



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FOUR FIVE
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From: Commanding Officer, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light 45
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH) Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: 1991 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) CO Biography
(2) Safety Rundown
(3) Flight Hours
(4) HSL-45 Organization and Structure

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are provided.

a. Command Mission. Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Four Five's primary mission is to provide fully mission capable LAMPS MK III detachments for deployment aboard cruisers, destroyers, and frigates assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The helicopters assigned to these detachments are an integral part of the ship's weapon systems, extending the ship's anti-submarine warfare and anti-ship surveillance and targeting capabilities beyond the horizon. Secondary missions include search and rescue, medical evacuation, vertical replenishment, and communications relay.

b. Organizational Structure

- Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- Commanding Officer: Edward J. Quirk, CDR, USN
- Executive Officer: Thomas A. Vecchiolla, CDR, USN

Homeport

Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, CA

Aircraft Assigned

Type: Sh-60B Seahawk

Number: End Strength 13

Tailcode: TZ (Tango Zulu)

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c. Chronology

January

10 AKCS [REDACTED] awarded Second Navy Commendation Medal
30 LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], and AW3 [REDACTED] receive Inner Zone Quick Kill Award
31 AT2 [REDACTED] selected as Senior Sailor of the Month
31 ADAN [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

February

05 CDR Thomas A. Vecchiolla awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
12 Detachment SEVEN BRAVO embarked USS CUSHING departed COMTUEX
22 Detachment SEVEN BRAVO embarked USS CUSHING returned
29 AMH1 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
29 AD3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

March

15 AE1 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
15 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Achievement Medal
19 ADC [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
19 Squadron Awarded CY90 Battle "E" award
23 Detachment FOUR embarked USS GARY departed workups
26 LT [REDACTED] Jr. awarded second Navy Achievement Medal
26 AECS [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Achievement Medal
31 AMS1 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month

April

04 Detachment FOUR embarked USS GARY returned
12 Detachment SEVEN BRAVO forward deployed USS HEWITT departed
12 ATAN [REDACTED] awarded Plane Captain of the Quarter
15 CDR [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
20 Detachment EIGHT forward deployed USS FIFE returned
25 Detachment SEVEN ALPHA forward deployed USS CURTIS returned
29 Detachment FOUR embarked USS GARY departed READIEX
30 AMH2 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
30 PRAN [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

May

01 AW2 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (First and Second Strike)
04 Detachment FIVE departed MK-50 TORPEDO evaluation
06 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
09 Detachment FOUR embarked USS GARY returned
13 AT1 [REDACTED] awarded Senior Sailor of the Quarter
15 AE2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
15 AE2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
16 Detachment SIX embarked USS FLETCHER departed workups
20 Detachment FIVE returned MK-50 TORPEDO evaluation
28 Detachment FOUR embarked USS GARY departed MEF
29 AX1 [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Achievement Medal
29 AW1 [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Achievement Medal
31 AMH1 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
31 AE3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

June

01 Detachment SIX embarked USS FLETCHER departed READY ASW ops
03 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
03 ATCS [REDACTED] awarded Third Navy Achievement Medal
04 Detachment FIVE embarked USS VINCENNES departed REFTRA
07 Detachment TWO embarked USS JARRETT returned MEF
08 Detachment THREE embarked USS PAUL F. FOSTER returned
10 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded third Navy Commendation Medal
12 Detachment SIX embarked USS FLETCHER returned
17 LT [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
19 AW1 [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Achievement Medal
20 Detachment SIX embarked USS FLETCHER departed workups
24 LT [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
24 AEC [REDACTED] awarded third Navy Achievement Medal
25 Detachment FIVE embarked USS VINCENNES returned
28 Detachment SIX embarked USS FLETCHER returned
30 AW1 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
30 ADAN [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

July

02 AX1 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] awarded Sikorsky Maintenance Man of the Quarter
10 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
10 ATC [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
12 LT [REDACTED] awarded first Navy Commendation Medal
14 Detachment SEVEN CHARLIE embarked USS JARRETT departed
17 AW1 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal

July (continued)

19 AE3 [REDACTED] selected Plane Captain of the Quarter
23 AMSC [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
24 Detachment NINE embarked USS ANTIETAM departed workups
26 Detachment SEVEN CHARLIE embarked USS JARRETT returned
31 YNCM [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
31 AK2 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
31 AE3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

August

02 AZ2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
05 Detachment THREE embarked USS INDEPENDENCE departed WESTPAC
05 Detachment FIVE embarked USS VINCENNES departed WESTPAC
13 AT2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
19 Detachment NINE embarked USS ANTIETAM returned
20 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
23 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
23 LT [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
23 LTJG [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
23 LTJG [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
23 AD1 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
23 AMH2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
23 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
23 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
31 AZ1 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
31 AE3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

September

03 AZ2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
20 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
05 Detachment ? awarded Battle "E" for 1990, USS ANTIETAM
23 Detachment SEVEN CHARLIE forward deployed USS FIFE departed
24 AMH1 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
30 AMH2 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
30 AT3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

October

04 Detachment SEVEN BRAVO forward deployed USS HEWITT returned
07 Detachment NINE embarked USS ANTIETAM departed workups
07 AT2 [REDACTED] awarded Plane Captain of the Quarter

October (continued)

07 AE3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the
Quarter
11 Detachment NINE embarked USS ANTIETAM returned
11 AE2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
23 Detachment NINE embarked USS ANTIETAM departed REFTRA
23 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
28 Detachment EIGHT embarked USS JARRETT departed workups
31 AMH1 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the Month
31 AK3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month

November

05 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
05 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
07 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
07 LT [REDACTED] awarded Second Navy Achievement
Medal
13 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded third Navy Commendation Medal
14 LT [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation Medal
15 LT [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (Gold numeral "I" award)
15 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (Gold numeral "I"
award)
18 AZ2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
19 LT [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (Gold numeral "I"
award)
21 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation
Medal
31 AMS2 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the
Month

December

02 AX2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
02 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
03 AMHC [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
09 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
12 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
16 LTJG [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
16 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
18 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation
Medal
18 LT [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (First Strike)
18 LCDR [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (First Strike)
18 LT [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (First Strike)
18 AXC [REDACTED] awarded second Navy Commendation
Medal
18 AD1 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Achievement Medal
18 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
18 AW2 [REDACTED] awarded Air Medal (First Strike)

December (continued)

- 21 Detachment FIVE embarked USS VINCENNES returned
- 27 LT [REDACTED] awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- 31 AD1 [REDACTED] Sea Sailor of the Year 1991
- 31 AMH1 [REDACTED] Shore Sailor of the Year 1991
- 31 AMH1 [REDACTED] Shore selected Senior Sailor of the
Quarter
- 31 AK3 [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Quarter
- 31 A02 [REDACTED] selected Senior Sailor of the
Month
- 31 AN [REDACTED] selected Junior Sailor of the Month
- 31 Command awarded CNO Safety Award 1991
- 31 Battle "E" Award 1991 (Fourth Award)


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