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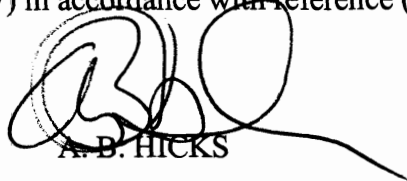
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1. I am submitting enclosures (1) through (7) in accordance with reference (a).


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COMMAND COMPOSITION

1. USS CAPE ST GEORGE - 21828

2. Mission. CAPE ST. GEORGE is a Ticonderoga Class guided missile cruiser, equipped with the most advanced technology and weaponry put to sea. The twin screw, twin rudder, gas-turbine powered, 9,600 ton combatant features the AEGIS Combat System with Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC). The AEGIS system integrates and automates in real time the functions of detection, control, engagement, and command in the three basic warfare modes: Air Warfare (AW), Undersea Warfare (USW), and Surface Warfare (SUW). With its designed mission capabilities, CAPE ST. GEORGE is able to operate effectively in the presence of air, surface, and sub-surface threats.

3. Organizational Structure.

a. CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet under the administrative command of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group EIGHT (Rear Admiral Townes). Operationally, CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Battle Group (IKEBATGRU) under operational control of Commander, Second Fleet. Operational control of CAPE ST. GEORGE was as follows during 2000:

<u>FLT CDR</u>	<u>Officer-in-Tactical Command (OTC)</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	01 JAN-29 FEB
CINCUSNAVEUR	USS ANZIO	CTG 100.1	01 MAR-05 MAR
COMSIXTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTF 60	6 MAR-19 MAY
COMFIFTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 50.2	20 MAY-28 JULY
COMSIXTHFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTF 60	29 JULY-04 AUG
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 60.7	05 AUG-07 AUG
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	08 AUG-20 SEP
COMSECONDFLT	COMCARGRU SIX	CTG 20.15	21 SEP-27 SEP
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	28 SEP-27 NOV
COMSECONDFLT	COMCARGRU SIX	CTG 20.15	28 NOV-15 DEC
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	16 DEC-31 DEC

b. The ship's internal organization during deployment and as of 31 December 2000 was as shown in enclosure (2).

4. Units under operational/administrative control. None.

5. Permanent duty station. Norfolk, Virginia.

Aircraft assigned. Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare Squadron, Light FOUR FOUR (HSL 44) Detachment EIGHT embarked CAPE ST. GEORGE as follows during 2000:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Event</u>
18 Feb-16 Aug	Magnum 445, 456	TF 00-1
1 Dec-15 Dec	Magnum 450	CEC DT-IIG

**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
2000 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT A. B. HICKS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR J. D. SHAFFER

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF
EWCM(SW/AW) J. E. THOMAS



EXECUTIVE	COMBAT SYSTEMS	ENGINEERING	OPERATIONS	SUPPLY	WEAPONS	AIR
CDR SHAFFER	LT [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED] LCDR [REDACTED]
CMC	CE	A	AIR DEF.	S-1	WA	ADMIN
NAV	CF	E	OD	S-2/4	WS	MAINT.
CMAA	CT	M	OI	S-3	WO	OPS
3MC	CI	R	OT			TRAINING
CCC						
SMDR						
CHAPLAIN						
NX						
PERSONNEL OFFICER						

**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
Command History for 2000**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 Jan-14 Feb	Pre-Deployment Leave and Upkeep Period
16 Feb	HSL 44 DET 8 Embark
18 Feb	Underway for Deployment TF 00-1
22 Feb	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
25 Feb	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
29 Feb	Underway replenishment with RFA BRAMBLELEAF
2 Mar	NSFS Qualification at Cape Wrath, Scotland
6 Mar	Strait of Gibraltar Transit
6 Mar	Underway replenishment with USNS BIG HORN
7-9 Mar	Port Visit Cartagena, Spain
13 Mar	Underway replenishment with USNS PATUXENT
15-18 Mar	Port Visit Limassol, Cyprus
22 Mar	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
27 Mar	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
20-28 Mar	Exercise JUNIPER STALLION
30 Mar-2 Apr	Port Visit Mykonos, Greece
8 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
12 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
13 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS SIRIUS
10-13 Apr	Exercise NOBLE SUZANNE
5-13 Apr	Fleet Battle Experiment Golf (FBE-G)
14-17 Apr	Port Visit Haifa, Israel
19 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
21-27 Apr	Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV), La Maddalena, Italy
28 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS LARAMIE
1-3 May	Port Visit Rijeka, Croatia
10 May	Underway replenishment with USNS BIG HORN
12-16 May	Port Visit Limassol, Cyprus

17 May	Underway replenishment with USNS SIRIUS
20 May	Suez Canal Transit
25 May	Underway replenishment with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
27 May	Underway Replenishment with USNS TIPPECANOE
29 May	RAS w/ USNS MOUNT BAKER
31 May-3 Jun	Port Visit Manama, Bahrain
4 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
7-10 Jun	Exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER
10 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS TIPPECANOE
15 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS TIPPECANOE/USNS MOUNT BAKER
20 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
22-26 Jun	Port Visit Dubai, UAE
29 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
2 Jul	Underway Replenishment with USNS TIPPECANOE
8 Jul	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
13 Jul	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
15-18 Jul	Port Visit Dubai, UAE
19 Jul	RADM Townes relieved RADM J. B. Foley as COMIKEBATGRU
24 Jul	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
24-26 Jul	Exercise INDIGO ANVIL
28 Jul	Suez Canal Transit
31 Jul	Underway Replenishment with USNS SATURN
2 Aug	Underway Replenishment with USNS LARAMIE
3-7 Aug	Port Visit Benidorm, Spain
8 Aug	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
8 Aug	Transit Strait of Gibraltar
11 Aug	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
12-13 Aug	Ship-wide Safety Stand down
13 Aug	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
16 Aug	Moor Newport, RI. Embark Tigers.

16 Aug	HSL 44 DET 8 Disembarkation
17 Aug	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
16-18 Aug	Tiger Cruise
18 Aug	Return from Deployment TF 00-1
18 Aug-18 Sep	Post-Deployment Leave and Upkeep Period
21-27 Sep	CEC OPEVAL #10 (DTII-F)
26 Sep	Underway Replenishment with USS ARCTIC
9-27 Oct	FMAV Norfolk
23-27 Oct	Battle Force Tactical Trainer Ship check
30 Oct-1 Nov	MSI Shiphandling Complex
6-10 Nov	CEC 2.0 Software Dry-run
8-10 Nov	U/W for Type Training
13-17 Nov	Navy Food Management Team Assist Visit
14-16 Nov	BALTOPS IPC
21 Nov	Battle of Cape St George Anniversary
28 Nov	U/W en route to Mayport, FL
30 Nov-1 Dec	Port Visit Mayport, FL
1-15 Dec	U/W CEC DT-IIG (PROA/VACAPES)
9 Dec	Underway Replenishment with USNS LARAMIE
15-31 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep

USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71)
2000 Command History Narrative

During 2000, CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained the high standard of excellence that has characterized the ship from commissioning. It was a year of operations centered on EISENHOWER Battle Group's TF 00-1 Deployment. CAPE ST GEORGE operated in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas and Arabian Gulf; participating in several joint and multi-national exercises, including Exercises NOBLE SUZANNE, JUNIPER STALLION, and NAUTICAL SWIMMER, as well as OPERATION'S SOUTHERN WATCH and DELIBERATE FORGE.

2000 began and ended in a holiday leave and upkeep period. In January, the ship underwent an emergent dry-docking in Metro Machine Inc. to effect repairs to a casualty in her prairie air shaft tubing system. In early February, CAPE left dry dock and got underway for an evening of sea trials. Afterward, she returned to Norfolk, where she remained until 18 February, when she and the rest of EISENHOWER Battle Group departed for a six-month Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf deployment. After a day in the Virginia Capes Operating Area, CAPE took on the helicopters of HSL-44 DET 8 and crossed the Atlantic Ocean.

CAPE ST. GEORGE, along with USS ANZIO and USS MAHAN, transited the Irish Sea to Cape Wrath, Scotland where the ships conducted Naval Surface Fire Support Qualifications. Fighting the heavy weather of Northern Scotland, CAPE came through with an outstanding 98.3% score and upon completion, immediately headed for her duties in the Mediterranean and 6th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

The Mediterranean provided the crew with her first well-deserved liberty port. After three weeks underway, CAPE visited Cartagena, Spain in early March, affording the opportunity for rest and relaxation. During the day, sailors quickly learned that Cartagena takes its siesta tradition seriously. To fill the empty three-hour block in the afternoon, CAPE sailors found their way to the top of and inside the cavernous ruins of castles and garrisons dating from the time when the Moors ruled Spain. There were also Roman amphitheaters to explore and even a reconstructed castle called "Castillo de Concepcion", directly in the center of town. The short 3-day port visit provided quite a history lesson. While some sailors relaxed and others put on their hiking shoes, still others spent their time helping a local orphanage. Eleven CAPE crewmembers, officers and enlisted, contributed 50 man-hours to repaint all the playground equipment and a large section of the veranda overlooking the playground of "Hogar de La Infancia", a children's home located in mid-town Cartagena.

The remainder of March saw CAPE ST GEORGE head toward the eastern Mediterranean and visit Limassol, Cyprus, followed by Mykonos, Greece. In Limassol, CAPE had the honor of hosting a luncheon for the American Ambassador to Cyprus, Mr. Donald Bandler and his family. Coordinated through the Defense Attaché Office in Nicosia, the luncheon and ship tour gave the Ambassador a close look at one of the Navy's elite warships. The Defense Attaché Office and Ambassador made CAPE sailors feel safe and welcome in Cyprus. In return, the crew was proud to show their ship to her guests.

After Limassol, CAPE participated in Exercise JUNIPER STALLION in the eastern Mediterranean. With the DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, she then transited to one of Greece's most remote vacationing spots, the island of Mykonos. In Mykonos, CAPE sailors were met with surprise as streets narrowed to three feet across and the many whitewashed, blue-roofed buildings blended one into the next. CAPE sailors found themselves going in circles as they negotiated their way through a concrete labyrinth to the nearest jewelry or clothing store searching for the perfect gift.

Following Greece, CAPE returned to the Eastern Mediterranean for Fleet Battle Experiment-Golf and exercise NOBLE SUZANNE. Afterward, CAPE visited Haifa, Israel along with the USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER. Thanks to CAPE'S excellent MWR committee, over half of the crew took tours to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and even the Dead Sea. With such a deep religious history associated with the land, sailors soon discovered why Israel is known as the Holy Land. Whether touring the Manger in the Church of the Nativity, touching the Western Wall or laying on their backs in the Dead Sea, all CAPE sailors learned much about the birthplace of the world's three largest religions.

After Haifa, CAPE transited to La Maddalena, Sardinia, where she underwent her first-ever deployment Intermediate Maintenance Availability. During her seven days in La Maddalena, CAPE got a lot of much-needed repairs and the crew had a chance to relax despite a normal work routine.

Leaving La Maddalena, CAPE headed to perhaps her most memorable port visit of the deployment, Rijeka, Croatia. From arrival to departure, CAPE's visit to Rijeka was a national event. She was the first cruiser to visit Croatia and the first U.S. warship to visit the city since its independence from Yugoslavia. The city had been anxious to host a United States Navy ship since Croatian independence in 1991. Daily stories were run in the local and national press, including radio and television spots. Perhaps the most impressive events were the daily tours. CAPE proudly hosted over 5500 anxious Croatians during her 4-day port visit, a remarkable number by any standards. On one of her last evenings in port, CAPE held a reception on board for nearly 200 VIP's including the Mayor of Rijeka, the Vice Prime Minister of Croatia, and the American Ambassador to Croatia.

Departing Croatia, CAPE again joined with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER as she pulled out from her Croatian port visit in Dubrovnik. After operations in the Adriatic, CAPE split from IKE and headed to her second port visit to Limassol and her final port visit before heading to the Arabian Gulf. On May 20, CAPE transited the Suez Canal and joined Fifth Fleet in the Arabian Gulf. In the Gulf, CAPE ST GEORGE participated in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) a joint, multi-national operation conducted to enforce United Nations Security Resolutions against Iraq. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aircraft patrol the skies, enforcing the "no-fly" zone, while ships and land-based sensors maintain continuous surveillance over the region.

CAPE ST. GEORGE also conducted Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Security Council Resolution 986, as part of a multi-national force enforcing economic sanctions against Iraq. The multi-national force included the forces of 15 different countries.

In the Arabian Gulf, CAPE ST. GEORGE made several port visits. In Mina Salman, Bahrain, the crew joined her IKE shipmates in port for a second time. Most sailors took advantage of the Naval Base in Bahrain, which was ready for the ship's arrival, providing live bands and nightly entertainment. After Bahrain, CAPE visited Dubai, U.A.E, twice. Dubai is a modern city, and the crew enjoyed sports, tours, and nightlife. The shopping in the UAE is particularly noteworthy, and many took advantage of numerous outstanding bargains found at the gold and carpet "souhks". After her second visit to Dubai, CAPE left the Gulf on 19 July, and transited the Suez Canal Northbound on 28 July.

Returning to the Mediterranean after two months of Arabian Gulf operations, CAPE made a final port visit in Benidorm Spain. Benidorm provided CAPE sailors the opportunity to relax in the warm weather of southern Spain before transiting across the Atlantic.

On August 8, CAPE left the Mediterranean and joined the rest of the EISENHOWER Battle Group escorts to transit the Atlantic to Newport Rhode Island where she picked up more than 120 friends and family members for Tiger Cruise 2000. The Tiger Cruise provided opportunities for crew members to exhibit their professional naval skills and display CAPE ST. GEORGE's war-fighting capabilities. CAPE returned home from her six-month deployment on 18 August.

After deployment, CAPE went into her post-deployment leave and upkeep period from 18 August –18 September. Afterward, CAPE was once again underway as she operated in the VACAPES OPAREA, testing the capabilities and limitations of her Cooperative Engagement Capability and conducting her first underway replenishment since her return from cruise.

Returning to Norfolk, CAPE underwent a well-deserved Fleet Maintenance Availability, effecting repairs to engineering and topside spaces. During the availability, CAPE's Commanding Officer, Captain Alan B. Hicks got underway with the USS SAN JACINTO during her JTFEX to provide mentorship to the TRUMAN BATTLE GROUP'S Air Defense Commander. Afterward, he traveled to the United Kingdom to present the capabilities of CEC to Royal Navy acquisition officials.

In late October, many of CAPE's bridge watch standers including qualified and prospective OOD's, were provided excellent training as they attended the Marine Safety International Shiphandling Complex. Recent mishaps and practicing conning approaches to piers, provided an unparalleled opportunity to exercise and hone their ship handling skills.

Completing her FMAV, CAPE got underway for two day's to conduct type training. Upon her return, CAPE's Supply Department had the opportunity to shine as its Mess Management Division, "The Little Beaver Bistro", received a Navy Food Management Assist visit. Later that month, CAPE commemorated the Battle of CAPE ST GEORGE with a ceremony and visit from PCCM Clarence D. Lail, a retired Master Chief and "Little Beaver" of DESRON 23.

After Thanksgiving, CAPE got underway again, this time en route to Mayport, Florida to attend the Pre-Sail Conferences for CEC Underway 11. CAPE left Mayport on Dec 1 and transited to the Northern Puerto Rican OPAREA with USS ANZIO, where she provided CEC

and link data support for several missile firing exercises against live targets. CAPE returned to Norfolk December 15 and commenced her holiday leave and upkeep.

During calendar year 2000 and the Mediterranean/Arabian Sea Deployment, CAPE ST. GEORGE steamed over 39,000 nautical miles. CAPE ST. GEORGE expertly navigated restricted waters in the Strait of Gibraltar, Strait of Messina, Suez Canal, Strait of Bab el Mandeb, and Strait of Hormuz. 42 Underway replenishments were conducted to sustain her. Seventeen small boat personnel transfers were conducted. Over 700 day and 550 night flight deck evolutions were conducted including the transfer of 165 personnel and nearly 41 tons of cargo.

Calendar Year 2000 was also a banner year for qualification and advancement of CAPE ST. GEORGE sailors. Sixty-two crewmembers qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS). Forty sailors, including sixteen first-term sailors, reenlisted for a total period of 150 years and earned \$800,000 in Selective Reenlistment Bonus money. While the year began and ended with a holiday leave and upkeep period, 2000 was focused on operations. CAPE ST. GEORGE participated in several exercises and provided forward presence while operating at "the tip of spear" during deployment. As the achievements above show, 2000 was another year where CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained her commitment to excellence and lived up to her motto. . . *"Always Victorious."*

USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)
Command Awards for 2000

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD
MARITIME WARFARE EXCELLENCE AWARD
ENGINEERING SURVIVABILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD
COMMAND AND CONTROL EXCELLENCE AWARD
LOGISTIC MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD
COMNAVSURFLANT SHIP SAFETY AWARD
RETENTION EXCELLENCE AWARD