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Encl: (1) Command Operations Report  
(2) Commanding Officer Biography for CDR Eric H. Ver Hage  
(3) Commanding Officer Biography for CDR Patrick E.  
Kulakowski

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information  
is provided:

- a. Software Version: Microsoft Office Word 2003, SP3
- b. Command Name: USS CARR (FFG 52)
- c. Command Contact Info:
  - (1) POC: Ensign [REDACTED]
  - (2) COMM: [REDACTED]
  - (3) EMAIL: [REDACTED]

2. Enclosures (1) through (3) are provided to document CARR's  
history from 01 January 2010 to 31 December 2010.

  
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COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. **COMMAND DATA**

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

Unit Identification Code: 21233

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer:

Last: Kulakowski First: Patrick M.I.: E Rank: Commander

Date Assumed Command: 2010-10-04

Command Employment:

1 Jan-19 Jan	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
19-22 Jan	Underway: Type Training (TYT), VACAPES
23 Jan-18 Feb	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
4 Feb	ISIC Shift from CDS-2 to CDS-22
19 Feb-19 Mar	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV)
20 Mar	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
21 Mar-25 Mar	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield
26 Mar-29 Mar	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
30 Mar-31 Mar	Underway: Type Training (TYT), VACAPES
1 Apr-03 Apr	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
4 Apr-23 Apr	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV)
24 Apr-27 Apr	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
28 Apr-30 Apr	Underway: Unit Level Training and Readiness Assessment - Combat Systems, VACAPES
3 May-09 May	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, HURREX 2010
10 May-14 May	Underway: Unit Level Training and Readiness Assessment - Engineering, VACAPES
13 May	TOWEX with USS TRUXTON (DDG-103)
15 May-03 Jun	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
17-19 May	SAR Certification

24-28 May	Fleet Synthetic Training Unit (FST-U)
04 Jun-6 Jun	Underway: Transit to Jacksonville OPAREA
06 Jun	DLQs with HSM-70
07 Jun-14 Jun	Underway: ASW Operations in support of SEASWITI/AUTEC Range, Jacksonville OPAREA
15 Jun-28 Jun	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
29 Jun-01 Jul	Underway: Transit to Palm Beach, FL
02 Jul-06 Jul	In Port: Palm Beach, FL
06 Jul-16 Jul	Underway: Opposing Force (OPFOR) for USS KEARSARGE Expeditionary Strike Group Composite Unit Training Exercise, Jacksonville OPAREA.
17 Jul-18 Jul	Transit from Jacksonville OPAREA to Norfolk, VA
19 Jul-27 Aug	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
26-30 Jul	SMC Certification
2-6 Aug	3MC Certification
16-20 Aug	Independent Deployers' Academics, Command Readiness Assist Visit (CRAV)
20-21 Aug	Underway: PANAMAX Support, VACAPES
22-24 Aug	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
23-24 Aug	ESTAV ATG Ammo Assessment
25-26 Aug	Underway: PANAMAX Support, VACAPES
27-29 Aug	Underway: Transit to Mayport, Florida
30 Aug-3 Sep	In Port: NAVSTA Mayport, Florida
30 Aug-1 Sep	Ammo Offload
3-4 Sep	Underway: Transit to Norfolk, Virginia
5 Sep - 5 Oct	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
28 Sep	Defuel Ship in preparation for entering Dry Docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA)
29 Sep	Official Commencement of DSRA
4 Oct	Change of Command: CDR P E Kulakowski Relieved Commander Eric H Ver Hage
6 Oct	Cold iron move with tugs to Metro Machine Shipyard Dry Dock, Norfolk, Virginia
7 Oct-28 Nov	Dry-Dock: Metro Machine Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia
29 Nov	Undocked and cold iron move with tugs to Metro Machine Shipyard Pier, Norfolk, VA.
30 Nov - 15 Dec	In Port: Metro-Machine Shipyard, Norfolk Virginia
06-08 Dec	Engineering Light-Off Assessment
13 Dec	Fast Cruise
15-20 Dec	Underway: VACAPES OPAREA for Sea Trails
21 Dec - 31 Dec	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk
21 Dec - 31 Dec	CMAV

21 Dec - 31 Dec Holiday Leave and Stand down

Home Port: Norfolk, VA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two  
Administrative: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two

Assigned Task Force/Group: CTF 20

Detachments stationed aboard: None

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes: None

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 27                      Enlisted: 176                      Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

Ensign [REDACTED]  
CARR Public Affairs Officer

[REDACTED]  
USS CARR (FFG 52), FPO AE 09566-1506

## 2. COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT

USS CARR (FFG 52) is an Oliver Hazard Perry Class Frigate equipped with an array of weapons designed for defense against air, surface, and subsurface threats. Designed as an Anti-Submarine Warfare combatant, CARR's other capabilities include Anti-Air, Anti-Surface, and Visit Board Search and Seizure. These capabilities give Carrier Strike Group and Destroyer Squadron Commanders flexibility to conduct maritime intercept and Theater Security Cooperation operations within their area of influence. CARR's homeport is Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. The Commanding Officer from 1 January through 3 October 2010 was Commander Eric H. Ver Hage. Commander Patrick E. Kulakowski was Commanding Officer from 4 October through 31 December 2010. The Executive Officer from 1 January through 27 June 2010 was Commander Philip L. Engle Jr. Commander James R. Sposato served as Executive Officer from 28 June through 31 December 2011. CARR was assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two from 1 January through 3 February 2010 and Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two from 4 February through 31 December 2010.

CARR's crew is comprised of 27 Officers, 15 Chief Petty Officers, and 161 Enlisted Sailors. Two female Officers served on board during the year.

### 3. CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE

Under the leadership of CDR Eric H. Ver Hage, CARR started the year off the year in its Basic Training Phase. In January, CARR successfully passed its Command, Control, and Communications mission area assessment by Commander Destroyer Squadron Two. It also underwent an extensive STU-III secure telephone install. A shore time underway in the Virginia Capes was followed by a Maintenance and Material Management "Pre-Look" by Commander Destroyer Squadron Two which assisted CARR in its preparation for 3M Certification later in the year.

In February and March, CARR underwent an extensive 4 week Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV). CARR's CMAV was a showcase for a "TA-4 Buydown" pilot program which pulled manpower and resources from the shore maintenance community to come on board and assist ship's force in repairing ship's force maintenance actions. The program was viewed as a great success because of its focus on assisting undermanned and under resourced ships overcome its many material and maintenance challenges. On 4 February, CARR shifted ISIC's from Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two.

CARR's focus in March was primarily on training and preparation for its Unit Level Training and Readiness Assessment - Combat Systems and Engineering Certification. CARR conducted numerous Afloat Training Group supported Limited Training Team events to include: USW-1, MOB-D-2, SAR LTT, and SMC LTT. CARR also successfully completed its 3M Assist Operational and Administrative review by ATG and ISIC. CARR exercised its Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection watchteams during Exercise Solid Curtain and Citadel Shield. CARR finished out the month of March by getting underway and training its watchteams in preparation for upcoming ULTRA-C and ULTRA-E training events.

In April, CARR hosted Afloat Training Group Norfolk on board for a Damage Control and Engineering Limited Training Team while undergoing another three week Continuous Maintenance Availability. CARR got underway at the end of the month and successfully completed its Unit Level Training Readiness Assessment - Combat Systems and certified all but two mission areas: Damage Control and Anti-Submarine Warfare. CARR would

later certify Damage Control after repair of its Counter Measure Washdown System in July and would successfully certify in ASW the following year.

During the month of May, CARR was able to successfully complete Engineering Operations Certification (EOC) and Unit Level Training and Readiness Assessment - Engineering (ULTRA-E) during the same timeframe. During CARR's underway time in the VACAPES CARR conducted a Towing Exercise with USS TRUXTON (DDG-103). CARR also certified its Search And Rescue (SAR) mission area during SAR Certification and participated in the Mid-Atlantic Region's 2010 Hurricane Exercise in preparation for this year's Hurricane Season.

The main focus in June was to increase the ship's Anti-Submarine Warfare proficiency. CARR began the month by undergoing an ASW Limited Team Trainer and then moored to a buoy prior to leaving Norfolk on its way to the Jacksonville Operation Area to conduct ASW operations in support of SEASWITI 2010. CARR returned to Norfolk in mid June.

In July, CARR got underway and participated a high profile Port Visit to West Palm Beach during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. CARR hosted the Mayor of West Palm Beach for a tour of its ship. The entire crew also marched in a parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in celebration of our country's birth. After the port visit, CARR was assigned to Commander, Strike Force Training, Atlantic as OPFOR against the USS KEARSARGE's Strike Group during COMPTUEX. After returning back to Norfolk in late July, CARR executed its Supply Management Certification 26-30 July.

CARR started August off with its Maintenance and Material Management (3M) Certification inspection. The Command also underwent a Command Readiness Assist Visit by the ISIC and also successfully completed Afloat Training Group's Explosive Safety Training Assist Visit (ESTAV). CARR also got underway in support of Special Operations Command (SOCOM) exercises in the VACAPES. CARR transited to Mayport, Florida. While enroute, the ship conducted helicopter operations with HSL-46. CARR conducted pre-DSRA ammo offload in Mayport but did not leave until after the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September due to a hurricane moving up the East Coast.

CARR was finally cleared to leave Mayport on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and arrived back at Norfolk on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. A Continuous Maintenance Availability was commenced on 13 - 28 September. During that time, the crew changed out 1A Gas

Turbine Engine. CARR also successfully certified its ATPF watchteams during FPEX 109B and Fleet Synthetic Training (FST-U). Dry-Docking Selective Restricted Availability (DSRA) was commenced on 29 September while still pierside at Norfolk Naval Station.

CARR started off October with a change in leadership. On 4 October, Commander Patrick E. Kulakowski properly relieved Commander Eric H. Ver Hage. Two day later, on 6 October, CARR conducted a cold iron move under the power of tugs from NAVSTA, Norfolk to Metro Machine Dry Dock where it would undergo a two month availability.

Through October and November, CARR underwent and a two month 8\$ million dollar DSRA which included extensive repair and maintenance on the hull, shafting, seawater suction valves, and replacement of the sonar dome and pitsword.

CARR departed the Metro Machine Dry Dock facility on 29 November and moored pierside at Metro-Machine Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia. Focus of effort during early December was to execute Engineering Light Off Assessment (LOA) and get the ship ready to for sea trials. CARR successfully completed LOA on 8 December and was deemed "safe to steam" by Commander, Destroyer Squadron, Twenty Two. CARR departed Metro Machine on 14 December and headed to sea to verify all equipment was operational. CARR's returned to NAVSTA Norfolk after Sea Trials on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December and commenced a post DSRA CMAV and Holiday leave and stand down period.

**Commander Eric H. Ver Hage  
Commanding Officer  
USS CARR (FFG 52)**



Commander Eric H. Ver Hage is a native of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Enlisting in the Navy in 1984, he served as an Electronic Technician until his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He graduated from Annapolis in 1991, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

Afloat assignments include Assistant Fire Control Officer, Strike Officer, and Damage Control Assistant on USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62), Officer-in-Charge/Tomahawk Mission Planner of Afloat Planning Systems Team One (APSPAC Team One) embarked aboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70), Commissioning Operations Officer on USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), Exercise and Regional Engagement Officer on the staff of Destroyer Squadron Five Zero (CDS 50), Aide to Commander Second Fleet/Striking Fleet Atlantic, and as Executive Officer on USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56).

Ashore, CDR Ver Hage served as a Requirements Officer for the DDG-1000 program in the Future Ships Branch in the Surface Warfare Directorate (OPNAV N86) and as an Associate Fellow with the CNO Strategic Studies Group XXVI. In 2008, CDR Ver Hage graduated from the Naval War College with a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

CDR Ver Hage's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and service medals and ribbons.

Enclosure (2)



**Commander Patrick E. Kulakowski**  
**Commanding Officer**  
***USS Carr (FFG 52)***



A native of Peabody, Mass., Commander Patrick Kulakowski graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering. He received his commission on December 23, 1992 through NROTC. He earned a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University and completed Joint Professional Military Education (JPME II) at the Joint Forces Staff College.

At sea, Commander Kulakowski served as Executive Officer aboard USS Anzio (CG 68); Reactor Training Assistant on USS Nimitz (CVN 68); Combat Systems and Weapons Officer on USS Vincennes (CG 49); Combat Information Center Officer on USS Normandy (CG 60); and Reactor Mechanical Division Officer and Chemistry/Radiological Assistant on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). During these operational assignments, he deployed multiple times to the Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea.

On shore, he served as the Joint Training Requirements Officer for U.S. Joint Forces Command/J7 and Junior Board Member on the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board – Atlantic.

His decorations and awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3), Navy Commendation Medal (2), and Navy Achievement Medal (3). He is also authorized to wear numerous unit and campaign awards.

Enclosure (3)