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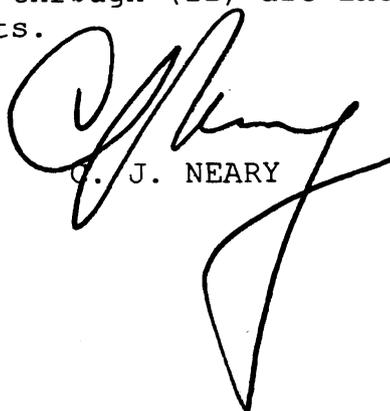
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history of USS ELROD (FFG 55) for the calendar year 2001 is forwarded. Enclosures (1) through (11) are included to highlight significant events.


G. J. NEARY

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS ELROD (FFG 55) is an OLIVER HAZARD PERRY-Class Guided Missile Frigate. Originally designed for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) duties, ELROD has been highly successful in conducting Maritime Interception, Drug Interdiction Operations, and Search and Rescue (SAR) missions.

ELROD is armed with Mk 46 anti-submarine torpedoes, Harpoon surface-to-surface cruise missiles, SM1 (MR) surface-to-air missiles, a Mk 75 automatic, rapid-fire 76mm gun, and 25mm chain guns. Weapons, sensors, and control systems include: Mk 32 Surface Vessel Torpedo Tubes (SVTT), Mk 13 Guided Missile Launching System (GMLS), Mk 15 Mod 11 Block 1B Close In Weapons System (CIWS), AN/SYS-2 Integrated Air Detection System (IADS), Mk 92 Mod 6 Coherent Receiver Transmitter (CORT) Fire Control System, AN/SLQ-32(V)5 Electronic Warfare Suite, which includes the AN/SQQ-28 Sonobouy Processor, and the SH-60 LAMPS Mk III Helicopter.

ELROD's complement includes 27 officers and 208 crewmembers. ELROD is home ported at Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia, and is under the command of Commander Charles J. Neary. ELROD's immediate senior in command is Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO EIGHT.

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**USS ELROD (FFG 55)
2001 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

JANUARY

01-15 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
16 U/W, IN TRANSIT TO VACAPES OPERATING AREA
17 ANCHORED AT OUTER BANKS, NC
18 U/W, IN TRANSIT TO NORFOLK, VA
19-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

FEBRUARY

1 U/W, CHANGED PIERS
2-11 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
12-16 U/W, VACAPES OPERATING AREA
17-28 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
26 VICE ADMIRAL MAYO VISITS USS ELROD

MARCH

1-11 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
12-18 U/W, WITH USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA
19-21 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
22-30 U/W, GROUP SAIL, VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA
31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

APRIL

1-24 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
11 RADM FITZGERALD VISITS USS ELROD
25-30 U/W, GROUP SAIL
29 U/W, IN TRANSIT TO MAYPORT, FL

MAY

1-2 U/W, JACKSONVILLE, FL OPERATING AREA
2 TOWEX WITH USS RAMAGE
3 U/W, IN TRANSIT TO FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
3-4 INPORT FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (NAVY DAYS)
5 U/W, FORT LAUDERDALE SEA AND AIR SHOW
6 INPORT FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
7 U/W, DEPENDANT DAY CRUISE
8-9 U/W, IN TRANSIT TO NORFOLK, VA
10-20 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

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21 U/W, IN TRANSIT TO NAVAL WEAPONS STATION,
YORKTOWN, VA
22 INPORT YORKTOWN, VA
23-30 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
31 U/W, COMPTUEX

JUNE

1-7 U/W, COMPTUEX, IN TRANSIT TO ST JOHN, VIRGIN
ISLANDS
8-11 INPORT ST JOHN, VIRGIN ISLANDS
12-30 U/W, COMPTUEX, IN TRANSIT TO NORFOLK, VA
14 ADMIRAL CALHOUN VISITS USS ELROD
16 COMMODORE QUINN VISITS USS ELROD FOR AWARDS
CEREMONY

JULY

1 U/W, COMPTUEX, IN TRANSIT TO NORFOLK, VA
2 ADMIRAL FITZGERALD VISITS USS ELROD
2-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

AUGUST

1-18 U/W, JTFEX
12 MIO OPERATIONS, VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA
15-17 PLANE GUARD OPERATIONS WITH USS THEODORE
ROOSEVELT
19-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

SEPTEMBER

1-18 INPORT NORFOLK, VA
19-30 U/W, DEPLOYMENT
28 ADMIRAL FITZGERALD VISITS USS ELROD
30 USS ELROD DETACHES USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT BATTLE
GROUP

OCTOBER

1-24 U/W, DEPLOYMENT
2 TURNOVER WITH USS GONZALEZ
ENTER STANDING NAVAL FORCES MEDITERRANEAN (SNFM)
6 SNFM COMMODORE SOMERVILLE VISITS USS ELROD
13 CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY CELEBRATING US NAVY 226TH
BIRTHDAY
16-17 SAFETY STAND DOWN

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18 AWARDS CEREMONY FOR CREW
23 COMMODORE SOMERVILLE VISITS USS ELROD
25-28 INPORT SOUDA BAY, CRETE
29-31 U/W, DEPLOYMENT, SNFM

NOVEMBER

1-25 U/W, DEPLOYMENT
6-20 JOINED BLUE FORCES IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL
TRAINING COMTINUUM
25-29 INPORT SOUDA BAY, CRETE
30 U/W, DEPLOYMENT, SNFM

DECEMBER

1-16 U/W, DEPLOYMENT,
14 FROCKING AND AWARDS CEREMONY
17-24 INPORT LA MADDELANA, ITALY
25-28 U/W, DEPLOYMENT
26-28 COORDINATED ASW EXERCISES
29-31 INPORT AKSAZ, TURKEY

2001 NARRATIVE

During the first months of 2001, USS ELROD concentrated on training the crew and preparing for the upcoming deployment. In January, ELROD traveled to the Virginia Operating Area for a chance to get underway as a single ship to run drills and welcome the crew back after holiday leave. February brought a short underway period for similar reasons as well as a visit from Vice Admiral Mayo, for a demonstration of the Naval Tactical Command Support System II (NTCSS II). In March and April, ELROD began operating with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group. This provided the opportunity to run exercises and preparation for the deployment in September, while staying in the VACAPES Operating Area. ELROD performed DIVTACS and "Leap Frog" maneuvers with the PETERSON and ROSS, which provided an excellent training opportunity for Junior Officers. Rear Admiral Fitzgerald (TRBATGRU) made a visit on board ELROD during the inport period between the exercises.

Broward County Navy Days was a large undertaking as ELROD sailed to Fort Lauderdale, FL with selected ships from the Battle Group, to enjoy the festivities and offer tours for the citizens of Florida. A group of JROTC students from Coral Springs High School visited ELROD for a tour and discussion of ELROD's capabilities. In an effort to show the Florida residents the capabilities of the U.S. Navy, a Sea and Air Show was performed for all to see. Many of ELROD's Sailors participated in the Cleveland Clinic 5K run while in Broward County. On the way back from Florida, from May 7th to May 9th, ELROD's Sailors took advantage of an opportunity to bring male family members onboard for a Tiger Cruise. This cruise provided certain family members of the crew a unique opportunity to see first hand what ELROD does and how the ship operates.

After returning from the Sunshine State, it was time to focus on the approaching deployment. ELROD went underway for a short period to take on weapons at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. After a week of final preparations, ELROD and the Battle Group got underway to complete the COMPTUEX. While heading south along the Atlantic Coast, ELROD visited Saint John, U.S. Virgin Islands. The crew enjoyed four beautiful days of liberty, taking tours, snorkeling, and shopping in the Virgin Islands. After completing the

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exercises, ELROD headed north up the East Coast and back to Norfolk, VA. But before ELROD returned to homeport, ADM Calhoun (COMCARGRU FOUR), Commodore Quinn (COMDESRON TWO EIGHT), and RADM Fitzgerald (COMTRBATGRU) visited to express his gratitude for their efforts during COMPTUEX.

August left one final underway period prior to the deployment to run drills and work with the other ships in the Battle Group. During JTFEX, ELROD performed DIVTACS, MIO Operations and plane guard duties for THEODORE ROOSEVELT. September brought deployment and the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. Once in the Mediterranean Sea ELROD detached from the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group and entered into STANDING NAVAL FORCES MEDITERRANEAN (SNFM). ELROD relieved GONZALEZ as the U.S. representative to SNFM and joined NATO in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Direct Endeavor.

Once joined with SNFM, ELROD became an integral part of the Force by participating in exercises and drills with ships from Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Greece. ELROD visited the ports of Souda Bay, Crete, La Maddelana, Italy and Marmaris, Turkey. ELROD performed numerous underway replenishments with ships such as USS DETROIT, FGS RHOEN, USNS SIRIUS, USNS LEROY GRUMMAN, TCG ALIAKMON, TCG AKAR, USNS JOHN LENTHALL, ITS STROMBOLI, HNLMS AMSTERDAM, and USNS KANAWHA.

ELROD received the following awards during the year 2001: TYCOM Surface Ship Safety Award, Maritime Warfare Excellence Award, Engineering Survivability Excellence Award, Command and Control Excellence Award, Logistic Management Excellence Award, and the Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic Fleet BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD.

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