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(UIC 21941).

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COMMAND HISTORY 2011
USS COLE (DDG 67)

Homeport: Norfolk, VA
Commissioned: 08 June 1996
UIC: 21941

Command Composition and Organization

Immediate Superior:

Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO EIGHT
CAPT Wade F. Wilkinson, USN
01 JAN 11- 02 FEB 11

CAPT David D. Schweizer, USN
03 FEB 11- 31 DEC 11

Commanding Officer:

CDR Andrew C. Ehlers, USN
01 JAN 11 - 06 JAN 12

CDR Peter K. Nilsen, USN
06 JAN 12 - 31 JUL 13

Executive Officer:

CDR Jason W. Schwantes, USN
01 JAN 11 - 22 APR 11

CDR Peter K. Nilsen, USN
23 APR 11 - 31 DEC 11

CDR Dennis L. Farrell, USN
31 DEC 11 - 31 JUL 13

Combat Systems Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 11 - 04 JUL 11

LT [REDACTED], USN
05 JUL 11 - 31 DEC 11

Weapons Officer:

LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 11- 16 JUN 11

LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
17 JUN 11 - 31 DEC 11

Operations Officer:

LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 11 - 31 DEC 11

Chief Engineer:

LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 11 - 31 DEC 11

Supply Officer:

LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 11- 31 DEC 11

Navigator:

LTJG [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 11 - 01 AUG 11

LTJG [REDACTED] [REDACTED], USN
01 AUG 11 - 31 DEC 11

January 2011

1-10 January	Holiday stand down
5 January	Underway to MHI Shipyards
7 January	STGCS(SW) [REDACTED] retirement ceremony
18 January	LTJG [REDACTED] SWO Board
19 January	SURFLANT N1 CO/XO/CMC Forum at Sewell's Point Golf Course RADM Horn visit: BMD Welcome
20 January	CPO Exam 2 nd Fleet Admiral's Call with all Commanding Officers
21 January	OS2 [REDACTED] re-enlistment OS2 [REDACTED] re-enlistment M-9 Proficiency Shoot Captain Benke visit
28 January	SURFLANT I-240 Staff brief/walkthrough
31 January	DESRON TWO EIGHT N5 (FOPS) visit

COLE began the New Year by transiting to MHI Shipyards for a three month CNO availability, where she began Ballistic Missile Defense System Installment. The yard period provided an excellent opportunity to send Sailors to various schools, particularly in Combat Systems to learn the new art of using BMD. While in the yards, COLE made extra efforts to have as much equipment updated and repaired. and spaces preserved and refurbished in preparation for INSURV at the end of the year.

February 2011

1 February	M-16/M-9 Proficiency Shoot
3 February	CO/XO Afloat-Ashore Force Integration (AAFI) Meeting USNA Service Selection night
7 February	CDS-28 N5 Guest Lunch
8 February	SARP and Suicide Prevention Workshop (CO/XO/CMC)
9 February	ENS ████████ SWO Board
11 February	CAPT Wilkinson memorial service
14 February	SURFLANT Commander's Call (CO/XO/CMC)
15 February	SH1 ████████ receives U.S. Citizenship
17 February	Personnel Management 101 Seminar (XO/CMC/TRAINO/Admin staff)
22 February	NSN Exercise Solid Curtain/Citadel Shield CS2 Kopczinsky re-enlistment
23 February	'Don't Ask Don't Tell' repeal training '50%' Conference
25 February	LS3 ████████ re-enlistment EM3 ████████ re-enlistment COMDESRON TWO EIGHT visit (CAPT Schweizer)
28 February	COMCARSTKGRU EIGHT Visit MR2 ████████ re-enlistment

Throughout February, COLE continued to take advantage of in port time to train, clean, preserve, and repair. At any given time, at least 30% of COLE Sailors were in school to prepare for the newly designed Basic Phase of the Training Cycle, for which COLE would act as a Pilot ship. Mid-month, CDR Ehlers, ENS ████████, and ENS ████████ attended the USNA Service Selection night to welcome three soon-to-be ensigns to the COLE team.

March 2011

1 March	Women's Uniform Focus Group
3 March	E-6 Advancement Exam SURFLANT Visit
7-11 March	Training cycle Kick-off with ATG
10 March	E-5 Advancement exam Sailor of the Year recognition luncheon
11 March	Walkthrough main space fire drill OS2 ██████ re-enlistment M-240B qualification shoot
16 March	RADM Murdoch (FFC N43) visit
17 March	E-4 Advancement exam
18 March	Walkthrough main space fire drill CAPT Schweizer visit to address officers/chiefs
21 March	AVCERT inbrief
23 March	SURFLANT Waterfront NAV refresher Training
25 March	Main space fire drill CMDM(SW) Timmons departs; CMDM(SW/FJP) assumes duties
28 March-01 April	Engineering Light Off Assessment (LOA) GM1 ██████ re-enlistment
29 March	Crew move aboard COLE from barge
30 March	Flight deck drill CSCS Advance warfare training BMD Brief
31 March	CAPT Voth (PDCOM) visit Women's History Month meal

As March dawned, COLE increased her efforts to complete the CNO availability, while simultaneously kicking off the Training Cycle with the '.1' phases. COLE successfully accomplished both of these tasks, despite much of the crew still attending various schools such as bridge simulators, BMD training schools, Maintenance University to name a few. The Engineering team worked tirelessly to execute a superb Light Off Assessment, and contractors praised COLE for her cooperation and punctuality. Toward the end of the month, COLE welcomed her new Command Master Chief, CMC Larry Dean.

April 2011

1 April	Dock Trials
2 April	Fast Cruise
5-8 April	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for Sea Trials
5 April	Chain compressor anchor test Ammo onload Full power run
7 April	Anchor drop test Admin General Quarters Helo Day
8 April	CIWS Gun shoot Precision Anchorage Return to NAVSTA Norfolk
13 April	Ship's Silencing Board Meeting
15 April	EM1 ██████ re-enlistment
18 April	CO/OMBUDSMAN Meeting
20 April	CDS 28 EKMS Summit FC2 ██████ re-enlistment
21 April	ENS ██████ SWO Board
22 April	Master Chief Parlier COLE Brief CS2 ██████ re-enlistment
27 April	Admiral Edmundo Gonzalez Robles, Commander in Chief, Chilean Navy visit
29 April	QM1 ██████ re-enlistment Awards ceremony

After three months in the yards, COLE was more than ready to get underway! COLE's hard work in the shipyard was rewarded with very successful sea trials, demonstrating proficiency in a replenishment at sea, anchoring, flight quarters, and sea and anchor details among other events. Back in homeport, COLE was again hard at work preparing for the next set of Basic Phase events. The crew was motivated, however, by a special presentation by CMC Parlier, COLE's CMC when she was attacked in 2000. His intense and moving story undoubtedly encouraged the crew to work even harder in damage control proficiency. Also in April COLE welcomed her new XO and future CO, CDR Peter Nilsen, and Second Fleet invited the Commander in Chief of the Chilean Navy to visit COLE to show off one of the Navy's finest Destroyers and share Navy culture with our ally.

May 2011

3-4 May	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for Sea Trials
3 May	Port anchor chain compressor test Full power run AD/SD Detect to engage Deck landing qualifications Stream TACTAS
4 May	Anchor drop test demo Counter-measure wash down Return to NAVSTA Norfolk
6 May	STG3 ██████████ re-enlistment
9-12 May	Underway VACAPES OPAREA
10 May	Small boat OPS
12 May	Small arms gun shoot Return to NAVSTA Norfolk
16-20 May	Basic Phase: ATFP 1.2; MOB-E 1.2; SUP 1.2/1.3; SAR Swimmer 1.3
16 May	OS2 ██████ re-enlistment
18 May	RDML Sharpe visit
19 May	People's Republic of China, Chief of Defense visit CNO sister-in-law and family visit
23-27 May	Basic Phase: DC 1.2; MOB-N 1.2;
24 May	DRRS-N Seminar Ordnance handling training
26 May	ENS ██████ OOD Board
30 May	LANTRAMID Phase 1 Summer Training midshipmen arrive aboard
31 May	Underway to NWS Yorktown

COLE began May with another set of Sea Trials, testing more of her equipment and training before jumping into the next part of the Training Cycle. Afloat Training Group visited COLE often during May to administer the '.2' phases of the Basic Phase, consisting of classroom training in all areas. COLE also spent many weeks preparing for the Commander, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chinese counterpart, the Chinese Chief of Defense, visit as part of an American military tour to foster a working relationship with China. COLE's first set of midshipmen for the summer embarked just as COLE got underway to Yorktown for weapons on load.

June 2011

1-3 June Inport Naval Weapons Station Yorktown

2 June CO meets with NWS Base CO

3 June Underway to NAVSTA Norfolk
Family Day Cruise

6-10 June Basic Phase: ENG 1.3; NAV 1.3A; MED 1.2;
COM 1.2; EXSAF 1.2/1.3

7 June M9 Gun shoot

8 June COLE sponsor's USS MAHAN homecoming

9 June CS2 ██████ re-enlistment
BM2 ██████ re-enlistment
ENS ██████ SWO Board

10 June GSCS ██████ retirement ceremony
Presbyterian Church in America tour
CDS-28 I-180 INSURV walkthrough
CDRE Call with midshipmen

13-17 June Basic Phase: CCC 1.3; MOB-D 1.3; MOB-E
1.3B; MOB-S 1.3

14-17 June Underway VACAPES OPAREA

14 June Moor to a buoy

16 June RAS with USNS Supply
5"/54 Gunnery INSURV Demo
M-16/M-9 Gun shoot

17 June Moor NAVSTA Norfolk

21-23 June Physical Fitness Assessment
Basic Phase: 3M 1.3

21 June Softball game vs. USS NEW YORK

22 June SLAMEX
CAPT Hoyle (INSURV) visit
Softball game vs. USS OSCAR AUSTIN

23 June CO Midshipmen breakfast and farewell
SLAMEX
BMD OCSOT

24 June Mainspace fire drill
ET2 ██████ re-enlistment

27 June - 01 July Basic Phase: ATFP 1.3; MOB-D 1.3; SAR
1.4; COM 1.4; FSOM 1.3

July 2011

5-8 July Underway VACAPES OPAREAS
Basic Phase: MOB-E 1.4; FSOM 1.4; MOB-S
1.2; MOB-D 1.3; ATFP 1.3B

6 July Underway to Rudee Inlet for pax transfer
Anchorage IVO Rudee Inlet

7 July UNREP
Stream NIXIE

8 July Tow / Be towed exercise
STG3 ████████ re-enlistment

11-15 July Basic Phase: Supply 1.4; EXSAF 1.4

13-14 July FPEX

14 July CDRE call with midshipmen

17 July Norwegian midshipmen embark

19 July Total Shipboard Survivability Exercise

20 July All Hands Safety Stand down

21 July STG2 ████████ re-enlistment

22 July Wardroom Yorktown Staff ride
EN2 ████████ re-enlistment

25 July Medical readiness inspection
OCSOT
Crash and Salvage drill
LANTRAMID Phase 3 Summer Training
Midshipmen arrive aboard

26 July-4 August Underway VACAPES OPAREA

26 July-31 August Trident Warrior

26 July ASM Detect to Engage
Crash and Salvage Drill

27 July FAC/FIAC drill
Prep 5"/CIWS INSURV demo

28 July AW/SD Detect to Engage
ENS ████████ OOD Board
ASW Detect to Engage

29 July Anchor drop test
Medical floppers
50 cal/M240 gun shoot
ASM Detect to Engage
ENS ████████ OOD Board

30 July

DIVTACS
Total Shipboard Survivability Scenario
M9/M16 gun shoot
Wardroom Mess Treasurer vote

31 July

RAS
ENS [REDACTED] OOD Board
ENC [REDACTED] EOW Board
Steel Beach Picnic

July kicked off with an underway to certify in several areas, including Engineering, which COLE passed with flying colors. There was no rest for COLE, though, as the following week she certified in Supply and Explosive Safety, and completed FPEX passing an impressive 15/16 drills. Two Norwegian embarked COLE for 4 weeks as part of a midshipmen foreign exchange program to learn about the U.S. Navy and exchange ideas and comradeship. They joined COLE's Wardroom on a Yorktown Staff Ride, during which COLE officers learned about the tactics used in the Battle of Yorktown and how sea power played an effective role. The third and final set of midshipmen embarked for summer training, making a total of 77 midshipmen trained aboard COLE for the year, in time to get underway for Trident Warrior the last week of July. In addition to participating in the exercises this underway provided an excellent opportunity to test all INSURV demonstrations, and conduct last minute preparations for the final round of 1.4 certifications to be completed in August. It was also a fantastic opportunity for three newly qualified OODs to hone their skills on the bridge. Finally, after a fierce campaign, the Wardroom elected ENS Daniels as new Wardroom Mess Treasurer.

August 2011

1-4 August UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREAS
Basic Phase: DC 1.3C; CBR-D; MOB-D; OCSOT
3.6.1; OCSOT 5.6.1; MOB-N 1.4;

1 August Small boat PAX transfer
Major Conflagration drill
Abandon ship drill
MOB drill
CBR-D
ASFP

2 August Tow / Be towed exercise

3 August MOB-D training
RAS with USNS Arctic
OCSOT 3.6.1
PAX transfer from Rudee Inlet
OCSOT 5.6.1
MOB-N 1.4
Precision anchorage

4 August Counter-measure wash down
Fresh water wash down
Sea and Anchor/Anchorage
Return to NAVSTA Norfolk
IET Drills section 3

5 August IET section 1 and 2
Captain's Mast

8-14 August USW 2.2; ATG; INT 2.2; AW 2.1; SW 2.1; STK
2.1; EW 2.1; VBSS 2.1, USW 2.3

8 August Small Arms requalification course
USW 2.2 training
ATG CSSOS and casualty control training
ATG INT 2.2, AW 2.1, SW 2.1, STK 2.1, EW 2.1, VBSS 2.1
ATG Snoopy Team training
XO Investigation
CO meeting with PAO and P-PAO

9 August Small Arms requalification course
USW 2.2
ATG Battle orders training
FCCS ██████ reenlistment
Joint Staff College tour

10 August Captain's farewell to Midshipmen
OCSOT
ATG USW 2.2 and INT 2.2
ATTT drill

11 August AW Detect-to-engage
CO Check - in FCC Caufield

CO Check - in IT1 Omolade

12 August Sea and anchor
UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREAS-JAX OPAREAS
Crash and salvage drills
DLQs (Deck landing qualifications)

13 August MOB-D 1.4

14 August Sea and Anchor detail
PAX transfer ST James Bouy
USW 2.3
Boat Officer Board - ENS ██████████, ENS
██████████
Wardroom elections

15 August ASW Range
GSEC ██████████ reenlistment

16 August OCSOT 5.3.9
Command Indoctrination
Force protection training

17 August Sea and Anchor detail
INPORT NAVSTA MAYPORT
Refueling
Sea and Anchor detail
UNDERWAY JAX OPAREAS

18 August Sea and Anchor detail
INPORT PORT EVERGLADES, FLA

19 August Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders tour
Brunch with Navy League

20 August Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY JAX OPAREAS

21 August Small Arms requalification
Command indoctrination
CW02 ██████████ OOD Murder Board

22 August Sea and Anchor
INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK
Fuel on load
ATG NSFS 2.2
3M 1.4
XO Investigation

23 August ATG NSFS 2.2
COMSEC training
Safety Committee meeting

24 August CMAV
ATG NSFS 2.2
VBSS 2.2
USS MCFAUL FPEX support

25 August	Sea and Anchor UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREAS SWO Career Progression training
26 August	VBSS training INSURV aviation checks GSE3 [REDACTED] reenlistment
27 August	NSFS scenario CO meeting with all CPO's
28 August	CO meeting with all First classes
29 August	DC indoctrination VBSS training CO check-in- IT1 Eichelberger RAS with USNS Kanawha NSFS scenario
30 August	RAS with USNS Kanawha NSFS scenario DC indoctrination
31 August	Sea and Anchor INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK

August proved to be yet another month packed with qualifications, training, and maintenance. Cole successfully wrapped up her 1.4 certifications and continued on with numerous certifications continued to push forward as part of the new training pilot program. Events and certifications in both combat and engineering provided valuable training and experience to her crew. Amid the numerous underways and certification events, the ship did manage to fit in a much deserved port call in Cole's commissioning port of Port Everglades in FT. Lauderdale, FLA. Cole and her crew were treated like family and were greatly humbled by the outpouring of support from the city of FT. Lauderdale. Upon return to Norfolk Cole entered her CMAV in preparation for INSURV and once again began intensive training and certification with ATG.

September 2011

1 September E6 rating exam
LT [REDACTED] promotion ceremony
Captain's Call

2 September FC1 [REDACTED] reenlistment
BMD 2.2
CO/XO check-out with LTJG [REDACTED]

6 September VBSS 2.3
EW 2.2
CO/XO check-out with LTJG [REDACTED]

7 September BMD 2.2
VBSS 2.3
EW 2.2

8 September E-5 Rating exam
VBSS 2.3
BMD 2.2
RHIB operations for SAR and VBSS
CO check-out with HMC [REDACTED]
CO check-out with FCCS [REDACTED]
Career development boards
INSURV I-90 walkthrough with RADM Thomas
(Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic)

9 September VBSS 2.3
BMD 2.2
CO/XO check-out with LTJG [REDACTED]
CO/XO check-out with GMC [REDACTED]
Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY TO NAUTICUS
INPORT NAUTICUS, NORFOLK, VA

10 September IAMD scenarios
Ship tours open to public

11 September Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY FOR CEREMONY
INPORT NAUTICUS, NORFOLK, VA
Ship tours open to public

12 September Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY TO SEA
INT 2.3 scenario
AW/SW 2.3 Prefires
USW 2.3B
ATG basic scenario condition 3
ENS [REDACTED] SWO murder board

13 September USW 2.3B
ATG AW/SW 2.3 Intermediate scenarios

TOWEX with USS Buckley

14 September CIWS/5" pacfire
USW 2.3

15 September E-4 Rating exam
ATG ASW integrated scenario
ATG Intermediate/advanced Cond 3 scenario
Full power run
Crash and salvage drill
DLQ's
USW 2.3

16 September Pax transfer
CIWS shoot
First aid/stretcher bearer training
VBSS hook and pull
Sea and anchor
INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK
Impasse system offload
CPO pinning (OSC ██████, FCC ██████)

19 September IAMD 2.3
I-90 Brief

20 September IAMD 2.3
FC2 ██████ reenlistment

21 September IAMD 2.3
Industrial hygiene survey walk-through

22 September Career development boards
IAMD 2.3
LDO/CWO boards
INSURV aviation walk-through
CDR Mosher (Afloat Training Group,
Atlantic) visit

23 September IAMD 2.3
Refueling
CNSL INSURV aviation walk-through
ATG 2.4 brief

26 September BMDQ
INT 2.3 Snoopie team

27 September ASW 2.4
BMDQ
STK 2.4
Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA
INT 2.3 Snoopie team
USW 2.4
EW 2.3 DTE/EMCOM scenario

28 September USW 2.4
M9 Gun shoot

29 September	CMWD demonstration Sailor of the year board Anchor drop test Crash and salvage Detainee operations training DLQ's Full power run
30 September	PAX transfer VBSS 2.4 SESEF range IT2 ██████ reenlistment Sea and Anchor INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK

September was packed with certifications and plenty of underway time in preparation for the upcoming INSURV assessment. Training and qualification was strenuous yet successful for numerous combat systems divisions. The ship also had the honor to be invited to participate in Norfolk's memorial ceremony on September 11. The ceremony also gave the crew of COLE the opportunity to share their ship and its history with the community of Norfolk, as the ship provided guided tours to almost a thousand visitors. The ship also saw promotions to several of its crew, including the pinning of two brand new Chief Petty Officers!

October 2011

1 October Pre-INSURV assessment Fast Cruise

3 October PIA 1
Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA
AD/SD DTE
All batteries live fire
Anchor drop test
Full power demo
ASW DTE

4 October Sea and Anchor
INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK
EPCC dynamics
VBSS 2.4
STK 2.3
INSURV pre-brief with CAPT TAPP
MDA Staff visit

6 October STK 2.3
VBSS 2.4
I-60 brief with ADM Thomas (Naval Surface
Force Atlantic)

7 October STK 2.3
VBSS 2.4
CAPT Schweizer (Commodore Destroyer
Squadron 28) and CAPT Voth (Deputy
Commodore) visit

11 October Aviation PIA
CO/XO check-out with FC2 Coleman

12 October ATG Tactical 2.4
COLE Memorial ceremony

13 October ATG Tactical 2.4
Basic DC training
3M training
First Aid training

14 October CO/XO check-out with BMC [REDACTED]
Captain's call

15 October CO/XO check-in with ENS [REDACTED]
CO/XO check-in with BMC [REDACTED]

17 October ATG STW 2.3
SCLIS audit
CAPT Danelle Barrett, NCTAMS LANT (Naval
Computer & Telecommunications Area Master
Station, Atlantic) visit

18 October ATG STW 2.3
INSURV check rehearsals

19 October	ATG STW 2.3 INSURV check rehearsals
20 October	ATG STW 2.3 CO meeting with CAPT Voth
21 October	RDML Manazir (CSG 8) visit Tag Out training Captain's Call
22 October	OCSOT (AWS/BMD)
24 October	NSFS MTT INSURV check rehearsals Quarterly deadly-force training
25 October	STK 2.2B NSFS I-45 BRIEF WITH RADM THOMAS Quarterly deadly-force training
26 October	STK 2.2B NSFS INSURV check rehearsals Quarterly deadly-force training
27 October	STK 2.2B NSFS 3M training Quarterly deadly-force training
28 October	BMDEX Congressman Mckeon visit
29 October	FC1 ██████ reenlistment
31 October	Ammunition onload Disciplinary review board

October was yet another month full of certification and ATG training. More importantly however, it was full on INSURV preparations as the crew kicked into overdrive preparing the ship for the inspection. Cole had her first pre-INSURV fast cruise and assessment, gaining valuable knowledge, skills, and planning for the upcoming inspection. Nevertheless, amidst the non-stop work, Cole and her crew still found time to host Congressman Mckeon and demonstrate the ship's new war fighting capabilities.

November 2011

1 November	CWO2 [REDACTED] promotion ceremony CAPT Voth (Deputy Commodore DESRON 28) visit and inspection INSURV check rehearsals Quarterly deadly-force training Children's hospital visit
2 November	BMDEX Medical PIA #2
3 November	INSURV check rehearsals ISIC visit 3M training
4 November	BMDEX CO check-out with OS1 [REDACTED] Captain's call
5 November	AWS OCSOT Crash and salvage
7 November	Crash and salvage
8 November	PIA 2 Sea and Anchor UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA AD/SD DTE Gun demo Anchor drop test Full power demo ASW demo
9 November	CMWD demo PAX transfer CSW shoot NSFS shoot Crash and salvage DLQ's
10 November	NSFS Sea and Anchor INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK
11 November	WIMS 2.4 Captain's call INSURV check rehearsals
12 November	INSURV check rehearsals
14 November	FST-U 2.4 INSURV check rehearsals Alcohol Awareness/ADAMS training

15 November	ATG FST-U 2.4 INSURV check rehearsals Alcohol Awareness/ADAMS training
16 November	ATG FST-U 2.4 INSURV check rehearsals Alcohol Awareness/ADAMS training
17 November	ATG FST-U 2.4 INSURV check rehearsals Alcohol Awareness/ADAMS training
18 November	AWS OCSOT I-30 brief with RADM Thomas Captain's Call
19 November	INSURV check rehearsals
21 November	PIA 3 Sea and Anchor UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA
22 November	AD/SD DTE Sea and Anchor INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK EPCC Dynamics INSURV check rehearsals
23 November	INSURV check rehearsals
25 November	SAR training INSURV check rehearsals Captain's call
26 November	INSURV check rehearsals Captain's call
28 November	I-14 brief with RADM Thomas INSURV check rehearsals EP and oil response training
29 November	SAR training INSURV check rehearsals EP and oil response training
30 November	ENTSTRKGRU C41 syndicate #2 BMDEX INSURV check rehearsals EP and oil response training

With time running out before COLE's INSURV inspection, the ship's crew shifted into overdrive to get the ship in top fighting shape. Many long days were spent making sure even the smallest details were just right. Amongst the hustle of INSURV preparations, the crew did take time to congratulate Warrant Officer [REDACTED] on his promotion and bid farewell to fellow shipmate OS1 [REDACTED]. Pre-INSURV assessments

dominated the ship's schedule and provided invaluable experience and preparation for the crew.

December 2011

1 December	CAPT Debow, NSWC PHD, visit INSURV check rehearsals EP and oil response training
2 December	BMDEX INSURV check rehearsals Captain's call
3 December	FC2 ████████ reenlistment INSURV check rehearsals
5 December	INSURV check rehearsals PIA 4 preparations
6 December	PIA 4 Sea and Anchor UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA Anchor drop test Full power run Gun demo
7 December	Full powers run DTE Sea and Anchor PAX transfer IVO Rudee Inlet
8 December	Sea and Anchor INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK EPCC demo
9 December	AWS OCSOT INSURV check rehearsals
10 December	INSURV check rehearsals AWS OCSOT Senior Safety Committee meeting
11 December	INSURV check rehearsals ENG/DC/Ventilation/NAV/Aviation/Deck/C5I/ Safety/NEP/MED day-one deliverable review with CO Captain's call
12 December	INSURV

Sea and Anchor
UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA
AD/SD DTE
All batteries live fire
Anchor drop test
Full power demo
ASW DTE

13 December INSURV checks
Sea and Anchor
INPORT NAVSTA NORFOLK

14 December INSURV checks
"INSURV How Goes It" brief

15 December INSURV checks
CO/XO CHECKOUT WITH IC2 [REDACTED]
CO/XO CHECKOUT WITH EMCS [REDACTED]
CO/XO CHECKOUT WITH LTJG [REDACTED]
CO/XO CHECKOUT WITH ITC [REDACTED]
CO/XO CHECKOUT WITH GMC [REDACTED]

16 December CO/XO/Senior Assessor INSURV out brief
Switchboard maintenance
Captain's call

19 December NMT OJT training
JROTC ship tour
M9/M16 shoot

20 December NMT OJT training
Physical Readiness Test
ATG 3M training
SERT Meeting

21 December NMT OJT training
Refueling
PRT

22 December Holiday stand-down begins

27 December Turnover
JO SHIP HANDLING COMPETITION - ENS [REDACTED]
SERT MEETING
PRT
OCSOT

28 December M9/M16 SHOOT
PRT

29 December PRT
CO/XO check-out GSM2 [REDACTED]
XO, CMC, NC1-Career Counsel Meeting

30 December PRT
XO CHECK IN- LTJG [REDACTED]

December was the month of INSURV. The crew performed admirably, earning numerous accolades for several departments. The ship scored greens across the board with only two divisions struggling due to equipment breakdown. Nevertheless, the crew continued on, not resting until every discrepancy had been fixed. With the major evolution of the past few months over, the ship transitioned into the holidays, looking forward to pre-deployment preparations and COM2EX. COLE welcomed a new crewmember, and said farewell to another once again, as she sailed into the New Year and a new tour!