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Memorandum for the Record

Subj: *CNA Integrated Ship Database*: Distribution of 2nd Quarter 2008 Update

- Ref: (a) *The Integrated Ship Database — A Rapid-Access Database of Naval Ship Information — 2nd Quarter 2008 Update*, by Gregory N. Suess, Lynette A. McClain, and Rhea Stone, Dec 2008 (CNA Interactive Software D0019364.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 second quarter of CY08 [Ref (a)]. In the past, we distributed updates by email. We are pleased to inform you that we will now be distributing them on the CNA website at www.cna.org. Specifically, the page for the Integrated Ship Database is www.cna.org/national_security/ota/ship-database.

On the Integrated Ship Database web page, you can find a link to a document titled “The Integrated Ship Database: Basic Instructions and Layout” that describes basic features of the database and steps to take when first opening it [Ref (b)]. We also refer you to a link identified as “User’s Manual” to go to the original database user’s manual from December 2005 for additional background information [Ref (c)].

This version of the database incorporates some new changes to the structure and content of the database:

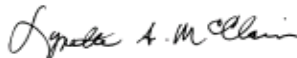
- We introduced a field named “MSC Type (MSC Fact Sheet Link).” This field identifies the ship type as specified in an MSC Fact Sheet. The hypertext link will take you to the associated Fact Sheet.
- We have added plain-English terms from the Naval Vessel Register to complement the type abbreviation in the Ship Type field. Similarly, we have added the plain-English form to the Ship Class field as written on the Navy Fact File page. For example, for the USS *George H. W. Bush* now under construction, you will find a ship type of “CVN Multi-Purpose Aircraft Carrier (Nuclear-Propulsion),” and a ship class of “CVN 68 Aircraft Carriers.”
- We resolved the double listing of three ships in the database because of their unusual statuses. We combined the two records into a single record by consolidating the Status Field descriptions into one.

- USS *Emory S. Land* (AS 39) and USS *Mount Whitney* (LCC 20), with their split U.S. Navy and Military Sealift Command crewing, now have the status description, “Active, in commission / Military Sealift Command (MSC), Special Mission Support.”
- The status descriptions from NVR and MSC for USNS *Invincible* (T-AGM 24) are now combined to read, “Active, in commission / Military Sealift Command (MSC), Special Mission Support.”

We have also made the usual quarterly changes:

- We updated the Naval Vessel Register (NVR) data through 30 June 2008.
- The data from the MSC Ship Inventory reflects changes as of 30 June 2008.
- The Maritime Administration's Property Management and Archive Record System (PMARS) data is current as of 30 June 2008.

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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