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USS HUÉ CITY (CG 66)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1992

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I. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Command Mission Statement.

(1) The mission of HUÉ CITY is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of a carrier battle group or amphibious assault group. HUÉ CITY has been designed to defend against coordinated saturation attacks involving enemy surface ships, submarines, aircraft, and missiles; and engage in offensive actions against the enemy through employment of long range anti-shipping missiles,and land attack missiles, and naval gunfire.

(2) USS HUÉ CITY is the twentieth of the Ticonderoga Class cruisers. The Aegis Weapons System is a significant advance in fleet air defense, with capability to counter all current and projected threats to the United States Navy's battle force. The Aegis Weapon System can rapidly fire and put in flight, more missiles with greater accuracy than any other combat system.

(3) With the Aegis computer controlled combat system that includes the SPY-1B Radar System, Vertical Launching System, and Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Systems (LAMPS MK III), USS HUÉ CITY is one of the world's most capable surface combatants.

b. Command Organization Structure:

(1) ISIC - Commander, Carrier Group Eight
(2) Commanding Officer - Captain Thomas I. Eubanks, USN
(3) Executive Officer - Commander Richard W. Bump, USN
(4) Navigator - Lieutenant Michael P. Beavers, USN
(5) Administrative Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade Ricardo Rojo, USN
(6) Operations Officer - Lieutenant Steven A. Lott, USN
(7) Combat Information Center Officer - Lieutenant Mitchell D. Kaas, USN
(8) OI Division - Ensign Bart B. Larocca, USN
(9) Communications Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade John J. Lynch, USN
(10) Electronic Warfare Officer - Chief Warrant Officer Michael R. Longoria, USN
(11) First Lieutenant - Lieutenant Junior Grade Craig R. Murphy, USN
(12) Combat System Officer - Lieutenant Robert S. Gradel, USN
(13) Fire Control Officer - Lieutenant Patrick O. Shea, USN
(14) Electronic Maintenance Officer - Lieutenant George L. Herndon, USN
(15) Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade Darwin E. Kroll, USN
(16) Gunnery Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade Brian D. Connon, USN
(17) System Test Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade Armor J. Fair, USN
(18) Weapons Control Officer - Lieutenant Matthew J. Garten, USN
(19) Strike/Missiles Officer - Lieutenant Timothy G. Rohrer, USN
(20) Fire Control Assistant - Lieutenant Matthew G. Scarlett, USN
(21) Chief Engineer - Lieutenant Commander David G. Gamble, USN
(22) Damage Control Assistant - Lieutenant Junior Grade John R. Pfeiffer, USN
(23) Main Propulsion Assistant - Lieutenant Junior Grade Timothy R. Steadman, USNR
(24) Auxiliary Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade Ian T. Hadden, USN
(25) Electrical Officer - Chief Warrant Officer Ronald D. Montgomery, USN
(26) Supply Officer - Lieutenant Commander Danny R. Grenier, USN
(27) Disbursing Officer - Lieutenant Robert J. Killius, USN
(28) Food Service Officer - Lieutenant Junior Grade Dale C. Moore, USN
(29) Assistant Hazardous Material Officer - LTJG Daren R. Mealer, USNR
(30) Command Master Chief - MACM(SW) Johnny F. Long, USN

II. Chronological Listing of Major Events

January 1992

6-9	Corrosion Control Survey
10-13	UPK Mayport
14	JAX OP AREA: ISE
	HELO Quals
	SUB-SVCS-CSS26
15	SVCS CSSW-1 (JFK)
16	DMSRR
	EMB HSL DTMD
17-20	SVCS DDG-51 OPEVAL
21-31	RFT GTMO

February 1992

1-16	RFT GTMO
17	Arrive Mayport
18	IPT Mayport
19-20	CSSW-1 LINEX/WASEX HSL-40 RLQ'S
21	CHSCW-3 H-60 RLQ's
22-24	UPK Mayport
25-26	U/W (OPPE PREPS)
26-28	ASU-6/8-SF Gunshoot
27-28	PSA Planning Conference
27-28	Pre-PSA Ascopt
27	SQRX 15-92
27-29	UPK Mayport

March 1992

1	UPK Mayport
2	UPK Mayport
3-4	OPPE Preps U/W
5-9	UPK Mayport
10-12	OPPE U/W
13-15	IMAV SIMA Mayport
16	COMM Assessment Meeting
	SIMA Pre-Arrival Conference
17	SVCS CHSCW-1H3
	DLQQ'S FCT Rehearsal
17-19	OFFLOAD CHASN
20	Arrive Mayport
21-22	PRE-FCT: Mayport
	NROTC Visit
23	SGLI Field Change Installation
24-30	Inport Mayport
30	Final Contract Trail
31	Underway JAXOA

April 1992

1-3	Final Contract Trials
1-5	Inport Mayport
1-16	Inport Mayport
	4FCT Card Screen
6-10	ISAT Visit
8	Pre-PSA QA Training
8-10	SQRX 21-92 (IUT)
17-19	U/W Pascagoula
20	Arrive Pascagoula (Ingalls Commence PSA)
21-30	PSA
	Concurrent IMAV SIMA Mayport

May 1992

1-30	PSA
7	Air SVCS MTNG (CHSCW-3)
8-10	Support System Online
15	System Light Off Leave Drydock
21	SQRX 26-92 (IUT)
26	JOTS II Installation
28	SQRX 27-92 (IUT)

June 1992

1-30	PSA
	Aviation Tech Assist
1-5	Harpoon Training
1-3	CAEWWS Training
1-16	JOTS II Installation
7	Move Board
8	Baseline 4.2 Program Load
8-12	NGFS Team Training
15	AVCERT
19	Fast Cruise
22	PSA Sea Trials (U/W AM)
29	End Warranty/Guarantee Period
	Enroute: Mayport

July 1992

1	Enroute: Mayport
2	Arrive Mayport
3-5	Holiday - Inport
6-7	Enroute - Nassau
8-11	Inport - Nassau
12	Enroute - Mayport
13	Arrive - Mayport
13-19	Upkeep
13-17	CSRR
20-21	Enroute Yorktown
22	Arrive Yorktown
22-24	Ammo Onload
24	Depart Yorktown
	Arrive Annapolis
25-26	Port Visit Annapolis
27-28	U/W Vandalex
29-30	Inport Norfolk
31	U/W GTMO

August 1992

1-2	Enroute GTMO
3	ARR: GTMO Embark CCG-8 Load Stores
	Embark CCG-8
	Load Stores
4-29	U/W Counter Drug Operations
17	BSF: CURACAO
20	SLAMEX 37-92
25	TYCOMMEX
30-31	Inport Roosevelt Roads
30	EW SVCS Flagship Turnover

September 1992

1	NGFS Qualifications
	Spotter Services
2-3	U/W Enroute Mayport
4	Arrive Mayport
6-29	Upkeep
8-18	IMAV SIMA Mayport
14-17	NWAT
14-18	Hull Inspection NWAT
14-18	ULQ-13 VAN
16-17	ISAT ASSIST
18	CMS ASSIST
19	Ship's Birthday Party
20	Reserve Training
21	CMTQT Assist (1)
	LMS 11 Training
21-25	Cableway Inspection
28	Sonar Dome Air Testing
29	Ammo Onload
	Fast Cruise

Berth Shift
Chop C2F OPCON

October 1992

1-4	U/W JAXOA
5	Arrive Mayport
5-9	TMA Team Training
9-12	U/W OPS W/CVN-71
13-17	Port Visit: Port Everglades
	ASWC CSE
18	Enroute Mayport
19	Arrive Mayport
19-23	ASUW CSE
	NGFS Team Trainer
19-30	ATM Installation
26-30	AAW CSE
26-30	CMTQT Assist
29-31	Embark Reservists

November 1992

1-13	Upkeep Mayport
	Pre-SRA SLQ-32 Test
1-6	On site Calibration
1-12	ISMS Install
2	TWCS/C&D Training
	U/W Hull Cleaning
	NGFSTT (Onboard)
4-6	CMTQ Assist
9	SLAMEX
	NTDS Longlook
10	ASW Pre-Sail Teleconference
16-17	WOWU
16-30	U/W COMPUTEX 2093
19-22	ASWEX
23	TASM
24	SAMEX
25-27	Port Visit: St Barts

December 1992

1-8	U/W COMPUTEX 2-93
9	Arrive Mayport
10	SLAMEX 7-93 (IUT)
12	Christmas Party
13-31	SIMA Availability

VANDALEX 1992

USS HUE CITY engaged and gained a direct hit on a sea skimming missile at less than 10 miles. The shot from HUE CITY was a single salvo from the forward MK-41 VLS launcher, which is kept in impeccable condition by the HUE CITY's expert VLS technicians (led by GMC(SW) Stan Pruemer) of CM Division.

NWAI 1992

A Technical Assist Visit (TAV) was held on board HUE CITY to assist the ship in readying for the upcoming NWAI (Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection). Responsibility for safety and security of nuclear weapons on board ship is an all hands responsibility. The main focus of the TAV is to check the security procedures that the ship has in place in dealing with nuclear weapons, and security procedures designed to secure the same spaces in the event unauthorized access to nuclear weapons is gained. Buffer Zones were established into exclusion areas, security was set in accordance with established directives, and a security alert drill was conducted. So flawlessly were the above listed tasks performed, that the Technical Assist Visit was turned into a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection, and the HUE CITY was officially certified to handle Nuclear Weapons. She was promptly decertified a month later when the Nuclear Weapons Program of the cruiser navy was stood down. C'est la vie. The success of the inspection was credited to the ship as a whole, which acted as a team to get the job done...and that job was extremely well done. Some special recognition was given to the Guard Force, Security Supervisor and team, along with Combat Systems Duty Officer, LTJG Connon, and the Weapons Officer, LT Gradel.

OTL-151 1992

Tomahawk exercises and drills paid off when USS HUE CITY took part in a joint Tomahawk anti-ship firing exercise with the USS NORFOLK. The target was the USCG Ex-Evergreen and the objective, which was met, was a perfect hit with the exercise TASM. This was HUE CITY's first live firing of an anti-ship cruise missile. The TOMAHAWK technicians and operators (led by FCC(SW) Jim Salter) eagerly awaited their time in the limelight. With missile alignment complete, the salvo alarm was sounded and ventilation was secured. Seconds after the Launch Control Operator pressed the button, the large missile lifted from the forward VLS and began its long journey to the target.

SHIPALT 365K (SSES EQUIPMENT UPGRADE)

SHIPALT 365K (SSES Equipment Upgrade) completed by NAVELEXCEN Charleston and TDS Corporation. Included 2-bay Local Monitoring Suite (LMS), 2 UHF/VHF antennas and the MD-103/MAXIM RDF antennas and the MD-103/MAXIM RDF antenna and receiver unit.

HUE CITY'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

On September 19, 1992, the HUE CITY celebrated 1 year in commission. Family and friends turned out for the celebration. The command sponsored a picnic for the celebration.

FIRST ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE

In July, EMC Searcy and OS2 Haponsthal were the first to become Enlisted Surface Warfare Qualified in USS HUE CITY.

FIRST SUFACE WARFARE OFFICER

In November, LT French became the HUE CITY's first officer to qualify as a Surface Warfare Officer.