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HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE SQUADRON LIGHT FOUR FIVE  
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) CO Biography and Photograph  
(2) 1997 CNO Aviation Safety Award Nomination Package  
(3) 1997 Flight Hour Summary  
(4) HSL 45 Organization and Structure  
(5) CY 1997 Detachments

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are provided.

a. Command Mission. Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FOUR FIVE's primary mission is to provide fully mission capable LAMPS MK III detachments for deployment aboard cruises, 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-surface and anti-search and rescue, medical evacuation, vertical replenishment, and communications relay.

b. Organizational Structure

- Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- Commanding Officer: Daniel A. Gomrick, CDR, USN
- Executive Officer: Thomas P. O'Keefe, CDR, USN

Homeport

Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, CA

Aircraft Assigned

Type: SH-60B Seahawk

Number: End Strength 11

Tailcode: TZ (Tango Zulu)

2. HSL 45 Chronology for 1997

**JANUARY**

02 AW1(AW) [REDACTED] Sea Sailor of the Year for 1996

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|    |             |            |  |
|----|-------------|------------|--|
| 02 | AO2         | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                               |
| 02 | AD2         | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Third Award                            |
| 02 | AK2         | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                               |
| 03 | AT1 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Shore Sailor of the Year for 1996                    |
| 08 | AMS2 (AW)   | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Third Award                            |
| 09 | AD1 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Senior Sailor of the Month of December 1996          |
| 09 | AD3         | [REDACTED] | Junior Sailor of the Month of December 1996          |
| 10 | AE3         | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award                            |
| 10 | AW2 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award                            |
| 11 | AT3 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award                            |
| 12 | AW2 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award                            |
| 13 | AE2 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Senior Sailor of the Quarter for Fourth Quarter 1996 |
| 13 | AD3         | [REDACTED] | Junior Sailor of the Quarter for Fourth Quarter 1996 |
| 13 | AT2         | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                               |
| 22 | AW1 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                               |
| 23 | AZ1         | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                               |
| 24 | AT2 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                               |
| 24 | AE2 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                               |
| 25 | OS2         | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Fourth Award                           |
| 27 | AKC (AW/SW) | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Third Award                            |
| 28 | AT3 (AW)    | [REDACTED] | Junior Sailor of the Quarter                         |
| 31 | LT          | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                               |

**FEBRUARY**

|    |   |            |   |
|----|---|------------|---|
| 02 | AWC (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Fourth Award                  |
| 02 | ATC (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Fourth Award                  |
| 05 | AW1 (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 05 | AT1 (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 06 | AT1 (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Senior Sailor of the Month For January 1997 |
| 07 | AMH3  | [REDACTED] | Junior Sailor of the Month for January 1997 |
| 07 | AO2   | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 19 | Detachment FIVE embarked in USS INGRAHAM (FF 61) deployed |            |   |
| 20 | LT  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 24 | LCDR  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 24 | AE2   | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 25 | AMS1  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                      |
| 28 | PC3   | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                      |
| 28 | AD2   | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Fifth Award                   |

**MARCH**

|    |          |            |  |
|----|----------|------------|--|
| 07 | AT3 (AW) | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                       |
| 10 | AW3      | [REDACTED] | Junior Sailor of the Month for February 1997 |
| 11 | AMS1     | [REDACTED] | Senior Sailor of the Month For February 1997 |
| 16 | AD3      | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                       |

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|----|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 17 | CDR [REDACTED]      | Meritorious Service Medal |
| 21 | AW2 (AW) [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation    |
| 26 | AE2 [REDACTED]      | Letter of Appreciation    |

APRIL

|    |                        |   |
|----|------------------------|---|
| 03 | AZ1 [REDACTED]         | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 03 | AMS3 [REDACTED]        | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 07 | AZC (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 07 | AW1 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 09 | YN2 (SW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 24 | AKC (AW/SW) [REDACTED] | Navy Commendation Medal                             |
| 14 | AZ3 [REDACTED]         | Junior Sailor of the Month for March 1997           |
| 14 | AE2 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Senior Sailor of the Month For March 1997           |
| 14 | AZ3 [REDACTED]         | Junior Sailor of the Quarter for First Quarter 1997 |
| 11 | YN2 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 11 | YNC (SW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 11 | AMH1 (AW) [REDACTED]   | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 11 | BM2 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 11 | LT [REDACTED]          | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 11 | LT [REDACTED]          | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AMS1 (AW) [REDACTED]   | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AT2 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | LT [REDACTED]          | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AMS2 (AW) [REDACTED]   | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AMSC (AW) [REDACTED]   | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | LT [REDACTED]          | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AMS1 (AW) [REDACTED]   | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AD1 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AZ2 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AMH2 [REDACTED]        | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AZ2 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AE2 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | PR1 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AZ2 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | ATCS (AW) [REDACTED]   | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AZ2 [REDACTED]         | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | CWO3 [REDACTED]        | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 15 | AT1 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 17 | PC3 [REDACTED]         | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 17 | AT2 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 21 | AMH3 [REDACTED]        | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 21 | AK3 [REDACTED]         | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 22 | AE1 (AW) [REDACTED]    | Navy Achievement Medal                              |
| 25 | LCDR [REDACTED]        | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | AW2 [REDACTED]         | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | AW3 [REDACTED]         | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | AW2 [REDACTED]         | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | LT [REDACTED]          | Letter of Appreciation                              |

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|----|----------|------------|---|
| 25 | AW2 (AW) | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 25 | AW1 (AW) | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 25 | AW2 (AW) | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 25 | ATAA     | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | ATAN     | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | ADAN     | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | ATAN     | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | ADAR     | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | AW2      | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 25 | ADC (AW) | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                              |
| 25 | YN2      | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | YN3      | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | YNSN     | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | YN3      | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 25 | PC3      | [REDACTED] | Letter of Appreciation                              |
| 29 | AT1 (AW) | [REDACTED] | Senior Sailor of the Quarter for First Quarter 1997 |

**MAY**

|    |   |            |   |
|----|---|------------|---|
| 01 | AOC (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |
| 05 | AMS1 (AW)   | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |
| 06 | AMS1 (AW)   | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |
| 06 | OS2   | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |
| 09 | AMCS (AW)   | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |
| 12 | AD2) (AW)   | [REDACTED] | Senior Sailor of the Month for April 1997 |
| 12 | AD3   | [REDACTED] | Junior Sailor of the Month for April 1997 |
| 14 | Detachment SIX embarked in USS DAVID R. RAY (DD 971) deployed |            |   |
| 18 | AME (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award                 |
| 19 | AT1 (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                    |
| 22 | AT1 (AW)  | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation                    |
| 22 | LCDR  | [REDACTED] | Navy Commendation Medal                   |
| 30 | LT  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |
| 30 | LT  | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal                    |

**JUNE**

|    |       |            |                            |
|----|-------|------------|----------------------------|
| 05 | LCDR  | [REDACTED] | Navy Commendation Medal    |
| 06 | LT    | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal     |
| 07 | AN    | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award  |
| 11 | LT    | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal     |
| 11 | LT    | [REDACTED] | Navy Achievement Medal     |
| 12 | YN2   | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation     |
| 12 | AMS2  | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation     |
| 15 | AMH1  | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Third Award  |
| 15 | AMSAN | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award  |
| 15 | AT2   | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award  |
| 20 | AMS2  | [REDACTED] | Letter of Commendation     |
| 23 | LT    | [REDACTED] | Meritorious Service Medal  |
| 23 | AT1   | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, Fourth Award |
| 24 | AZ3   | [REDACTED] | Good Conduct, First Award  |

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24 AW1 [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Month for May 1997  
30 AMCS (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Commendation Medal  
26 AN [REDACTED] Plane Captain

**JULY**

01 AO1 [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Fourth Award  
02 AO2 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 AO3 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 AT1 (AW) [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 AO2 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 AO1 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 AW2 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 LT [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 LT [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 AE2 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 LT [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
02 LT [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
07 AMH3 [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Month for May 1997  
09 AMCS (AW) [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
10 AD2 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
10 YN2 [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Month for June 1997  
10 AMS3 [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Month for June 1997  
10 AW1 (AW) [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Quarter for Second Quarter  
1997  
10 AD3 [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Quarter for Second Quarter  
1997  
15 AMS1 [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Fifth Award  
16 AE2 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
16 AK1 (AW) [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Third Award  
16 YNC (AW) [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Fourth Award  
18 AD2 [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Second Award  
24 AMSC (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
27 AE1 [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Fourth Award  
29 LT [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
29 AE2 [REDACTED] Letter of Commendation  
31 AT1 (AW) [REDACTED] Letter of Commendation  
31 AW2 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal

**AUGUST**

01 AMS2 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
07 AMH1 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AK2 (AW) [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Second Award  
08 AE2 [REDACTED] Letter of Commendation  
11 AO2 [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Month for July 1997  
11 AMH3 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
11 AW2 [REDACTED] Plane Captain  
11 AE3 [REDACTED] Plane Captain  
16 AK2 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal

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18 AMSC(AW) ██████████ Good Conduct, Fourth Award  
19 Detachment SEVEN embarked in USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986) deployed  
19 PR3 ██████████ Junior Sailor of the Month for July 1997  
19 AZ2(AW) ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
21 AW2(AW) ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
21 AMH3 ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
21 Detachment FIVE embarked in USS INGRAHAM (FF 61) returned  
22 AW2 ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
25 LT ██████████ Navy Commendation Medal  
27 AK3 ██████████ Letter of Commendation  
28 AW1(AW) ██████████ Good Conduct, Third Award

**SEPTEMBER**

05 Detachment EIGHT embarked in USS FORD (FFG 54) deployed  
05 ADC(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 YNC(SW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AMS1(AW) ██████████ Letter of Commendation  
05 AO1 ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AMH1(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AZ1(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AW1(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AMS1(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AZ2(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AMS3(AW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 YN3 ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AN ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AE2(AW/SW) ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AZ2 ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
05 AT3 ██████████ Letter of Appreciation  
08 AZ2(AW) ██████████ Good Conduct, Third Award  
10 AZAN ██████████ Junior Sailor of the Month for August 1997  
11 AZ2(AW/SW) ██████████ Senior Sailor of the Month for August 1997  
16 AE3 ██████████ Good Conduct, First Award  
18 AE3 ██████████ Plane Captain  
19 AW2(AW) ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
21 ADC(AW) ██████████ Good Conduct, Fourth Award  
23 AO2 ██████████ Good Conduct, Third Award  
24 ADC(AW) ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
25 AT3(AW) ██████████ EAWS Qualification  
28 AN ██████████ Good Conduct, First Award

**OCTOBER**

03 AW1(AW) ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
03 AK1 ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
03 YN2 ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
03 AMS3(AW) ██████████ Navy Achievement Medal  
07 AD3(AW) ██████████ Plane Captain  
09 AW2(AW) ██████████ Plane Captain

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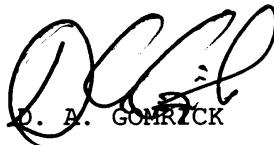
12 YNC (SW) [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Fifth Award  
13 BM2 [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Second Award  
15 LCDR [REDACTED] Navy Commendation Medal  
18 AW2 (AW) [REDACTED] Good Conduct, Second Award  
19 AN [REDACTED] Good Conduct, First Award  
22 AE2 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
23 AZ2 (AW/SW) [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Quarter for Third Quarter 1997  
24 AE2 (AW) [REDACTED] EAWS Qualification  
25 AW2 (AW) [REDACTED] EAWS Qualification  
25 AN [REDACTED] Good Conduct, First Award  
27 AW2 [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Month for September 1997  
27 AW3 [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Month for September 1997  
30 AZAN [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Quarter for Third Quarter  
1997

**NOVEMBER**

04 AW3 [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
05 LT [REDACTED] Letter of Commendation  
06 ATCS (AW) [REDACTED] Letter of Appreciation  
10 AD3 (AW) [REDACTED] EAWS Qualification  
14 AMH1 (AW) [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Month for October 1997  
14 AD3 (AW) [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Month for October 1997  
18 Detachment NINE embarked in USS JOHN YOUNG (DD 973) deployed  
19 PR2 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
19 YN1 (AW) [REDACTED] Letter of Commendation  
20 Detachment SIX embarked in USS DAVID R. RAY (DD 971) returned  
20 LT [REDACTED] Navy Commendation Medal  
21 AMCS (AW/SW) [REDACTED] Navy Commendation Medal  
24 AE2 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
24 AMH3 (AW) [REDACTED] EAWS Qualification  
24 AT3 [REDACTED] Good Conduct, First Award

**DECEMBER**

04 YN3 [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Month for November 1997  
08 AE2 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AD3 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 ADAN [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AT1 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AMH2 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AMS3 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AD1 (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 AE3 [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal  
08 ATCS (AW) [REDACTED] Navy Achievement Medal

  
D. A. GOMRICK

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DET FIVE

OFFICER IN CHARGE  
MAINT OFFICER  
OPS OFFICER  
TRNG OFFICER  
ADMIN OFFICER  
ASSISTANT OPS OFFICER

LCDR C. E. JAKUS

LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]

DET SIX

OFFICER IN CHARGE  
MAINT OFFICER  
OPS OFFICER  
TRNG OFFICER  
ADMIN OFFICER  
ASSISTANT OPS OFFICER

LCDR J. P. GRIFFIN

LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]

DET SEVEN

OFFICER IN CHARGE  
MAINT OFFICER  
OPS OFFICER  
TRNG OFFICER  
ADMIN OFFICER  
ASSISTANT OPS OFFICER

LCDR W. H. BUXTON

LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]/LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]/LT [REDACTED]

DET EIGHT

OFFICER IN CHARGE  
ASSTANT OFFICER IN CHARGE  
MAINT OFFICER  
OPS OFFICER  
ADMIN OFFICER  
H2P

LCDR J. J. RUTTENBERG

LCDR [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]

DET NINE

OFFICER IN CHARGE  
ASST OFFICER IN CHARGE  
MAINT OFFICER  
OPS OFFICER  
ADMIN OFFICER

LCDR T. C. GROELINGER

LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LT [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]  
LTJG [REDACTED]