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Memorandum for the Record

Subj: *CNA Integrated Ship Database*: Distribution of 3rd Quarter 2009 Update

- Ref: (a) *The Integrated Ship Database — A Rapid-Access Database of Naval Ship Information — 3rd Quarter 2009 Update*, by Gregory N. Suess, Lynette A. McClain, and Rhea Stone, Jun 2010 (CNA Interactive Software D0022915.A1/Final)
(b) *The Integrated Ship Database: Basic Layout and Instructions*
(c) *The Integrated Ship Database — A Rapid-Access Database of Naval Ship Information — A User's Manual*, by Gregory N. Suess and Lynette A. McClain, Dec 2005 (CNA Interactive Software D0012061.A2/Final)

We announce the update to CNA's Integrated Ship Database (ISDB) as of the end of the third quarter of CY09 [Ref (a)]. You can find the database file (ISDB 2009-09.xls) on CNA's new web site. Look for it on the Operations and Tactics Analysis Division page with the address:

www.cna.org/centers/operations-tactics/ship-database

Here, you will see a link to a document titled *Basic Layout and Instructions* that describes basic features of the database and steps to take when first opening it [Ref (b)]. For additional background information, we refer you to the link identified as *User's Manual* for the original manual of December 2005 [Ref (c)].

For this update, we made the usual changes, bringing the Naval Vessel Register (NVR), MSC Ship Inventory, and the Maritime Administration's Property Management and Archive Record System (PMARS) data current as of 30 September 2009.

We also updated the hyperlink addresses to the Chief of Naval Information's (CHINFO's) Navy Fact File pages on aircraft carrier histories from the Navy History and Heritage Command's Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships (DANFS). Note that these links no longer function in previous versions of the ISDB. We regret any inconvenience.

In the last update, we added two QuikLook pivot tables to the database file to quickly display the two ship forces used in the Navy budget: (1) the Ship Battle Forces, and (2) the Local Defense and Miscellaneous Support Forces. In this update, we modified the QuikLook tables to identify the units both by name and hull number. We also added a link to NVR's page with the current composition of the Ship Battle Forces.

We also have continued integrating the data from our various online sources. Specifically, we filled in gaps in the life cycle dates with information from the Naval History and Heritage Command's *Dictionary of American Fighting Ships*. To more clearly capture the "end" of life for ships lost at sea or in combat, we expanded the field name for "Decommission Date" to "Decommission/OOA (Out of Action) Date."

We welcome and encourage your comments and suggestions for improvement of the database. Please contact Lynette McClain (mcclainl@cna.org or 703-824-2855) or Greg Suess (suessg@cna.org or 703-824-2231) if you have any questions or comments.

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