Memorandum for the Record

Subj: CNA Integrated Ship Database: Distribution of 2nd Quarter 2009 Update

(b) The Integrated Ship Database: Basic Layout and Instructions

We announce the update to CNA’s Integrated Ship Database (ISDB) as of the end of the second quarter of CY09 [Ref (a)]. You can find the database (Jun 09 database.xls) at the web page addressed www.cna.org/nationalsecurity/ota/shipdatabase. On the web page, you will also see 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)]. For additional background information, we also refer you to the link identified as User’s Manual for the original manual of December 2005 [Ref (c)].

For this quarter’s update, we made the usual changes:
• We updated the Naval Vessel Register (NVR) data through 30 June 2009.
• The data from the MSC Ship Inventory reflects changes as of 30 June 2009.
• The Maritime Administration’s Property Management and Archive Record System (PMARS) data is current as of 30 June 2009.

In this update, we have added two new pivot tables to the database file. We call them QuikLook tables because they display the two categories of ship forces used in the Navy budget and reported in the Naval Sea System Command’s Naval Vessel Register (NVR): (1) Ship Battle Forces, and (2) Local Defense and Miscellaneous Support Forces. With these new tables, we hope to provide you with a way to quickly and easily view the makeup of these two force categories.

We also have begun to more fully integrate the information from our various online data sources. For instance, you will see red “Comment” triangles in many cells with the important dates in a ship’s life cycle. If you “fly” the cursor over the cell, the comment “From DANFS” will appear. Here we have added data from the Naval History and Heritage Command’s Dictionary of American Fighting Ships to fill gaps in NVR data.

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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