

USS CARR HERALD



Sailor of the Year

HT1 Linton

Junior Sailor of the Year

OS2 Otero

Blue Jacket of the Year

DC3 Fernandez

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BMSN Gardner

CARR Update

March 2011

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CARR’s crew has been extremely busy since our last update. We got underway in January as part of the GEORGE H W BUSH Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). COMPTUEX was CARR’s graded opportunity to flex all warfare areas, including our Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure Team; Undersea Warfare Team; Aviation Facilities; Combat Team; and Bridge Teams. Upon completion of COMPTUEX CARR earned her certification as an independent deployer.

Following completion of COMPTUEX we headed back to Norfolk in February and successfully completed our final Undersea Warfare graded event. After that we headed in port and CARR performed extremely well during our Material, Maintenance, and Management (3M) Inspection.

The month of March marked the start of our pre-overseas movement (POM) period to ensure our entire crew had the opportunity to take a couple of weeks of leave prior to deployment. March also marked the start of an intense continuous maintenance availability – a final chance to get our equipment ready for 6 months away from maintenance facilities.

As most of you know, on 1 April we received word that CARR’s deployment had been cancelled. We are actively working to develop our alternate schedule for the next 6 months. So far this includes Fleet Week in New York City and a visit to Boston.

We have continued to expand our online presence to help pass news and information to our friends and families. Our Facebook page is continuing to gain a following and we have a new website and news blog

I encourage you to become fans of the page, and follow the blog. Also, tell your friends and family about these news outlets, so they can follow us.

<http://www.public.navy.mil/usff/ffg52>

<http://www.facebook.com/FFG52>

<http://www.carrcourier.blogspot.com>

Thank you to our families and friends for their continued support and encouragement – without all of you; we couldn’t do what we do.



From the Captain



Dear CARR Family and Friends,

I want you all to know that as an independent deployment certified ship, CARR is now ready to deploy at a moment's notice. I would expect if another Libya, Haiti, or Japan scenario played out we would be one of the first ships to be tagged to go.

My goal for the next six months is to build a robust schedule designed to ensure we remain trained and ready to execute if called upon.

Although we all appreciate the opportunity to spend more time with our friends and family as a result of the deployment cancellation, I think most of us joined the Navy to go to sea, defend our nation, and travel the world – not just to sit pierside in Norfolk. As such, I will strive to get us to sea in order to train as well as some out of area port visits.

I offer a sincere apology to our family members who moved out of area because they thought their spouse was departing. Although we had indicators that the deployment could be cancelled, the final call did not come until 1 April.

We are also beginning to plan some family events over the next few months, including a family picnic and Norfolk Tides ballgame. Hope to get the dates nailed down soon and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Patrick Kulakowski
Commanding Officer

Awards/Recognition

The following personnel recently received recognition for their outstanding performance on CARR...Job Well Done!!:

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Food Service Attendant of the Month:

EN3 Lugo

Culinary Specialist of the Quarter:

CS2 Cook

Promotions:

LTJG Bagley

Re-enlistments:

LS2 Chery – 4 years
SH3 Howard – 4 years
IT2 Koss – 6 years

On the Deck Plates – Bravo Zulu to the Following:

NC1 Giddens did a great job during CARR's annual Command Career Counselor assessment. The evaluator said our program is "one of the best on the waterfront" and a model for other commands. As a testament, CARR earned the GOLDEN ANCHOR Award – received for exceeding Navy retention goals.

Thanks to EM1 McWhirter and the First Class Petty Officer Association for an outstanding Steel Beach BBQ. They took it beyond burgers and dogs, grilling pork chops, chicken, sausages and more. The association is planning to sponsor more events to boost morale during the coming months.

GSM2 Santana did an expert job and managed multiple last minute repairs to both of our Gas Turbine Engines during CARR's Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV). His hard work ensured that CARR was prepared to safely get underway.

Kudos to SH1 Zarcone who led the efforts to revitalize the ship's store. He stocked up with 30+ pallets valued at over \$55K in preparation for deployment. His efforts to re-design the Ship Store and increase selection have already led to increased profits which doubled the quarterly grant to the Morale Welfare and Recreation program (MWR). Because his efforts the CARR crew will see a more robust MWR program during deployment and a greater selection of merchandise in the ship's store.

Awesome effort by STG2 Fredrickson for his hard work and leadership over the last few months. Petty Officer Fredrickson was instrumental in CARR's success during our Undersea Warfare evaluation and the successful removal and replacement of a towed array sonar and torpedo countermeasure tow cable.

Great Job, BM3 Arnold! During the POM period, he took it upon himself to take charge of 1st Division and get things done. Whether it was 3M, fixing lifelines, painting, or merely ensuring that all the standing water was off the maindeck he was always the "go to" Sailor that could get the job done. He led 1st Division in the painting and preservation of the forecastle, missile magazine, and the poop deck. He also coordinated supply runs to Servmart that ensured 1st Division and the ship was replenished with critical items, such as cleaning supplies, needed for deployment.

Over the last month we received a new system called the Commercial Broadband Satellite Program (CBSP). This gives us much more band width (1024kbs vice 128kbs from INMARSAT). This effort was supported by our entire Radio Shack (IT's) and Electronic Technicians. Great job over the last month assisting in the install and testing.

CARR Individual Augmentees (IA) and Global Support Augmentees (GSA) Enroute Forward Op Areas

The Navy and CARR, along with many other Navy units, are supporting ground operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Djibouti, and other locations in the fight against terrorism. This page highlights CARR IA's who have detached and are currently attending training to prepare them for this duty. To date, three CARR Sailors have been selected for duty as IAs. The majority of these shipmates anticipate returning to duty on CARR when their IA tour is complete.

CARR Personnel on IA/GSA

Name: OS3 Childs Hometown: Rockwall, TX
Location: Afghanistan IA Date: 7 Sep 10

Name: OS2 McIntosh Hometown:
Location: Iraq IA Date: 18 Sep 10

Name: OS3 McDonald Hometown: Little Rock, AR
Location: Iraq IA Date: 20 Sep 10

Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard to the newest members of our CARR family:

ETC Dowe	LTJG Hardzinski	GSEFN Robinson
DC1 Beltran	CSC Adams	FC1 Koch
SN Himes	STG3 Wilkinson	
ET2 Strom	CTTSN Booker	
CSSN Kinchen	CS3 Brown	

Farewells

Fair Winds and Following Seas to the following personnel who recently transferred from CARR:

CSC Johnson	CS2 Libstorff
CS2 Mugwe	MA1 Schir
CS3 Evans	

Upcoming Events

Deployment 03 APR – 03 OCT

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