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# Command Operations Report

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This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

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The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

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## 1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **USS CARR (FFG 52)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **21233**

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: **VER HAGE** First: **ERIC** M.I.: **H** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2009-03-07**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **COMUSNAVSO/2<sup>nd</sup> FLEET/4<sup>th</sup> FLEET**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO TWO**

Administrative: **DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO TWO**

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): **KEARSARGE C2X, COSR, FPEX, SOUTHCOM DEPLOYMENT-6, ULTRA-S.**

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **HSL 42 DET 8 under LCDR Jaesen Yerger**

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **Proud Warrior 421**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **HSL 43 DET 8 under LCDR Jaesen Yerger**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 21 Enlisted: 152 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): ENS [REDACTED]  
Job Title/Office Code: Public Affairs Officer  
E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]  
Phone number(s): [REDACTED]  
Command Mailing Address: FPO AE 09566-1506

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## 2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

2009 was a busy and rewarding year for USS CARR as we successfully executed a 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Counter-Illicit Trafficking deployment and began preparations for our 2010 training cycle. CARR began the year in homeport Norfolk but quickly geared up for an underway that included a major ammo onload and participation in a C2X with KEARSARGE EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP. Upon return to Norfolk CARR immediately took part in FPEX and a Conventional Ordnance Safety Review in early March. After completing his tour as CARR's Commanding Officer, CDR Mark Metzger was relieved by CDR Eric Ver Hage during a change of command ceremony on 07 Mar 09. Immediately following this change of command the crew of CARR entered into a pre-

deployment standdown period to take leave and spend time with friends and family before commencing a six-month deployment to the 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet AOR.

On 02 April 2009 CARR departed Norfolk enroute to Mayport, FL for a pre-deployment brief and then on to the Panama Canal. From April to July CARR was on the Eastern Pacific side of the Canal during which time they successfully completed a major bust of cocaine off the coast of Peru enroute to Mexico and then the United States. While on the Pacific side of the Canal CARR had the opportunity to visit Golfito, Costa Rica and provide value training with the Costa Rican Coast Guard on VBSS tactics and techniques as well as many community relations events including a donation of toys and supplies as part of Project Handclasp. In addition to Coast Rica CARR visited Paita, Peru and Panama City, Panama conducting community relations events and cross training in support of Theater Security Cooperation.

Between mid-July and October, CARR spent the rest of the deployment on the Caribbean side of the Canal where they accomplished another successful drug bust off the coast of Venezuela. In addition to CARR's counter-illicit trafficking work, CARR continued it's important Theater Security Cooperation mission in the countries of Colombia, Aruba and Curacao. In July CARR had a taste of home by pulling into Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where a significant number of voyage repairs were accomplished and valuable training completed.

In September and October, CARR began to wind down it's successful six-month deployment on their journey home where they stopped in Key West, FL to disembark HSL 42 Det 8 and take on several guests for a Tiger Cruise home to Norfolk. The three-day journey home proved to be an exciting time for the crew and their invited families. Carr completed her deployment on 7 Oct 09 with much fanfare on the pier as loved ones were re-united.

This return home marked the start of a month long post-deployment leave period before beginning preparations for ULTRA-S. The week-long inspection took place during the first week of December. CARR successfully completed the intense inspection with zero recommendations for self-suspension in any warfare area. Following the completion of ULTRA-S CARR entered it's holiday leave period giving it's Sailor's a well-earned rest before the start of 2010.

Overall, 2010 proved to be a busy and successful year for CARR as it faced every challenge with Courage, Will, and Determination.

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

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

27Dec08 -07Jan9	Holiday Leave Period
07Jan-20Jan	Inport Norfolk, VA
20Jan	Transit to Yorktown, VA
20Jan-22Jan	Ammo onload
22Jan	U/W from Yorktown, VA
22Jan-25Jan	Transit to Mayport, FL
25Jan-27Jan	Inport Mayport, FL
27Jan	U/W from Mayport, FL
27Jan-27Feb	U/W for WOWU/C2X
27Feb	Inport Norfolk, VA
03Mar-06Mar	COSR
03-04Mar	FPEX
07Mar	Change of Command
07Mar-18Mar	Pre-Deployment Leave/Upkeep 1
20Mar-30Mar	Pre-Deployment Leave/Upkeep 2
03Apr	U/W for CIT Deployment
03Apr-05Apr	Transit to Mayport, FL
05Apr-06Apr	Inport Mayport, FL
06Apr-10Apr	U/W enroute to Panama Canal
10Apr-11Apr	Panama Canal Transit
11Apr-12Apr	Inport VNB, Panama
12Apr-23Apr	U/W on station in Eastern Pacific
23Apr-26Apr	Inport Golfito, Costa Rica
26Apr-06May	U/W on station in Eastern Pacific
06May-08May	Inport Golfito, Costa Rica
8May-19May	U/W on station in Eastern Pacific
19May-21May	Inport Paita, Peru
21May-12Jun	U/W on station in Eastern Pacific
12Jun-17Jun	Anchored at VNB, Panama
17Jun-08Jul	U/W on station in Eastern Pacific
08Jul-11Jul	Anchored at VNB, Panama
11Jul-12Jul	U/W for Panama Canal Transit
12Jul-23Jul	U/W on station in Caribbean
23Jul	BSF Cartagena, Colombia
23Jul-31Jul	U/W transit to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
31Jul-05Aug	Inport Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
05Aug-14Aug	U/W on station in Caribbean
14Aug-17Aug	Inport Aruba, Netherlands Antilles
17Aug-31Aug	U/W on station in Caribbean
31Aug-02Sep	Inport Cartagena, Colombia
02Sep-14Sep	U/W on station in Caribbean
14Sep	BSF Colon, Panama
15Sep-25Sep	U/W on station in Caribbean
25Sep-28Sep	Inport Curacao, Netherlands Antilles
28Sep-01Oct	U/W transit to Key West, FL
01Oct-03Oct	Inport Key West, FL
03Oct-07Oct	U/W Tiger Cruise transit to Norfolk, VA
07Oct	Inport Norfolk

07Oct-22Oct	Post-Deployment Leave 1
23Oct-09Nov	Post-Deployment Leave 2
07Oct-06Nov	CMAV
08Dec-11Dec	ULTRA-S
11Dec	Command Holiday Party
11Dec-27Dec	Holiday Leave Period 1
28Dec-11Jan10	Holiday Leave Period 2

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event. For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative. All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

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## 4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted “as is,” eliminating the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Situation Reports
- b. Intentions Messages
- c. Operational Reports
- d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
- e. Operational Plans
- f. Personal For Messages
- g. After Action Reports
- h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
- i. Battle Damage Assessments
- j. Casualty Reports
- k. End-of-Cruise/Deployment Reports
- l. Intelligence Summaries
- m. Major Exercise Reports

List below the items submitted, indicating the classification of each. Electronic reports should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF, or plain text. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Submit electronic reports via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM.

- A. Situation Reports: Classified\***  
**B. Operational Reports: Classified\***  
**D. After Actions Reports: Classified\***
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## 5. Published Documents

List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command’s web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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CDR Eric H. Ver Hage Bio  
Cooperation with Venezuelan Navy Article  
Successful Drug Bust Article  
End of deployment press release

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## 6. Photographs

List below official photographs and any other command-generated media being submitted in either electronic or paper format. Photographs to be submitted include: official photo of commanding officer; recent photo of ship, aircraft, or facility; and photos of historic events associated with the command. Photographs submitted electronically should be in JPG, TIFF or GIF format. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Photographs in electronic format are to be submitted via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained below. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in the same manner as the CD-ROM. Also include any photographs covering operational strikes, battle damage (especially that sustained by own ship, aircraft, facilities or equipment), or other relevant photos relating to combat or deployment operations.

**Commanding Officer: CDR Eric H. Ver Hage**  
**Executive Officer: CDR Philip Engle**  
**USS CARR (FFG 52)**

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