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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (12) are submitted as the 2002 Command History for USS CURTS (FFG 38).

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Command Mission. USS CURTS (FFG 38) is a guided missile frigate of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class. With current upgrades, the ship is capable of battle group support in undersea warfare (USW), anti-air warfare (AAW), and surface warfare (SUW). To aid in her mission, CURTS carries two SH-60B Anti-Submarine Helicopters, the SQS-56 Sonar/SQR-19 Towed Array and MK 46 Ship Launched Torpedoes. To protect against air and surface threats, CURTS is armed with the Standard Surface-to-Air Missile (SM1) and the Otto-Melara 76mm gun. For close-in defense, CURTS carries the Vulcan Phalanx 20mm Close-In Weapons System (CIWS).

2. Organizational Structure. CURTS was homeported in San Diego, California throughout 2002. Her immediate superior in the administrative chain of command is Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE.

CHRONOLOGY

01JAN	CONTINUE HOLIDAY LEAVE
09JAN	COMPLETE HOLIDAY LEAVE
12JAN	U/W SOCAL OPAREA NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
14JAN	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
15JAN	U/W SOCAL OPAREA TYPE TRAINING
18JAN	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
01FEB	U/W SOCAL OPAREA, ABRAHAM LINCOLN BATTLEGROUP COMTUEX
08FEB	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
09FEB	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
10FEB	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
11FEB	COMMENCE INPORT MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV)
01MAR	COMPLETE INPORT MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV)
04MAR	U/W SOCAL OPAREA FOR DECK LANDING QUALIFICATIONS (DLQS)
05MAR	U/W, COMMENCE TRANSIT TO PUERTO VALLARTA MEXICO
08MAR	INPORT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
12MAR	U/W ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
15MAR	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
16MAR	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
17MAR	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
18MAR	U/W ENROUTE NAVAL STATION SEAL BEACH
	INPORT NAVAL STATION SEAL BEACH
20MAR	U/W ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
21MAR	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
25MAR	COMMENCE SMA LTT
26MAR	COMPLETE SMA LTT
02APR	DEFUELING IN PREPARATION FOR SRA
10APR	COMMENCE SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABLILITY (SRA)
20APR	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
21APR	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
30APR	COMMENCE ENGINEERING LTT
02MAY	COMPLETE ENGINEERING LTT
07MAY	COMMENCE 3M LTT
09MAY	COMPLETE 3M LTT
14MAY	AVIATION LTT
18MAY	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
19MAY	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
20MAY	COMMENCE HARPOON LTT
24MAY	COMPLETE HARPOON LTT
27MAY	COMMENCE ASIR TECH ASSIST
31MAY	COMPLETE ASIR TECH ASSIST
03JUN	COMMENCE 76MM OVERHAUL
06JUN	COMMENCE LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT (LOA)
07JUN	COMPLETE LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT (LOA)
12JUN	COMPLETE SELECTED RESTRICED AVAILABILITY (SRA)
15JUN	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
16JUN	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
18JUN	COMMENCE ASIR
21JUN	COMPLETE ASIR
24JUN	COMMENCE SUPPLY MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT (SMA)
28JUN	COMPLETE SUPPLY MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT (SMA)
29JUN	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
30JUN	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING

05JUL	COMPLETE 76MM OVERHAUL
08JUL	U/W ENROUTE NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH
09JUL	ARRIVE, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH
11JUL	U/W ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
12JUL	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
20JUL	U/W (FAMILY DAY CRUISE)
21JUL	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
03AUG	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
04AUG	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
05AUG	COMMENCE CART II
08AUG	U/W CORTRAMID
09AUG	U/W CORTRAMID
10AUG	INPORT SAN DIEGO
12AUG	CONTINUE CART II
13AUG	COMPLETE CART II
14AUG	COMMENCE TAILORED SHIPS TRAINING ASSESSMENT (TSTA)
	COMMENCE INPORT MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV)
16AUG	CDR LEWIS C. NYGARD IS RELIEVED BY CDR BRYAN T. CARAVEO AS COMMANDING OFFICER, USS CURTS (FFG 38)
19AUG	INPORT TSTA
	COMMENCE ASIR
23AUG	COMPLETE INPORT MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV)
	COMPLETE ASIR
26AUG	U/W ENROUTE SAN FRANCISCO, CA
29AUG	ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO, CA (PORT VISIT)
03SEP	DEPART SAN FRANCISCO, CA ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
06SEP	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
09SEP	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
13SEP	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
14SEP	U/W SOCAL FOR NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
15SEP	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
16SEP	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
23SEP	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
24SEP	MISSILEX
25SEP	MISSILEX
27SEP	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
28SEP	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
30SEP	COMMENCE FORCE PROTECTION EXERCISES 1 AND 2
04OCT	COMPLETE FORCE PROTECTION EXERCISES 1 AND 2
05OCT	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
06OCT	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
07OCT	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
11OCT	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
12OCT	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
19OCT	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
20OCT	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
21OCT	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA AND NAVIGATION CHECK RIDE
25OCT	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
26OCT	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
30OCT	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
01NOV	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
02NOV	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
03NOV	INPORT NAVAL RESEREV TRAINING (NRT)

04NOV	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
06NOV	UNDERWAY DEMONSTRATION
07NOV	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
08NOV	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
12NOV	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
15NOV	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
16NOV	U/W SOCAL FOR NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING (NRT)
17NOV	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
18NOV	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
02DEC	U/W SOCAL FOR TSTA
06DEC	FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM (FEP)
07DEC	FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM (FEP)
	ARRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA
08DEC	INPORT NAVAL RESERVE TRAINING
09DEC	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
14DEC	COMMENCE HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD ONE
27DEC	TURNOVER DAY
28DEC	COMMENCE HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD TWO