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D. V. ARMY

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COMNAVSURFLANT (N02L)
COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT

COMMAND COMPOSITION

1. Mission. CAPE ST. GEORGE is a Ticonderoga Class guided missile cruiser, equipped with the most advanced technology and weaponry put to sea. The twin screw, twin rudder, gas-turbine powered, 9,600 ton combatant features the AEGIS Combat System with Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC). The AEGIS system integrates and automates in real time the functions of detection, control, engagement, and command in the three basic warfare modes: Air Warfare (AW), Undersea Warfare (USW), and Surface Warfare (SUW). With its designed mission capabilities, CAPE ST. GEORGE is able to operate effectively in the presence of air, surface, and sub-surface threats.

2. Organizational Structure.

a. CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet under the administrative command of Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT (Rear Admiral John B. Foley, III). Operationally, CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Battle Group (IKEBATGRU) under operational control of Commander, Second Fleet. Operational control of CAPE ST. GEORGE was as follows during 1998:

NUMBERED FLT CDR	Officer-in-Tactical Command(OTC)	Organization	Dates
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	TG 29.6	01 JAN-29 MAR
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT(SURGE FORCE)	TG 29.6	30 MAR-17 JUN
COMSIXTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	TF 60	18 JUN-30 AUG
COMFIFTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU THREE	TF 50	31 AUG-29 OCT
COMFIFTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	TF 50	30 OCT-26 NOV
COMSIXTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	TF 60	27-30 NOV
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT(SURGE FORCE)	TG 29.6	30 NOV-31 DEC

b. The ship's internal organization during deployment and as of 31 December 1998 was as shown in enclosure (2).

3. Units under operational/administrative control. None.

4. Permanent homeport. Norfolk, Virginia.

5. Aircraft assigned. Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare Squadron, Light FOUR SIX (HSL-46) Detachment EIGHT, the Wigsplitters, embarked CAPE ST. GEORGE as follows during 1998:

Dates	Aircraft	Event
02-21 FEB	CUTLASS 460, 464	COMPTUEX 98-3
26 APR-05 MAY	CUTLASS 460, 464	JTFEX 98-2
09 JUN-10 DEC	CUTLASS 460, 464	JTG 98-3 Deployment

USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
1998 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT D. V. ARMY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR M. T. SEDLACEK

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
OSCM(SW) L. V. SCOTTI

EXECUTIVE	COMBAT SYSTEMS	ENGINEERING	OPERATIONS	SUPPLY	WEAPONS	AIR
LCDR SEDLACEK	LCDR GOTHAM	LCDR BORAH	LCDR DIEHL	LCDR MURDOCK	LT COLEMAN	LCDR CELEC
NAVIGATOR (ADMIN OFFICER)	CC	A	OC	S-1	WA	ADMIN
	CE	E	OD	S-2	WO	MAINT.
3MC	CF	MP	OI	S-3	WS	OPS
CMAA	CT	R	OT	S-5		TRAINING
CCC						
SMDR						
CHAPLAIN						
PERSONNEL OFFICER						

USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
1998 CHRONOLOGY

Dates	Event
1 JAN - 1 FEB	Inport, Norfolk, VA (NORVA)
1 - 12 JAN	1997 Holiday Leave and Upkeep, Period 2 (from 29 DEC 97)
6 JAN	IKEBATGRU Warfare Commander's Board (WCB)
12 JAN	Shift to 5-section duty
12 - 16 JAN	Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR)/Technical Assessment Repair, Groom, and Evaluation Team (TARGET)
15 JAN	SLAMEX 12-98
21 JAN	Ammunition Onload
23 JAN	Wardroom Dining Out at Waterside Marriott Hotel, Norfolk, VA (NORVA)
26 - 29 JAN	Install AEGIS Baseline 5.C.Y and CEP v6.04
28 - 29 JAN	Fast Cruise
2 - 21 FEB	Underway, Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) 98-2 Embark CUTLASS 460, 464 from HSL-46 Detachment 8
4 FEB	VERTREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
5 - 6 FEB	Undersea Warfare (USW) CASEX
7 FEB	UNREP w/USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)
8 FEB	VERTREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6) Recovered pieces of downed F-18
8 - 9 FEB	COMIKEBATGRU, RADM S. A. Fry embarked
9 FEB	IKEBATGRU Surface-to-Air Missile Exercise (SAMSLEX); CSG fires three Standard SM-2 missiles against three drones and coordinates entire SAMSLEX for IKEBATGRU. IKEBATGRU ships fire a total of 18 Standard and NATO Sea Sparrow missiles.
10 FEB	FIREX 1. CSG scores 106.33 out of 106.33 at Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF). CSG fires three MK 46 torpedoes.
11 FEB	COMCARGRU FOUR, RADM Bryant, visit

11 - 14 FEB	Carrier Operating Area (CVOA) FOUR Exercise
12 FEB	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6) 5" Qualification Fire CIWS Towed Drone Unit (TDU) Shoot
16 - 18 FEB	Integrated Training Availability (ITA)
18 - 21 FEB	Inport, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown (NWSY)
19 FEB	COMIKEBATGRU, RADM Fry, visit to brief Wardroom and present awards to crew
20 - 21 FEB	CUTLASS 460, 464 debark
23 - 26 FEB	Ammunition Onload, NWSY
27 FEB	Underway, Virginia Capes Operating Area (VCOA)
28 FEB - 26 APR	Inport, NORVA
2 - 4 MAR	CDCS Upgrade
4 MAR	COMCARGRU FOUR COMFIFTHLT Area of Responsibility (AOR) Briefing (CDR Rosequist)
6 MAR	CSG Holiday
2 - 22 MAR	Fleet Maintenance Availability (FMAV) SISCAL
9 - 20 MAR	CSRR Phase 2
24 - 27 MAR	Force Air Defense Course Magazine Inspection
1 - 2 APR	Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) Final Planning Conference
3 APR	Sponsor USS SOUTH CAROLINA (CGN 37) return from deployment
23 - 24 APR	Integrated Warfare Team Trainer
27 APR - 5 MAY	Underway, JTFEX 98-2
6 MAY - 9 JUN	Inport, NORVA
1 JUN	Change of Command; CAPT Denis V. Army relieves CAPT John C. Harvey, Jr.
3 JUN	IKEBATGRU WCB Physical Readiness Test
4 - 5 JUN	CSG Holiday

8 - 9 JUN	Integrated Warfare Team Trainer (Communications/Link)
10 JUN	Underway, JTG 98-3 (IKEBATGRU) deployment Transit, enroute Mediterranean Sea
10 JUN - 10 DEC	IKEBATGRU deployment
12 JUN	CSG 5th Birthday
15 JUN	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
16 JUN	Safety Standdown
19 JUN	Transit Straits of Gibraltar, enroute Adriatic Sea
20 JUN	INCHOP COMISXTHFLT AOR
21 JUN	UNREP w/USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)
22 - 29 JUN	Underway Adriatic Sea ISO Operation DELIBERATE FORGE
23 JUN	UNREP w/USS MERRIMACK (AO 179)
26 JUN	CINCUSNAVEUR, VADM Lopez, visit
27 JUN	UNREP w/USS MERRIMACK (AO 179)
30 JUN	Transit Mediterranean Sea, enroute Golfe Juan, France
2 - 5 JUL	Inport Golfe Juan, France
6 JUL	Transit, enroute Augusta Bay, Italy
8 JUL	Brief Stop for Stores, Augusta Bay, Italy
9 JUL	UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN (T-AO 198)
9 - 16 JUL	Underway Mediterranean Sea ISO Exercise SHAREM 125
13 JUL	UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN (T-AO 198)
17 JUL	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
17 - 19 JUL	Inport, Taormina, Italy
20 - 27 JUL	Underway Mediterranean Sea ISO Exercise MATADOR 98 LIVEX
21 JUL	UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN (T-AO 198)
26 JUL	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
28 JUL	Freedom of Navigation Operation

28 - 30 JUL	Mid-Cycle Assessment
29 JUL	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
31 JUL - 5 AUG	Inport Aksaz Karaagac, Turkey
6 - 12 AUG	Underway Mediterranean Sea ISO Exercise EAGLE ARENA Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Phase 1
8 - 11 AUG	Exercise EAGLE ARENA
9 AUG	Flight Deck Follies Steel Beach Picnic
11 AUG	UNREP w/USNS CONCORD (T-AFS 5) and USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
13 - 18 AUG	Inport, Thira, Greece
19 - 28 AUG	Underway Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas ISO Operation DELIBERATE FORGE
20 AUG	UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN (T-AO 198)
23 AUG	Damage Control Olympics
24 AUG	VERTREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
29 - 30 AUG	Transit Suez Canal, enroute Arabian Gulf
31 AUG	INCHOP COMFIFTHFLT AOR
31 AUG - 8 SEP	Transit, enroute Arabian Gulf
1 SEP	Freedom of Navigation Operation
3 SEP	Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) Djibouti
8 SEP	Transit Strait of Hormuz UNREP w/USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
9 - 13 SEP	Underway, Arabian Gulf ISO Operation SOUTHERN WATCH (OSW)
13 SEP	Anchored, coast of Bahrain
14 - 15 SEP	Inport, Bahrain
16 - 22 SEP	Underway, Arabian Gulf ISO OSW
16 SEP	UNREP w/USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)
23 - 26 SEP	Inport, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
27 SEP	Transit, enroute Gulf of Oman UNREP w/USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)

28 SEP	Transit Strait of Hormuz
28 SEP - 1 OCT	Underway, Gulf of Oman
2 SEP	Transit Strait of Hormuz
2 - 13 OCT	Underway, Arabian Gulf ISO OSW and Maritime Interception Operations (MIO)
8 OCT	UNREP w/USNS NIAGRA FALLS (T-AFS 3) and USS CAMDEN (AOE 2)
13 OCT	UNREP w/USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)
14 - 18 OCT	Inport, Bahrain
15 OCT	Captain's Cup Softball Tournament
19 - 25 OCT	Underway, Arabian Gulf ISO OSW and MIO
25 OCT	UNREP w/USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)
26 - 28 OCT	Inport, Abu Dhabi, UAE
29 OCT - 5 NOV	Underway, Arabian Gulf ISO OSW and MIO
31 OCT	UNREP w/RFA BRAMBLELEAF (A 81)
5 NOV	UNREP w/USNS YUKON (T-AO 202)
6 - 10 NOV	Inport, Dubai, UAE Physical Readiness Test
7 - 10 NOV	International Law Enforcement Games
11 - 18 NOV	Underway, Arabian Gulf ISO OSW and MIO
14 - 16 NOV	Embark media personnel from ABC and Time Magazine
14 - 15 NOV	OPERATION DESERT THUNDER, preparations for strike operations against Iraq
15 NOV	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
18 NOV	Embark media personnel from WAVY-10 television
19 NOV	Transit Strait of Hormuz
19 - 25 NOV	Transit, enroute Suez Canal
20 NOV	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
21 NOV	Ammunition Transfer via VERTREP w/USS DETROIT (AOE 4) Air Defense Commander Turnover w/USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)

24 NOV	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
25 NOV	Battle of Cape St. George Day celebrated Anchored, Port Suez, Egypt
26 NOV	Transit Suez Canal
27 NOV	INCHOP COMSIXTHFLT AOR
27 - 29 NOV	Transit, enroute Strait of Gibraltar
27 NOV	UNREP w/USS PLATTE (AO 186) Safety Standdown
30 NOV	Transit Strait of Gibraltar UNREP w/USNS KANAWHA (T-AO 196) INCHOP COMSECONDFLT AOR
1 - 9 DEC	Transit, enroute NORVA
3 DEC	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6)
6 DEC	UNREP w/USS SUPPLY (AOE 6) Return and Reunion Briefs
7 DEC	BSP, Bermuda Embark Tigers
7 - 10 DEC	Tiger Cruise
9 DEC	UNREP w/USNS LARAMIE (T-AO 203) CUTLASS 460 fly-off
10 DEC	CUTLASS 464 fly-off Arrive, NORVA Debark HSL-46 Detachment 8
10 - 31 DEC	Inport, NORVA
11 - 13 DEC	CSG Holidays
14 - 27 DEC	1998 Holiday Leave and Upkeep, Period 1
28 DEC - 10 JAN	1998 Holiday Leave and Upkeep, Period 2

USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
1998 COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

During 1998, CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained the standard of excellence which has characterized the ship's performance since commissioning. While recent years have seen CAPE ST. GEORGE focused primarily on Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC) development and air defense training, 1998 was a year of operations, centered around EISENHOWER Battle Group's Joint Task Group 98-3 deployment. During deployment, CAPE ST. GEORGE operated in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas and Arabian Gulf, participating in numerous joint and multinational exercises, Operations DELIBERATE FORGE and SOUTHERN WATCH and Maritime Interception Operations.

1998 began and ended in a holiday leave and upkeep period. In between, CAPE ST. GEORGE completed the Interdeployment Training Cycle (IDTC), made final preparations for deployment, and deployed. After leave and upkeep in January, the ship participated in IKEBATGRU's Warfare Commander Board. As Air Defense Commander, CAPE ST. GEORGE was responsible for IKEBATGRU Theater Air and Missile Defense (TAMD). The ship began to make ready for deployment, conducting Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) and Technical Assessment Repair, Groom, and Evaluation Team (TARGET) visits.

In February CAPE ST. GEORGE departed Virginia with the rest of IKEBATGRU for the Puerto Rican Operating Area (PROA) and COMPTUEX 98-2. The Intermediate phase of the IDTC, COMPTUEX challenged and tested the ship and battle group in all warfare areas. As part of COMPTUEX, CAPE ST. GEORGE conducted FIREX 1 at the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Facility (AFWTF) at Vieques Island, Puerto Rico. There, CAPE ST. GEORGE achieved a perfect score: 106.33 out of 106 (extra points were awarded for time). Winners of the James F. Chezek Memorial Gunnery Award in 1996, CAPE ST. GEORGE gunners continued their unmatched tradition of excellence at Vieques, and again won the Chezek Memorial gunnery award for 1998.

As Air Defense Commander, CAPE ST. GEORGE orchestrated a battle group Surface-to-Air Missile Exercise (SAMSLEX), which pitted a variety of anti-ship missile simulating drones against the battle group, who fired a total of 8 Standard SM-2 and NATO Sea Sparrow missiles against these targets. CAPE ST. GEORGE herself fired three SM-2s, achieving success with all three. As CAPE ST. GEORGE proceeded back to homeport with USS ANZIO (CG 68) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) at the end of COMPTUEX, RADM Fry visited the ship to brief the wardroom and award several medals to the crew.

Back in Norfolk, preparations for deployment continued. CAPE ST. GEORGE received a three-week Fleet Maintenance Availability (FMAV) from SIMA, a second phase CSRR visit, as well as numerous briefings and installations. The ship sponsored the return of USS SOUTH CAROLINA (CGN 37) from her final deployment. Changes appeared in the deployment schedule as the original deployment date of 10 June was moved forward and back several times, ultimately settling at 27 April.

On 27 April, the ship departed Norfolk for Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 98-2 and Fleet Battle Experiment CHARLIE (FBE-C). The crew also expected to be departing for deployment, but CAPE ST. GEORGE returned to homeport on 6 May, having successfully completed JTFEX and FBE-C. JTFEX was conducted by Commander, Second Fleet and was designed to test the Battle Group's ability to operate effectively in a joint environment. During the exercise, IKEBATGRU conducted the range of expeditionary missions, from naval presence to simulated combat operations. As Air Defense Commander for IKEBATGRU, CAPE ST. GEORGE directed the Battle Group's ships and aircraft in the defense of the force against all air threats, including aircraft and anti-ship missiles.

FBE-C was a two-phased, concept-based experiment designed by Commander, Second Fleet and the Navy's new Maritime Battle Center. The first phase of FBE-C, focused on future operational capabilities and tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) for force protection through joint, integrated theater air and missile defense (TAMD) capabilities. Phase II, conducted ashore, examined TTP for force protection through network-centric strike operations using modeling and simulations utilizing the Navy Simulation System (NSS).

Shortly after returning from JTFEX, CAPT Denis V. Army assumed command as CAPE ST. GEORGE's fourth Commanding Officer, relieving CAPT John C. Harvey, Jr. during a ceremony held onboard 1 June. CAPT Harvey moved on to duties in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The ship then conducted a Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) leave period through 9 June.

On 10 June 1998, CAPE ST. GEORGE as a member of Joint Task Group 98-3 departed for a six-month deployment. Quickly crossing the Atlantic Ocean, CAPE ST. GEORGE transited the Strait of Gibraltar on 19 June 1998 enroute to the Adriatic Sea. Shortly after joining SIXTH FLEET, CINCUSNAVEUR VADM Lopez visited CAPE ST. GEORGE, welcoming CAPT Army and the crew.

The early part of July provided the crew with well-deserved liberty. A port Visit to Golfe Juan, France for July fourth and a visit to Taormina, Italy afforded an opportunity for relaxation. A few miles down the road from Cannes, home of the international film festival, Golfe Juan offered spectacular beaches, exquisite cuisine and fantastic nightlife. Taormina, a resort town on the coast of Sicily, offered similar fare.

The remainder of July and August would see CAPE ST. GEORGE participate in a number of complex and fast-paced exercises beginning with SHAREM 125. An exercise focused on undersea warfare, SHAREM tested CAPE ST. GEORGE's submarine hunting abilities. Next was Matador '98, a joint, multi-national exercise conducted by Commander SIXTH FLEET in the Tyrrhenian and Ionian seas. Designed to increase multi-national and task force interoperability, Matador brought together a broad cross-section of participants, ranging from an LHA to Air Force F-16's. Each day, the participating NATO forces demonstrated their abilities in a multi-warfare environment. The EISENHOWER Battle Group was subjected to simulated attacks from submarines, surface ships and aircraft. The exercise culminated with CAPE ST. GEORGE providing air defense for a simulated non-combatant evacuation operation of a U.S. embassy. Lastly, CAPE ST. GEORGE

participated in Exercise Eagle Arena, a joint US Navy/Egyptian exercise. As CVW-17 operated with Egyptian F-16's, Mirage F-1's, and Mirage 2000 fighters, CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained Battle Group air defense, deconflicting air space and controlling aircraft.

After a port visit to Thira, Greece CAPE ST. GEORGE returned to the Adriatic and OPERATION DELIBERATE FORGE. Unexpectedly, CG 71 was ordered to the Arabian Gulf. Within days, CAPE ST. GEORGE had transited the Suez Canal for the first time in the ship's history and was operating the FIFTH FLEET area of operations. After several days of operations in the Arabian Gulf, CAPE ST. GEORGE assumed duties a Regional Air Defense Commander and Arabian Gulf Redcrown. CAPE ST. GEORGE was rapidly assimilated into the Pacific-fleet based USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Battle Group's operations. After the departure of the LINCOLN Battle group, CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained the Navy's forward presence and was subsequently joined by fellow EISENHOWER Battle Group ships USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) and USS ARLEIGH BURKE and then later by USS ANZIO in November.

In the Arabian Gulf, CAPE ST. GEORGE participated in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and Maritime Interception Operations (MIO). SOUTHERN WATCH is a joint, multi-national operation conducted to enforce United Nations resolutions against Iraq. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aircraft enforce the no-fly zone, while ships and land-based sensors maintain continuous surveillance over the region.

CAPE ST. GEORGE also conducted Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Security Council Resolution 986 as part of a multi-national force enforcing economic sanctions against Iraq. The multi-national force which has included the forces of 15 different countries, has conducted over 25,800 queries, 11,600 boardings, and 600 diverts of shipping since the operation's inception.

CAPE ST. GEORGE's operations in the Arabian Gulf culminated in OPERATION DESERT THUNDER, the narrowly averted strike operations against Iraq on 14-15 November.

While in the Arabian Gulf, CAPE ST. GEORGE made several port visits. In Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE), the crew participated in the Home Cooked Meal program which brought together American families living in Abu Dhabi with thirty CAPE ST. GEORGE sailors. CAPE ST. GEORGE also visited Dubai, UAE on two occasions. During CAPE ST. GEORGE's second visit to Dubai, the crew participated in the International Law Enforcement Games.

Throughout the deployment, CAPE ST. GEORGE embarked two SH-60B Seahawk helicopters form Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron, Light Four Six (HSL-46) Detachment 8. During deployment the two SH-60B's flew over 300 sorties for over 1,000 flight hours.

On 19 November, CAPE ST. GEORGE commenced her voyage home by transiting the Strait of Hormuz. Enroute to the Suez Canal the ship celebrated the anniversary of the Battle of Cape St. George and then anchored in Port Suez on 25 November to celebrate Thanksgiving.

CAPE ST. GEORGE continued her trip home by transiting the Suez Canal, crossing the Mediterranean Sea and then navigating the Strait of Gibraltar. The ship then set sail for Bermuda in support of Operation Tiger '98,

Operation Tiger '98 was the name given to CAPE ST. GEORGE's tiger cruise form Bermuda to Norfolk VA. CAPE ST. GEORGE embarked over 30 tigers, family and friends of crewmembers, for her return to homeport trip.

On 10 December, CAPE ST. GEORGE returned to her homeport of Norfolk, VA. The remainder of 1998 was spent in a holiday leave and upkeep status.

USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
Command Awards for 1998

Battle Efficiency Award (fifth award)

James F. Chezek Memorial Gunnery Award

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Armed Forces Services Medal

COMNAVSURFLANT Type Commander Ship Safety Award

COMNAVSURFLANT Self-Sufficient Ship of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of FY98.

1998 Fleet Recreation Awards Program

Nominated by COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT for the Atlantic Fleet Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) Excellence Award for Calendar Year 1998.

Nominated by COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT for CNO Annual Ship-Helicopter Safety Award