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Subj: USS COLE (DDG 67) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2013

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IT WAS A GREAT YEAR !!

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Encl (1): Command Data

1. Name of your command or organization: USS COLE
2. Unit identification code: N21941
3. Name and rank of commander, commanding officer or officer in charge: CDR Dennis Farrell
4. Last/first/middle initial: F/D/L
5. Rank: O-5
6. Date assumed command: 2013-07-26
7. Mission, command employment, or area of operation: Multi mission including but not limited to anti-submarine, anti-air, and anti-surface.
8. Permanent location: Norfolk, VA
9. Immediate superior in command: Commander Destroyer Squadron 28
10. Operational superior in command: Commander Destroyer Squadron 28
11. Administrative superior in command: Commander Destroyer Squadron 28
12. Identify your assigned task force: CTF 80
13. Name of forces under your operational control: N/A
14. Type and number of aircraft assigned: N/A
15. Commands deployed on board of stationed aboard: N/A
16. Number of personnel assigned: 235
17. Officers, enlisted, or civilian: 36 officers, 19 chief petty officers, 180 enlisted
18. Command point of contact:

- i) Name: ENS [REDACTED]
- ii) Job Title: First Lieutenant
- iii) Email: [REDACTED]
- iv) Phone number: [REDACTED]
- v) Command mailing address: USS COLE (DDG-67)
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Subj: USS COLE (DDG 67) Command History for 2013

Encl (2): USS COLE Command History for 2013

COMMAND HISTORY 2013
USS COLE (DDG 67)
Homeport: Norfolk, VA
Commissioned: 08 June 1996
UIC: N21941

Command Composition and Organization

Commanding Officer:

CDR Peter Nilsen, USN
01 JAN 13 - 26 JUL 13

CDR Dennis Farrell, USN
26 JUL 13 - 31 DEC 13

Executive Officer:

CDR Dennis Farrell, USN
01 JAN 13 - 03 JUL 13

CDR James Quaresimo, USN
03 JUL 13 - 31 DEC 13

Combat Systems Officer:

LCDR [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 13 - 31 DEC 13

Weapons Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 13 - 11 DEC 13

LTJG [REDACTED], USN
11 DEC 13 - 31 DEC 13

Operations Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 13 - 19 JUL 13

LT [REDACTED], USN
19 JUL 13 - 31 DEC 13

Chief Engineer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 13 - 10 DEC 13

LT [REDACTED], USN
10 DEC 13 - 31 DEC 13

Supply Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 13 - 06 OCT 13

LTJG [REDACTED], USN
06 OCT 13 - 07 NOV 13

LT [REDACTED], USN
07 NOV 13 - 31 DEC 13

Navigator:

LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
01 JAN 13 - 31 DEC 13

JANUARY 2013

01 JAN - 25 JAN	DEPLOYED
03 JAN - 06 JAN	OPERATION ATLANTIC SENTRY
10 JAN - 12 JAN	IN PORT AUGUSTA BAY, ITALY
14 JAN	STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TRANSIT
15 JAN	IN PORT FUNCHAL, PORTUGAL
16 JAN - 23 JAN	TRANSATLANTIC CROSSING
24 JAN	IN PORT MAYPORT, FL
26 JAN	RTHP
26 JAN - 31 JAN	POM

COLE began 2013 by wrapping up her 9 month 2012-13 deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean in support of Operations Atlantic Sentry and Sharp Sentry. After a weapons offload and watch turnover with USS MAHAN (DDG 72) in Port Augusta, Italy, COLE began her voyage west towards the United States. After transiting the Straits of Gibraltar on the 14th of January, COLE had a brief stop for fuel in Funchal, Portugal on the 15th of January before beginning her transatlantic crossing.

COLE completed her crossing of the Atlantic on the 24th of January, returning to Mayport, FL for fuel and the crew's first sight of American soil in over nine months. Two days later, COLE returned home to loving families on her return to Norfolk, VA, and began a hard earned post deployment leave stand down.

FEBRUARY 2013

01 FEB - 18 FEB	POM
19 FEB	TRANSIT TO YORKTOWN, VA
19 FEB - 22 FEB	YORKTOWN OFFLOAD
22 FEB	TRANSIT TO NORFOLK, VA
25 FEB - 28 FEB	CCAT
25 FEB - 28 FEB	13A1 CMAV

COLE's crew enjoyed the first half of February at home with their families after their long deployment. However, with the abrupt end of her post deployment stand down, COLE transited to Yorktown, VA for a weapons offload, setting the tone for her upcoming availability and yard period. COLE performed brilliantly, completing her weapons offload 3 days ahead of schedule, and with no mishaps. Upon her arrival back in Norfolk, COLE immediately began her 13A1 CMAV, beginning the post deployment overhaul process.

MARCH 2013

01 MAR - 08 MAR	CCAT
01 MAR - 08 MAR	13A1 CMAV
04 MAR - 08 MAR	TSRA 2
04 MAR - 08 MAR	PATA
13 MAR	DEADSTICK TRANSIT TO MHI SHIPYARD, NORFOLK, VA
13 MAR - 31 MAR	SRA

COLE continued with her overhaul work in Norfolk with the continuation of her 13A1 CMAV throughout the first half of March. She transited by tug to Marine Hydraulics International shipyard in Downtown Norfolk to commence her post deployment ship restricted availability, and to commence her more extensive overhaul work. The overhaul included refurbishing of all of the ship's berthings, so, to accommodate the work, the crew moved onto barge YRBM-L-41 on the 20th of March.

APRIL 2013

01 APR - 30 APR	SRA
01 APR	VBSS 2.0
04 APR	STW 2.0
04 APR	AIR 1.0
08 APR	SAR 1.1
09 APR	MOB-N 1.0
10 APR	CCC 1.0
11 APR	FSOM 1.0
15 APR - 18 APR	MOB-D 1.0
15 APR - 26 APR	CTRA
16 APR - 18 APR	SAR 1.2
19 APR	SAR 1.3A
22 APR - 23 APR	SAR 1.3B
26 APR	AIR 1.1
26 APR	MOB-S 1.0

By the beginning of April the ships SRA was in full swing, and with all of the yard workers onboard, daily traffic in the passage ways was almost double it's usual rate. With refurbishment going on throughout the ship, COLE's crew was busy directing, supervising, and approving work. Yet, along with the overhaul process, April brought with it the preliminary stages of the soon to come basic training phase, and the Atlantic Training Group (ATG)

was onboard almost every week for inbriefs on every major warfare area's basic training requirements.

MAY 2013

01 MAY - 31 MAY	SRA
01 MAY	SUP 1.0
06 MAY - 08 MAY	FSOM 1.2
06 MAY - 10 MAY	MOB-E 1.0
13 MAY - 15 MAY	AIR 1.2
13 MAY - 17 MAY	MOB-D 1.2
15 MAY - 17 MAY	SAR 1.4
16 MAY	AIR 1.3
20 MAY - 22 MAY	3M 1.1
20 MAY - 24 MAY	ERAT
23 MAY - 24 MAY	3M 1.2

SRA continued in May as did ATG training. Several warfare areas received their first looks from ATG, including Supply, Engineering, and 3M. COLE began preparations for her first major inspection, her light off assessment (LOA), that would allow her to transition from the maintenance phase to the basic training phase. The Engineering Readiness Assessment Team (ERAT) provided valuable insight as to the state of COLE's propulsion plant, and gave her engineers practice by conducting two mock LOAs.

JUNE 2013

01 JUN - 12 JUN	SRA
05 JUN - 05 JUN	3M 1.1
10 JUN - 14 JUN	PRE-AVCERT
11 JUN - 13 JUN	AIR 1.2
14 JUN	AIR 1.3
17 JUN - 21 JUN	ERAT
17 JUN - 19 JUN	SAR 1.4

June saw continued work on board COLE, with a variety of upgrades and refurbishments. The ship also got a head start on the Basic Phase, by moving events up to create time for later. Our SAR program certified, with our swimmers receiving great accolades from the assessors. Our Air Team practiced on our brand new flight deck in preparation for contractor sea trials. The whole ship prepared for the upcoming engineering events by conducting weekly General Quarters drills.

JULY 2013

01 JUL - 03 JUL	MOB-D 1.1A
03 JUL	COMMANDER QUARESIMO BECOMES EXECUTIVE OFFICER
03 JUL	DEADSTICK MOVE FROM MHI TO NOB
03 JUL	MOB-E Certification MSFD
08 JUL - 12 JUL	PRE-AVCERT
08 JUL - 12 JUL	ERAT
09 JUL - 11 JUL	CREW CERT
10 JUL	AIR 1.1A
11 JUL - 12 JUL	MOB-D 1.1B
15 JUL - 18 JUL	LVA/MOB-E 1.1
17 JUL	AVCT
19 JUL - 20 JUL	FAST CRUISE
19 JUL	LT [REDACTED] ASSUMES ROLE AS OPERATIONS OFFICER
22 JUL - 24 JUL	U/W VACAPES
22 JUL - 24 JUL	CONTRACTOR SEA TRIALS
26 JUL	COMMANDER FARRELL ASSUMES COMMAND
29 JUL - 31 JUL	CCAT
29 JUL - 31 JUL	MOB-S 1.1
29 JUL - 31 JUL	TSRA 4/READ E5
30 JUL	VBSS 2.1
31 JUL	3M 1.3

July began the ramping up of COLE's schedule for the Basic Phase. On July 3, LCDR Quaresimo assumed all duties as her Executive Officer. Less than a week later, the ship transitioned from MHI back to her homeport of Norfolk Naval Station. Light Off Assessment, a huge hurdle for ships leaving a maintenance availability, was performed brilliantly, with COLE successfully performing her electrical plant dynamic demonstration after just two days of assessment. COLE received numerous accolades from the assessors on the knowledge and capability of her engineering team, especially the Junior Officers in the department. Immediately following her successful LOA COLE's crew demonstrated her DC training by successfully passing a main space fire drill exercise for assessment.

Soon after, COLE said good-bye to LT [REDACTED] and welcomed LT [REDACTED] as the new Operations Officer. Continuing the trend of turnovers, July 26 saw the Change of Command. CDR Pete Nilsen turned over to CDR Dennis Farrell in a ceremony on board while the ship was at Naval Station Norfolk.

AUGUST 2013

01 AUG - 16 AUG	TSRA 4 READ E5
01 AUG - 16 AUG	CCAT
05 AUG - 16 AUG	INDUSTRIAL HYGEINE SURVEY
05 AUG - 09 AUG	SUP 1.1
05 AUG - 09 AUG	EW 2.1A
05 AUG - 09 AUG	STW 2.1A
07 AUG - 08 AUG	USW 2.1A
12 AUG - 16 AUG	USW 2.1A*1
14 AUG - 16 AUG	EXPSAF 1.1
15 AUG - 16 AUG	AT 1.2
19 AUG - 22 AUG	U/W VAPCAPES
19 AUG - 22 AUG	TYCOM SEA TRIALS
21 AUG	DLQ
21 AUG	AIR 1.4B
27 AUG - 29 AUG	3M LTT

August was another busy month for the crew. Not only were ATG events continued, COLE participated in sea trials again, and had a hygiene survey. In all these events, COLE's crew excelled as they displayed their capabilities.

As the crew adjusted to their new Commanding Officer, Basic Phase events kicked off for several warfare areas. Supply, Electronic Warfare, Explosive Safety, and Anti-terrorism all saw administrative reviews of their programs. During TYCOM Sea Trials,

our Air Team certified, while the ship showed off her seaworthiness with a variety of exercises, including a difficult full power run.

SEPTEMBER 2013

03 SEP - 06 SEP	AWT 1A
03 SEP - 06 SEP	BMD 2.3A
03 SEP - 06 SEP	MOB-E 1.2
03 SEP - 06 SEP	MOB-S 1.2
09 SEP - 13 SEP	AWT 1B
09 SEP - 13 SEP	BMD 2.3B
09 SEP - 13 SEP	SUP 1.1
09 SEP - 13 SEP	CCC 1.2
09 SEP	INT 2.2
13 SEP	AT 1.2*1
16 SEP - 20 SEP	MOB-D 1.3A
16 SEP - 20 SEP	AUX SAGT
16 SEP - 20 SEP	NAV SAGT
18 SEP - 19 SEP	3M 1.3 LTT-1
23 SEP - 27 SEP	U/W VACAPES
23 SEP - 27 SEP	TYT VCOA 1.3A
23 SEP - 27 SEP	CCC 1.3
23 SEP - 27 SEP	MOB-S 1.3A
23 SEP - 24 SEP	MOB-N 1.3A
24 SEP	DLQ
30 SEP	MOB-E
30 SEP	FSO-M
30 SEP	SUP

30 SEP EXPSAF

30 SEP STW

30 SEP BMD

September was comprised of mainly ATG events in preparation for COLE's certification events that were scheduled for later in the year. September also brought a 4 day underway in which the crew again showed what a truly sea-worthy ship COLE is.

The month was full of training from Afloat Training Group in virtually every warfare area. Anti-terrorism, Air Warfare, Surface Warfare, BMD, Engineering, Seamanship, Communications, Intel, and Supply all received excellent training to hone their skills. During the underway late in the month, COLE conducted flight operations, man overboard drills, gun shoots, and everything in between!

OCTOBER 2013

01 OCT - 04 OCT	EXPSAF 1.3*1/1.4
01 OCT - 04 OCT	STW 2.1B
01 OCT - 04 OCT	FSO-M 1.1
01 OCT - 04 OCT	MOB-E 1.2*1
01 OCT - 04 OCT	BMD 2.3A
01 OCT - 04 OCT	SPY/C41 SAGT
01 OCT	SUP 1.2
02 OCT - 04 OCT	SUP 1.3
06 OCT	LTJG ██████████ ASSUMES ROLE AS SUPPLY OFFICER
07 OCT - 11 OCT	U/W VACAPES
07 OCT - 11 OCT	TYT VCOA 1.4B
07 OCT - 11 OCT	MOB-D 1.4B
07 OCT - 11 OCT	MOB-S 1.4A
07 OCT - 08 OCT	MOB-N 1.4A
08 OCT	DLQ
14 OCT - 18 OCT	MOB-E 1.3A
15 OCT - 25 OCT	USW ASW PHASE 2
16 OCT - 18 OCT	FSO-M 1.3
17 OCT	VBSS 2.1
21 OCT - 25 OCT	AW 2.1A*1
21 OCT - 25 OCT	STW 2.1A*1
21 OCT - 25 OCT	MOB-E 1.3A
21 OCT - 25 OCT	CCC 1.4

21 OCT - 25 OCT	UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING
24 OCT	MOB-N 1.4
28 OCT - 30 OCT	AMMO ONLOAD-YORKTOWN
30 OCT - 31 OCT	U/W VACAPES

October was time for more training events for COLE. She made the transition from Tier I to Tier II in the basic phase. She also welcomed aboard LTJG [REDACTED] as her new Supply Officer.

With the Basic Phase in full swing, COLE passed her Navigation and Seamanship certifications, and continued on with training events in other warfare areas. During MOB-D 1.4B, the entire crew responded spectacularly to a variety of simulated casualties, proving her combat readiness.

She finished the month in Yorktown, where she flew through her ammo onload in record time, allowing the ship to leave a day early and spend that day underway, getting more training. Never too busy to have fun, the crew had jack-o-lantern and facepainting competitions in preparation for Halloween.

November 2013

04 NOV - 07 NOV	USW 2.1B
04 NOV - 08 NOV	BMD 2.1B
04 NOV - 08 NOV	AW 2.1B
04 NOV - 08 NOV	SW 2.1B
07 NOV	LT [REDACTED] ASSUMES ROLE AS SUPPLY OFFICER
08 NOV - 12 NOV	MOB-E 1.3
08 NOV - 14 NOV	U/W VACAPES
10 NOV	OPERATION WITH COAST GUARD TO SAVE ANOTHER VESSEL
18 NOV - 30 NOV	SC1(N) USQ-149T INSTALL
18 NOV - 30 NOV	CCAT
18 NOV - 30 NOV	CMAV RE6
18 NOV - 29 NOV	LGMAT
18 NOV - 22 NOV	USW PHASE II PART 2
18 NOV - 22 NOV	STW 2.2A
18 NOV - 22 NOV	EW 2.2A
20 NOV - 22 NOV	AT 1.3
25 NOV - 27 NOV	MOB-D 1.4A
25 NOV - 26 NOV	STW 2.2B
26 NOV - 27 NOV	M-BMD COL

November provided time for COLE to install needed equipment,
get a Supply Officer, and have a rest for the crew during

Thanksgiving from all the ATG events. The month kicked off in port with 2.1 events for several combat warfare areas.

While underway for MOB-E events, COLE received a call for help from the Coast Guard. They were receiving two distress calls and were unable to answer both without a stop for fuel. A Coast Guard helicopter answered the first call, delivered the survivors to COLE while receiving fuel, and went to investigate the second call. Thankfully, the second call was a false alarm, and the Coast Guard helicopter returned to COLE to pick up the survivors and head back home.

November was a busy month for the ship, as COLE rolled right into her 2.3 events and received excellent training during AT 1.3 drills. Her in-port emergency teams sailed through their certification event, and she finished the month with Sailors spending Thanksgiving at home with their loved ones.

December 2013

01 DEC - 13 DEC	SC1 (N) USQ-149T INSTALL
01 DEC - 13 DEC	CMAV
01 DEC - 06 DEC	CCAT
02 DEC - 06 DEC	AWT 2
02 DEC - 06 DEC	BMD 2.2C
02 DEC - 06 DEC	ERAT
02 DEC - 04 DEC	SUP 1.2*1
02 DEC - 03 DEC	VBSS 2.2
03 DEC - 04 DEC	AT 1.4
04 DEC - 06 DEC	FSO-M 1.1*1
09 DEC - 13 DEC	STW 2.2C NSFS
09 DEC - 13 DEC	3M 1.3 (FPA)
10 DEC	LT [REDACTED] ASSUMES ROLE AS CHIEF ENGINEER
11 DEC - 13 DEC	FSO-M 1.3
11 DEC	LTJG [REDACTED] ASSUMES ROLE AS WEAPONS OFFICER
16 DEC - 20 DEC	U/W VACAPES
16 DEC - 20 DEC	TYT VCOA 2.3A
16 DEC - 20 DEC	EW 2.3A
16 DEC - 20 DEC	AW 2.3A
16 DEC - 20 DEC	SW 2.3A
16 DEC - 20 DEC	USW 2.3A
16 DEC - 20 DEC	INT 2.3
16 DEC - 20 DEC	MOB-E 1.4

16 DEC - 20 DEC	NMT TESTING
17 DEC	DLQ
20 DEC - 31 DEC	CMAV
23 DEC - 31 DEC	HOLIDAY STAND-DOWN

The beginning of December saw COLE continuing her CMAV and making significant progress on in-port basic phase certifications. She passed her AT 1.4 certification with flying colors, while the Supply Team's 1.2 event brought more great training. To celebrate all the progress, the ship's holiday party on 4 Dec was a great success. December was a busy month with turnovers, as we said goodbye to LT [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED], and welcomed LT [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED] our new Chief Engineer and new Weapons Officer, respectively.

The ship did spectacular on our 3M 1.3 assessment, with several large workcenters scoring unheard-of 100% on their AER's. Her underway the week before Christmas was busy but incredibly successful. The engineers' hard work paid off as they flew through MOB-E 1.4 in under two days. The CIC team was also burning the midnight oil as they passed all 2.3 events. After pulling into port, all Sailors were excited to spend some time at home with their families for the holidays. At midnight of New Years Eve, ENS Tomsic wrote the year end entry into the deck log, bringing COLE'S accomplishing year to a close.

Subj: USS COLE (DDG 67) Command Website and Facebook Page

Encl (3): Command Website and Facebook Page

1. USS COLE (DDG 67) Website:
<http://www.public.navy.mil/surflant/ddg67/Pages/default.aspx>
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