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From: Commanding Officer, USS CHIEF  
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Subj: SUBMISSION OF COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999 AND 2000.  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G  
Encl: (1) Command History  
(2) Supporting Documents  
(3) 3.5 Disk

1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history of USS CHIEF, calendar year 1999 and 2000 is submitted as enclosure (1).

  
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## COMMAND HISTORY OF USS CHIEF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999

### 1. USS CHIEF COMPOSITION

a. Command Mission. The mission of the USS CHIEF (MCM 14 / UIC: 21902) is to hunt, sweep, neutralize, survey, and clear the sea bottom and the water volume of mines down to a predetermined depth in coastal and offshore areas in support of the maritime objectives of the United States of America.

### 2. CHRONOLOGY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999

I. From 01 January 1999 – 30 July 1999, MCM Rotational Crew Hotel was embarked on Chief and conducted training operations off the coast of Corpus Christi for upcoming deployment to the Persian Gulf. Specific events are as follows:

- a. 23 February 1999- LCDR Curt Steigers relieves LCDR Timothy Smith as Commanding Officer of MCM Rotational Crew Hotel.
- b. 01 March 1999 – 30 June 1999- Tailored Ships Training Assessment (TSTA) 1,2,3, Final Evaluation Problem (FEP), Upkeep, Gulf of Mexico Exercise (GOMEX).
- c. 30 July 1999- Change of Command Ceremony in USS CHIEF. LCDR Christopher Grady, relieved LCDR Curt Steigers.
- d. From 30 July 1999 – 31 December 1999, MCM Rotational Crew Echo was embarked on Chief and conducted training operations off the coast of Corpus Christi. Specific events are as follows:
  - e. 19 August 1999- Change of Command Ceremony of MCM Rotational Crew Echo in USS CHIEF. LCDR Mark Dennis relieves LCRR Christopher Grady.
  - f. 20 August 1999- Hurricane Brett, category 4 hurricane, threatens Corpus Christi, Ingleside and the Texas Coastal Bend.
  - g. 21 August 1999- Hurricane Condition III set. MIW ships in Ingleside placed in heavy weather moor.
  - h. 22 August 1999-Mandatory evacuation ordered for Naval Station Ingleside due to threat posed by Hurricane Brett.
  - i. 24 August 1999- Ships stand-down from heavy weather moor.
  - j. November 1999 –Command Assessment Readiness and Training II (CART II). Ship underway for Navy Days at Ft Lauderdale, FL.

## COMMAND HISTORY OF USS CHIEF FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

### 1. CHRONOLOGY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

- I. From 01 January 2000 – 30 September 2000, MCM Rotational Crew ECHO was embarked on Chief and conducted training operations in the Gulf of Mexico for upcoming deployment to the West Coast. Specific events are as follows:
  - a. 10 January, 2000 - April 21, 2000 Planned Maintenance Activity (PMA) at Peterson shipyard.
  - b. 24-28 January SEMAT I
  - c. 21-24 February Safety Survey
  - d. 21 April – 17 November – Ships tailored training (PLOT 1,2,3, LOA, INSURV, TSTA II, FEP, SEMAT II)
  - e. 24-26 May- Light Off Assessment (LOA)
  - f. 30 May – 02 June- Sea trials
  - g. 05 June- Safety Stand Down
  - h. 06-08 June- U/W CCOA (Corpus Christi Operating Area) for Mine Hunting Operations
  - i. 12 June- Safety Stand Down
  - j. 13-16 June- U/W CCOA for Minesweeping Operations
  - k. 20 June- Safety Survey
  - l. 21 June- Medical CART II
  - m. 26-28 June- CART II and Initial Assessment (IA) assessment
  - n. 05-07 July- U/W CCOA for training
  - o. 10-11 July- Electromagnetic Range (EMR) offload
  - p. 12 July- EMR facility
  - q. 20 July- Integrated Logistics Overhaul / Depot Level Repairable (ILO / DLR) Inventory
  - r. 24-28 July- Insurv
  - s. 31 July – 04 August- ILO Store Room Groom
  - t. 07-11 August- Supply Management Inspection Assist (SMIA)
  - u. 08 August- Galley Sanitation Inspection
  - v. 15-17 August- U/W CCOA for training

- w. 18 August – 13 September- FBEH (Fleet Battle Experiment Hotel) off the coast of Panama City, Florida.

The objective of the experiment was to evaluate new naval warfare concepts and technological capabilities for gaining and sustaining access for joint forces in a given area of operations. The concept of operations (CONOPS), a new command and control concept, was examined and evaluated specifically for Mine Warfare.

The USS Chief has EOD Detachment Six from Mobile Unit Six out of Charleston, South Carolina for the experiment. Together, they were able to classify and detect three mine-like-objects. Two of which were prosecuted for visual identification. In addition, a live MP-1 bomblet was used on one of the moored mines which severed the cable and brought the mine to the surface for visual ID and intelligence.

- x. 28 September- TSTA II DASM (Deck and Seamanship)
- y. 04-05 October- U/W CCOA for training
- z. 06 October- Safety Stand Down
- aa. 10-13 October- U/W CCOA for training
- bb. 17-19 October- U/W CCOA for training
- cc. 24-27 October- TSTA III
- dd. 06-12 November- SEMAT II
- ee. 15-17 November- FEP
- ff. 20 – 22 November- Deisel Engine Inspection
- gg. 20 November – 01 December- FMAV / SMI
- hh. 04 – 15 December- GOMEX ashore phase
- ii. 15 – 31 December – Holiday Stand Down

3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

Enclosure (2)

USS Cheif (MCM 14) Inspection and Assist Matrix

<b>Major Inspections</b>					
18-24 Mos	OPPE/PEB Cert.	Jul-98	Jul-00	Oct-99	ENG
24 Mos	Mine Warfare Readiness Cert.	May-98	May-00	May-00	OPS
36-54 Mos	INSURV	Sep-94	DUE	Apr-00	XO
	FEP	Jul-98	Jul-00	Dec-99	ENG
24 Mos	Logistics Manag. Assesment	Jan-99	Jan-00	Jul-00	SUP
<b>Administration</b>					
12 Mos	Command Survey	Feb-99	Feb-00	Feb-00	SKC
<b>Operations/Planning</b>					
12 Mos	Communications Readiness Ast.	May-99	Sep-00	Jun-00	OPS
24 Mos	CMS Inspection	Feb-99	Feb-01	Feb-01	ITC
18 Mos	Shipboard Crane Insp. Program	Aug-98	Feb-00	Feb-00	DECK
18 Mos	CMS A & A	Dec-98	Jun-00	May-00	ITC
<b>Combat Systems</b>					
3 Mos	Degaussing Check Range	Mar-95	Jun-00	May-00	OPS
18 Mos	Stray/Added ships Fields	Mar-95	Jun-00	May-00	OPS
36 Mos	Electromagnetic Roll Test	Mar-95	Jun-00	May-00	OPS
24 Mos	MAG Sprinkler Assist	Jul-98	Jul-00	Jul-00	DECK
36-54 Mos	EMI Topside Visual Survey	Sep-98	Jun-02		OPS
18 Mos	Test Eqpt. Cal. Readiness	Apr-98	DUE	Jun-00	OPS
18-24 Mos	CSRR	Jan-99	Jul-00	May-00	OPS
<b>Readiness/ Training</b>					
	CART I	Dec-98		Feb-00	OPS
	CART II	Aug-99		Jun-00	OPS
	TSTA I	Apr-98		Jul-00	OPS
	TSTA II	May-98		Oct-00	OPS
	TSTA III	Jul-98		Nov-98	OPS
<b>Medical/ Safety</b>					
36 Mos.	Enviornmental Survey	Aug-98	Feb-00	Apr-00	HM1
18 Mos	Industrial Hygene Survey	Aug-98	Feb-00	Apr-00	HM1
6 Mos	DE- Rating	Aug-99	Feb-00	Feb-00	HM1
12 Mos	Medical/ Dental Inspection	Aug-99	Feb-00	Feb-00	HM1
<b>Engineering</b>					
18 Mos	On-site Calibration			Mar-00	ENG
18 Mos	Horse	Mar-98	DUE		ENG
18-24 Mos	TARGET	Jul-98	Jul-00		ENG
<b>Diesel Inspections</b>					
18 Mos	1A MPDE	Jan-00	Jan-02	Apr-00	ENG
18 Mos	1B MPDE	Feb-98	Feb-00		ENG
18 Mos	2A MPDE	Jan-00	Jan-02		ENG
18 Mos	2B MPDE	Jan-00	Jan-02		ENG
18 Mos	1A SSDG	Jan-00	Jan-02		ENG
18 Mos	1B SSDG	Jan-00	Jan-02		ENG
18 Mos	2 SSDG	Feb-98	Feb-00	Apr-00	ENG

**USS CHIEF (MCM 14)  
PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR CY00**

**JANUARY**

10 End Leave Period  
10 Dead Stick to Yards  
10 Commence PMA  
24 -28 SEMAT I

**FEBRUARY**

07 - 11 CART ONE  
21 - 25 Safety Survey (Requesting)

**MARCH**

01 - 03 PRT  
06 - 10 Pre Light Off Trng.  
17 Crew Move Aboard  
21 - 22 Hull Cleaning  
24 Transit to NAVSTA Ingl.  
28 LOA  
29 Dock Trials (Fast Cruise)  
30 Sea Trials

Qtrly U/W DAYS: 2

**APRIL**

03 Contract Completion Date  
03 - 14 TAV Availability  
10 CNO PMA End Date  
18- 21 CO's Time (U/W)  
19 SRTT LTT

**MAY**

03 - 04 INSURV Rehersal (U/W)  
05 Dependent's Day Cruise (U/W)  
09 - 10 Hull Cleaning  
08 - 12 LMA Assist Visit  
15 - 19 INSURV (U/W-one day)  
22 - 25 EMR Facility  
31 U/W to Cancun.

**JUNE**

01 ENRT Cancun  
02 - 06 PVST Cancun  
07 - 08 ENRT Ingleside  
09 Arrive Ingleside  
11 - 16 CO's Time (U/W)

26 - 30 CART II

Qtrly U/W Days: 17

**JULY**

06 - 07 DASM I  
10 - 13 EMR Facility  
17 - 28 TSTA I (MIW)  
24 - 25 DASM II

**AUGUST**

01 - 04 ETG Visit  
09 - 10 Hull Cleaning  
07 - 18 LMA  
16 - 18 PRT  
21 - 25 E-Qual (U/W One Day)  
21 - 08 SEP Availability (Requesting Change to Deconflict)  
25 - 31 Fleet Battle Experiment Hotel (U/W)

**SEPTEMBER**

01 - 11 Fleet Battle Experiment Hotel (U/W)  
12 - 14 CPO Pinning Ceremony Preps  
15 CPO Pinning Ceremony  
19 - 22 CO's Time (U/W)  
25 - 28 ENRT to Key West (U/W)  
29 - 30 PVST Key West

Qtrly U/W Days: 26

**OCTOBER**

01 Transit to Broward County (U/W)  
02 - 10 Broward County Navy Days  
11 - 14 Transit to Ingleside (U/W)  
16 - 31 TSTA II MIW

**NOVEMBER**

01 - 03 TSTA II MIW  
06 - 10 TSTA III (U/W)  
12 - 17 FEP (U/W)  
27 - 30 EMR Facility

**DECEMBER**

05 - 06 Hull Cleaning  
04 - 15 RAV

Qtrly Underway Day: 15