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COMMAND HISTORY USS BLACK HAWK (MHC 58)

BLACK HAWK (MHC 58) is the eighth ship in the U. S. Navy's OSPREY Class Coastal Minehunter Program and the third U. S. Navy ship to bear the name. BLACK HAWK's keel was laid on September 3, 1992, and her christening and launching took place on August 27, 1994. MHC 51 Class ships are the world's largest Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) ships and the first U. S. Navy ships designed solely for mine hunting, the technique of locating mines with sonar and neutralizing them with a remotely controlled underwater vehicle. The ship's mission is to clear harbor, coastal and ocean waters of acoustic, magnetic and pressure/contact type mines, utilizing reconnaissance, classification and neutralization tactics. The MHC 51 Class design integrates modern mine countermeasures technology into a uniquely designed platform. The ship is protected during mine hunting operations with an exceptionally low magnetic and acoustic signature.

01-10 JANUARY

BLACK HAWK continued a traditional holiday stand down period.

11-14 JANUARY

BLACK HAWK was underway in the Corpus Christi Operation Area (CCOA) conducting the Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I), providing an opportunity for a thorough inspection of engineering programs conducted by Afloat Training Group Ingleside.

15-24 JANUARY

BLACK HAWK remained underway in the CCOA, commencing Gulf of Mexico Exercise 99-1 (GOMEX 99-1). This exercise focused on advanced mine hunting in a multi-ship environment.

25 JANUARY - 04 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK returned to Naval Station Ingleside to begin an upkeep period.

05 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK's second Commanding Officer, LCDR Mark H. Williams, USN, is relieved of command by LCDR Bradley J. Smith, USN.

07-10 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK underway enroute to Isla de Mujeres, Mexico. During the transit BLACK HAWK continued Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I) conducted by Afloat Training Group Ingleside.

11 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK arrived Isla de Mujeres, Mexico.

11-15 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK enjoyed an extended liberty visit on Isla de Mujeres.

16-21 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK departed Mexico, enroute Ingleside, Texas continuing Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I)

22-26 FEBRUARY

BLACK HAWK returned to Naval Station Ingleside and continued Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I).

27 FEBRUARY - 07 MARCH

BLACK HAWK inport Naval Station Ingleside.

08-12 MARCH

BLACK HAWK completed Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase I (TSTA I).

20-21 MARCH

BLACK HAWK completed reserve training weekend underway in the CCOA.

23 MARCH

BLACK HAWK completed engineering Underway Demonstration (U/D), conducting a high power run, engineering casualty control exercises and a General Quarters drill.

24-29 MARCH

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance upkeep period.

29 MARCH

LT Joe Carilli, USN is relieved as Operations Officer by LTJG Harry Knight Jr., USN.

30 MARCH - 01 APRIL

BLACK HAWK commenced Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase II (TSTA II) underway in the CCOA.

02-12 APRIL

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance upkeep period.

13-14 APRIL

BLACK HAWK underway in CCOA for mine warfare training and Prospective Commanding Officer training ship.

17 APRIL

BLACK HAWK hosted a dependents cruise in CCOA.

20-22 APRIL

BLACK HAWK completed Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase II (TSTA II) underway in CCOA.

23-27 APRIL

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance upkeep period.

28 APRIL

BLACK HAWK successfully completed the Communications Readiness Certification with an overall numerical grade of 97 percent.

30 APRIL

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (PDASN) Josephson visited BLACK HAWK and addressed the crew.

1-14 MAY

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance upkeep period.

15-16 MAY

BLACK HAWK transited to the Port of Corpus Christi, Texas Cargo Dock Four and served as host ship for the annual Corpus Christi Maritime Festival.

18-19 MAY

BLACK HAWK completed Tailored Ship Training Availability Phase III (TSTA III) underway in CCOA..

20-31 MAY

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance upkeep period.

01-02 JUNE

BLACK HAWK finished the Basic Phase of the Inter-deployment Training Cycle (IDTC) by completing the Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) underway in CCOA.

03-07 JUNE

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance upkeep period.

08 JUNE

BLACK HAWK gets underway for a two month East-coast summer cruise.

08-10 JUNE

BLACK HAWK underway enroute to Panama City, Florida.

11-13 JUNE

BLACK HAWK inport Panama City Florida.

14-16 JUNE

BLACK HAWK underway in Panama City Florida Operation Area (PCOA) for mine warfare training. During the training BLACK HAWK completed over fifteen mine neutralization vehicle missions including prosecution of a deep water moored training mine.

17-18 JUNE

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Key West, Florida.

19-21 JUNE

BLACK HAWK inport Key West, Florida.

22-23 JUNE

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

24-26 JUNE

BLACK HAWK inport Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

27 JUNE - 01 JULY

BLACK HAWK underway enroute New Haven, Connecticut.

01-05 JULY

BLACK HAWK conducted port visit in New Haven, Connecticut. During port visit, BLACK HAWK held an Independence Day reception for over

five hundred people including the mayor of the city. Additionally, BLACK HAWK conducted general public ship tours for over one thousand five hundred people.

06-12 JULY

BLACK HAWK conducted port visit at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island. During port visit, BLACK HAWK served as Surface Warfare Officers School training ship, hosting tours for the division officer's course and engineering department head course.

13 JULY

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Naval Station Little Creek, Virginia.

14-16 JULY

BLACK HAWK inport Naval Station Little Creek, Virginia.

17-19 JULY

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Port Everglades, Florida.

20-23 JULY

BLACK HAWK inport Port Everglades, Florida.

24-30 JULY

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

31 JULY

BLACK HAWK arrives Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

01-27 AUGUST

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

28-29 AUGUST

BLACK HAWK conducted reserve weekend training inport.

30 AUGUST - 07 SEPTEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

08 SEPTEMBER

BLACK HAWK completed Electro-magnetic Ranging (EMR) at the Ingleside EMR facility.

09-16 SEPTEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

17-19 SEPTEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted mine laying operations in support of GOMEX 99-1 underway in CCOA.

20-22 SEPTEMBER

BLACK HAWK inport Naval Station Ingleside.

23-29 SEPTEMBER

BLACK HAWK embarked divers from Mobile Destruction and Salvage Unit Two (MDSU 2) and conducted mine recovery operations in support of GOMEX 99-1 underway in CCOA.

30 SEPTEMBER - 16 OCTOBER

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

17 OCTOBER

ENS Spencer Cook reported aboard and assumed duties as Supply Officer.

18-22 OCTOBER

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

23-25 OCTOBER

BLACK HAWK conducted mine warfare training and reserve weekend underway in CCOA.

26 OCTOBER - 12 NOVEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

13-14 NOVEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted reserve weekend inport.

15-19 NOVEMBER

BLACK HAWK underway in CCOA for Squadron Exercise 00-1 (RONEX 00-1). During the exercise BLACK HAWK completed all assigned tasking. BLACK HAWK conducted a tow and be-towed exercise with USS ROBIN and mine hunting, which culminated in the prosecution and neutralization of a MK-6 moored training mine shape. Upon equipment casualties to another

unit Commanding Officer USS BLACK HAWK assumed duties as Officer in Charge of Exercise (OCE).

20-28 NOVEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance and upkeep period.

29 NOVEMBER

BLACK HAWK hosted the Mine Countermeasure Squadron Two (MCMRON 2) junior officer ship handling competition underway in CCOA.

30 NOVEMBER - 01 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK inport Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

02 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Brownsville, Texas.

03-07 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted port visit in Brownsville, Texas. During port visit, BLACK HAWK hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony for over two hundred fifty people including twelve Pearl Harbor survivors. Commanding Officer USS BLACK HAWK had the distinction of providing the keynote address. Additionally, BLACK HAWK conducted general public ship tours for over one five hundred people.

08 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK underway enroute Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

09-10 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK inport Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.

11-12 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted reserve weekend training inport.

13-31 DECEMBER

BLACK HAWK conducted traditional holiday leave and upkeep period.