national force. SNFM exercises included multiple prosecutions and attacks on simulated targets as well as live operations against a cooperative Turkish submarine. During one exercise CARR performed admirably acting a USWC for the SNFM forces and coordinating all operations with supporting submarine.

d. Other.

(1) CARR conducted boarding exercises with the Moroccan Navy, SNFM units (as boarding ship and as simulated merchant being boarded), USN combatants and MPS ships.

(2) CARR conducted NSFS in support of PHIBGRU EIGHT for Spanish PHIBLEX. Conducted VERTREP for Ammunition Transfer at sea with USS DETROIT (AOE-4) receiving 76mm and CIWS ammunition.

2. Following a very successful deployment and ammunition offload USS CARR underwent a grueling but highly successful Board of Inspection and Survey further demonstrating an excellent state of readiness finishing with minimal discrepancies in all warfare areas.

3. During the months of August and September, the ship completed extensive repairs and material upgrades during a ten week Restricted Availability (RAV). During this period, USS CARR received the Flexible Universal Stowage System (FUSS) which allows her to be adaptable to Low intensity Conflict/Contingency and Limited Objective Warfare operations by providing Aviation Ordnance for armed helicopter operations as well as enhanced SUW and USW capability through both PENGUIN and MK50 Torpedo stowage and handling capability.

4. USS CARR also received an extensive upgrade in her self defense capability through the installation of the Combat System Upgrade (CSU) providing significantly enhanced AW capability through the technical enhancements of the SPS-49A installation, CDS, SYS-2, and MK 92 FCS upgrades.

5. While performing a Fleet Pierside Repair of the Combat Direction System (CDS) Display consoles, FTSCANT technicians highly commended ship's force on their maintenance efforts on the consoles. Because of the consoles top material condition, FTSCANT took photographs to use as a training aid on "HOW TO" maintain the consoles.

6. Immediately following the RAV, USS CARR began the training cycle with CART II where again all warfare areas were assessed and CARR demonstrated training readiness in AW, USW, and SUW.

7. In November CARR conducted a safe and successful weapons onload receiving three SM-1 Telemetry missiles, 76 mm, and Small Arms Ammunition.

8. It is requested that CARR receive every consideration for this coveted award. USS CARR is currently in the Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA) phase preparing for final evaluation, further tuning her "Sting" capability while enhancing her already proven ability to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea.