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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAWES (FFG-53)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard, Washington  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1988 (REPORT OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) HAWES Welcome Aboard pamphlet and Commanding Officers Biography  
(2) Ships Picture  
(3) Commanding Officers Photograph  
(4) Executive Officers Photograph  
(5) Engineering Mobile Training Team Report  
(6) COMDESRON SIX NOTICE 5040 dtd 9 Mar 88, Command Inspection Report

of USS HAWES

(7) COMDESRON SIX ltr dtd 21 Apr 88, Supply Management Inspection  
report of USS HAWES

(8) Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic Fleet ltr dtd 30 March  
1988

(9) Engineering Mobile Training Team Visit Report

(10) COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA 021514Z MAY 88, 1988 Mission Area

Awards Results

(11) USS HAWES 041312Z MAY 88, Combat Systems Assessment of USS HAWES

(12) COMCRUDESGRU TWO 051457Z MAY 88, Combat Systems Assessment of  
USS HAWES

(13) COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA 071504Z MAY 88, Combat Systems

Assessment of USS HAWES

(14) Chief of Naval Operations Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Systems  
Ships Safety Award

(15) COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLD VA 091606Z MAY 88, LAMPS MKIII CNO Safety  
Award

(16) Bowhook article dtd 10 June 88, LAMPS MKIII AWARDED

(17) COMFLETRAGRU GUANTANAMO BAY CU 301222Z JUN 88, End of Training  
Report for USS HAWES

(18) Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet ltr dtd 20 Jul 1988, ser:  
N4P/005300, USS HAWES Operational Propulsion Plant Examination  
(OPPE)

(19) TARTAR Missile Firing Report, NAVSEA Report 8810-2

(20) USS HAWES 160134Z JUL 88, Torpedo MK46 Rapid Feedback Firing  
Report

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- (21) USS HAWES 160135Z JUL 88, Torpedo MK46 Rapid Feedback Firing Report
- (22) AFWTF ROOSEVELT ROADS RQ 251032Z JUL 88, Torpedo MK46 Rapid Feedback Firing Report
- (23) AFWTF ROOSEVELT ROADS RQ 292132Z JUL 88, Torpedo Post Run Turnaround Data
- (24) COMDESRON SIX 272000Z JUL 88, Combat Systems Assessment of USS HAWES
- (25) American Red Cross ltr dtd 03 August 1988
- (26) Senior Member Board of Inspection and Survey Atlantic, ltr dtd 1 Sep 88, ser C2145, Underway Material Inspection of USS HAWES
- (27) COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLD WA 050137Z OCT 88, CSRR Report
- (28) COMDESRON SIX ltr dtd 2 Dec 88 ser CDS6N5/586, Cruise Missile Certification Report
- (29) Engineering Mobile Training Team Visit Report
- (30) COMDESRON SIX 071650Z OCT 88, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- (31) COMDESRON SIX 111300Z OCT 88, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- (32) COMDESRON TWO SIX 271211Z OCT 88, MEF 1-89 Deployment Training
- (33) USS HAWES 170147Z OCT 88, Torpedo MK46 Rapid Feedback Firing Report
- (34) AFWTF ROOSEVELT ROADS RQ 231932Z NOV 88, Torpedo MK46 Post Run Turnaround Data
- (35) TARTAR Missile Firing Report NAVSEA 8810-2
- (36) TARTAR Missile Firing Report NAVSEA 8810-2
- (37) Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet, ltr dtd 08 Dec 1988, ser N020-008489, USS HAWES Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)
- (38) Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet, ltr dtd 02 Dec 1988, ser N020-008379, USS HAWES Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)
- (39) COMDESRON SIX 091418Z DEC 88, Combined Federal Campaign
- (40) USS HAWES ltr dtd 14 Mar 88, Battle Efficiency Competition
- (41) USS HAWES ltr dtd 15 Mar 89, Ships Characteristics Cards

1. (U) The following Command History is submitted in accordance with reference (a):

a. (U) Command Composition and Organization

- (1) Mission: USS HAWES primary missions are AAW, ASUW, AND ASW.
- (2) Immediate senior in command: COMDESRON SIX
- (3) Name of Commanding Officer: James W. Speer, Commander, USN.
- (4) Homeport: Charleston Naval Station, Charleston, South Carolina.
- (5) Type and number of aircraft: Hawes is normally assigned a two aircraft detachment of SH-60B LAMPS MKIII helicopters, Callsigns Magnum 442

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and 446. Aircraft and crew form Detachment One of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 44.

b. (C) Chronology:

(1) January:

1-4: Holiday leave period continues.

5: SMI assist visit.

5-8: GIMTT - underway Charleston Oparea. (enclosure (5))

19Jan-9Feb: MK92 FCS/GMLS Ordalt verification visit and IMAV.

19-30: SRA preparations, Command Inspection preparation.

(2) February:

1-5: Surface Warfare Training Week.

9: HAWES THIRD BIRTHDAY.

10-12: Major ammunition offload at Charleston Naval Weapons Station in preparation for SRA.

15Feb-8Apr: SRA

(3) March:

2: CAS antenna removed for overhaul.

3: CMS assist visit.

22-24: CINCLANFLT Command Inspection and Supply Management Inspection. (enclosure (6), (7), (8))

31: LCDR Broughton relieves LCDR McHenry as Executive Officer.

(4) April:

4-8: Surface Warfare Training Week.

4-8: Combat Systems weapons alignment.

18-19: Training Readiness Evaluation.

20: Major weapons onload Charleston Naval Weapons Station.

21-22: Sea trials Charleston Oparea.

25-29: GIMTT - underway Charleston Oparea. (enclosure (9))

(5) May:

2: USS HAWES receives Mission Area Awards. (enclosure (10))

3-4: Combat Systems assessment. (enclosure (11), (12), (13))

3: USS HAWES and HSL 44 Det One receive the Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS MKIII Safety Award. (enclosure (14), (15))

9-13: 20B5 Combat Systems Team Trainer Successfully completed.

18: LAMPS Safety Award presented by RADM Milligan COMGRUDESGRU TWO during awards ceremony onboard USS HAWES. (enclosure (16))

20: Underway for refresher training GIMO. HSL 44 DET ONE embarks

23: Arrive GIMO for Refresher Training.

(6) June:

1-24: GIMO - Interim Refresher Training continues. (enclosure

(17))

26: Debark HSL 44 DET ONE.

27: Arrive Charleston Naval Station.

29Jun-1Jul: OPPE - Underway Charleston Oparea. (enclosure (18))

(7) July:

6-22: Underway for Midshipman training cruise Jacksonville Oparea.

9-11: Arrive Port Everglades for port visit.

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- 14: Live SM-1 missile firing exercise St Croix Oparea.  
(enclosure (19))
- 15: Live MK46 torpedo firing exercise St Croix Oparea.  
(enclosure (20), (21), (22), (23))
- 16-19: Arrive St Croix for port visit.  
22: Return to port Charleston Naval Station.  
26: Combat Systems Assessment conducted by DESRON SIX -  
underway Charleston Oparea. (enclosure (24))  
29Jul-5Aug: Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I.
- (8) August:  
2: Force Master Chief Cottengim visits USS HAWES.  
3: Received letter of appreciation from American Red Cross for  
USS HAWES donation to assist with the purchase of first aid kits. (enclosure  
(25))
- 9: Pre-INSURV preparations - underway Charleston Oparea.  
22-26: INSURV (enclosure (26))  
29Aug-22Sep: Imav Charleston.
- (9) September:  
12-23: Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase II. (enclosure  
(27))
- 14: Harpoon certification visit. (enclosure (28))  
23-29: Underway Jacksonville Oparea for RLQ training..
- (10) October:  
3-7: GIMTT - underway Charleston Oparea. (enclosure (29))  
7: USS HAWES receives Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for 87  
Middle East Force Deployment. (enclosure (30), (31))  
8-11: Arrive Charleston Weapons Station for onload.  
12-28: Underway for MEFEX 1-89 with USS OBANNON, USS DEWERT and  
COMDESRON FOURTEEN. Embark HSL 44 DET ONE. (enclosure (32))  
28: Debark HSL 44 DET ONE.  
15: MK46 torpedo firing exercise St Croix underwater tracking  
range. (enclosure (33) (34))  
17: Live SM-1 exercise missile firing St Croix Oparea.  
(enclosure (35))  
22: Live SM-1 exercise missile firing St Croix Oparea.  
(enclosure (36))  
31Oct-1Nov: PEB arrives for OPPE. (enclosure (37))
- (11) November:  
5Nov-5Dec: POM  
14-15: PEB arrives for OPPE. (enclosure (38))  
16-22: 20B5 Combat Systems Team Trainer Successfully completed.  
30Nov-1Dec: Ammunition Onload Charleston Naval Weapons Station.
- (12) December:  
4: Embark HSL 44 DET ONE.  
5: Underway for Middle East Deployment 1-89 with USS DEWERT and  
USS OBANNON.  
9: Combined Federal Campaign ends with outstanding results.  
(enclosure (39))  
14-15: Arrive Ponta Delgada Azores to refuel and port visit.

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- 18: OUTCHOP from COMNAVSURFLANT and COMSECONDFLT to COMSIXTHFLT.  
19-24: Arrive Cartagena, Spain for port visit.  
29-30: Transit of Suez Canal enroute Middle East Force.  
30: OUTCHOP from COMSIXTHFLT to COMIDEASTFOR AND COMUSNAVCENT.

c. (C) Narrative

(1) During the 1988 calendar year HAWES was in a post deployment cycle. The schedule for the year was an intense mixture of operations/training (ie: REFTRA, MIDRON, MEFEX, CSIT, 20B5, GIMIT), maintenance (ie: SRA, IMAV) and assist visits/inspections (ie: Command Inspection, CSA, INSURV, Harpoon Certification, 3M, CSRR, Aviation Certification, OPPE) to support a pre-deployment workup. The intense schedule resulted in 34 percent underway time during the year between deployments. Of the key engineering milestones, (REFTRA, MIT, OPPE), a major discrepancy in consistency of training in Damage Control was noted and addressed to higher authority for correction. The upbeat Combat Systems training was evident with the advent of the Combat Systems Training Team and the expansion of Combat Systems Readiness Review and Combat Systems Assessment. The major workup exercise, MEFEX 1-89, proved to be realistic, beneficial, and well supported. Preparations for MEF deployment were also marked with the installation and modifications of supplemental Combat Systems Equipment which required coordination well in advance. As the calendar year closed, HAWES transit enroute MEF has proven to be a very productive training and readiness period.

(2) Enclosure (40) is HAWES submissions for Mission Area Awards for the 1988 cycle. Results of Mission Area Awards are contained in enclosure (10).

(3) Enclosure (41) is the latest corrections to HAWES ships Characteristics Cards which reflect all changes to ships equipment configuration made during 1988.

d. (C) Supporting Documents

Provided for in enclosures (1-41).

  
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