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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAWES (FFG 53)

To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Chronology
(2) Descriptive Narrative
(3) Copied Photograph of CDR Anthony L. Krueger
(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 2003 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) gives USS HAWES a combat capability far beyond the class program expectations of the mid-1970s, and 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). The aircraft attached to HAWES during 2003 was assigned by Helicopter Squadron Light FOUR TWO from Mayport, Florida.

c. Name of Commanding Officer: Anthony L. Krueger, CDR, USN.

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

e. Type and number of aircraft assigned: One SH-60B LAMPS Helicopter.

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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 2003 documents.


A. L. KRUEGER

USS HAWES FFG 53
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COMMAND HISTORY
CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN Moored Taranto, Italy. Steel Beach Picnic on pier.
02 JAN STG2(SW) Lumahan reenlistment.
03 JAN Underway enroute Souda Bay, Crete, Greece.
09 JAN Underway for CO's time.
05 JAN UNREP/VERTREP with USNS KANAWHA.
06 JAN Moor Souda Bay, Crete, Greece. SNFM turnover and reception with USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD.
07-12 JAN Indoctrination Training.
09 JAN Awards ceremony/CO's call.
11 JAN CSNFM visit and brief.
12 JAN Underway for SNFM operations.
13 JAN Simulated ASW Exercise.
14 JAN Air Defense Exercise, ASW Exercise, Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
15 JAN ITT Scenario.
16 JAN UNREP with USNS KANAWHA; CPO Exam.
17 JAN DIVTACS.
20 JAN DC Olympics. Steel Beach Picnic.
21 JAN DIVTACS, UNREP with USNS KANAWHA. Fantail small arms qualification.
24 JAN Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
25 JAN DIVTACS, UNREP with HS ALIAKMON. Surface Engagement Exercise.
26 JAN Moor Aksaz, Turkey. Awards ceremony/CO's call.
28 JAN Reception with SPS CATALUNA.
30 JAN Underway for SNFM Operations. Surface Engagement Exercise. DC2 (SW) North Reenlistment.
31 JAN ASW Exercise, UNREP with HS ALIAKMON.
01 FEB Engineering Casualty Control Drills. LCDR Rosetter promotion ceremony. ITT Scenario.
02 FEB Formation anchorage and DIVTACS with SNFM units.
03 FEB ASW Exercise, LEAPFROGS, Surface Engagement Exercise.
04 FEB RAS with HS ALIAKMON.
05 FEB Simulated Air Defense Exercise, Air Defense Exercise, GUNEX, SNFM PHOTOEX, Surface Engagement Exercise.
06 FEB Simulated Air Defense Exercise, Air Defense Exercise, UNREP with HS ALIAKMON.
09 FEB Moor Aksaz, Turkey.
10-15 FEB Indoctrination training.
12 FEB Underway SNFM Operations and Patrol. Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
14 FEB SNFM Exercises: Simulated ASW Exercise, Towing Exercise, Boarding Exercise.
15 FEB Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
16 FEB UNREP/VERTREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL.
18 FEB Engineering Casualty Control Drills, Small Arms Gun Shoot.
19 FEB Engineering Casualty Control Drills, Safety Committee Meeting.
20 FEB UNREP with FS SOMME.
21 FEB Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
22 FEB UNREP with USNS KANAWHA.
24 FEB TM1 (SW) Stanley Reenlistment.
25 FEB STG1 (SW) Rizak reenlistment. .50 Cal Gun Shoot.
26 FEB Moor Augusta Bay, Italy.

28 FEB Steel Beach Picnic on Pier.
 01 MAR Underway SNFM Exercise DOGFISH.
 04 MAR CSNFM ship visit.
 05 MAR FINEX Exercise DOGFISH, PACFIRE, QM2 (SW) Dufour reenlistment.
 06 MAR Moor Augusta Bay, Italy. E-6 advancement exam. Reception on HNMLS ABRAHAM VAN DER HULST.
 09 MAR Awards Ceremony.
 11 MAR Underway SNFM Operations and Patrol.
 14 MAR Surface Engagement Exercise. UNREP with USNS ARCTIC.
 17 MAR DC Olympics.
 18 MAR Moored Aksaz, Turkey.
 20 MAR Underway SNFM Operations and Patrol.
 21 MAR UNREP with USNS ARCTIC.
 22 MAR Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
 23 MAR DC Olympics.
 24 MAR Anchored Souda Bay, Greece. Damage Control Exercise with SNFM units. CO's meeting onboard FGS AUGSBURG.
 25 MAR Underway SNFM Operations and Patrol. SNFM Sail-Past.
 26 MAR Air Defense Exercise. Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
 27 MAR Small Arms Gun Shoot.
 28 MAR ASW Torpedo Exercise. Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
 29 MAR PACFIRE. UNREP with ITS VESUVIO. Low Slow Flyer Exercise with TCG GELIBOLU.
 30 MAR Boarding Exercise with TCG GELIBOLU.
 31 MAR GSM3 Nicholson Reenlistment. Boarding Exercise and Towing Exercise with TCG GELIBOLU.
 02 APR Moored Augusta Bay, Italy. COMSIXTHFLT ship visit. Awards Ceremony.
 04 APR Underway enroute Rota, Spain for STROG Escort Duties.
 05 APR Small arms fire in preparation for STROG Duties.
 07 APR Transit STROG, Moored Rota, Spain.
 10 APR Underway for STROG Escort. Escorted 2 Vessels through the STROG.
 12 APR Escorted 6 vessels through the STROG.
 13 APR Escorted 4 vessels through the STROG.
 14 APR Brief Stop for Fuel Rota, Spain. Transit STROG enroute Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
 16 APR Moored Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Receptions with Navy League.
 19 APR Reception on HAWES for Navy League.
 21 APR Underway enroute STROG Escort Duties.
 23 APR Moored Rota, Spain.
 25 APR Underway for STROG escort. Escorted 1 vessel through the STROG. Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.
 26 APR Escorted 7 vessels through the STROG.
 27 APR Escorted 3 vessels through the STROG. Moor Rota, Spain.
 29 APR Underway enroute Cartagena, Spain. Transit STROG.
 30 APR 76mm and CIWS PACFIRE, Torpedo Exercise, Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
 01 MAY Moor Cartagena, Spain. SNFM Turnover with USS PORTER.
 02 MAY CO's meeting with CSNFM onboard HNLMS JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK. SNFM Force Reception onboard USS HAWES.
 03 MAY BMC (SW) Rinto, BM1 (SW) Hardee, BM2 (SW) Baker reenlistment. SNFM Force Reception onboard HNLMS JACOB VAN HEEMSKERCK.
 04 MAY Underway enroute rendezvous with DESRON 22.
 06 MAY Small arms fantail shoot, Engineering Casualty Control Drills, Safety Committee meeting.
 07 MAY Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
 08 MAY Small arms fantail shoot.

09 MAY Rendezvous with DESRON 22, transit STROG. TRANSLANT to Norfolk, VA.
 10 MAY UNREP and CONREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL.
 11 MAY ENC (SW) Albert reenlistment.
 12 MAY COMDESRON ship visit. 76mm and Small arms PACFIRE. Engineering
 Casualty Control Exercises, Surface Engagement Exercise.
 14 MAY UNREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL.
 15 MAY Fleet Family Support Center arrival and briefs. ASW Exercise.
 16 MAY PHOTOEX with DESRON 22.
 17 MAY 76mm PACFIRE, small arms fantail shoot, Engineering Casualty Control Drills.
 LTJG Coffee, ENS Love, ENS Bentley, ENS Cissell, ENS Grant, ENS Houston,
 ENS Lee, ENS Magnuson Promotion ceremony.
 18 MAY UNREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL.
 19 MAY Safety Stand down.
 20 MAY Moored NAVSTA Mayport, FL. Offload HSL-42. PCO CDR A. L. Kreuger
 arrives. Embark family members for Tiger Cruise. Underway enroute Norfolk,
 VA.
 21 MAY DIVTACS, Steel Beach Picnic.
 22 MAY UNREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL, awards ceremony, EM2 (SW) Taylor
 reenlistment.
 23 MAY Moored NAVSTA Norfolk, VA. First POM leave period begins.
 07 JUN POM turnover. Second POM leave period begins.
 23 JUN Second POM leave period ends.
 26 JUN Awards ceremony/CO's call.
 27 JUN Change of Command ceremony. CDR T. W. Bostock relieved by CDR A. L.
 Krueger.
 30 JUN CO's call with Officers, CPOs, 1st Class Petty Officers, and E-5 and below.
 01 JUL Midshipmen tour. LT Brickhouse and LTJG Carlson promotion ceremony.
 03 JUL EN2 (SW) Parsons reenlistment ceremony.
 04 JUL Independence Day.
 08 JUL Fast Cruise.
 09 JUL Underway enroute VACAPES. Small arms qualifications, 76mm/CIWS Pacfire.
 Deck landing Qualifications.
 10 JUL Moored NAVSTA Norfolk, VA.
 14-16 JUL 3M Assist.
 16-17 JUL Physical Fitness Assessment.
 23 JUL Underway enroute Bucksport, ME. Engineering Casualty Control drills.
 24 JUL 76mm/CIWS Pacfire.
 25 JUL Moored Bucksport, ME.
 26-27 JUL General Public Visitations. Ship competition with USS DE WERT (FFG 45).
 28 JUL Underway enroute Norfolk, VA.
 29 JUL Air defense exercise. 76mm/25mm PACFIRE.
 30 JUL UNREP with USNS KANAWHA. Moored NAVSTA Norfolk, VA.
 01 AUG BM3 Farmer reenlistment ceremony. Ship picnic.
 05 AUG Underway enroute VACAPES, Annapolis, MD. ULM-4 Range, Torpedo
 exercise, Engineering Casualty Control Drills, ASW Exercise.
 06 AUG Air defense exercise, 76mm PACFIRE, burials at sea.
 08 AUG Anchored Annapolis, MD.
 09-10 AUG Midshipmen tours.
 11 AUG Underway enroute VACAPES, WEPSTA Yorktown, VA. MS2 Albores
 reenlistment. CHAFF firing, .50 cal gun shoot.
 12 AUG UNREP with USNS KANAWHA, moored WEPSTA Yorktown, VA.
 13-14 AUG Ammo offload.
 15 AUG Underway enroute NAVSTA Norfolk, VA. Family Day Cruise. Moored pier 10
 NAVSTA Norfolk, VA.
 18-21 AUG 3M Inspection.
 22 AUG ET1 (SW) Green retirement ceremony.

26 AUG Underway enroute VACAPES. ULM-4 Range. Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.

27 AUG Torpedo exercise, ITT Scenario, Small Arms gun shoot, Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.

28 AUG Moored pier 10 NAVSTA Norfolk, VA.

29 AUG Commenced NULKA install.

03 SEP ENS Higgins Promotion ceremony.

04 SEP E-6 Advancement Exam.

11 SEP Moment of silence in honor of 9/11/01. E-5 Advancement Exam. STIR Antenna, MK13 removal.

12 SEP COMDESRON TWO TWO Change of Command.

15 SEP Sortie to Norfolk Naval Shipyard to avoid Hurricane ISABEL.

17 SEP CTTC Black, HMC Rollinger, GSEC Hallowell frocked to Chief Petty Officers.

23 SEP Dead stick berth shift to Metro Machine Shipyard. Commence DSRA.

10 NOV Dead stick berth shift to dry dock at Metro Machine Shipyard.

12 NOV IT3 Andres, GSE2 (SW) Cardenas, OS3 Dickey, SK3 Dizdarevic, OS2 Dugger, OSSN Elhazzjabar, YN3 Harmon, IT2 Hollihan, OS3 Jackson, PN2 (SW) Mills, BM2 (SW) Richards, SK2 (SW) Robertson, OS2 Sanmartin, OS3 Smith, IT2 (SW) Taylor, OS3 Mills, GM3 Carter, SK1 (SW/AW)Amarh, BM1 (SW) Kassner, SKSN Gbaya, SKSN Primm, and OSSN Warren frocked to new rank.

14 NOV SKC (SW) Lyons reenlistment. Small arms gun shoot.

17 NOV CWO2 Brown retirement ceremony.

18 NOV First holiday leave period begins.

27 NOV Thanksgiving holiday.

02 DEC First holiday leave period ends.

05 DEC Command Christmas party.

09 DEC Children's Christmas party.

12 DEC OS1 Harris retirement ceremony.

15 DEC Small arms gun shoot.

16 DEC ET2 (SW) Doten, SH1 (SW) McCants, and BM3 Rink CAP. Second holiday leave period begins.

19 DEC GSM3 Lactaoen and EN3 Reyes advanced to E-4 rank.

25 DEC Christmas holiday.

30 DEC Second holiday leave period ends.

31 DEC Fuel oil onload.

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COMMAND HISTORY
Narrative

HAWES began the New Year in port Taranto, Italy. HAWESMEN celebrated the New Year with a picnic and movies on the pier. STG2(SW) Lumahan reenlisted on the 2nd of January with CDR Bostock administering the oath. HAWES got underway on 3 January enroute to Souda Bay, Crete, Greece. HAWES completed an Underway Replenishment and Vertical Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA on 5 January.

HAWES moored in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece on the 6th of January. While in port Souda Bay, HAWES assumed duties as the U.S. Representative to Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM), relieving USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD. Indoctrination Division was held for newly reported HAWESMEN on January 7th. The Commanding Officer kicked off the training by welcoming all of them aboard. On January 9th, HAWES acknowledged the hard work and professional accomplishments of her crew with an awards ceremony and Commanding Officer's call. While in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, Commodore Phillip Wirth of the Royal Netherlands Navy, Commander, Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (CSNFM), visited HAWES from his flagship HNLMS WITTE DE WITH. HAWES briefed Commodore Wirth on the capabilities that HAWES brought to the SNFM force. Commodore Wirth briefed his expectations of HAWES in her support of NATO operations.

HAWES got underway in support of NATO Operations on 12 January. On the 13th and 14th of January, HAWES conducted several exercises with FGS AUGSBURG and ITS SCIROCCO, including an ASW exercise and an anti-air exercise. HAWES also conducted a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on the 14th of January. HAWES conducted an underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA on 16 January and that afternoon HAWES' 1st Class Petty Officers took the Chief Petty Officer Advancement exam. HAWES began her first SNFM patrol in area CANDLESTICK, East of Crete, from the 14th until the 26th of January in support of Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOR. HAWES held a Damage Control Olympics and a Steel Beach picnic on the 20th of January. On the 21st of January HAWES conducted a small arms shoot, LEAPFROGS, and an underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA. HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on the 24th of January. HAWES conducted LEAPFROGS, an underway replenishment, and a Surface Encounter exercise with HS ALIAKMON, SPS CATALUNA, FS JEAN DE VIENNE and FGS AUGSBURG on January 25th.

HAWES moored at AKSAZ, Turkey on the January 26, and held an awards ceremony and Commanding Officer's call that afternoon. While in Turkey HAWES hosted a reception for SPS CATALUNA Officers and CPO mess.

HAWES got underway from Aksaz, Turkey to patrol area CANDLESTICK in support of Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOR on 30 January and completed a small boat attack exercise that same morning. DC2(SW) North reenlisted on the 30th of January, with CDR Bostock administering the oath of reenlistment. HAWES completed an ASW exercise and underway replenishment with SPS CATALUNA, HMS NORTHUMBERLAND and HS ALIAKMON on the 31st of January. LT Rosetter was promoted to the rank of LCDR on February 1st and HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.

HAWES began SNFM's Exercise Integration Period (EXIP) on the 2nd of February. This intensive Exercise period began with a Formation Anchorage, DIVTACS, and a simulated ASW exercise with the rest of the SNFM ships, HNMLS ABRAHAM VAN DER HULST, SPS CATALUNA, HS ELLI, FGS AUGSBURG, HMS NORTHUMBERLAND, TCG GELIBOLU and ITS SCIROCCO. On February 3rd HAWES completed an ASW exercise, an anti-surface and an electronic warfare exercise. On the 4th of February HAWES completed DIVTACS, LEAPFROGS and an underway replenishment with the SNFM ships and HS ALIAKMON. HAWES continued to train with the SNFM Forces and on the 5th and 6th of February completing two simulated air exercises, two actual air defense exercises, a surface encounter exercise, a gunnery exercise, an additional ASW exercise, a close formation photo exercise and an underway replenishment. HAWES moored in Aksaz, Turkey on 9 February. Indoctrination Division was held for newly reported HAWESMEN on February 10th. HAWES got underway on the 12th of February enroute to patrol area CANDLESTICK in support of Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOR. HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on 12 February and on 15 February. On 16 February, HAWES conducted an underway replenishment and vertical replenishment with USNS JOHN LENTHALL. After completing the at sea replenishments, HAWES transited to area Dodger, north of Africa, to patrol in support of Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOR. HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises and a small arms shoot on the 18th of February and another set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on the 19th of February. HAWES conducted an underway replenishment with FS SOMME on 20 February. HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on 21 February. On the 22nd of February HAWES conducted an underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA. TM1(SW) Stanley reenlisted on

the 24th of January and STG1(SW) Rizak reenlisted on the 25th of February with CDR Bostock administering the oath of reenlistment for both. HAWES conducted a .50 cal gun shoot on the 25th of February.

HAWES moored in Augusta Bay, Sicily, Italy on the 26th of February. On the 28th of February, HAWES held a picnic on the pier. HAWES got underway on the 1st of March to participate in Exercise DOGFISH, the largest NATO anti-submarine exercise held in five years. HAWES conducted the exercise with FS CASBIANCA, SPS TRAMONTANA, ITS GAZZANA, HS GLAFKOS, U 16, TCG PREVEZE, TCG VILDIRAY, ITS EURO, ITS PIAVE, HNMLS ABRAHAM VAN DER HULST, SPS CATALUNA and ITS SCIROCCO. On 4 March Commodore Phillip Wirth, Commander, Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (CSNFM), visited HAWES from his flagship HNLMS ABRAHAM VAN DER HULST. HAWES completed Exercise DOGFISH and conducted a 76mm and CIWS PACFIRE. QM2(SW) Dufour reenlisted on the 5th of March with CDR Bostock administering the oath.

HAWES moored in Augusta Bay, Sicily, Italy, on the 6th of March. HNLMS ABRAHAM VAN DER HULST held a reception for the other SNFM forces. On March 9th, HAWES acknowledged the hard work and professional accomplishments of her crew with an awards ceremony and Commanding Officer's call.

HAWES got underway on the 11th of March enroute area CANDLESTICK again to patrol in support of Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOR. HAWES completed an underway replenishment with USNS ARCTIC and conducted a Surface Encounter exercise with SPS CATALUNA and FGS AUGSBURG on the 14th of March. HAWES conducted her second Damage Control Olympics on the 17th of March.

HAWES moored in Aksaz, Turkey on the 18th of March, and got underway from Aksaz on the 20th of March at the beginning of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. HAWES conducted an underway replenishment on the 21st of March with USNS ARCTIC. HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on March 22nd and moored to a buoy in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece, on the 24th of March. The port visit to Souda Bay was to end a period of SNFM exercises. HAWES participated in a damage control exercise with the following ships: HS ELLI, TCG GELIBOLU, FGS AUGSBURG, SNS CATALUNA, HMS NORTHUMBERLAND, HNLMS ABRAHAM VAN DER HULST and ITS SCIROCCO. On the evening of the 24th, a Commanding Officer's reception was held on board FGS AUGSBURG. HAWES got underway on the 25th of March and conducted a Sail-Past and wished the departing SNFM units farewell. On the 26th of March, HAWES conducted an air defense exercise with

SPS CATALUNA and HS ELLI, as well as a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises. HAWES conducted a small arms shoot on the 27th of March; and a torpedo exercise and set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on March 28th. March 29th HAWES completed a CIWS and 76mm PACFIRE, an underway replenishment with ITS VESUVIO and an air defense exercise with TCG GELIBOLU. On March 30th, HAWES was boarded by members of TCG GELIBOLU's boarding team as an exercise. HAWES conducted a boarding and a simulated towing with TCG GELIBOLU on the 31st of March. GSM3(SW) Nicholson reenlisted on the 31st of March with CDR Bostock administering the oath.

HAWES moored in Augusta Bay, Sicily, Italy on the 2nd of April. VADM Fry, COMSIXTHFLT, visited and held an Admiral's Call and awards ceremony on the flight deck. VADM Fry commended HAWES for a job well done in the past few months and encouraged HAWESMEN to continue in their hard work.

HAWES got underway on the 4th of April enroute Rota, Spain in support of Strait of Gibraltar (STROG) Escort Duties. HAWES completed small arms PACFIRE in preparation for upcoming STROG Escort Duties and transited the Strait of Gibraltar and moored in Rota, Spain on 7 April.

HAWES got underway on the 10th of April, and escorted 13 vessels through the STROG over the next 3 days. HAWES moored in Rota, Spain for a brief stop for fuel on the 14th of April and was underway that same afternoon enroute Palma de Mallorca, Spain. HAWES transited through the STROG on the 14th of April and moored in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on April 16th. While in Palma de Mallorca, HAWES attended several official functions with members of the U.S. Navy League, and held a reception on HAWES on the 19th of April. HAWES got underway from Palma de Mallorca on the 21st of April enroute Rota, Spain for STROG escort duties. HAWES transited the STROG on the 23rd of April and moored in Rota, Spain that afternoon.

HAWES got underway on the 25th of April, and escorted 11 vessels through the STROG over the next 3 days. HAWES moored in Rota, Spain on the evening of April 27th. HAWES got underway from Rota, Spain, and transited the STROG enroute Cartagena, Spain, on the 29th of April. On April 30th HAWES conducted a 76mm and CIWS PACFIRE, a torpedo exercise, as well as Engineering Casualty Control drills.

HAWES moored at Cartagena, Spain on the 1st of May, reassembling with SNFM units. While in Cartagena, HAWES hosted a SNFM Force reception. HAWES was relieved of SNFM duties by USS PORTER. BMC(SW) Rinto, BM1(SW) Hardee, and BM2(SW) Baker reenlisted on the 3rd of May.

HAWES got underway from Cartagena on the 4th of May. HAWES conducted a small arms gun shoot on the 6th and 8th of May, and Engineering Casualty Control drills on the 6th and 7th of May. On 9 May, HAWES rendezvoused, with COMDESRON TWO TWO, transited the STROG, and began the transit across the Atlantic enroute Norfolk, VA, with COMDESRON TWO TWO on the 9th of May. HAWES completed an underway replenishment and connected replenishment with USNS JOHN LENTHALL on 10 May. ENC(SW) Albert reenlisted on the 11th of May with CDR Bostock administering the oath of reenlistment. CAPT O'Bryan, COMDESRON TWO TWO, visited HAWES on the 12th of May. That same day HAWES conducted a 76mm PACFIRE and small arms gun shoot and a set of Engineering Casualty Control drills and a Surface Engagement exercise that evening. HAWES completed an underway replenishment with USNS JOHN LENTHALL on 14 May. Representatives from Fleet Family Support Center arrived on the 15th of May and provided return and reunion lectures to HAWES' returning Sailors. HAWES conducted an ASW exercise on the 15th of May, a PHOTOEX with COMDESRON TWO TWO on the 16th, and a 76mm PACFIRE and Engineering Casualty Control drills on the 17th of May. HAWES completed an underway replenishment with USNS JOHN LENTHALL on 18 May. A safety stand down was conducted on 19 May.

HAWES moored at Naval Station, Mayport, FL, on the 20th of May to disembark HSL-42 and to embark family members for the TIGER Cruise enroute Norfolk, VA. CDR A. L. Krueger reported on the 20th of May to begin the turnover process as Commanding Officer USS HAWES.

HAWES got underway from Mayport, FL, enroute Norfolk, VA, on the 20th of May. HAWES conducted DIVTACS with the ships of COMDESRON TWO TWO, and held a steel beach picnic on the 21st of May. HAWES completed an underway replenishment with USNS JOHN LENTHALL, an awards ceremony, and EM2(SW) Taylor reenlisted on 22 May. HAWES moored Naval Station Norfolk, VA, on the 23rd of May completing another successful deployment.

First POM leave period began on the 24th of May, with half of the crew taking leave. First POM period ended on the 7th of June, and the second POM leave period began after a day of turnover. Second POM leave period ended on the 23rd of June.

HAWES held an awards ceremony, followed by a Commanding Officer's call on the 26th of June. CDR Anthony L. Krueger relieved CDR Todd W. Bostock as Commanding Officer of USS HAWES on the 27th of June. CDR Krueger held a separate CO's calls for the wardroom, CPO's Mess, First Class Petty Officer's, and finally the E-5 and below Sailors on the 30th of June. HAWES hosted 50 midshipmen from the USNA for tours on the 1st of July, and LT Brickhouse was promoted to the rank of LCDR and LTJG Carlson was promoted to the rank of LT. EN2(SW) Parsons reenlisted on the 3rd of July with CDR Krueger administering the oath.

HAWES conducted a Fast cruise on the 8th of July in preparation for the underway the following day. HAWES got underway on the 9th of July enroute VACAPES to conduct training. HAWES conducted small arms qualifications, a 76mm and CIWS PACFIRE, and Deck Landing Qualifications on July 9th. HAWES returned to Naval Station Norfolk, VA, on the 10th of July.

Afloat Training Group Atlantic (ATGLANT) conducted a 3M inspection from the 14th through the 16th of July, preparing HAWES for the upcoming inspection of HAWES preventative maintenance program. HAWES held the semiannual physical fitness assessment on the 16th and 17th of July.

HAWES got underway on July 23rd, enroute to Bucksport, Maine, in order to conduct a high priority port visit in support of the Fort Knox Festival. HAWES completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises on the 23rd, and then a 76mm and CIWS PACFIRE on the 24th of July. HAWES moored alongside USS DE WERT (FFG 45) on the 25th of July in Bucksport, Maine. While in Bucksport, HAWESMEN soundly defeated USS DE WERT in an interesting competition with events ranging from a tug-of-war to pie eating. HAWESMEN also marched in the Fort Knox day parade, and conducted general public visits for approximately 1100 people to tour HAWES.

On the 28th of July, HAWES got underway enroute to Norfolk, VA. HAWES completed an air defense exercise, a 76mm and 25mm PACFIRE, and an underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA before mooring at Naval Station Norfolk, VA, on the 30th of July.

BM3 Farmer reenlisted on the 1st of August with CDR Krueger administering the oath. HAWES held a ship picnic for the crew, families and friends on August 1st. HAWES got underway on the 5th of August to the VACAPES OPAREA, before transiting to Annapolis, MD. On the afternoon of 5 August, HAWES utilized the ULM-4 Range to fine-tune her SLQ-32, completed a Torpedo exercise, an ASW exercise, and a set of Engineering Casualty Control exercises. HAWES conducted an Air defense exercise and a 76mm PACFIRE on the 6th of August. HAWES anchored in Annapolis, MD, on August 8th and gave tours to Midshipmen and their families on the 9th and 10th. HAWES got underway from Annapolis, MD, on the 11th of August enroute Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA. HAWES completed a .50 cal gun shoot and chaff firing exercise in the VACAPES on the 11th of August. MS2 Albores reenlisted on the 11th of August with CDR Krueger administering the oath.

On the 12th of August HAWES conducted an Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA and moored at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA. HAWES conducted an ammunition offload on the 13th and 14th of August. HAWES embarked approximately 175 family members and friends on the 15th of August for a Family Day Cruise. HAWES moored at pier 10, Naval Station Norfolk, VA that afternoon.

ATGLANT conducted a 3M inspection on HAWES from the 18th through the 21st of August, certifying HAWES' Preventative Maintenance Program. On the 22nd of August, HAWES held a retirement ceremony for ET1(SW) Green. HAWES got underway on the 26th of August enroute VACAPES for training. HAWES utilized the ULM-4 Range to fine-tune her SLQ-32 and completed a set of Engineering Casualty Control exercises on the 26th. On August 27th, HAWES completed a torpedo exercise, an ITT scenario, a small arms gun shoot, and a set of Engineering Casualty Control Exercises. HAWES returned to pier 10, Naval Station Norfolk, VA, on 28 August. ENS Higgins was promoted to the rank of LTJG on the 3rd of September. HAWES held the E-6 advancement exam on the 4th of September, and the E-5 advancement exam on the 11th. HAWES' MK13 Missile Launcher and Separate Track Illuminating Radar (STIR) were removed on the 11th of September. HAWES observed a moment of silence on September 11th, in honor of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania.

HAWES sortied to Norfolk Naval Shipyard on the 15th of September due to hurricane ISABEL. HAWES conducted a dead stick berth shift from Norfolk Naval Shipyard to Metro Machine Shipyard on the 23rd of September for DSRA. HAWES went into the dry dock at Metro Machine on the 10th of November.

CTT1(SW) Black, HM1(SW) Rollinger, and GSE1(SW) Hallowell were promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer on the 16th of September after completing CPO Indoctrination. On the 12th of November, the following personnel were frocked to their new rank: IT3 Andres, GSE2(SW) Cardenas, OS3 Dickey, SK3 Dizdarevic, OS2 Dugger, OS3 Elhazzjabar, YN3 Harmon, IT2 Hollihan, OS3 Jackson, PN2(SW) Mills, BM2(SW) Richards, SK2(SW) Robertson, OS2 Sanmartin, OS3 Smith, IT2(SW) Taylor, OS3 Mills, GM3 Carter, YN1(SW) Latocha, SK1(SW/AW) Amarah, and BM1(SW) Kassner. SKC(SW) Lyons reenlisted on the 14th of November with CDR Krueger administering the oath. Retirement ceremonies were held for CWO2 Brown on the 17th of November, concluding 22 years of faithful service, and OS1 Harris on the 12th of December. The USS HAWES Christmas party was held on the 5th of December, and a Christmas party for the children of HAWESMEN was held on the 9th of December. ET2(SW) Doten, SH1(SW) McCants, and BM3 Rink were command advanced on the 16th of December. Later that month on the 19th, GSM3 Lactaen and EN3 Reyes were also advanced.

During DSRA, HAWES had several ship alterations completed including the removal of all four original Stevenson Ship Service Diesel Generators (SSDG) and the installation of four new Caterpillar SSDGs, the installation of the NULKA decoy launching system, replacement of CIWS Block 1A with CIWS Block 1B, removal of the WSN 2 and installation of a WSN 7 gyro, removal of both evaporators and the installation of two reverse osmosis units. ADNS/KG-175 and a stern flap were also installed. HAWES also had several alterations including overhauls to her LM2500 Gas Turbine Engines, MK75 76mm gun, removal and overhaul of the sonar dome, and the INMARSAT BHSP was enhanced.

On the 31st of December, HAWES safely unloaded 109,281 gallons of fuel oil delivered by a barge from Craney Island and celebrated New Years at Metro Machine Dry Dock.