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From: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101)
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Subj: USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2007-2010

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as USS GRIDLEY'S 2007-2010 Command History.



COMMAND DATA

Name of Command / Organization: USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101)

Unit Identification Code: 21450

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer: CDR Stephen A Shinego/ CDR Gregory W. Gombert / CDR Brian J. Quin

Date Assumed Command: March 14, 2008 / September 2, 2009

Mission / Command Employment / Operations: GRIDLEY's primary mission is to provide air defense to the carrier. GRIDLEY can also coordinate and execute operations in anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, maritime interdiction, strike warfare, and a variety of other warfare areas. GRIDLEY has the capability to embark two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily off the coast of San Diego, CA. When deployed, GRIDLEY operates in the THIRD, SEVENTH and FIFTH Fleet areas of operation.

Home Port: San Diego, CA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE

Administrative: Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE

Task Force Assigned: Assigned CTF 20, COMUSNAVSOUTH and CDS-1 during commissioning and sail around. GRIDLEY then shifted ISIC from CDS-1 to CDS-7 on May 1, 2007. During GRIDLEY's 2008 and 2009 WESTPAC deployments she was assigned to CARRIER STRIKE GROUP SEVEN and served as the alternate Air Defense Commander for the RONALD REAGAN. Additionally, when deployed to FIFTH Fleet, GRIDLEY participated in anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden with Task Force 151. In June of 2010, GRIDLEY was assigned to CARRIER STRIKE GROUP ONE and deployed in December to the SEVENTH Fleet with CARL VINSON.

Units Assigned Under Operational Control: GRIDLEY has embarked HELICOPTER ANTI SUBMARINE SQUADRON (LIGHT) THREE SEVEN and FOUR NINE.

Types of Aircraft Embarked: Two SH-60B Seahawks

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 34

Enlisted: 271

Civilian: 0

Enclosure (1)

Command Point of Contact

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2007 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

- 01 JAN: Observed New Years Day in port Bath, ME
- 10 JAN: Conducted light off assessment.
- 18 JAN: Proceeded underway from Bath, ME en route Mayport, FL and conducted NAVCERT.
- 21 JAN: Conducted FAS with duty oiler for ULTRA-C training.
- 24 JAN: Conducted precision anchorage training and FP certification small boat attack at anchor.
- 26 JAN: Arrived Naval Station Mayport, FL.
- 29 JAN: Commenced ULTRA-E.
- 29 JAN: Proceeded underway for ULTRA-E demonstrations in the Jacksonville OPAREA.

FEBRUARY

- 01 FEB: Underway Jacksonville OPAREA.
- 02 FEB: Commenced transiting to Miami, Fl.
- 03 FEB: Arrived in Miami, FL for commissioning ceremony and ULTRA-C preparations.
- 10 FEB: USS GRIDLEY commissioned in port Miami, FL.
- 12 FEB: Proceeded underway en route Mayport, FL.
- 13 FEB: Arrived Naval Station Mayport, FL and commenced ULTRA-C.
- 14 FEB: Proceeded underway for ULTRA-C demonstrations in the Jacksonville OPAREA.
- 16 FEB: Conducted precision anchorage for ULTRA-C.
- 18 FEB: Commenced transiting to Aruba.
- 26 FEB: Arrived in Aruba.

MARCH

- 01 MAR: In port Aruba.

02 MAR: Proceeded underway en route Cartagena, CO.
03 MAR: Arrived Cartagena, CO.
05 MAR: Proceeded underway en route Panama.
06 MAR: Conducted transit of the Panama Canal.
07 MAR: Arrived Rodman Naval Station, Panama.
11 MAR: Proceeded underway en route San Diego, CA.
21 MAR: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced upkeep.

APRIL

01 APR: In port San Diego, CA.
03 APR: Proceeded underway en route Seal Beach, CA.
04 APR: Arrived Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA and commenced ammunition on load.
05 APR: Proceeded underway en route San Diego, CA and conducted DLQs with BELL helo.
07 APR: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced upkeep.
09 APR: Commenced NSFS training.
16 APR: Commenced CSSQT in port Naval Station San Diego, CA.
30 APR: Participated in FST-U.

MAY

01 MAY: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA. Shifted ISICs from CDS-1 to CDS-7.
09 MAY: Proceeded underway to conduct firing exercise in the Sothern California OPAREA.
11 MAY: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
21 MAY: Proceeded underway for training and DLQs with HSL-49 in the SOCAL OPAREA.
22 MAY: Conducted ATG assessed night time precision anchorage and man overboard drills.
23 MAY: Conducted ATG assessed RAS and cargo transfer.

24 MAY: Conducted towing exercise with ATG.
25 MAY: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
29 MAY: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

JUNE

01 JUN: Underway SOCIAL OPAREA and conducted night time harbor navigation package.
02 JUN: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
04 JUN: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA and transit to Port Hueneme, CA.
08 JUN: Arrived Port Hueneme, CA and hosted Norwegian and Spanish navies.
10 JUN: Proceeded underway for a missile exercise in the SOCIAL OPAREA.
16 JUN: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
18 JUN: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.
23 JUN: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced upkeep.

JULY

01 JUL: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.
12 JUL: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.
14 JUL: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
16 JUL: Commenced final contract trials with the Board of Inspection and Survey.
18 JUL: Proceeded underway for final contract trials.
20 JUL: Completed final contract trials.
24 JUL: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.
29 JUL: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

AUGUST

01 AUG: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

SEPTEMBER

01 SEP: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

OCTOBER

01 OCT: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

14 NOV: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

15 NOV: Conducted RAS.

16 NOV: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

26 NOV: Proceeded underway en route Seal Beach, CA.

27 NOV: Arrived Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA.

30 NOV: Proceed underway and arrived in San Diego, CA

DECEMBER

01 DEC: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

03 DEC: Proceeded underway for scientists to sea and training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

04 DEC: Conducted RAS.

08 DEC: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

10 DEC: Commenced ULTRA-S.

12 DEC: Proceeded underway for ULTRA-S demonstrations.

14 DEC: Completed ULTRA-S and commenced RONALD REAGAN STRIKE GROUP group sail.

18 DEC: Conducted RAS.

19 DEC: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commence holiday upkeep.

2008 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

- 01 JAN: Observed New Years Day in port Naval Base San Diego, CA.
- 25 JAN: Proceed underway to conduct DLQs, heavyweight torpedo exercise and serve as OPFOR for ALSG COMPTUEX.

FEBRUARY

- 01 FEB: Underway SOCAL OPAREA.
- 02 FEB: Returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA.
- 03 FEB: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA.
- 09 FEB: Returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA.
- 11 FEB: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA and conducted SSRNM.
- 13 FEB: Participated in IAC II.
- 16 FEB: Returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced upkeep.
- 25 FEB: Commenced FST-J.

MARCH

- 01 MAR: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.
- 10 MAR: Conducted COST inspection.
- 14 MAR: CDR Gombert assumes command.
- 17 MAR: Proceeded underway to participate in RRSB COMPTUEX.

APRIL

- 01 APR: Underway SOCAL OPAREA.
- 07 APR: Returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA and participated in a RRSB Force Protection Exercise.
- 11 APR: Proceeded underway to participate in RRSB JTFEX.
- 18 APR: Arrived Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA.
- 19 APR: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA.

22 APR: Returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced pre-deployment stand down.

MAY

01 MAY: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

19 MAY: Deployed with RRSB.

24 MAY: Arrived Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI and embarked HSL-37.

25 MAY: Proceeded underway to conduct USW exercise and WOWU with HSL-37 in the Hawaii OPAREA.

JUNE

01 JUN: Underway Western Pacific.

05 JUN: CHOP to SEVENTH Fleet.

20 JUN: Arrived Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China.

25 JUN: Proceeded underway from Hong Kong, Peoples Republic of China.

JULY

01 JUL: Underway Western Pacific.

08 JUL: Arrived Guam.

10 JUL: Proceeded underway from Guam.

15 JUL: Arrived Busan, Republic of Korea

19 JUL: Proceeded underway from Busan, Republic of Korea.

29 JUL: Arrived Fukuoka, Japan.

31 JUL: Proceeded underway from Fukuoka, Japan.

AUGUST

01 AUG: Underway Western Pacific.

19 AUG: Arrived Kelang, Malaysia.

23 AUG: Proceeded underway from Kelang, Malaysia en route Indian Ocean.

30 AUG: CHOP to FIFTH Fleet.

SEPTEMBER

01 SEP: Underway Indian Ocean.

29 SEP: Arrived Bahrain.

OCTOBER

01 OCT: In port Bahrain.

02 OCT: Proceeded underway from Bahrain.

17 OCT: CHOP to SEVENTH Fleet.

18 OCT: Arrived Goa, India.

19 OCT: Proceeded underway from Goa, India to participate in MALABAR 2008.

29 OCT: Arrived Singapore.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV: In port Singapore

02 NOV: Proceeded underway from Singapore en route Pacific Ocean.

16 NOV: CHOP to THIRD Fleet.

17 NOV: Arrived Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI to disembark HSL-37 and embark Tigers.

18 NOV: Proceeded underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI en route San Diego, CA.

25 NOV: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced post deployment stand down.

DECEMBER

01 DEC: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

2009 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

01 JAN: Observed New Years Day in port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

FEBRUARY

01 FEB: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

02 FEB: Conducted FST-U and participated in a force protection exercise.

09 FEB: Commenced ULTRA-C.

10 FEB: Proceeded underway for ULTRA-C demonstrations in the SOCAL OPAREA.

14 FEB: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

17 FEB: Commenced ULTRA-E.

27 FEB: Participated in a Force Protection Exercise.

MARCH

01 MAR: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

09 MAR: Proceeded underway for RRSB SUSTEX in the SOCAL OPAREA.

20 MAR: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced upkeep.

APRIL

01 APR: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

02 APR: Proceeded underway for a family day cruise in the SOCAL OPAREA.

17 APR: Commenced pre-overseas movement leave.

MAY

01 MAY: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

27 MAY: Deployed with RRSB.

JUNE

01 JUN: Underway Pacific Ocean.

08 JUN: CHOP to SEVENTH Fleet.
14 JUN: Conducted dual carrier operations with GWSG IVO
Guam.
19 JUN: Conducted Surigao Strait transit.
22 JUN: Conducted Balabac Strait transit.
24 JUN: Conducted Strait of Malacca transit.
25 JUN: Arrived Phuket, Thailand.
29 JUN: Proceeded underway en route Indian Ocean.

JULY

01 JUL: Underway Indian Ocean.
06 JUL: CHOP to FIFTH Fleet.

AUGUST

01 AUG: Underway Gulf of Aden.

SEPTEMBER

01 SEP: Underway Indian Ocean.
02 SEP: CHOP to SEVENTH Fleet. CDR Quin assumes command.
22 SEP: Arrived Phuket, Thailand.
25 SEP: Proceeded underway en route Strait of Malacca.

OCTOBER

01 OCT: Underway Pacific Ocean.
10 OCT: CHOP to THIRD Fleet.
13 OCT: Arrived Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
15 OCT: Proceeded underway en route San Diego, CA.
21 OCT: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced
post deployment stand down.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

DECEMBER

- 01 DEC: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.
- 07 DEC: Proceeded underway for training the SOCAL OPAREA.
- 11 DEC: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
- 14 DEC: Proceeded underway en route Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA.
- 15 DEC: Arrived Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA and commenced ammunition offload.
- 18 DEC: Proceeded underway from Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA and arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
- 19 DEC: Commenced holiday stand down and upkeep.

2010 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

01 JAN: Observed New Years Day in port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

FEBRUARY

01 FEB: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

03 FEB: Shifted berths to BAE Shipyard San Diego, CA and commenced SRA.

MARCH

01 MAR: In port BAE Shipyard San Diego, CA.

APRIL

01 APR: In port BAE Shipyard San Diego, CA.

12 APR: Conduct light off assessment.

26 APR: Conducted a fast cruise.

27 APR: Proceeded underway to conduct post SRA sea trials in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

28 APR: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA and commenced upkeep.

MAY

01 MAY: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

27 MAY: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

28 MAY: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

JUNE

01 JUN: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA. Shifted to DESRON ONE and CARL VINSON STRIKE GROUP.

02 JUN: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

05 JUN: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

07 JUN: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA

12 JUN: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

16 JUN: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA.
18 JUN: Arrived Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA.
24 JUN: Proceeded underway en route San Diego, CA.
25 JUN: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
29 JUN: Commenced C5RA.

JULY

01 JUL: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.
12 JUL: Commenced ULTRA-C.
14 JUL: Proceeded underway for ULTRA-C demonstrations in the SOCAL OPAREA.
17 JUL: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
27 JUL: Commenced ULTRA-E.
29 JUL: Proceeded underway for ULTRA-E demonstrations in the SOCAL OPAREA.
31 JUL: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

AUGUST

01 AUG: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.
10 AUG: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA.
12 AUG: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
13 AUG: Proceeded underway for a family day cruise and returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA.
16 AUG: Proceeded underway for WOWU with HSL-49.
21 AUG: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
23 AUG: Proceeded underway for CVSG Group Sail.

SEPTEMBER

01 SEP: Underway SOCAL OPAREA.
04 SEP: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.
07 SEP: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCAL OPAREA.

11 SEP: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

OCTOBER

01 OCT: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA and returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA.

04 OCT: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

09 OCT: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

12 OCT: Proceeded underway for EOC.

15 OCT: Arrived Naval Station San Diego, CA.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV: In port Naval Station San Diego, CA.

05 NOV: Proceeded underway for training in the SOCIAL OPAREA and returned to Naval Station San Diego, CA.

06 NOV: Commenced pre-deployment stand down.

08 NOV: Participated in FST-J.

30 NOV: Proceeded underway for COMPTUEX.

DECEMBER

01 DEC: Underway SOCIAL OPAREA.

21 DEC: Proceeded west en route SEVENTH Fleet deployment.

2007 NARRATIVE

USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) began the year in port Bath, ME where she was built at Bath Iron Works. There she conducted a light off assessment prior to proceeding underway to Mayport, Florida. While transiting to Mayport, GRIDLEY conducted her first navigation certification (NAVCERT). In Mayport, GRIDLEY prepared for and conducted unit level training assessment-engineering (ULTRA-E). In February, GRIDLEY transited to Miami, FL and was commissioned a United States Ship on February 10, 2007. After commissioning, the ship returned to Mayport to conduct unit level training assessment-certification (ULTRA-C) before commencing her sail around to her new homeport of San Diego. The crew enjoyed port visits to Aruba and Cartagena prior to transiting the Panama Canal and stopping at Rodman Naval Base in Panama. There GRIDLEY embark riders from Afloat Training Group (ATGO and DESTROYER SQUADRON (DESRON) ONE to conduct training for an upcoming Engineering Operability Certification (EOC) en route to San Diego. On March 21, GRIDLEY transited San Diego's harbor for the first time. In April, GRIDLEY transited to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach where she conducted an ammunition on load. Following the on load, she returned to San Diego for a maintenance availability. On May 1, GRIDLEY shifted to DESRON SEVEN. Also in May, she participated in a firing exercise in support of her combat systems ship qualification testing (CSSQT). GRIDLEY started June in port San Diego, and shortly thereafter proceeded north to Port Hueneme to participate in a joint missile exercise with the Spanish and Norwegian Navies. June was finished off with an availability period as the ship prepared for final contract trials. GRIDLEY proceeded underway mid July to conduct demonstrations for the BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY (INSURV) led final contract trials. After a successful inspection, she commenced a post shakedown availability (PSA) and shifted its focus to preparing for her maiden deployment and ULTRA-S. In November, GRIDLEY proceeded underway for PSA sea trials. At the end of the month, she sailed to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach for an ammunition on load for deployment. In December, GRIDLEY utilized a week of underway to practice for unit level training assessment-sustainment (ULTRA-S) prior to the mid-month inspections. After ULTRA-S GRIDLEY integrated with CSG-7 for a group sail prior to returning to San Diego for the holidays.

2008 NARRATIVE

USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) began the year in port Naval Station San Diego. In late January after the crew enjoyed a holiday stand down and maintenance period, she proceeded underway for training. During this underway, she served as opposing forces (OPFOR) in support of ABRAHAM LINCOLN STRIKE GROUP's (ALSG) composite training unit exercise (COMPTUEX), conducted deck landing qualifications (DLQs), and participated in a heavyweight torpedo exercise. February was a busy month for the ship with multiple short underway periods to conduct an integrated anti-submarine warfare course (IAC), ship's self radiated noise measurement (SSRNM) and other various training exercises. GRIDLEY finished the month in port San Diego participating in fleet synthetic training exercise-joint (FST-J) with the RONALD REAGAN STRIKE GROUP (RRSG). On March 14, CDR Gombert relieved CDR Shinego as GRIDLEY's second commanding officer. With her new captain, GRIDLEY sailed with the rest of RRSB and conducted COMPTUEX which finished in the month of April. Upon returning to San Diego, the strike group conducted a force protection exercise in preparation for deployment. GRIDLEY also conducted a final ammunition on load and a JTSEX this month before commencing the crew's pre-deployment leave period. On May 19, GRIDLEY sailed for her maiden deployment. A week later she arrived in Pearl Harbor where HSL-37 embarked an SH-60B Seahawk helicopters. In June, GRIDLEY changed operational chain of command (CHOPed) to SEVENTH Fleet and enjoyed a port visit to Hong Kong. In July, the ship conducted port visits in Fukuoka, Japan, Pusan, Republic of Korea, and Guam. In August, GRIDLEY visited Port Kelang, Malaysia, transited the Strait of Malacca and CHOPed to FIFTH Fleet. GRIDLEY spent September in FIFTH Fleet and CHOPed back to SEVENTH Fleet in October where GRIDLEY subsequently visited Goa, India and Phuket, Thailand. GRIDLEY also participated in the multinational Malabar naval exercise. In November, GRIDLEY transited the Strait of Malacca en route to THIRD Fleet. While transiting, GRIDLEY was re-tasked to conduct Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief in the Philippines. On November 17, GRIDLEY arrived in Pearl Harbor where HSL-37 disembarked. GRIDLEY then embarked tigers and transited home arriving in San Diego on 25 November. GRIDLEY finished the year in port San Diego, CA.

2009 NARRATIVE

USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) began the year in port San Diego, CA. Following the holidays GRIDLEY began the basic phase again preparing for a fleet synthetic training exercise-unit level (FST-U), ULTRA-C and ULTRA-E in February. After a successful training cycle, GRIDLEY shifted her focus to sustaining proficiency in strike group operations and conducted a SUSTEX in March. In April, the crew conducted a family day cruise allowing friends and family of the ship to come aboard and spend a day underway. Mid-April the crew commenced their pre-deployment leave period and upkeep. On May 27, GRIDLEY departed San Diego for her second deployment. In June she CHOPed to SEVENTH Fleet, transited the Strait of Malacca and visited Phuket, Thailand. Following the visit, GRIDLEY CHOPed to FIFTH Fleet in July and conducted anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden. In August, GRIDLEY visited Muscat, Oman and continued anti-piracy operations. In September, CDR Quin assumed command of GRIDLEY and the ship started transiting east and visited Thailand at the end of the month. In October, GRIDLEY continued east to THIRD Fleet, visited Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to embark tigers before returning home to San Diego on 21 October. The ship remained in port through November and proceeded underway for training in December, as well as, an ammunition offload at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. Upon GRIDLEY's return to San Diego, the crew commenced their holiday stand down.

2010 NARRATIVE

USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) began the year in port San Diego, CA. In February, GRIDLEY shifted berths to BAE shipyard to conduct a three-month selected restricted availability (SRA). In April, GRIDLEY conducted a light off assessment (LOA) and fast cruise prior to proceeding underway for sea trials at the end of the month. May and June was filled with multiple underway periods in the southern California operations area (SOCAL OPAREA) for training in preparation for the basic phase. On 1 June, GRIDLEY shifted from DESRON SEVEN to DESRON ONE. In July, GRIDLEY conducted a combat systems, command, control, communications and computer readiness assessment (C5RA) prior to conducting ULTRA-C and E. In August, the ship used multiple underway periods to conduct training, a family day cruise, week one work ups with HSL-49 and CARL VINSON STRIKE GROUP (CVSG) group sail. The ship utilized two underway periods in the beginning of September to maintain proficiency prior to entering an availability period mid month. In October, GRIDLEY proceeded underway for training to prepare for EOC mid month. After a successful EOC, the crew turned their focus to deployment preparations. In November, the crew commenced their pre-deployment leave period and also participated in FST-J with CVSG. On 30 November, the ship proceeded underway from San Diego for the final time in 2010 to participate in CVSG COMPTUEX. At the conclusion of COMPTUEX on 21 December, the strike group deployed en route SEVENTH Fleet.