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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAWES (FFG 53)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 Series

Encl: (1) Chronology
(2) Descriptive Narrative
(3) Color Photograph of CDR J. Scott Jones
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet with Commanding Officer's Biography Insert
(5) 3.5" Diskette with Cover Letter, Enclosures (1) and (2)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history for calendar year 2000 for USS HAWES (FFG 53) (UIC: 21234) is submitted for review.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: Multi-mission platform capable of performing in a variety of roles ranging from convoy escort to anti-air and anti-surface warfare. The addition of Naval Tactical Data System, Light Airborne Multi-Purpose helicopters, and the Tactical Towed Array System (TACTAS) has given HAWES a combat capability far beyond the class program expectations of the mid-1970s, and has made the ship an integral and valued asset in virtually any war-at-sea scenario.

b. Organizational structure: The immediate senior in command is Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO (UIC: 0131A). Aircraft normally attached to HAWES are assigned by Helicopter Squadron Light FOUR TWO from Mayport, Florida (UIC: 53918).

c. Name of Commander: J. Scott Jones (CDR, USN).

d. Permanent duty station: Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

e. Type and number of aircraft assigned: Two SH-60B LAMPS Helicopters.

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3. Chronology is contained in enclosure (1).

4. Descriptive narrative is contained in enclosure (2).

5. Supporting documents are contained in enclosures (3) through (5).

6. This cover letter and enclosures (1) and (2) are saved as MS Word 6.0.

J. SCOTT JONES

TWO THOUSAND
COMMAND HISTORY
Chronology

01 - 10 Jan	Christmas Standdown
12 Jan	Berth Shift
18 - 20 Jan	Weapons Onload at Yorktown Naval Weapons
01 Feb	Commissioning Ceremony for CWO2 Roberts
07 - 17 Feb	CSRR/SEMAT II
07 - 09 Feb	Marine Safety Institute Shiphandling Complex Trainer
11 Feb	Reenlistment Ceremony for SKC(SW) JONES, OSC(SW/AW) Quinnie and ENC(SW) Delay
14 - 25 Feb	Warfare Commanders Conference
14 Feb	Small Arms Qualifications
15 Feb	Berth Shift
16 - 17 Feb	Small Arms Qualifications
17 Feb	Reenlistment Ceremony for IC1(SW) Koeppen, IT2 Murphy and IT3 Tremblay
22 Feb	Reenlistment Ceremony for MAC(SW) Godfrey
28 Feb - 03 Mar	PATT Assist Visit
29 Feb	Announcement that HAWES was awarded the Battle "E" and Green "H" Award
06 Mar - 09 Mar	Week One Work Ups with HSL-42
07 Mar	E-4 Exam
09 Mar	E-5 Exam
10 - 15 Mar	ASWPT
10 Mar - 08 Apr	COMPTUEX
14 Mar	E-6 Exam
18 - 21 Mar	Port Visit Tampa, Fl
23 Mar	MEDEVAC off the USS ARTHER W. RADFORD
06 Apr	SINKEX of EX-USS DALE
07 Apr	SAMSLEX
08 Apr	Arrive Norfolk, Va
12 Apr	OSCS Quinnie Frocking Ceremony
14 Apr	Reenlistment Ceremony for GM1 Horton
17 - 28 Apr	HURREX 2000
17 - 21 Apr	CSRR II
21 Apr	HAWES Spring Party
24 Apr - 05 May	Physical Readiness Tests
26 Apr	M-14 Qualifications
27 Apr - 05 May	Naval Station Norfolk Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Drill

Enclosure (1)

01 May	CINCLANTFLT Visit
04 May	Navigation Check Ride (Administrative)
10 - 21 May	Underway for George Washington Battle Group JTFEX
21 May	Anchored in Lynnhaven Anchorage
22 - 23 May	Weapons Onload, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Va
23 May	Navigation Check Ride (Practical)
24 May	Announced as CNO Safety Award Winner
24 May - 16 Jun	Pre-Overseas Movement Leave and Standdown
26 May	Retirement Ceremony for PN1 Casteel and Reenlistment Ceremony for GSE1 McGrath
05 Jun	Promotion Ceremony for LT Cole and LT Kenny
15 Jun	VADM Giffin Visit and Frocking Ceremony
16 Jun	Frocking Ceremony (For personnel on Second Leave Period)
21 Jun	HAWES Departs For MED/Persian Gulf Cruise 2000
21 - 27 Jun	Underway PROA
25 Jun	SAMSLEX
28 Jun - 05 Jul	Trans-Atlantic Enroute to Gibraltar
29 Jun	Commander GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group Visit
06 - 11 Jul	Port Visit Gibraltar
12 - 13 Jul	Enroute Valletta, Malta
14 - 17 Jul	Port Visit Valletta, Malta
18 Jul	PASSEX with French Frigate GERMINAL
18 - 20 Jul	Enroute Varna, Bulgaria
20 Jul	North Bound transit of Turkish Straits
21 - 25 Jul	Port Visit Varna, Bulgaria
25 - 29 Jul	BREEZE 2000
29 - 30 Jul	Inport Varna, Bulgaria
29 Jul	BREEZE 2000 Reception onboard HAWES
30 Jul - 01 Aug	Enroute Poti, Georgia
30 Jul	Freedom of Navigation Exercise off the coast Romania
01 Aug - 04 Aug	Port Visit Poti, Georgia
02 AUG	Announcement of YN1 Turner, FC1(SW) Lippold, GM1(SW) Wright, GSE1(SW) McGrath, and AD1(AW) Mills as Chief Selects
05 Aug	Georgian PASSEX
05 Aug - 09 Aug	Enroute Limassol, Cyprus
07 Aug	Southbound transit of Turkish Straits
10 - 15 Aug	Port Visit Limassol, Cyprus

10 Aug	Hail and Farewell for LTJG Powell and ENS Jackson
16 - 20 Aug	Enroute Aden, Yemen
16 Aug	Anchor Port Said in preparation for Suez Canal Transit
17 Aug	Southbound Transit of Suez Canal
21 Aug	Brief stop for fuel in Aden, Yemen
21 - 25 Aug	Enroute Mina Salman, Bahrain
24 Aug	Transit Strait of Hormuz
26 - 28 Aug	Port Visit, Mina Salman, Bahrain
27 Aug	Hail and Farewell for LT Ly, LT Engle, and LTJG Rosenberg
28 Aug	Fifth Fleet Inbrief
29 Aug - 06 Sep	Marine Intercept Operations, Arabian Gulf
29 Aug	Boarded Motor Vessel Lia and Motor Vessel Energy
02 Sep	Commander, 5th Fleet, ADM Moore, Visit
03 Sep	Boarded Motor Vessel Bassam
06 Sep	Boarded Motor Vessel Glyko Filoussa and Motor Vessel Modern Link
07 Sep	E-4 Advancement Exam
07 - 10 Sep	Port Visit Doho, QATAR
11 Sep	Promotion Ceremony for LTJG Mannings and BULL Pinning Ceremony for ENS Jackson
12 Sep	Escort of Motor Vessel Al Hussin
14 Sep	E-5 Advancement Exam
15 Sep	Awards Ceremony
16 - 17 Sep	Port Visit Jebel Ali, UAE
16 Sep	Chief Petty Officer Initiation
17 Sep	Frocking Ceremony for YNC(SW) Turner, FCC(SW) Lippold, GMC(SW) Wright, GSEC(SW) McGrath, ADC(AW) Mills
17 - 19 Sep	Iron Siren Exercise
19 - 20 Sep	Port Visit Jebel Ali, UAE
21 Sep	Escort of Motor Vessel Al Sandibah
21 Sep	E-6 Advancement Exam
22 - 23 Sep	Port Visit Mina Salman, Bahrain
24 - 27 Sep	BANS SABHA Training Exercise
28 Sep - 02 Oct	Port Visit Mina Salman, Bahrain
01 Oct	Reenlistment Ceremony for STGC(SW) Semachko, SK1(SW) Cummines, AT3 Hull, and FC3 Jones
10 Oct	Bye Bye Arabian Gulf Flight Deck Picnic
11 Oct	Announcement of HAWES as 4th Quarter CDS 22 Self-Sufficient Ship of the Quarter

12 Oct	Terrorist Attack on USS COLE
13 Oct	Arrive Aden, Yemen in support of USS COLE
13 Oct - 19 Nov	Operation Determined Response
29 Oct	USS COLE underway from Aden Harbor
05 Nov	Blue Marlin Departed in company with USS DONALD COOK
05 Nov	Reenlistment Ceremony for STG2 Clark
10 Nov	Reenlistment Ceremony for IT3 Tran
15 Nov	Reenlistment Ceremony for ET3 Wardell
17 Nov	Beer Day
19 Nov	Departed Gulf of Aden enroute to the Suez Canal
19 Nov	Reenlistment Ceremony for FC3(SW) Snider
21 Nov	Arrive Port Suez
22 Nov	Transit the Suez Canal
24 Nov - 01 Dec	Port Visit to Souda Bay, Crete
29 Nov	Reenlistment Ceremony for FC3(SW) Warnock
29 Nov	Commander, DESRON 22 arrives
30 Nov	Reenlistment Ceremony for DC2 Kennedy
30 Nov - 02 Dec	Mid-Cycle Assessment
02 Dec	Reenlistment Ceremony for SK3 Dixon
04 - 09 Dec	Port Visit Toulon, France
05 Dec	LTJG Burkhart checks onboard
11 Dec	Received advancement results, 13 personnel advanced to 3rd Class, 10 personnel advanced to Second Class, and 3 personnel advanced to 1st Class Petty Officer
13 Dec	Awards Ceremony
17 Dec	Frocking Ceremony
18 Dec	Commander, GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group Visit
19 Dec	Return From MED/MEF Deployment 2000
26 - 31 Dec	Commence Holiday Standdown

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COMMAND HISTORY
Narrative

HAWES began the new millennium inport Norfolk Naval Station at Pier 21 out board the USS KAUFFMAN. Half the crew was on holiday leave, while the other half continued the usual routine of maintenance and cleaning.

The faithful crew of the HAWES returned from Holiday standdown on the 11th of January to begin preparations to transit up to Yorktown NWS to onload weapons. HAWES transited to Yorktown on the morning of the 18th. The crew pulled together and worked diligently to have all weapons loaded by the evening of the 19th. HAWES was underway on the morning of the 20th enroute to Norfolk Naval Station. An overnight underway was cancelled due to severe weather conditions. HAWES returned to homeport safely and missed the brunt of the storm; however, the HAWES Sailors experienced the first significant snow in the Norfolk area in several years, receiving between 3 to 5 inches of snow.

The month of February began on a bright note. The Wardroom was honored to attend the commissioning ceremony of a future HAWES shipmate. ITC(SW) Bobby Roberts received a commission as a Chief Warrant Officer. The month of February was, also, full of other great achievements. HAWES reenlisted SKC(SW) Jones, OSC(SW/AW) Quinnie, ENC(SW) Delay, MAC(SW) Godfrey, IC1(SW) Koeppen, IT2 Murphy, and IT3 Trembley. The last day of February brought the announcement that the HAWES had won the Battle "E" and the "Green H" Wellness Unit Award. Both of these awards could only have been won through the diligent efforts of the mighty HAWES Warriors.

Not only did HAWES win the coveted Battle "E" and Green "H", the crew, also, pulled down, for the second time in less than one year, COMNAVSURFLANT's self-sufficient ship of the quarter runner-up. HAWESMEN continue to prove their mettle by taking of themselves and this great ship first and foremost.

Along with these great events, HAWES, also, got a lot of great work done. All of our major systems got a close look during CSRR and SEMAT II. Several discrepancies were noted and repairs were completed. HAWES further bettered herself by sending the majority of her bridge and combat watchstanders to the MSI Shiphandling Complex. It was a great chance for watchstanders to improve their proficiency prior to getting underway for COMPTUEX. The Captain, Operations Officer and several other key personnel attended the Warfare Commanders

Conference. The WCC provided some great insight into the upcoming COMPTUEX and Deployment and laid the groundwork for how the various units will work together. February was a great month for the Navy and, especially, the HAWES.

March began with the completion of the Personnel and Administrative Training Team Visit. This was an excellent opportunity for the Ship's Office to improve their operation. The beginning of March was, also full of final preparations for COMPTUEX. HAWES was underway on 06 March, to begin her training.

The first four days were dedicated to Week One Work Ups with HSL-42 Detachment 2. This was a chance for HAWES and HSL 42 to refine helicopter operations prior to the commencement of ASWPT and COMPTUEX. ASWPT began on the 10th of March. HAWES operated with CDS-22 ships and the USS ALBANY, USS PITTSBURG, and USS HAMPTON. These exercises proved to be the perfect challenge for the HAWES antisubmarine team and refined their skills by coordinating with a LAMPS III Helicopter and other warships. Upon completion of ASWPT, HAWES conducted an underway replenishment with the USS SUPPLY, a gun shoot and began transiting to Tampa, Fl.

HAWES arrived in Tampa on the 17th of March for some rest and relaxation. HAWES had the honor of hosting a reception with the local Navy League. Among the distinguished guests were the Deputy of Special Operations Command, LT GEN Schwartz and the Commanding Officer of the USS HAMPTON. The officers and Chiefs thoroughly enjoyed sharing sea stories with their counterparts from the submarine community and other representatives from the Marine Corps and Air Force. The crew thoroughly enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the city of Tampa. HAWES departed Tampa on the 21st of March with several fond memories and the anticipation of the coming exercises.

HAWES joined the George Washington Battle Group to commence the integrated battle exercises with the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, USS NORMANDY and CDS-22. HAWES also operated with the USS ALBANY, USS PITTSBURG and USS HAMPTON. The submarines alternated between acting as opposing forces or as friendly forces. Other opposing forces included the USS ROBIN, USS KLAKRING, and USS THOMAS S. GATES. Throughout COMPTUEX, HAWES participated in numerous exercises, to include surface warfare, air warfare, antisubmarine warfare, gun shoots, a REXTORP shoot, maritime interception operations, plane guard and underway

replenishments. The COMPTUEX battle scenario concluded with a major war at sea exercise, during which HAWES had several kills. While conducting these exercises, HAWES and Proud Warrior aided the USS AUTHER W. RADFORD by flying off a very ill RADFORD sailor to Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

April began with the conclusion of the war at sea exercises and GWBATGRU began transiting to the Cherry Point Operation Area to conduct a SINKEX. GWBATGRU had the rare privilege of committing one of our warships to the sea on the 6th of April. The EX-USS DALE was the target of several hundred rounds of munitions, to included a SM-2 missile shoot by the NORMANDY, bombing raids from the GEORGE WASHINGTON Airwing, and gun fire from NORMANDY, BRISCOE, CARON, DONALD COOK, COLE, SIMPSON, and HAWES. HAWES laid many rounds into the EX-DALE and contributed largely to her burial at sea.

Upon completion of the SINKEX, GWBATGRU transited to the vicinity of Wallop's Island to conduct a Surface to Air Missile Exercise. Despite the diligent efforts put forward by the crew, HAWES did not get an opportunity to shoot due to technical problems with the land-launched targets. HAWES proceeded to Norfolk for an early arrival on the 8th of April. HAWES was starboard side to pier 25 berth 1 at 0100. Despite the odd arrival time, family members of the HAWES crew were excited to see their loved ones and eagerly greeted them home once again.

The remainder of April was spent at Naval Station Norfolk, pier 25 berth 1. While it was great to be inport and spend time with family and friends, April was a very challenging and busy month. On the 12th of April, we had the distinct pleasure of frocking OSC Quinnie to Senior Chief. One great ceremony deserves another; OSCS Quinnie's frocking ceremony was followed by a reenlistment ceremony for GM1 Horton. What a great week for these fine HAWESMEN and the Navy.

There were several great training opportunities in the month of April. Naval Station Norfolk conducted both the 2000 Hurricane Exercise and Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Exercise. CSRR II was conducted onboard to help groom combat systems equipment in preparation for deployment. On the 21st of April, HAWESMEN had the chance to relax at the 2000 HAWES Spring Fling. It was great time, filled with good food, good drink and good friends. April was concluded with M-14 rifle qualifications and the Physical Readiness Test. The Iron HAWESMEN really proved there metal during the PRT, earning a great HAWES tee shirt.

The months of May and June were dedicated to making final preparations for deployment. May began with the discovery of

mechanical problems with Number 2 and 4 Diesel Generators. Due to the dedicated efforts by the Enginemen, Number 2 Diesel Generator was repaired and HAWES got underway for JTFEX. The work required to repair Number 4 Diesel Generator was extensive, thus it was postponed until after JTFEX. Once underway, HAWES was operating like a well-oiled machine.

JTFEX was a time of refining the Battle Group's show of force and combat skills. During this time HAWES conducted several drills with in her lifelines, to include, General Quarters, helicopter crash and salvage, and at sea fire party drills. HAWES, further, refined her skills in underway replenishments with numerous opportunities alongside the USS SUPPLY, the GWBG oiler. To improve on her seamanship skills, she conducted a towing exercise with the USS COLE. Once the simulated war broke out, HAWES proved her might throughout the war. While spending the majority of the time guarding the oiler, the dedicated efforts of the combat team earned numerous kills. HAWES was never killed and the SUPPLY was the first high value unit not to be killed during a JTFEX. A large part of this success can be attributed to the daring tactics utilized by the crew.

Once victory was proclaimed, HAWES was detached to proceed to Yorktown Naval Weapons Station to conduct a weapons onload. Enroute, HAWES anchored in Lynnhaven anchorage to give the crew a good night of rest prior to onloading weapons. Underway from anchorage early on the morning of the 22nd, she proceeded up the York River to Yorktown. On the 23rd, the Navigation Team conducted the practical portion of the Navigation Check Ride enroute to Norfolk. Evaluators from Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO quickly realized that the HAWES Navigation Team was one of the best on the waterfront.

On the 24th of May, Pre-Oversees Movement Leave and Standdown and work on Number 4 Diesel Generator began. This was a great time for everyone to recharge their batteries prior to starting deployment; however, it was also time to make preparations for deployment. HAWES learned on the 24th that she was selected as the CNO Safety Award winner and that she was the only frigate on in the Atlantic Fleet to receive this honor. HAWES hosted two ceremonies on the 26th of May. First, a former shipmate, CWO3 Burton, came onboard to reenlist GSE1 McGrath. Also, the retirement ceremony for PN1 Casteel was held on board, he took the opportunity to say goodbye to old shipmates. The guest speaker was HAWES' XO, LCDR Mahan. Other participants included LTJG Cole, LNCM DeSantiago, and the HAWES Honor Guard.

The First of June was the perfect way to start a new month with the announcement of the advancement results. Two First Class Petty Officers, nine Second Class Petty Officers, and thirteen Third Class Petty Officers were selected for advancement. Additionally, LTJG Cole and LTJG Kenny were promoted to Lieutenant on the 5th of June. The Wardroom and crew were honored to have a pre-deployment visit from the Commander and Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, VADM Giffin. During his visit onboard, he participated in the frocking of several HAWES Warriors. He, also, took the time to speak to the crew and answer questions. The remainder of the crew returned from leave on the 16th of June and there was a frocking ceremony for the remaining crewmembers selected for advancement.

Final preparations for deployment were made as the 21st approached. Then, HAWES was underway on the 21st of June for her 2000 Mediterranean and Persian Gulf Deployment. The 21st, also brought the arrival of the LCDR Kevin Hill, the perspective Executive Officer. HAWES transited down to the Puerto Rican Operational Area to conduct the Surface to Air Missile Exercise. The Missile Exercise was conducted at the peak of excellence; the air warfare team fired three SM-1 surface to air missiles and qualified in air warfare.

Upon completion of the Missile Exercise, HAWES remained in the Southern PROA to support the GWBG Naval Surface Fire Support qualifications. During this time HAWES took advantage of the available time to conduct 76mm and small arms gunfire exercises and internal training for fire parties, ship handling and combat systems. HAWES said goodbye to an honored shipmate, CDR(sel) Mahan, who flew off of HAWES to Puerto Rico after being relieved as Executive Officer by LCDR Hill.

The end of June and beginning of July found HAWES transiting the Atlantic Ocean enroute to Gibraltar, UK. HAWES arrived in Gibraltar on the 6th of July, after two weeks of hard training at sea, to include numerous hours at flight quarters and alongside the USS SUPPLY for fuel. Gibraltar was a great port for some serious rest and relaxation. PROAD WARRIOR had the honor of flying out the Governor of Gibraltar to meet HAWES in the Straight of Gibraltar. The Governor rode onboard into port and was present as we exchanged honors with the Headquarters of the Naval Base. Further, the Wardroom and crew hosted the Governor and the Commander of British Forces in Gibraltar during a reception on the flight deck. HAWES was, also, honored to host members of the Wardroom and Chief's Mess from the USS ALBANY.

Gibraltar offered a whole gambit of entertainment for the crew. Many enjoyed tours of the Rock of Gibraltar, to include tours of the World War II Tunnels, Barbary Apes, and ST. Michael's Cavern. However, the most memorable event had to have been the Rock Run. This was no ordinary run. It started at the pier and proceeded up the Rock of Gibraltar. The run consisted of a 2.7 mile climb from 13 feet above sea level to 1300 feet above sea level. All 39 HAWES Warriors who started the race finished. LT Brewer delivered the best HAWES time, 28 min. and 17 sec. HAWES left Gibraltar well rested, and ready to tackle the Mediterranean portion of her deployment.

Upon leaving Gibraltar, HAWES began her transit through the Mediterranean enroute to Valletta, Malta. HAWES arrived in Valletta on the 14th of July. It was a great time for the crew. They enjoyed the many sights and the beaches that Malta had to offer. HAWES worked with the French Frigate GERMINAL while in port making preparations for a PASSEX enroute to Varna, Bulgaria. Upon departing Valletta, Malta on the 17th and HAWES started to head north towards the Black Sea. The PASSEX was conducted with GERMINAL, which included a PACFIRE and helicopter exercises. Enroute to the Turkish Straits, the crew had the opportunity to cross through the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Crete. On the 20th of July, HAWES transited the Turkish Straits and arrived inport Varna, Bulgaria on the 21st.

Varna proved to be one of the best port visits during the deployment. Crewmembers had the opportunity to interact with their counterparts in foreign navies, to include navies from Bulgaria, Turkey, Ukraine, Greece, and France. HAWES coordinated with these various ships, to include GERMINAL, in preparation for BREEZE 2000 exercise. Every ship held a reception onboard, which in turn became a competition to out do each other. Everyone involved had a great time. The Wardroom adopted the local Peace Corps detachment. They were hosted onboard for several meals and given a tour. They appreciated the hospitality and the chance to partake in several delicacies that they did not have access to, the favorite was cheddar cheese. The crew, also, enjoyed interacting with the people of Bulgaria. They seemed to be very pleased to have the HAWES there and liked Americans. It was hard for crewmembers to believe that less than ten years ago Bulgaria was a communist country. They have truly grasped on to Capitalism and seem to appreciate the opportunities it affords.

In company with the BREEZE 2000 ships, HAWES got underway from Varna on the 25th to begin the BREEZE 2000 exercise. This included formation steaming, gun shoots, anchoring, a blockade exercise and an ASW exercise. This was a learning experience for HAWES' Bridge and CIC teams, and it proved to be an invaluable lesson in working with foreign navies. The BREEZE 2000 ships pulled into Varna on the 28th of July. The Wardroom and Chief's Mess hosted the final reception. HAWES was honored to host the officers and crews of these various ships and the Peace Corp. Everyone involved had a great time. The crew left Varna, Bulgaria on the 30th with new friends and a desire to one day return.

HAWES had a short transit across the Black Sea to Poti, Georgia. The Bridge and Navigation Team anchored HAWES in the harbor of Poti on the 1st of August. Several members of the Wardroom were invited to a dinner hosted by the Port Director and the City Administrator. The officers in attendance enjoyed fine wine, good food and great company. The weather deteriorated quickly the day after arrival and the liberty launch had to be secured. HAWES left a small detachment on the shore that did not make it back before the seas became too rough. The weather became so bad that the duty section had to reset the anchor after dragging several hundred yards. These 20 fine HAWESMAN stranded ashore represented the HAWES well and attended several events that the CO could not attend, to include a wine-drinking contest. While anchored out, HAWES learned that YN1 Turner, FC1(SW) Lippold, GM1(SW) Wright, GSE1(SW) McGrath, and AD1(AW) Mills were selected to be Chief Petty Officers, thus the process of initiation began for these HAWESMAN. On the 5th of August, the stranded crewmembers were recovered and HAWES got underway.

The first day underway included a PASSEX with several ships of the Georgian Navy. Events in the PASSEX included formation steaming and underway replenishment approaches. Upon completion of the PASSEX, HAWES continued toward the Turkish Straits. HAWES transited the Turkish Straits on the 7th of August. The Navigation Team and Bridge Team executed the transit with the ease of an experienced sailor and continued onward toward Limassol, Cyprus.

HAWES pulled into Limassol, Cyprus on the 10th of August for the final port visit before going to the Arabian Gulf. The crew enjoyed their final days of moderate temperatures at the beach and visiting ancient ruins. Cyprus had a lot to offer; however

the highlight was the Greek Gyro Festival held on the pier. Everyone enjoyed good food, drink and company the final night prior to leaving Limissol.

Underway on the 15th, HAWES was enroute to an underway replenishment with the USNS LARAMIE. HAWES then proceed to Port Said, Egypt to anchor out and complete the paper work with the Suez Canal Authority. On the 17th, in company with the USS DONALD COOK, the Bridge and Navigation Team got her underway at 0300 to proceed through the Suez Canal. It was a 14-hour transit through the Suez Canal, however it was conducted with professionalism and good seamanship. Upon exiting the Suez Canal, HAWES proceeded through the Red Sea and onward through the Gulf of Oman.

HAWES pulled into Aden, Yemen on the 21st for a brief stop for fuel and then pulled out of Aden Harbor later that afternoon to wait for DONALD COOK while she refueled. Both vessels were underway that evening heading towards the Strait of Hormuz. HAWES transited the Strait of Hormuz on the 24th with DONALD COOK following close behind. HAWES and DONALD COOK pulled into Mina Salman, Bahrain on the 26th of August. This inport period was used to coordinate with counterparts at Fifth Fleet. Several officers and chiefs held training with the Bahraini Frigate BANS SABHA and helped repair some material discrepancies. HAWES and DONALD COOK departed Bahrain on the 29th of August. The Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Team concluded August conducting Maritime Interception Operations in the Arabian Gulf. During the first full day, they conducted two simultaneous boardings onboard the Motor Vessel Lia and Motor Vessel Energy.

September was a busy month for the crew. It began much the same way that August ended. The VBSS Team conducted numerous boardings of suspect vessels. The VBSS team conducted the boarding on the Motor Vessel Bassam on the 3rd and they conducted a double boarding of the Motor Vessel Glyko Filoussa and Modern Link on the 6th. September, also, brought the opportunity for HAWES Warriors to make rate by taking the advancement exams. Also, ENS Mannings was promoted to LTJG and ENS Jackson took over the role as the Bull Ensign.

HAWES pulled into Doha, Qatar on the 7th and welcomed the opportunity to rest. While in Doha, many crewmen were privileged to be invited to local ex-patriot American's home for dinner and relaxation. Every lucky HAWESMAN that attended enjoyed the experience immensely. HAWES pulled out of Doha on the 11th and proceeded to conduct more MIO Operations.

Once in theater, HAWES was immediately tasked to assist in escort duties of a vessels caught smuggling oil. On September 12th, the VBSS Team took over escort duties of the Motor Vessel Al Hussin from HMS Marlborough. After only five hours, the vessel lost propulsion and electrical power. The Al Hussin started an emergency diesel to restore the vital electrical load. Several HAWESMAN were sent over to help restore the casualty and investigate for a possible flooding casualty. The engineering casualty was beyond the scope of available repair resources and no damage or flooding was found. The VBSS Team was recovered on the 13th and HAWES remained in the vicinity until a sea going tug arrived to tow the vessel to port. HAWES remained with the tug and vessel until turning and heading to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates.

In preparation for an upcoming exercise, Iron Siren, HAWES pulled into Jebel Ali, UAE, with various multinational vessels. During this port visit, the chief selects completed their initiation into the CPO community and were promoted to Chief Petty Officer. In company with a multi-national naval force, HAWES left port on the 17th to begin the IRON SIREN Exercise. Other vessels operating in the exercise included the USS OLDENDORF, USS PITTSBURG, HMS MARLBOROUGH, RAF ORANGELEAF, UAENS ABU DHABIA AND UAENS MUBARAZ. Excellent training was conducted and our ability to operate with multinational forces improved. HAWES returned to Jebel Ali, UAE on the 17th to complete the port visit and to hold debriefs for the exercise.

On the 20th, HAWES was underway enroute to Bahrain. While enroute to Bahrain on the 21st, HAWES was tasked to relieve USS MILIUS of escort duties. HAWES proceeded to MILIUS and Motor Vessel Al Sandibah. Al Sandibah was anchored when the VBSS Team relieved MILIUS' VBSS Team. The following day, HAWES departed to conduct an underway replenishment with the USS SUPPLY. While conducting the replenishment at sea, the VBSS Team notified HAWES of a flooding casualty. MILIUS was enroute to the Al Sandibah to relieve HAWES' VBSS Team and they responded to the casualty with their Rescue and Assist Team. Upon completion of the RAS, HAWES made a high speed run to the Al Sandibah. HAWES assisted in the casualty and recovered the VBSS Team. The MILIUS then took over escort duties as HAWES proceeded to Bahrain.

The 22nd of September brought the arrival of HAWES and her crew in Bahrain to finalize preparations for an exercise with the BANS SABHA. HAWES took the time to train the Bahraini Naval

personnel on how to operate an FFG and appropriate tactics to employ with that class vessel. HAWES and BANS SABHA were underway on the 24th to begin the exercise. HAWES and BANS SABHA conducted training on flashing light, flag hoist, semaphore, anti-submarine warfare, air defense, and underway replenishment. HAWES returned to Bahrain on the 28th to conduct major repairs to number Four Diesel Generator. The Enginemen worked diligently to conduct these repairs and ensure HAWES was ready to meet any up coming operational commitments.

The 1st of October started off on the right foot, with the reenlistment of STGC(SW) Semachko, SK1(SW) Cummines, AT3 Hull, and FC3 Jones. The crew got HAWES underway on the 3rd of October to complete the final port visit in the Arabian Gulf. The HAWES Team continued to flex in the final days of operating in the Arabian Gulf. HAWES transited the Strait of Hormuz on the 10th and proceeded to Djibouti for fuel and then on to the Suez Canal. HAWES celebrated the transit out of Gulf with a Bye-bye Arabian Gulf Flight Deck Picnic. On the 11th, DESRON 22 announced that HAWES was their nomination for the COMNAVSURFLANT Self-Sufficient Ship of the Quarter.

On the 12th of October HAWES Crew received the news of the terrorist attack on the USS COLE in Aden, Yemen, thus forever changing the lives of each and every crewmember. The engineers immediately brought the engineering plant to full power and proceeded at best speed to the Gulf of Aden. HAWES and USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75) arrived on scene together on the 13th. Once diplomatic clearance issues were resolved, HAWES and DONALD COOK were allowed to send personnel in to begin assisting in the efforts to combat the battle damage received from the suicide bombing attack.

HAWES Warriors manned damage control watches, made small boat runs to transfer materials and personnel, prepared meals and provided a safe haven for COLE sailors to clean up, eat and sleep. Unfortunately, 17 shipmates from the COLE paid the ultimate price for the freedom of America. HAWES contributed to paying due respect to these sailors by providing pallbearers to move them to aircraft to fly them home.

On the 29th of October, COLE made a major step towards her transit home. Norfolk Naval Shipyard workers completed repairs necessary to get COLE underway. COLE was towed out of Aden Harbor to a rendezvous point with the Blue Marlin, a heavy lift ship. The remaining days of October were spent preparing COLE and Blue Marlin for sea and the transit home.

Preparations were completed and the Blue Marlin left in company with DONALD COOK on the 5th of November. HAWES remained on station off the coast of Aden in support of the investigation into the terrorist attack on COLE. The 17th brought an opportunity for some well earned relaxation. HAWES had its only Beer Day of the deployment and served up some great food off the grill. On the 19th, HAWES conducted an underway replenishment and then proceeded onto the Suez Canal. After an over night anchorage on the 21st, HAWES transited the Suez Canal on the 22nd. With tight security and alert watches, a successful transit was accomplished. The crew, also, took time to celebrate in the reenlistment of six shipmates, STG2 Clark, DC2(SW) Kennedy, IT3 Tran, FC3(SW) Snider, FC3(SW) Warnock and ET3 Wardell.

A port visit was definitely in order after 52 days underway. HAWES arrived inport Souda Bay, Crete on the 24th. The crew enjoyed some well deserved rest and relaxation. However, the engineers continued to work diligently towards their Mid-Cycle Assessment(MCA). The Commander of Destroyer Squadron Twenty Two and his team arrived on the 29th and the inspection began on the 30th. HAWES got underway on the 1st of December and completed the underway portion of the MCA. The Engineering Department did very well and the MCA Team flew off on the 2nd of December.

The 4th brought the arrival of HAWES to its last port visit. Toulon, France proved to be a great time for crewmembers to buy Christmas gifts and enjoy a final port before returning home. Several HAWES Sailors took advantage of an opportunity to visit Paris. All who went had a great time. While in Toulon, the perspective Navigator, LTJG Paul Burkhart, reported onboard and HAWES said goodbye to the earlybirds, who would make up the duty section for the initial period of the ship's return to Norfolk.

On the 9th HAWES was underway enroute to the Strait of Gibraltar for transit on the 10th and then home by the 19th. December really got off to a great start. Besides beginning the transit home, FC1 Harrison, OS2 Terrell, OS2(SW) Garcia, IT2 Troyer, OS3 Marrs, OS3 Baltazar, and SK3 Dixon reenlisted. Furthermore, HAWES learned that thirteen sailors were advanced to Third Class Petty Officer, ten to Second Class Petty Officer, and three to First Class Petty Officer. This was an incredible achievement by these individuals. On the 13th an award ceremony was held during which over 30 HAWES Warriors were recognized for their superior performance throughout the deployment and their tour onboard HAWES.

The 17th was a great day for the HAWES Warriors. A Frocking Ceremony was held for the 26 HAWESMEN selected for advancement. These fine sailors are the future of the Navy. The Commander of the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group paid a visit to HAWES to congratulate the crew on a job well done during the deployment. The last day of deployment was full of friendly pats on the back and excitement about returning home. LCDR Litchfield, LT Yehl, LT Floyd and LT Bower took off and flew the HSL 42 Det 1 Helicopters home to Mayport, Fl. That marked the end of a great working relationship and the beginning of continued friendships.

The 19th brought the most anticipated day of deployment, the return home. It was met with much excitement and eagerness from both the crew and their families. EM1(SW/SS) Smith received the first kiss from his wife and MAC(SW) Godfrey was the first father to depart the ship. The feeling of belonging and reunitement could be felt by all. The early birds took over the duty section requirements on the 20th and the remainder of the crew enjoyed time off and Christmas with families and friends.

The crew returned to work on the 26th to take care of any last minute details and then commenced the Post Deployment and Holiday Standdown. LT J. Michael Cole, former navigator, departed HAWES. Half of the Crew kept HAWES safe for the remainder of 2000, while the rest of the crew enjoyed some well deserved rest and relaxation.