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Encl: (1) USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for Calendar Year 2000
(2) Personal For Messages CY00
(3) Photograph of USS DE WERT
(4) Photograph and Biography of Commanding Officer, CDR T. K. Shannon, USN
(5) 3 1/2 inch Floppy Disk

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.

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1. Command Composition and Organization

UIC 21197

Mission: AAW and ASW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, ELW, and CCC.

Organizational Structure: Naval Surface Group TWO
Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN

Commander: CDR T. K. Shannon, USN

Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, FL

Aircraft: Embarked one (1) SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopter from HSL-43 (00JUL12-00DEC21).

2. Chronology of significant events:

1JAN-5JAN/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
6JAN/	UNDERWAY, ITT SCENARIO MAYPORT OP AREA
7JAN-19JAN/	INPORT MAYPORT,FL
20JAN-28JAN/	CDS-14 GROUP SAIL 2000-JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
21JAN/	LINK 11 OPS, PACFIRE, SURFACE-AIR GUNEX, HELO OPS, CHAFF FIRE
25JAN/	VENOM 500 FLY-ON, EMERGENCY SORTIE, P-3 DEMO
26JAN/	QUICKDRAW, LINK 11 OPS
27JAN/	HELO OPS, FORMATION STEAMING
28JAN-31JAN/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
01FEB/	UNDERWAY, JACKSONVILLE OPAREA: JO SHIP HANDLING DRILLS
02FEB/	BECCES, MAN OVERBOARD DRILL
03FEB-14FEB/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
15FEB-16FEB/	UNDERWAY, JACKSONVILLE OPAREA: BECCES, DTE W/ LEAR, RLQ'S, DLQ'S
17FEB-06MAR/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
07MAR-09MAR/	UNDERWAY, JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
08MAR/	DLQ'S
09MAR-14MAR/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
15MAR/	SHIPHANDLING DRILLS MAYPORT BASIN; XSIT TO SAVANNAH, GA
16MAR-18MAR/	PVST SAVANNAH, GA
18MAR/	UNDERWAY FROM SAVANNAH, XSIT TO HALIFAX, NS
21MAR/	ITT SCENARIO
22MAR-25MAR/	PVST HALIFAX, NS
26MAR/	UNDERWAY, ITT SCENARIO, HELO CRASH ON DECK DRILL
27MAR-30MAR/	INPORT NEWPORT, RI

31MAR/	UNDERWAY, NARRAGANSETT BAY OPAREA W/ 120 SWOS STUDENTS, SMALL BOAT ATTACK, SMALL CAL FIREX, 76MM/CIWS PACFIRE, MOOR, DEBARK STUDENTS, XSIT TO MAYPORT, FL
01APR/	9MM/SHOTGUN QUALS, BECCES
02APR-10APR/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
11APR/	UNDERWAY, FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM (FEP)
12APR/	PERISCOPE SIGHTING, DTE W/ LEAR, HARPOON ENGAGEMENT
13APR-08MAY/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
09MAY/	UNDERWAY FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS: 50 CAL/CIWS PACFIRE
10MAY/	UNDERWAY, JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
11MAY/	WEEK ONE WORK UPS W/ HSL-43 DET 10, MOOR MAYPORT, FL
12MAY/	UNDERWAY FOR JTFEX 00-2 (JACKSONVILLE AND CHERRY POINT OPAREAS)
13MAY-14MAY/	FLIGHT OPS, LEAP FROGS W/ USS JOHN HANCOCK
15MAY/	ANCHOR
16MAY/	RAS W/ USNS LENTHALL
17MAY/	CONREP W/SS CAPE JOHNSON
18MAY/	FLIGHT OPS, SMALL BOAT XFER OF CHAPLAIN BREGEL FROM USS KLAKRING TO USS DE WERT, DETACH JTFEX 00-2
19MAY-29MAY	INPORT MAYPORT, FL
30MAY-11JUN/	UNDERWAY, CDS-14 GROUP SAIL 00-2 (ENROUTE ROOSEVELT ROADS OPAREA)
01JUN-02JUN/	PUBEX, STREAM TACTAS, PACFIRES
03JUN/	MOOR NAVSTA ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR FOR BSF
04JUN-07JUN/	UNDERWAY, ROOSEVELT ROADS OPAREA, GO-FAST TRAINING, PUBEX, PACFIRES
08JUN/	MOOR NAVSTA ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR
09JUN-10JUN/	UNDERWAY FROM NAVSTA ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR, TRANSIT MAYPORT, FL
11JUN/	SAFETY STAND-DOWN, MOOR MAYPORT, FL
12JUN-11JUL/	POM, STAND-DOWN
12JUL/	UNDERWAY, ENROUTE GUANTANAMO BAY, CU, HSL 43 DET 10 FLY-ON
13JUL/	INCHOP SOUTHCOM, 76MM PACFIRE
14JUL/	MOOR GUANTANAMO BAY, CU, TURNOVER WITH USS DOYLE, REFUEL, EMBARK COAST GUARD LAW ENFORCEMENT DETACHMENT
15JUL-16JUL/	UNDERWAY ENROUTE PANAMA CANAL, DLQ'S
17JUL/	TRANSIT TO PANAMA CANAL
18JUL/	LIVE WARNING FIRE TRAINING, TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL
19JUL/	MOOR RON VASCO NUNEZ BALBOA, PANAMA
20JUL/	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC FOR COUNTERNARCOTICS OPERATIONS
21JUL/	BOARD FISHING VESSEL PIKERO

22JUL-24JUL/	PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
25JUL/	PATROL ENROUTE TO MANTA, EC FOR FUEL/PVST
26JUL/	CROSS EQUATOR CEREMONY
27JUL/	REFUEL MANTA, EC; PATROL ENROUTE TO SALINAS, EC FOR PVST
28JUL-29JUL/	PVST SALINAS, EC
30JUL-02AUG/	UNDERWAY EASTERN PACIFIC
03AUG/	BOARD FISHING VESSEL PETER
04AUG/	PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
05AUG-06AUG/	PATROL ENROUTE TO MANTA, EC
07AUG/	INPORT MANTA, EC FOR BSF
08AUG-15AUG/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
16AUG/	PATROL ENROUTE TO TALARA, PE
17AUG-18AUG/	PVST PAITA, PE, REFUEL
19AUG-22AUG/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
23AUG-24AUG/	PATROL ENROUTE TO VNB, PANAMA
25AUG-26AUG/	PVST VNB, PANAMA
27AUG-03SEP/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
02SEP/	CONDUCT ALL SENSOR SEARCH FOR FISHING VESSEL GRAN TAURO
03SEP/	BOARDING OF FISHING VESSEL GRAN TAURO
04SEP/	PATROL ENROUTE TO GOLFITO, CS FOR FUEL
05SEP/	REFUEL GOLFITO, CS
06SEP-7SEP/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
08SEP/	76MM/CIWS PACFIRE
09SEP-11SEP/	COVERT PATROL
12SEP/	BOARD FISHING VESSEL ZITA IVONNE
13SEP-14SEP/	PATROL ENROUTE TO MANTA, EC
15SEP/	REFUEL MANTA, EC
16SEP-18SEP/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
19SEP-20SEP/	ESCORT FISHING VESSEL CAUCANO FOR TURNOVER WITH COLOMBIAN NAVY
21SEP-23SEP/	PATROL ENROUTE VNB, PANAMA, PVST VNB, PANAMA, REFUEL
24SEP/	UNDERWAY, EASTERN PACIFIC, OPERATION DAGGER
25SEP-26SEP/	PATROL IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION DAGGER
27SEP/	CAUGHT 6 SUSPECTS OFF GO-FAST, CONTRABAND; BATTLECAT 20 MEDEVACS INJURED SUSPECT TO BUENAVENTURA, CO NAVAL BASE
28SEP/	CAUGHT SECOND GO-FAST
29SEP/	TRANSFER CONTRABAND TO COLOMBIAN NAVY
20SEP-01OCT/	PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
02OCT/	PATROL ENROUTE TO VNB, PANAMA
03OCT/	REFUEL VNB, PANAMA
04OCT-06OCT/	UNDERWAY, EASTERN PACIFIC
07OCT/	PATROL ENROUTE TO VNB, PANAMA
08OCT/	REFUEL VNB, PANAMA
09OCT/	PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT NORTH

10OCT/	PATROL ENROUTE TO ARUBA
11OCT-12OCT/	PVST ARUBA
13OCT-15OCT/	PATROL ENROUTE TO KEY WEST, FL
16OCT-17OCT/	PVST KEY WEST, FL
18OCT-19OCT/	XSIT TO MAYPORT, FL FOR MID-DEPLOYMENT IMAV, TIGER CRUISE
20OCT-31OCT/	INPORT MAYPORT, FL FOR IMAV
01NOV-04NOV/	UNDERWAY, PATROL ENROUTE TO PANAMA CANAL
05NOV/	PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT SOUTH
06NOV-09NOV/	PVST VNB, PANAMA
10NOV-16NOV/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
17NOV-18NOV/	PATROL ENROUTE TO VNB, PANAMA
19NOV-23NOV/	PVST VNB, PANAMA
24NOV-28NOV/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
28NOV/	BOARD FISHING VESSEL CAPT DONALD
29NOV/	PATROL ENROUTE GOLFITO, CS
30NOV-02DEC/	PVST GOLFITO, CS
03DEC-08DEC/	UNDERWAY, PATROL EASTERN PACIFIC
09DEC/	PATROL ENROUTE TO VNB, PANAMA
10DEC/	REFUEL VNB, PANAMA
11DEC/	TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL NORTH
12DEC-13DEC/	PATROL ENROUTE TO ARUBA
14DEC-15DEC/	PVST ARUBA
16DEC/	PATROL ENROUTE TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CU
17DEC/	REFUEL, TURNOVER W/ USS O'BANNON IN GUANTANAMO BAY, CU
18DEC-19DEC/	TRANSIT TO MAYPORT, FL
20DEC/	HSL 43 DET-10 FLY-OFF TO MAYPORT, FL
21DEC-31DEC/	POST DEPLOYMENT STAND-DOWN

NARRATIVE:

After spending the first five days of the year in port, DE WERT got underway for the first time in the new millennium on January 6th in the Mayport operational area (OPAREA). January 7th through 19th the ship was in port. On January 20 She got underway for LINK11 OPS, PACFIRES, and Group Sail 2000. For the next week She would perform helicopter operations with Venom 500. She also conducted an emergency sortie and observed a P-3 flight demonstration. Towards the end of Group Sail 2000 DE WERT conducted a quickdraw evolution, LINK11 OPS, more Helo Ops, formation steaming, and returned home to Mayport on January 28th.

February 1st and 2nd DE WERT got underway in the local OPAREA and conducted JO ship handling drills, BECCES, and Man Overboard drills. On February 3rd DE WERT returned to Mayport and continued to upkeep the ship. On February 15th, She was underway again in the area to do BECCES, surface/air exercises, and a CMTQ scenario, then moored Mayport on the 16th.

The next few weeks in port the crew cleaned, trained, and drilled, then got underway March 7th through 9th and conducted DLQs. March 3rd through 14th She was in port. On the 15th She was underway to conduct ship handling drills in the local OPAREA and departed for Savannah, GA for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. March 18th the ship departed Savannah, GA and headed for Halifax, Canada. On March 21st the ship practiced ITT scenarios, and Helo Crash on Deck drills. March 22nd through 25th She enjoyed a port visit in Halifax then on the 27th She arrived in Newport, Rhode Island to hold a school ship. March 31st DE WERT got underway with 120 SWOS students and conducted a Small Boat Attack Drill and a Pacfire with the Mk75 76mm gun and the Mk 15 Close-In-Weapons-System (CIWS). The ship then moored, debarked the students, and transited to Mayport.

April 1st the gunner's mates hosted 9mm/shotgun qualifications. April 2nd DE WERT moored in Mayport. April 11th the ship got underway for Final Evaluation Problems (FEP). The 12th of April She practiced periscope sightings, detect to engage drills with a LEAR jet, HARPOON engagements, and moored Mayport. The rest of the month was in port time for cleaning and maintaining.

May 9th DE WERT was back underway for families and friends and conducted a 50 caliber/CIWS Pacfire. May 11th DE WERT began week one work ups (WOWU) with HSL-43 detachment 10 then moored Mayport. May 12th the ship got underway for JTFEX.

May 13th while underway She conducted flight Ops, leapfrogs with USS JOHN HANCOCK, anchored on the 15th, and on the 16th did RAS with USNS LENTHALL. On the 17th the ship performed a CONREP with SS CAPE JOHNSON. On May 18th a small boat transfer of Chaplain Bregel from USS KLAKRING to USS DE WERT was successfully completed.

May 19th DE WERT was back in Mayport. On May 30th the ship got underway for Group Sail 00-2 and on June 1st conducted a tailstream, Pacfires, and publication exercises with other ships in Group Sail.

June 3rd DE WERT moored NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to refuel. The next day She got underway in the area for go-fast training, more publication exercises, and Pacfires. June 8th DE WERT moored NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads and departed on the 9th to make way for Mayport. On June 11th the ship began a Safety Stand-down which continued until deployment.

July 12th DE WERT set sail for a counter drug operations deployment. BATTLECAT 20 from HSL 43 deployed with DE WERT to support the mission. On the 13th the ship headed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba while conducting force protection, humanitarian, and alcohol training along with a 76mm Pacfire. The 14th the ship moored in Guantanamo Bay, CU to turnover with USS DOYLE, refuel, and embark a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment. On the 18th, the crew conducted FLIR and live warning fire training and DE WERT transited the Panama Canal. She moored Ron Vasco Nunez Balboa (VNB), Panama on the 19th.

July 20th the ship was underway in the South Pacific to begin patrols. The first boarding was the fishing vessel Pikero on the 21st. July 26th the ship crossed the Equator and converted 111 Pollywogs to Shellbacks. July 27th the ship refueled in Manta, Ecuador and transited to Salinas for a port visit on the 28th and 29th where She also embarked six midshipmen. July 29th the basketball and softball teams enjoyed competing in friendly games with the local athletes.

On August 3rd, DE WERT boarded fishing vessel Peter. On August 7th the ship refueled in Manta, Ecuador. On August 17th the ship refueled in Talara, Peru and began a port visit in Paita which lasted until the 18th. August 25th and 26th were spent in VNB, Panama for a port visit.

September 1st the ship transited to Golfito, Costa Rica for a fuel stop then on September 2nd performed an all sensor search for fishing vessel Gran Tauro. On September 3rd DE WERT boarded Gran Tauro and on September 5th refueled in Golfito, Costa Rica. On September 8th the ship conducted 76mm/CIWS Pacfires. On September 12th DE WERT boarded fishing vessel Zita Ivonne. On September 15th DE WERT refueled in Manta, Ecuador and continued patrolling. On September 19th the ship escorted fishing vessel Caucano toward the Colombian coast and on the 20th rendezvoused with the Colombian Navy's Admirante Padilla for handoff of Caucano.

On September 21st through 24th DE WERT enjoyed a port visit in VNB Panama and on the 25th and 26th of September participated in Operation DAGGER. On September 27TH DE WERT seized a go fast with six passengers and contraband. The ship had to medically evacuate one of the suspects to a hospital in Buenaventura, CO for a fractured bone.

The next day on September 28th, DE WERT caught its second go-fast. She would transfer the contraband to the Colombian Navy on the 29th of September.

On October 3rd, DE WERT refueled in VNB Panama and continued to patrol. October 8th She transited toward the Panama Canal where She refueled again in VNB and transited north on the 9th of October. October 11 and 12 DE WERT had a port visit in Aruba and then October 16th and 17th had a port visit in Key West, FL where She also picked up Tigers to ride back to Mayport. DE WERT arrived in Mayport October 20th and remained for IMAV until October 31st.

November 1st through the 4th the ship transited to Panama for a southern canal transit on the 5th. November 6th through 9th the ship enjoyed a port visit in VNB, Panama. After patrolling the 10th through the 16th, DE WERT made her way back towards Panama on the 17th. November 19th through 23rd the crew celebrated Thanksgiving in Panama by roasting turkeys and enjoying the MS's cooking.

November 24th through 28th She was on patrol and boarded Capt Donald on the 28th. She then transited to Golfito, Costa Rica for a port visit from November 30th until December 2nd.

December 10th DE WERT refueled in VNB, Panama and transited the Panama Canal north on December 11th. December 14th and 15th the crew had an excellent port visit in Aruba and on December 17th the ship refueled and turned over with USS O'BANNON at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

December 18th She headed for Mayport, FL. December 20th, BATTLECAT 20 departed. DE WERT arrived at homeport December 21st to conclude a very successful Counter Drug Deployment. The remainder of the year was dedicated to holiday leave and stand-down.