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From: Commanding Officer, USS CORMORANT (MHC 57)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY CALENDAR YEAR 2001

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(2) USS CORMORANT (MHC 57) Photograph
(3) Commanding Officer, LCDR G. R. Allen Photograph
(4) Commanding Officer, LCDR G. R. Allen Biography
(5) 2001 TYCOM Surface Ship Safety Award Winners
(6) 2001 CNSL Battle Efficiency Awards and At-Large announcement
(7) CMWC Sea Sailor of the Year announcement

1. Per reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (8) are submitted.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Title and Unit Identification Code: USS CORMORANT (MHC 57) UIC: 21962

b. Mission: The mission of USS CORMORANT (MHC 57), is to detect, classify, and neutralize all known and projected types of influence and contact mines in littoral waters, harbors and bays. CORMORANT may provide navigational assistance to other units in conjunction with mine warfare operations. Secondary mission includes: route surveys, channel conditioning, underwater search, search and rescue operations and the collection of hydrographic/oceanographic data.

c. Organization Structure: Immediate Superior (ISIC)

Commander
Mine Countermeasures Squadron Three
120 Coral Sea Road, Suite W200
Ingleside, TX 78362

d. Commanding Officer: LCDR Glenn R. Allen, USN

e. Homeport: Ingleside, TX

3. Command History.

CY-01 CHRONOLOGY

01-08 JAN HOLIDAY LEAVE & STANDDOWN

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10-11 JAN UNDERWAY CORPUS CHRISTI OPERATION AREA (U/W CCOA) TAILORED
 SHIP TRAINING ASSESSMENT (TSTA III)
 25 JAN VISIT - RADM JOHN B. FOLEY III, COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE
 FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC
 01-02 FEB U/W CCOA CONDUCTING BASIC PHASE ASSESSMENT (BPA)
 17 FEB U/W ENROUTE MOBILE, AL
 21-28 FEB PORT VISIT MARDI GRAS, MOBILE, AL
 28 FEB U/W ENROUTE PANAMA CITY, FL
 02 MAR INPORT PANAMA CITY, FL
 07 MAR U/W PANAMA CITY OPERATION AREA (PCOA)
 SQUADRON EXERCISE (RONEX 01-2)
 12 MAR INPORT PANAMA CITY, FL
 16 MAR U/W PCOA JOINT TASK FORCE EXERCISE (JTTFEX 01-2)
 19 MAR INPORT PANAMA CITY, FL
 22 MAR U/W ENROUTE NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 26 MAR INPORT INGLESIDE, TX
 10 APR NAVOSH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT INSPECTION
 11 APR VISIT - CAPTAIN HANS-JOACHIM STRICKER, GERMAN NAVY,
 COMMANDER, MINE FLOTILLA
 17 APR VISIT - VADM JOHN J. GROSSENBACHER, USN, COMMANDER,
 SUBMARINE FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, COMMANDER,
 SUBMARINES ALLIED COMMAND ATLANTIC
 19 APR RADM JOHN E. BOYINGTON, USN, CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR TRAINING,
 COMMANDER, NAVY REGION SOUTH TEXAS
 23 APR U/W ENROUTE TAMPA, FL
 27 APR - PORT VISIT MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK, TAMPA, FL
 02 MAY
 02 MAY U/W ENROUTE NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 06 MAY INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 14-18 MAY REMOTE SHIP MONITORING SYSTEM TESTING
 22 MAY SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM TRAINING (SRTT)
 05 JUN EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL MOBILE UNIT SIX DET TEN
 (EODMU SIX DET TEN) EMBARKED
 08 JUN U/W CCOA, GULF OF MEXICO EXERCISE (GOMEX 01-2)
 11 JUN INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX PARTICIPATING IN GOMEX 01-2
 12 JUN U/W CCOA, PARTICIPATING IN GOMEX 01-2
 14 JUN INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 15 JUN EODMU SIX DET TEN DISEMBARKED
 18 JUN U/W CCOA MINE WARFARE READINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS MEASURING
 (MIREM 17)
 21 JUN INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 11 JUL U/W CCOA FOR MINE WARFARE (MIW) TRAINING
 12 JUL INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 13 JUL CONDUCTING PRE OVERSEAS MOVEMENT (POM) UPKEEP AND LEAVE
 15 AUG COMMENCED MINE WARFARE READINESS GROUP 4 SIX MONTH
 DEPLOYMENT WINDOW
 17 AUG INPORT ELECTRO-MAGNETIC RANGE (EMR) FACILITY INGLESIDE, TX
 17 AUG INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
 18 AUG INCLINE EXPERIMENT
 23 AUG THE COLOMBIAN COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE 2001 CLASS,
 1 FLAG OFFICER, 2 COLONELS, 37 FIELD GRADE OFFICER, 2 U.S.
 SOUTHERN COMMAND OFFICERS
 30 AUG RADM (RET) JAMES HINKLE, USN, CHAIRMAN, CNO MANNING
 REDUCTION STUDY

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30 AUG VADM ALBERT H. KONETZNI, JR., USN, DEPUTY COMMANDER IN CHIEF/CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET
19 SEP U/W CCOA PERSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER TURNOVER
19 SEP INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
21 SEP CHANGE OF COMMAND, LCDR ALLEN RELIEVED LCDR MUCKLOW AS COMMANDING OFFICER
09 OCT U/W CCOA MIW TRAINING
10 OCT INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
15 OCT UNDERWATER HULL SEARCH COMPLETED
20 OCT U/W CCOA CONDUCTING MINELAY IN SUPPORT OF RONEX 02-1
21 OCT U/W CCOA NAVAL RESERVE WEEKEND AND CONDUCTING SEARCH OPERATIONS FOR OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH (ONR) CHIRP SONAR
22 OCT INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
31 OCT UNDERWATER HULL SEARCH COMPLETED
07 NOV U/W CCOA FOR MIW TRAINING
09 NOV INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX UNDERWATER HULL SEARCH COMPLETED
13 NOV U/W CCOA NAVIGATION CHECK RIDE
15 NOV INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX UNDERWATER HULL SEARCH COMPLETED
03 DEC U/W CCOA MIREM 19
06 DEC INPORT NAVSTA INGLESIDE, TX
31 DEC JOINT TASK FORCE EXERCISE (JTFEX 02-1)

4. Narrative:

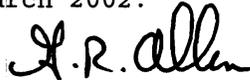
Calendar year 2001 has been a challenging and rewarding year for "The One to Follow". CORMORANT is one of twelve Coastal Minehunter (MHC) class vessels in the U.S. Navy inventory. These ships are designed specifically for hunting sea mines. The MHC design integrates modern mine countermeasures technology with an exceptionally low magnetic and acoustic signature that allows the platform to operate safely in mined waters. The ship is 188 feet long, 36 feet at the beam, has a 12-foot draft and displaces approximately 960 tons. CORMORANT is outfitted with a state of the art SQQ-32 minehunting sonar and an AN/SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization Vehicle. The ship has a crew of 53, including 6 officers and 47 enlisted of which 18 are females.

The year 2001 started with CORMORANT finishing a holiday leave and stand down period until 10 January 2001. After stand down, the CORMORANT was underway to conduct the final phases of the Basic Phased Assessment, which was completed 2 February 2001 with a Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). Subsequently, CORMORANT was inport for an upkeep period until 17 February 2001 until participation in exercise RONEX 01-2 in the Panama City, Florida Area of Operations (PCOA). Upon exercise completion, the crew enjoyed a port visit in the city of Mobile, Alabama, for the annual Mardi Gras celebration. Next, CORMORANT was tasked with participation in exercise JTFEX 01-2 again in PCOA. She completed JTFEX on 22 March 2001 and headed back to Naval Station Ingleside. The next commitment was in support of Military Appreciation Week in Tampa Bay, FL. Exercises GOMEX 01-2 and MIREM 17 soon followed in the Gulf of Mexico from 8-21 June 2001. In the months of July and August 2001, CORMORANT conducted her Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) period prior to the start of Mine Warfare Readiness Group Four deployment window. On 21 September 2001, a change of command was conducted and the helm of CORMORANT was turned over by LCDR Steven Mucklow to LCDR Glenn Allen. On 20 October 2001, CORMORANT was tasked to support Exercise RONEX 02-1 with exercise mine lay

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operations in the Corpus Christi Operations Area (CCOA). During this operation, CORMORANT was also tasked to search for and found a chirp sonar lost by a Naval research vessel in the Gulf of Mexico. Concurrently, an underway Naval Reserve drill weekend was held on board CORMORANT in support of the Naval Reserve Center, Corpus Christi. On 3 December 2001, CORMORANT participated in the exercise MIREM 19 and then prepared for an East Coast transit and departed on 31 December 2001.

Finishing the year in style, CORMORANT earned numerous unit and personal accolades during the Competitive Cycle 2001. The highlights were award of the Maritime Excellence, Command, Control and Communication excellence, Engineering Survivability and TYCOM Ship Safety awards. Additionally, USS CORMORANT was selected as the Commander, Mine Warfare Command (CMWC), At-Large Battle Efficiency winner. Individually, CORMORANT's Independent Duty Hospital Corpsman, HM1(SW/FMF) William J. Burrell, USN, was selected as the CMWC Sea Sailor of the Year. HM1 "Doc" Burrell will compete for the CNSL Sailor of the Year in March 2002.


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