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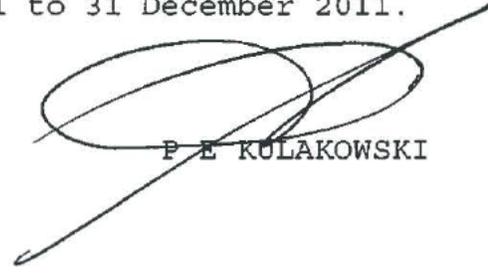
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Encl: (1) Command Operations Report  
(2) Commanding Officer Biography for CDR Patrick E.  
Kulakowski  
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1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information  
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- a. Software Version: Microsoft Office Word 2003, SP3
- b. Command Name: USS CARR (FFG 52)
- c. Command Contact Info:
  - (1) POC: Ensign [REDACTED]
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2. Enclosures (1) through (2) are provided to document CARR's  
history from 01 January 2011 to 31 December 2011.

  
P. E. KULAKOWSKI

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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-02 Jan	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Holiday Stand down
03 Jan	Underway: ENR NWS Yorktown
03 Jan-05 Jan	In Port: NWS Yorktown
05 Jan-06 Jan	Underway: ENR NAVSTA, Norfolk
06 Jan-13 Jan	In Port: NAVSTA, Norfolk, Upkeep
13 Jan-18 Jan	Underway: ENR NAVSTA Mayport
18 Jan-19 Jan	In Port: NAVSTA Mayport, Helo Det Onload
19 Jan-07 Feb	Underway: JAX Op Area, WOWU/GHNB COMPTUEX
07 Feb-09 Feb	In port: NAVSTA Mayport, Helo Det Offload
09 Feb-10 Feb	Underway: JAX Op Area
10 Feb-11 Feb	In Port: NAVSTA Mayport
11 Feb-14 Feb	Underway: ENR NAVSTA Norfolk
14 Feb-17 Feb	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
17 Feb-18 Feb	Underway: ASW Certification, VACAPES
18 Feb-21 Feb	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
22 Feb-25 Feb	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, 3M Certification
26 Feb-28 Feb	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
30 Mar-31 Mar	Underway: Pre-Insurv Assessment (PIA), VACAPES
31 Mar-03 Apr	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
4 Apr-06 Apr	Underway: Type Training (TYT), VACAPES
6 Apr-17 Apr	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep

Enclosure (1)

18 Apr-06 May	Underway: Type Training (TYT), VACAPES
7 May-11 May	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
11 May-16 May	Underway: Type Training (TYT), VACAPES
16 May-23 May	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
23 May-25 May	Underway: ENR Staten Island, NY, Fleet Week
25 May-01 Jun	In Port: Staten Island, NY, Fleet Week
1 Jun-03 Jun	Underway: ENR Boston, MA
3 Jun-07 Jun	In Port: Boston, MA, Dorchester Days
7 Jun-10 Jun	Underway: ENR NAVSTA Norfolk
10 Jun-14 Jun	In Port: NAVSTA Norfolk, Upkeep
14 Jun-28 Jun	Underway: ENR St. Petersburg, Russia
25 Jun-03 Jul	In Port: St. Petersburg, Russia
3 Jul-11 Jul	Underway: Theater Security Cooperation Operations, Baltic Sea
11 Jul-15 Jul	In Port: Turku, Finland
15 Jul-22 Jul	Underway: Theater Security Cooperation Operations, Baltic Sea
22 Jul-26 Jul	In Port: Tallin, Estonia
26 Jul-29 Jul	Underway: Theater Security Cooperation Operations, Baltic Sea
29 Jul-02 Aug	In Port: Klaipeda, Lithuania
2 Aug-04 Aug	Underway: ENR Baltysk, Russia
4 Aug-05 Aug	In Port: Baltysk, Russia
5 Aug-11 Aug	Underway: Theater Security Cooperation Operations, Baltic Sea
11 Aug-14 Aug	In Port: Riga, Latvia
15 Aug	Underway: ENR Gdynia, Poland
15 Aug-18 Aug	In Port: Gdynia, Poland
18 Aug-21 Aug	Underway: Theater Security Cooperation Operations, Baltic Sea, PASSEX with Polish Navy
22 Aug-25 Aug	In Port: Leith, Scotland
25 Aug-28 Aug	Underway: ENR Tromso, Norway
28 Aug-31 Aug	In Port: Tromso, Norway
1 Sep-02 Sep	Underway: ENR Murmansk, Russia
2 Sep-05 Sep	In Port: Murmansk, Russia
6 Sep-22 Sep	Underway: ENR Mayport, FL
22 Sep-26 Sep	In Port: NAVSTA Mayport, FL
26 Sep-30 Sep	Underway: JAX OPAREA
30 Sep-01 Oct	In Port: NAVSTA Mayport
01 Oct-13 Oct	Underway: Counter-Illicit Trafficking Operations, Western Caribbean Sea
13 Oct	In Port: Cartagena, Columbia
13 Oct-25 Oct	Underway: Counter-Illicit Trafficking Operations, Western Caribbean Sea

25 Oct	In Port:	Colon, Panama
25 Oct-26 Oct	Underway:	Counter-Illicit Trafficking Operations, Western Caribbean Sea
26 Oct-28 Oct	In Port:	Cartegena, Colombia
28 Oct-07 Nov	Underway:	Counter-Illicit Trafficking Operations, Western Caribbean Sea
07 Nov-09 Nov	In Port:	Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
09 Nov-12 Nov	Underway:	ENR Mayport, FL
12 Nov	Inport:	Mayport, FL
12 Nov-15 Nov	Underway:	ENR NAVSTA Norfolk, VA
15 Nov-13 Dec	In Port:	NAVSTA Norfolk, VA, Upkeep
13 Dec	Underway:	Pre-Insurv Assessment (PIA), VACAPES
14 Dec-31 Dec	In Port:	NAVSTA Norfolk, VA, Upkeep

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: One SH-60B from HSL-46 DET 8 during USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) (18 January - 09 February). One SH-60B from HSL-48 DET 2 in support of Counter-Illicit Trafficking Operations (01 October - 12 November).

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 23                      Enlisted: 172                      Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

Ensign [REDACTED]  
 CARR Public Affairs Officer

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 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 31 December 2011 was Commander Patrick E. Kulakowski. The Executive Officer from 1 January through 31 December 2011 was Commander James R. Sposato. CARR was assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two from 1 January through 31 December 2011. CARR's crew is comprised of 23 Officers and 172 Enlisted Sailors. Two female Officers served on board during the year.

## 3. CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE

Under the leadership of CDR Patrick E. Kulakowski, CARR began 2011 in Holiday stand down. Following Holiday stand down, CARR steamed to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown for a major ammunition onload in preparation for its upcoming Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and Counter-Illicit Trafficking deployment to USSOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility. On 13 January, CARR completed her Air Certification to include Aviation Facilities Certification (AVCERT) and Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ). CARR also completed its Conventional Ordnance Safety Review in January to ensure the ship was safe to handle and maintain ordnance prior to deployment. CARR departed Norfolk, VA enroute to Mayport, Florida to onload HSL-46, DET 8 in support of USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH's Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). From 18 January to 09 February CARR embarked HSL-46 in Naval Station Mayport and got underway for Week One Work Ups and COMPTUEX with the USS GEORGE H. W. BUSH Carrier Strike Group. During this underway period, CARR conducted numerous Maritime Interdiction Operations, completed the Integrated Anti-Submarine Course (Phase II), and participated in numerous Gunnery Exercises.

Following COMPTUEX, CARR returned to Naval Station Mayport, offloaded HSL-46, and attended Counter Illicit Trafficking Limited Team Training (CIT LTT) in support of its planned

deployment in April to USSOUTCOM. Following completion of CIT LTT, CARR returned to homeport on 14 February. On 17 February, CARR got underway and completed her Anti-Submarine Warfare proficiency evaluation in support of its basic training phase requirements. Soon after returning to NAVSTA Norfolk, CARR made final preparations for its Maintenance, Material, and Management (3M) Certification to included material checks and administrative reviews of all divisions. On 22 February the 3M inspectors arrived on CARR to begin the three-day 3M certification process. Carr passed her 3M Certification on 25 February which ended her Basic Training Phase.

CARR spent much of Spring engaged in Pre-deployment preparations. From 28 February to 25 March CARR underwent a pre-deployment Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV). CARR chain of command and Sailors also attended readiness briefs held by PSD, Medical, Dental, and the Fleet and Family Service Center. On 29 March, CARR held a Fast Cruise to rehearse underway damaged control drills, flight quarters, and watch team rotations.

From 30 to 31 March, CARR was underway for a post CMAV shakedown and Pre-INSURV underway demonstrations. CARR demonstrated an anchor drop test and a self-defense detect-to-engage scenario. Assessors from Naval Surface Forces Atlantic also reviewed CARR's safety program, supply department, deck division, and electronic warfare capabilities prior to getting underway on 30 March.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, CARR's Commanding Officer announced the cancellation of CARR's scheduled Counter-Illicit-Trafficking deployment. CARR spent April and most of May in port and underway preparing for INSURV, conducting program self-assessments, and training to maintain mission area proficiencies.

On 25 May, CARR pulled into Staten Island, NY, for Fleet Week 2011. CARR hosted general public tours throughout its visit to New York. Crewmembers attended various events held in New York City, including visits to the World Trade Center Memorial, Parades, and TV Shows. Upon completion of Fleet Week, CARR steamed to Boston to for the Dorchester Days celebration on 03 June. CARR participated in a rendezvous with USS Constitution in Boston Harbor. The ship's crew marched in the Dorchester Day Parade and returned back to Naval Station, Norfolk after a 3 day port visit.

CARR was informed that it would deploy to The Baltic Sea in support of Theater Security Cooperation Objectives and returned to homeport on 08 June for six days of preparations for her Theater Security Cooperation Deployment. On 14 June, CARR began her trans-Atlantic voyage to St. Petersburg, Russia; stopping briefly in The Azores, Portugal and Portsmouth, England for Brief Stops for Fuel (BSF). St. Petersburg was the first of ten port visits CARR made in the Baltic, North and White Seas. During this deployment CARR also embarked shipriders from Finland, Lithuania, Poland, Latvia, and Germany. She also hosted more than 20 American midshipmen from the Naval Academy and several East Coast universities.

In St. Petersburg, CARR was on display for the International Maritime Defense Show along with the German Frigate Hamburg, Dutch Frigate Van Amstel, and numerous Russian Navy Vessels. CARR hosted diplomatic tours and receptions, as well as public tours. Her Chain of Command and Sailors participated in many ceremonial and cultural events arranged by the U.S. Embassy and the Russian Navy.

After her six-day visit to St. Petersburg, CARR transited to Turku, Finland. CARR again held a diplomatic reception. CDR Kulakowski met with the city's Mayor. CARR also participated in cultural events arranged by the Finnish Navy. CARR's Training Officer, LTJG Mitch Harris, set a new American world record for boot throwing, a traditional Finnish sport.

From Turku, Finland CARR continued her TSC deployment in the Baltic Sea. She visited Tallin, Estonia; Klaipeda, Lithuania; Riga, Latvia; Baltysk, Russia; and Gdynia, Poland. In each port CARR continued its diplomatic engagement by hosting receptions and participating in numerous cultural events. Sailors also participated in community relations activities with local orphanages and schools. They painted, made repairs, and spent time bonding with students. CARR conducted a joint exercise at sea with a Polish Frigate and aircrew. The two navies practiced tactical maneuvers, air defense, boarding, and anti-submarine warfare.

CARR left the Baltic following her visit to Poland on 21 August and transited through the Danish Straits into the North Sea. She stopped in Leith, Scotland—a city outside of Endinburgh—for a three-day liberty port visit on 22 August. During the visit, CARR hosted a diplomatic reception. CARR departed Scotland on 25 August and steamed north of the Arctic Circle and made port

visits to Tromso, Norway and Murmansk, Russia. During its transit to Tromso, Norway, CARR conducted a traditional Blue Nose Ceremony.

The Murmansk visit marked the end of CARR's TSC obligations. CARR's crew participated in athletic events and tours with Russian Sailors. A formal reception was also hosted on board CARR during the visit. CARR began her return trans-Atlantic voyage on 06 September. She arrived at NAVSTA Mayport on 22 September where she embarked HSL-48 DET-2 and began Week One Work Ups (WOWU) in support of its upcoming Counter-Illicit Trafficking (CIT) portion of deployment to the Fourth Fleet Operational Area. CARR also embarked a U.S. Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team. CARR left NAVSTA Mayport on 01 October for the Western Caribbean Sea to patrol for and intercept drug smuggling vessels transiting from South America. On 3 October while en-route to the Caribbean Sea, CARR helped rescue a stranded Canadian off the Florida Keys.

In the Caribbean, CARR worked in conjunction with the USCG TACLET under USCG District Seven. The joint team pursued suspected illicit traffickers dealing in cocaine and arms as part of Operation Triangulo. CARR and her embarked TACLET boarded and searched three coastal freighters, seizing more than \$22 million in cocaine, and apprehending eight narcotic traffickers.

Upon completion of Operation Triangulo, CARR headed north, making a brief port call at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before proceeding to her homeport. She returned to Naval Station Norfolk, VA. on 15 November, marking the end of her deployment. CARR had traveled approximately 26,000 miles since June.

In port, CARR entered a post-deployment stand down for 18 days. Following that the crew continued to prepare for the ship's Inspection Board and Survey Assessment scheduled for May 2012. On 6 December, Commander Surface Forces Atlantic visited CARR for a pre-INSURV brief and space walkthrough. On 13 December, she got underway for a Pre-INSURV Assessment PIA where she conducted underway demonstrations in support of INSURV preparations. CARR commenced a Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV) on 16 December through 31 December.

**CDR Patrick E. Kulakowski**  
Commanding Officer

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Commander Patrick Kulakowski graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering and was commissioned on December 23, 1992 through NROTC. Additionally, 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.



Commander Kulakowski's sea tours included serving as Executive Officer in USS Anzio (CG 68); Reactor Training Assistant in USS Nimitz (CVN 68); Combat Systems and Weapons Officer in USS Vincennes (CG 49); Combat Information Center Officer in USS Normandy (CG 60); and Reactor Mechanical Division Officer and Chemistry/Radiological Assistant in USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69). During these operational assignments, he conducted multiple deployments to the Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea.

His shore tours included serving as Joint Training Requirements Officer in 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). Additionally he is authorized to wear numerous unit and campaign awards.

**USS Carr Enters 6th Fleet AOR**

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Gary Keen, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

USS CARR, Atlantic Ocean (NNS) -- Guided-missile frigate USS Carr (FFG 52) began operating in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility as part of a scheduled three-month deployment, June 24.

While in 6th Fleet, the ship's crew will be making routine port visits to strengthen the bonds between the U.S. and its partner countries.

"The U.S. Navy has historically maintained a presence in this region and this deployment is a continuation of this presence and an opportunity for us to strengthen our relationship with our partners," said Cmdr. Patrick E. Kulakowski, Carr commanding officer. "Interaction with partner nations helps build common knowledge of maritime tactics, professionalism in our Sailors, cultural understanding and the trust we all need to a maintain a safe and secure maritime environment."

Carr entered 6th Fleet's area of operation on June 22, following an eight day transit across the Atlantic Ocean. For many of the ship's crew this is their first visit to this region.

"This is the first time I have ever visited this side of the world," said Hull Technician 3rd Class Isaac Boston. "I have been in the Navy for five years and I have done deployments to South America, but I have always wanted to see Europe. This whole region has a lot of history and culture, and I just can't wait to experience it firsthand."

Carr is homeported out of Norfolk, Va., and is supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.

For more news from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa/U.S. 6th Fleet, visit [www.navy.mil/local/naveur/](http://www.navy.mil/local/naveur/).