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Encl: (1) USS BLACK HAWK (MHC 58) Command History

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USS BLACK HAWK (MHC 58) COMMAND HISTORY

BLACK HAWK (MHC 58) is the eighth ship in the U.S. Navy's OSPREY Class Coastal Minehunter Program and the third U.S. Navy ship to bear the name. BLACK HAWK's keel was laid on September 3, 1992, and her christening and launching took place on August 27, 1994. MHC 51 Class ships are the world's largest Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) ships and the first U.S. Navy ships designed solely for mine hunting, the technique of locating mines with sonar and neutralizing them with a remotely controlled underwater vehicle. The ship's mission is to clear harbor, coastal and ocean waters of acoustic, magnetic, and pressure/contact type mines, utilizing reconnaissance, classification and neutralization tactics. The MHC 51 Class design integrates modern mine countermeasures technology into a uniquely designed platform. The ship is protected during mine hunting operations with an exceptionally low magnetic and acoustic signature.

01 - 13 January 2003

BLACK HAWK continued a Leave and Upkeep period.

14 January 2003 - 07 February 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance availability.

08 - 11 February 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Initial Assessment.

12 - 20 February 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance availability.

21 February 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted ISIC Engineering Assist.

22 February - 27 February 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted a maintenance availability period.

28 February 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted CART II.

01 - 02 March 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted maintenance availability period.

03 March 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted CMS inspection.

04 - 13 March 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

14 March 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Magazine Sprinkler System Inspection and Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection.

15 March - 30 April 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

01 May 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted TSTA I.

May 2003

Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED] assumed duties as Chief Engineer.

Ensign [REDACTED] assumed duties as Communications Officer.

02 May - 02 July 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted TSTA I.

June 2003

Lieutenant Nathan J. Moyer assumed duties as Executive Officer.

03 July 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted NAVCHECK Ride.

04 - 06 July 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

07 - 10 July 2003

BLACK HAWK inport preps for Underway Demonstration.

11 - 15 July 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Hurricane Moor.

16 - 27 July 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

28 - 30 July 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted NCIS LEPS Assessment and HAMERA II/C5RA.

31 July - 01 August 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Magnetic Offload and HAMERA II/C5RA.

02 - 03 August 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

04 - 08 August 2003

BLACK HAWK underway in Corpus Christi Operation Area; MIW/DASMN TSTA (RTP AM)

09 - 10 August 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

11 - 12 August 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Magnetic Offload.

13 - 15 August 2003

BLACK HAWK underway MIW/DASMN TSTA (RTP AM).

16 - 29 August 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted FMAV.

30 August - 01 September 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

September 2003

Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED] assumed duties as Operations Officer.

02 - 10 September 2003

BLACK HAWK underway in Corpus Christi Operation Area.

11 - 12 September 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Final Evaluation Period.

13 - 22 September 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

23 September 2003

BLACK HAWK transit to Galveston TX.

24 - 27 September 2003

BLACK HAWK inport Galveston TX.

28 September 2003

BLACK HAWK transit to Naval Station Ingleside TX.

29 September - 01 October 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted SMI.

02 - 12 October 2003

BLACK HAWK inport phase of RONEX 03-3.

13 - 20 October 2003

BLACK HAWK underway phase of RONEX 03-3.

20 - 23 October 2003

BLACK HAWK transit to Beaumont TX.

23 - 26 October 2003

BLACK HAWK inport Beaumont TX for Navy Days.

27 - 28 October 2003

BLACK HAWK transit to Naval Station Ingleside TX.

29 - 31 October 2003

BLACK HAWK completed 3M Certification.

01 - 02 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

03 - 04 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Force Protection/Anti-Terrorism Inspection.

05 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted MEDAL Exercise.

06 - 07 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Magnetic offload.

08 -09 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

10 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted EMR.

11 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

12 November 2003

BLACK HAWK hosted 2003 MHC Junior Officer Shiphandling competition.

13 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted SAR LTT.

14 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted CRC LTT.

15 - 18 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

19 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted SAR Certification.

20 - 21 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Hull Cleaning.

22 - 23 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

24 - 25 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted CRC.

26 - 30 November 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted an Upkeep period.

01 - 19 December 2003

BLACK HAWK underway GOMEX 04-1 in Panama City FL Operation Area.

20 - 31 December 2003

BLACK HAWK conducted Holiday Leave and upkeep period.