

1. Command Data

- a. **Command:** USS FREEDOM (LCS 1) LCS CREW 102
- b. **Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL:** 40494
- c. **Commanding Officer:** CDR Wilke, Timothy B.
- d. **Date Assumed Command:** 2012-07-27
- e. **Area of Operations:** Southern California Operation Area, Western Pacific Ocean, South China Sea
- f. **Homeport:** Naval Base San Diego, CA
- g. **Immediate Superior In Command:**
 - 1) **Operational:** Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron ONE (01JAN2013-01APR2013); Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN (01APR2013-08AUG2013); Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron ONE (09AUG2013-PRESENT).
 - 2) **Administrative:** Commander, Littoral Combat Ship Squadron ONE
- h. **Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes:** (1) MH60-R "Battlecat 707"
- i. **Detachments Embarked:** Surface Warfare Detachment ONE; Surface Warfare Detachment FOUR; HSM-73 Combat Element ONE
- j. **Number of Personnel Assigned:**
 - 1) **GOLD Crew:** Officers-12 Enlisted-32
 - 2) **Surface Warfare Detachment ONE:** Officer-1 Enlisted-18
 - 3) **HSM-73 Combat Element ONE:** Officers-4 Enlisted-15

2. Command Point of Contact:

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3. Commander's Assessment

Throughout 2013, LCS CREW 102 completed all required training and certification. CREW 102 wrote LCS history as the first LCS crew to deploy on board a Littoral Combat Ship (USS FREEDOM). During the maiden deployment to South-East Asia the Crew met all mission objectives.

4. Chronology

01-07JAN13	Holiday Leave Period
07-31JAN13	Off Hull Training at Littoral Training Facility
31-15FEB13	Turnover and Deployment Preparations
15-18FEB13	Hull Turnover to (LCS 1) GOLD Crew
18FEB13	FREEDOM exits Graving Dock facility Naval Base San Diego
18-28FEB13	Engineering Light-off, Combat Systems Light Off, Pre-Deployment Checks completed

25FEB13 Ammunition on load at Naval Air Station, North Island, BRAVO Pier

28FEB13 First Ensigns (3) report to LCS CREW 102

01MAR13 FREEDOM deploys

01-11MAR13 Transit to Pearl Harbor

07MAR13 UNREP with USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)

11-14MAR13 In Port Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii

11MAR13 ADM Cecil Haney, Commander, Pacific Fleet; RDML Antonio, Deputy Chief of Staff for Fleet Maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RDML Singleton Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance, U.S. Pacific Fleet; CAPT James Wyatt, Executive Assistant, U.S. Pacific Fleet Visit

12MAR13 CREW 102 Sailors visit Arizona Memorial

13MAR13 KITV, KHON, KGMB/KHNL Hosted Morning News Show on board FREEDOM

14-29MAR13 Transit to Guam

18MAR13 UNREP with USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)

23MAR13 UNREP with USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)

29-03APR13 In Port Guam

30MAR13 Community Relations project at St. Dominic's retirement home

01APR13 Community Relations project at JFK High School

01APR13 Chamber of Commerce reception hosted by Navy League

02APR13 Community Relations project at GAIN Animal Shelter

03-09APR13 Transit to Manila, Republic of Philippines

06APR13 UNREP with USNS WASHINGTON CHAMBERS (T-AKE 11)

07-08APR13 San Bernardino Strait Transit

09-13APR13 In Port Manila, Republic of Philippines

13-18APR13 Transit to Changi Naval Base, Republic of Singapore

16APR13 UNREP with USNS AMELIA EARHART (T-AKE 6)

18APR13 Arrive Changi Naval Base

18APR13 Ambassador Adelman, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore; Colonel Lo, Republic of Singapore Navy Fleet Commander; RDML Wetherald, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Requirements, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RDML Tom Carney, Commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific; CAPT Paul Schlise, Deputy Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN; Media representing Straits Times, Zaobao, Mediacorp, AP, WSJ, CNBC, CNN, NHK, BBC, Monocle, Hill Knowlton and IISS Visit

19-28APR13 Maintenance Window of Opportunity

29-05MAY13 Preventive Maintenance Availability

02MAY13 Commodore Garner, Commander Littoral Combat Ship Squadron One visits ship

06MAY13 Berth Shift Changi Naval Base

08MAY13 Community Relations Project- Singapore Association of Visually Handicapped (SAVH)

11MAY13 Secretary of the Navy, Honorable Ray Maybus visits ship in support of LCS maiden deployment to South

East Asia

13MAY13 Lockheed Martin IMDEX Reception (Conrad Hotel Singapore)

13MAY13 International Maritime Defense Exercise Asia welcome dinner for CO

14-18MAY13 International Maritime Defense Exercise Asia

14MAY13 International Maritime Defense Exercise Asia Opening Ceremony

14MAY13 BGEN Wise Tour

14MAY13 Singapore Permanent Secretary for Defense Development Mr. Chan Yeng Kit visits ship for tour

14MAY13 Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Greenert delivers All Hands call to crew

14MAY13 RADM Ng Chee Peng and Singapore Defense Minister Dr. Ng Eng Hen Tour Ship

14MAY13 Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX) 13 and 4th Western Pacific Maritime Security Exercise (WMSX) Opening Ceremony

14MAY13 Industry Welcome Reception in support of IMDEX

15MAY13 Taiwan DV Tour

15MAY13 Swedish Delegation Tour

15MAY13 Myanmar Delegation Tour

15MAY13 People's Republic of China Tour

15MAY13 Republic of Singapore Navy Cocktail Reception (IMDEX)

15MAY13 CNO IMDEX Reception aboard USS FREEDOM

16MAY13 United Arab Emirates Delegation Tour

16MAY13 IMDEX Delegates Visit Ship

16MAY13 Turkish Delegation Tour

16MAY13 Lunch with RSS FREEDOM

16MAY13 Singaporean Students Tour

16MAY13 RSN AVDET Tour Group

16MAY13 PMA 299/NIPO Tour

17MAY13 Underway from Changi Naval Base

17MAY13 SURPIC Compilation/CCOI Tracking/SAREX

17MAY13 Moored Changi Naval Base

17-18MAY13 General Public Tours (RSN Open House)

18MAY13 Pre-closing Ceremony Reception

18MAY13 MARISX 13 and 4th WMSX Closing Ceremony

24MAY13 Frocking Ceremony for CMDCM Jablecki

27MAY13 Memorial Day/Deployment half-way party (Terror Club)

29MAY13 Navy League Reception (Wing on Life Garden, Singapore)

30MAY13 COMREL (Boy's Town Singapore visit)

30MAY13 BBC Tour/Interview

30MAY13 Frocking Ceremony for CS3 ██████, EN3 ██████, EN3 ██████, and IT3 ██████

30-09JUN Restricted Availability Singapore

31MAY13 Promotion Ceremony for LT ██████ and LT ██████

02JUN13 SECDEF, The Honorable Chuck Hagel Visits Ship

03JUN13 PACOM, Admiral Locklear visits ship

04-07JUN13 Command PFA

05JUN13 COMREL (Singapore Association of Visually Handicapped)

08JUN13 Navy League Tours
 10JUN13 Commander 7th Fleet visits ship
 10JUN13 SUW DET 1 Integrated Maritime Interdiction
 Operation Training with USMC FAST Unit
 10JUN13 7th Fleet reception on board USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)
 11JUN13 Underway from Changi Naval Base
 12JUN13 57mm/30mm Gun Shoot
 13JUN13 Crew Served Weapons (CSW) Shoot
 13JUN13 Aircraft Fire Fighting Drill
 14JUN13 RAS with USNS WASHINGTON CHAMBERS (T-AKE-11)
 15JUN13 Arrive Kuantan Naval Base
 15JUN13 CARAT Malaysia Opening Ceremony Joint Press
 Conference
 15JUN13 CARAT Malaysia HQ Orientation
 15JUN13 Media Tour on board USS FREEDOM (LCS-1)
 18JUN13 Underway from Kuantan Naval Base
 18JUN13 FIAC/Surface Raider/Anti-Raider Drill
 18JUN13 DIVTACS
 19JUN13 PUBEX
 19JUN13 CASEX (SUBFAM)
 19JUN13 CASEX (TRACKEX)
 19JUN13 PHOTOEX
 19JUN13 PUBEX
 20JUN13 SCREENEX
 20JUN13 Maritime Strike/AAW Defense Exercise
 20JUN13 VBSS Training with Malaysian Navy
 20JUN13 ENCOUNTEREX w/ USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG-54) and USS
 TORTUGA (LSD-46)
 21JUN13 Anchor in Support of Amphibious Landing Exercise w/
 USS TORTUGA (LSD-46)
 22JUN13 Underway from anchorage
 22JUN13 Arrive Kuantan Naval Base
 22JUN13 CARAT Malaysia Sports Day
 22JUN13 Royal Malaysia Navy Hosted Dinner
 23JUN13 CARAT Malaysia Closing Ceremony
 23JUN13 Underway from Kuantan Naval Base
 24JUN13 RAS with USNS WASHINGTON CHAMBERS (T-AKE-11)
 25JUN13 SAPR Standdown
 25JUN13 Main Space Fire Drill
 25-03JUN13 South China Sea OPS
 26JUN13 Aircraft Fire Fighting Drill
 27JUN13 CSW Shoot
 28JUN13 57mm/30mm Gun Shoot
 30JUN13 RAS and VERTREP w/ WALTER S. DIEHL (T-AO-193)
 02JUL13 Aircraft Fire Fighting Drill
 04JUL13 Arrive Changi Naval Base
 08-12JUL13 Fleet and Family Services conduct Return and Reunion
 Workshop
 08-14JUL13 Preventive Maintenance Availability (PMAV)
 12JUL13 Deputy Prime Minister Singapore Visits Ship
 15-26JUL13 CARAT Singapore
 15JUL13 CARAT Singapore Opening Ceremony

19JUL13	Underway from Changi Naval Base
21JUL13	Arrive Changi Naval Base
24JUL13	Underway from Changi Naval Base
25JUL13	Arrive Changi Naval Base
26JUL13	CARAT Singapore Closing Ceremony
26JUL13	Blue Crew Advanced Party Arrives in Singapore
27JUL13	Vice President of the United States Visits Ship
30-01AUG13	Turnover Underway with Blue Crew
07AUG13	CREW turnover
08-09AUG13	Crew returns to San Diego
10AUG13	Annual Surface Warrior Ball
12-23AUG13	Post Deployment Leave Period
04SEP13	COMREL Hot Meals Soup Kitchen
05SEP13	AT Symposium for ATFP Personnel
09-10SEP13	Medical Rapid Refresh
11SEP13	POW/MIA Run
11SEP13	CPO Pinning Ceremony Rehearsal
13SEP13	CPO Pinning at Murphy Canyon Chapel
13SEP13	SUW Det 1 Detach from CREW 102
16SEP13	SUW Det 4/5 Report to CREW 102
16-17SEP13	Medical Rapid Refresh
18SEP13	COMREL Meals on Wheels
19SEP13	CSW Gun Shoot at Camp Pendleton
23-04OCT13	MOB-E Rapid Refresh
25SEP13	Spouses and Command Ombudsman Brief
27SEP13	Command Party at Dave and Busters
30-25OCT13	LTF
05OCT13	Rady's Children's Hospital Seaworld Run/Walk
11OCT13	Navy's Birthday Celebration
12OCT13	238 th Navy Birthday Ball
16OCT13	EMC ██████ Re-enlistment
24OCT13	Hazmat GMT Training
25OCT13	ISIC Nav Check Ride LTF
25OCT13	COMREL Veterans Home Chula Vista Visit
28-30OCT13	Command PRT
28-01NOV13	DC Training/LOK Exam
28-30OCT13	ATTWO Barge Training
31OCT13	AV 1.0/1.1
04-05NOV13	ATFP Gun Qual
06NOV13	RCO Evaluation Trainer
07NOV13	Pre-0414 AVFF Training
08NOV13	USS FREEDOM Birthday Celebration
11NOV13	Veteran's Day Parade
12-14NOV13	AT Rapid Refresh
15NOV13	J-495-0414 Air Capable Ship Helicopter Fire Fighting Evaluation
20NOV13	OC Certification
22NOV13	ATFP low light gun qualification
27NOV14	Safety Stand-Down
27NOV14	MOB-D Rapid Refresh with LCSRON
28-01DEC14	Thanksgiving Leave
06DEC13	BMC ██████ Re-enlistment

09DEC13	Frocking Ceremony for OS3 ██████ and DC3 ██████
10DEC13	AW/SW Misfire Drills on USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3)
10DEC13	FSO-M Certification on USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3)
11DEC13	LCS VT/UAV Demo Conops Discussion C3F
12DEC13	ENC ██████ Re-enlistment
12DEC13	HSM-35 VT/UAV Training on USS FORT WORTH (LCS 3)
13-30DEC13	Holiday Stand-Down
31-01JAN14	Liberty

5. Narrative

FREEDOM underwent a dry docking availability prior to deploying on 01 MAR 2013. Crew turnover was complete prior to schedule in order to facilitate a smooth transition from dry dock while accomplishing engineering and combat systems light off procedures. Within two weeks of exiting dry dock FREEDOM GOLD was ready for deployment. FREEDOM deployed on time with Surface Warfare Detachment ONE and HSM-73 Combat Element ONE embarked. Successfully deploying on time was paramount to executing our nation's global maritime strategy, my crew ensured FREEDOM was ready to meet operational tasking.

Since 01MAR2013, FREEDOM has transited the Pacific Ocean, San Bernardino Strait, Sibuyan Sea, South China Sea, and Strait of Singapore prior to arrival at Changi Naval Base, Republic of Singapore on 18APR2013. FREEDOM had ports of call in Hawaii, Guam, and Manila while in route. My Sailors executed community relations events and ship tours in port in order to execute our Public Affairs mission.

While in transit my crew completed training evolutions to maintain their mission proficiency to include: aviation fire fighting drills, main space fire drills, crew served weapons fire, SNOOPIE training, and Maritime Interdiction Operations evolutions.

FREEDOM spent time pier side in Changi Naval Base conducting Restricted Maintenance and Preventative Maintenance Availabilities in between operational tasking in the South China Sea for IMDEX and CARAT exercises.

Concluding CREW 102's deployment, FREEDOM conducted crew turnover in Sembawang, Singapore. The crew returned to home port and commenced a post deployment leave stand down. The Crew conducted operations from Building 57 from 23AUG13-06JAN14. During this off hull Sailors completed all required rapid refresh training (Medical, ATFP, DC), GMT, SAPR training, attending the Littoral Training Facility and RCO Trainer, conducted small arms gun weapons qualifications and attending J-495-0414 Air Capable Ship Helicopter Fire Fighting Evaluation in preparation for upcoming Aviation Certification.

6. Supporting Reports

None

7. Published Documents

Freedom Sailors Explore Naval Heritage and Arizona Memorial

<http://idrivewarships.wordpress.com/2013/03/18/freedom-sailors-explore-naval-heritage-at-arizona-memorial/>

Fox News

LCS Arrival in Pacific Ocean

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2013/03/28/agile-combat-ship-uss-freedom-debuts-in-pacific-ocean/?test=latestnews>

Navy.mil - USS Freedom Visits Guam During First Pacific Deployment

http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=73030

Pacific Daily News - USS Freedom Visits Guam

<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20130330/NEWS01/303300303/USS-Freedom-visits-Guam-full-power>

Pacific Daily News - Navy's USS Freedom Makes Port of call to Guam

<http://www.GuamPDN.com/apps/pbcs.dll/gallery?Avis=M0&Dato=20130329&Kategori=>

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Pacific News Center - U.S. Navy Littoral Combat Ship USS Freedom Pulls Into Guam's Port (article and video)

http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&i

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KUAM - USS Freedom Ports on Guam (Article and video)

<http://www.kuam.com/global/story.asp?s=21824905>

Navy Sailors Help St. Dominic's Senior Center

<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20130331/NEWS01/303310321/Sailors-bring-cheer-senior-home>

Navy's First Littoral Combat Ship Visits

<http://www.mvguam.com/local/news/28797-navys-first-littoral-combat-ship-visits.html>

USS Freedom Arrives in Singapore for First Rotational Deployment

<http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=119806>

USS Freedom Arrives in Singapore

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20130418/DEFREG02/304180016/USS-Freedom-Arrives-Singapore>

First US Littoral Combat Ship USS Freedom Arrives in Singapore
<http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/singapore/story/first-us-littoral-combat-ship-uss-freedom-arrives-singapore-20130418>

San Diego Based USS Freedom Arrives in Singapore
<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2013/apr/18/san-diego-based-uss-freedom-arrives-singapore-vid/>

SECNAV Visits USS Freedom in Singapore
http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=74065

BBC
USS Freedom Arrives in Singapore as part of US 'Pivot to Asia'
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-22156283>

Reuters
Lockheed-built U.S. Navy ship to arrive in Singapore on Thursday
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/17/singapore-usa-ship-idUSL2N0D31UP20130417>

Defense News
LCS Freedom Arrives in Singapore
<http://blogs.defensenews.com/intercepts/2013/04/lcs-freedom-arrives-in-singapore/>

Stars and Stripes
First Littoral Combat Ship Arrives in Singapore
<http://www.stripes.com/news/navy/first-littoral-combat-ship-arrives-in-singapore-1.217105>

Channel News Asia/AFP
US Warship Arrives in Singapore for Southeast Asian Deployment
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/us-warship-arrives-in-s/642440.html>

Straits Times
First US Littoral Combat Ship USS Freedom Arrives in Singapore
<http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/singapore/story/first-us-littoral-combat-ship-uss-freedom-arrives-singapore-20130418>

CNO Visits USS Freedom
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SECDEF Visits USS Freedom in Singapore
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USS Freedom Brings Littoral Combat Ship Capabilities to CARAT Malaysia
http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=74922

USS Freedom Shines During CARAT Malaysia

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USS Freedom Supports Marine Amphibious Assault Force in CARAT Malaysia

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USS Freedom VBSS Team Trains with Singaporean Coast Guard during CARAT Singapore

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USS Freedom Back in Action After Sidelined by Maintenance Issues

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Navy's Official Statement on LCS Freedom's Latest Power Outage

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Vice President Visits USS Freedom in Singapore

http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=75622

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden in Singapore: On Board the USS Freedom

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USS Freedom Holds Exchange of Command Ceremony in Singapore

http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=75791

USS Freedom Completes Maiden Deployment, Returns to San Diego

<http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lcs1/Pages/USSFFreedomReturnsfromDeployment.aspx>

8. Photographs

a. Ship's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/USSFreedom>

Commanding Officer's Bio:

Commander Timothy Wilke, the son of Donald and Judy Wilke of Chicago, IL, was raised in Schaumburg, Illinois. In 1996 he received a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration and a commission in the United States Navy from Marquette University.

At sea, Commander Wilke's first Division Officer tour was aboard USS RENTZ (FFG 46), homeported out of San Diego, CA, where he served as Ordnance Officer from 1996 - 1998. His second Division Officer tour was aboard USS CHOSIN (CG 65), homeported out of Pearl Harbor, HI, where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant from 1998-2000. From 2001 till 2003 Commander Wilke served as Flag Aide to Commander NIMITZ Battle Group out of San Diego. Commander Wilke's Department Head tours were as Operations Officers on USS DECATUR (DDG 73), from 2003 to 2005, and USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57), from 2005-2006, both out of San Diego. His sea tours included multiple deployments to the Arabian Gulf and Arabian sea supporting United Nations sanctions against Iraq, and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Ashore, Commander Wilke served as the Maintenance Type Desk Officer to Commander Logistics Group Western Pacific in Singapore from 2000 through 2001. In 2006 he attended the Naval War College in Newport RI where he earned a Masters in National Defense Policy, Strategic Studies. Commander Wilke's subsequent tour ashore was as a Future Plans (N5) Staff Officer assigned to the Headquarters Maritime Command Naples Italy, NATO Forces Southern Europe supporting Operation Active Endeavour.

Commander Wilke has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold star, the Navy Achievement Medal with two gold stars, and various unit and campaign awards. He is married to the former Ms. Kelly Kieper of Milwaukee WI and has two children, Gabriel and Eleanor.



Executive Officer's Bio:

CDR Jarrett is a native of Charleston, West Virginia. He earned a commission from the United States Naval Academy in 1996.

Upon completion of graduate education at West Virginia University, CDR Jarrett commenced his first sea assignment in USS VELLA GULF (CG 72) where he served as Strike Officer and Navigator. In VELLA GULF, CDR Jarrett deployed to the Adriatic Sea in support of OPERATION NOBLE ANVIL/ALLIED FORCE, and later to the North Arabian Sea in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM following the attacks of September 11, 2001. As a Division Officer, he earned recognition as the COMNAVSURFLANT Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year for 1999 and 2000.

CDR Jarrett served as Operations Officer in USS ROSS (DDG 71) from 2004 to 2005, again deploying in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He earned recognition as the COMNAVSURFLANT Junior Officer Tactician of the Year in 2004. In 2005, CDR Jarrett commenced his second department head assignment as the commissioning Operations Officer in USS FREEDOM (LCS 1). CDR Jarrett completed the inaugural transit of the Navy's first LCS-class ship from the building yard in Marinette, Wisconsin to Norfolk, Virginia.

Ashore, CDR Jarrett served at Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, RI, where he taught the Fleet's future department heads in the subject of tactics, administration, and leadership.

CDR Jarrett is a graduate of the United States Naval War College. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and service awards.

