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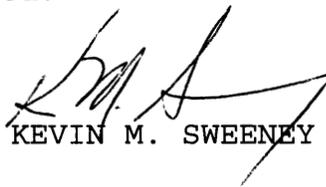
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2001

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1. Per reference (a), the Calendar Year 2001 Command History
for USS COLE (DDG 67) is submitted.


KEVIN M. SWEENEY

COMMAND HISTORY 2001
USS COLE (DDG 67)

Homeport: Norfolk, VA
Commissioned: 08 June 1996

Command Composition and Organization

Immediate Superior:

Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO
Captain Gary M. Holst, USN
01 JAN 01 - 21 SEP 01

Captain Stuart O'Bryan, USN
21 SEP 01 - 03 DEC 01

Commander, Destroyer Squadron EIGHTEEN
Captain Daniel Holloway, USN
03 DEC 01 - 31 DEC 01

Commanding Officer:

Commander Kirk S. Lippold, USN
01 JAN 01 - 09 MAR 01

Commander Kevin M. Sweeney, USN
09 MAR 01 - 31 DEC 01

Executive Officer:

LCDR John C. Peterschmidt, USN
01 JAN 01 - 27 APR 01

LCDR Logan Jones, USN
27 APR 01 - 31 DEC 01

Combat Systems Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 01 - 07 MAR 01

LT [REDACTED], USN
07 MAR 01 - 31 DEC 01

Weapons Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 01 - 15 NOV 01

LT [REDACTED], USN
15 NOV 01 - 31 DEC 01

Operations Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 01 - 04 JUN 01

LT [REDACTED], USN
04 JUN 01 - 31 DEC 01

Chief Engineer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 01 - 21 FEB 01

LT [REDACTED], USN
21 FEB 01 - 31 DEC 01

Supply Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 01 - 31 DEC 01

Navigator:

LT [REDACTED], USNR
01 JAN 01 - 01 JUN 01

LT [REDACTED], USNR
01 JUN 01 - 07 SEP 01

LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
07 SEP 01 - 31 DEC 01

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Battle "E"
 - Logistics Management Excellence award, 5th consecutive
 - Maritime Wartime Excellence award, 5th consecutive
 - Command and Control Excellence award, 5th consecutive
 - Engineering/Survivability Excellence award, 5th consecutive

- Non-Commissioned Officer's Association (NCOA) Vanguard Award presented to HT1(SW) Michael Hayes.

- Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Search and Rescue (SAR) Excellence Award presented to ET3 [REDACTED]

- Green "H" awarded for outstanding health promotions programs.

- USS COLE personnel on board 12 October 2000 awarded the Combat Action Ribbon.

- USS COLE personnel on board from 12-15 October 2000 awarded the Navy Unit Commendation.

JANUARY 2001

Chronology

10 JAN	HOLIDAY LEAVE EXPIRES FOR ALL HANDS
14 JAN	SHIP SHIFTS TO LAND FACILITY
16 JAN	VICTIMS WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MEETING
31 JAN	ADMIRAL NATTER VISIT

Narrative

On 14 January, COLE was moved from the floating dry dock at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding to the land facility in order to fully begin its restoration process. COLE's movement over land was accomplished by a system of electrically-powered cars that traveled over rails. COLE was moved to a construction bay near where the ship was originally built five years ago.

Louis Free, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), addressed the crew and families on 16 January 2001 at Naval Station Norfolk about the status of the FBI investigation and what arrests had been made. The forum was an opportunity for sailors and their families to ask questions and voice any concerns that they had regarding the investigation.

ADM Robert J. Natter, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, visited the USS COLE detachment in Norfolk, VA on 31 January 2001. The visit included a question and answer session with COLE sailors during which ADM Natter updated sailors on the progress of COLE's repairs.

FEBRUARY 2001

Chronology

01 FEB	AWARDS CEREMONY
05 FEB	UIC CHANGE
08 FEB	AWARDS CEREMONY
12 FEB	DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COMPLETE
18 FEB	AWARDS CEREMONY
22 FEB	START EXTENDED DOCKING SELECTED RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY (EDSRA)

Narrative

USS COLE established a new UIC effective 5 FEB 01. The UIC established 3239B as COLE Training Detachment, Norfolk and shifted USS COLE's homeport from Norfolk, VA to Pascagoula, MS. The UIC change is of significance because it establishes two COLE commands under the same Commanding Officer. The 21941 UIC remained in place for all officers and personnel who are permanently stationed in Pascagoula.

Following the ship's move to the land facility, an assessment team consisting of Ship's force, Supervisor of Shipbuilding (SUPSHIP) Pascagoula, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CNSL), Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), and Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding personnel took 30 days to fully inspect the ship and consolidate damage reports, finalizing these reports on 12 February.

MARCH 2001

Chronology

01 MAR	AWARDS CEREMONY
01 MAR	HCMC ██████████ REENLISTMENT
01 MAR	FC2 ██████████ REENLISTMENT
02 MAR	YN2 ██████████ REENLISTMENT
07 MAR	STARBOARD SHAFT REMOVAL COMPLETE
09 MAR	CHANGE OF COMMAND
23 MAR	AWARDS CEREMONY
23 MAR	GM2 ██████████ REENLISTMENT
28 MAR	AVAILABILITY DATE CHANGE

Narrative

For the month of March, HCMC ██████████ FC2 ██████████ GM2 ██████████ and YN2 ██████████ reenlisted.

On 9 March, COLE bade farewell to her Commanding Officer, Commander Kirk S. Lippold. CDR Lippold's next duty station is Joint Forces Staff College, enroute the J5 organization of the Joint Staff.

The complete availability date changed from 22 February 02 to 19 April 02.

Assuming command of COLE was CDR Kevin M. Sweeney, whose biography is as follows:

Commander Kevin Michael Sweeney is a native of ██████████ ██████████ and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1982.

Commander Sweeney's initial sea duty was in USS JOHN RODGERS (DD983) as Communications Officer and Anti-Surface Warfare Officer. In August 1986, he reported to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as the Combatants Navy Training Plan Unit Head.

Commander Sweeney next attended the U.S. Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, California and graduated with distinction with a Masters of Science Degree in Management, specializing in financial management. He completed the Surface Warfare Officer Department Head Course in March 1990 as a Distinguished Graduate, and reported to USS ELLIOTT (DD 967) as Combat Systems Officer. He then served as Combat Systems Officer and Readiness and Training Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTEEN.

Following this tour, Commander Sweeney attended the Naval Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College and graduated with a Masters of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. In July 1994, he was assigned to the Joint Staff as a Logistics Planner for the Atlantic Region.

From October 1996 to January 1998, Commander Sweeney served as Executive Officer on USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51). His most recent assignment was as Flag Secretary for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

Commander Sweeney's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign and service awards.

APRIL 2001

Chronology

04 APR	#1 MAIN REDUCTION GEAR REMOVAL
07 APR	COMMAND PICNIC
13 APR	FC3 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
18 APR	AWARDS CEREMONY
23 APR	ET3 [REDACTED] PRESENTED CNO SAR EXCELLENCE AWARD
25 APR	STG2 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
27 APR	TM1 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
28 APR	HAIL AND FAREWELL

Narrative

For the month of April, FC3 [REDACTED], STG2 [REDACTED], and TM1 [REDACTED] reenlisted.

ET3 [REDACTED] was awarded the CNO SAR Excellence Award for surface rescue swimmers for the year 2000. Petty Officer [REDACTED]'s award was the direct result of his efforts as a rescue swimmer following USS COLE's attack while in Aden Harbor.

A hail and farewell concluded the month of April. COLE said goodbye to XO, LCDR John C. Peterschmidt as he moved on to COMCARGRU EIGHT. LCDR Logan Jones assumed the duties as XO.

MAY 2001

Chronology

02 MAY HULL MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL (HM&E)
AND COMBAT SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE LAY-UP COMPLETE

15 MAY SH2 ████████ REENLISTMENT

18 MAY #1 MRG ACCESS WELD OUT COMPLETE

19 MAY RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR YN1 ████████

21 MAY AWARDS CEREMONY

21 MAY COLE MEMORIAL TREE MARKER

23 MAY GAS TURBINE MODULE (GTM) 1A AND 1B
REMOVED

24 MAY BM2 ████████ REENLISTMENT

25 MAY MS3 ████████ REENLISTMENT

28 MAY MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

31 MAY HAIL AND FAREWELL

31 MAY AWARDS CEREMONY

Narrative

For the month of May, SH2 ████████, BM2 ████████, and MS3 ████████ reenlisted.

The major evolution for the month of May was the Memorial Day ceremony held in Virginia Beach entitled, "A Day of Remembrance and Thankfulness." The City of Virginia Beach paid special tribute to the 17 members of USS COLE killed in Aden, Yemen by memorializing them with a marker at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. Guest speakers included Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf, MAJ GEN Claude A. Williams, LT COL ████████, and CDR Kevin M. Sweeney. Among the hundreds in attendance for the ceremony were families of COLE Sailors lost, as well as past and present COLE Sailors.

The COLE Memorial permanent tree marker was placed by the memorial tree at IOWA Point on Naval Station Norfolk, 21 May 2001. The tree was purchased by the Navy League and planted by the families of COLE sailors on 19 October 2000.

On 23 May, GTM 1A and 1B were removed. This marked the first time that a gas turbine module has ever been removed after installation.

JUNE 2001

Chronology

5-7 JUN	25% REVIEW CONFERENCE
14 JUN	BMC [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
15 JUN	FROCKING
18-22 JUN	MSI TRAINING
21 JUN	TIDEWATER TIDES GAME
22 JUN	EW2 OWENS INTERRED AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IN ARLINGTON, VA
22 JUN	GTM 1B INSTALLED
27 JUN	CMSA&A
27 JUN	FINAL WELD OUT OF STERN FLAP COMPLETE
27 JUN	GTM 1A INSTALLED
29 JUN	PNC CZOSCHKE COMMISSIONING

Narrative

BMC [REDACTED] reenlisted on 14 Jun 2001.

The month of June turned out to be an extremely busy month for COLE. The Captain attended the 25% Conference in Pascagoula, MS along with representatives from Northrop Grumman Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding, SUPSHIP Pascagoula, and PEO-TSC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some of the long range goals for COLE, brief progress of the availability, and to continue to "hammer out" the ship's detailed EDSRA schedule.

The wardroom increased its numbers in June due to the commissioning of PNC Suzan Czoschke. PNC was commissioned at the North Carolina House on Naval Station Norfolk on 29 June as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Bravo Zulu to all of COLE's newly advanced sailors! In all, 8 sailors were advanced in ranks E-4 through E-6. Congratulations to:

ET3	[REDACTED]
MS3	[REDACTED]
YN3	[REDACTED]
SK3	[REDACTED]
IC3	[REDACTED]
FC2	[REDACTED]
ET2	[REDACTED]
YN1	[REDACTED]

JULY 2001

Chronology

01 JUL TRANSITION TO COMMANDER, CARRIER GROUP TWO
(HSTBG)
03 JUL AWARDS CEREMONY
05 JUL CAP CEREMONY
05 JUL RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR STG1 [REDACTED]
5-8 JUL HT1 [REDACTED] PRESENTED NCOA VANGUARD AWARD
IN ORLANDO, FL
11 JUL INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SYSTEM (ILS)
CONFERENCE
13 JUL JACK DORSEY VISIT
19 JUL COMMAND PICNIC
24 JUL CO'S CALL FOR E-4'S
25 JUL CO'S CALL FOR E-5/E-6'S
26 JUL CO'S CALL FOR CPO'S/OFFICERS
30-31 JUL DESTROYER SQUADRON 22 VISIT
31 JUL CO'S CALL FOR CREW IN PASCAGOULA

Narrative

STG1(SW) [REDACTED] retired in a ceremony conducted on board USS WISCONSIN(BB-64) at Nauticus, Wednesday, July 5th. His retirement was effective 30 July. He retired after 20 years of dedicated service to his country!

On 5 Jul, after an extremely competitive selection process, DK2(SW) [REDACTED] and ET3 [REDACTED] were selected to be capped to DK1 and ET2 respectively. Congratulations to DK1 [REDACTED] and ET2 [REDACTED] for their hard work and for a job well done!

Jack Dorsey of *The Virginian Pilot* visited COLE in Pascagoula in order to write a story that would update Hampton Roads on the status of the repairs of COLE. Mr. Dorsey toured the ship and Heinz warehouse, where all of the items from the ship were stored in tri walls. He also interviewed sailors that were in Yemen and those that were new to the ship to get different perspectives about life on COLE. The article appeared in the Friday, July 20th edition of *The Virginian Pilot* and was entitled, "Steady Hands Heal Wounded COLE."

Commodore Gary Holst, Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO, visited COLE 30-31 July. Commodore Holst toured the ship and Heinz warehouse, and met with SUPSHIP concerning COLE's repair schedule.

AUGUST 2001

Chronology

02 AUG	CPO SELECTEES ANNOUNCED
02 AUG	AWARDS CEREMONY
13 AUG	MEDIA DAY
17 AUG	HAIL AND FAREWELL
20-24 AUG	PERSONNEL AFLOAT TRAINING TEAM (PATT) ASSIST VISIT
23 AUG	AWARDS CEREMONY
29 AUG	USS COLE ANNOUNCED WINNER OF DOD FIREFIGHTING AWARD
30 AUG	CO'S CALL FOR CREW IN PASCAGOULA
31 AUG	SHIFT FROM LAND FACILITY TO DRY DOCK

Narrative

Congratulations to EM1(SW) [REDACTED] ET1(SW) [REDACTED] HT1(SW) [REDACTED] and GSM1(SW) [REDACTED] on their selection as Chief Petty Officers. The "Chief selects" began a six week indoctrination prior to their pinnings on 14 September 2001.

USS COLE had the pleasure of hosting news media from across the country on 13 August. The media representatives included local newspapers, *The Sun-Herald* from Biloxi, Ms, *The Mississippi Press* from Pascagoula, Ms, *The Times Picayune* from New Orleans, and the *Mobile Register* from Mobile, Al. The television media that covered the COLE were from ABC World News Tonight, Navy-Marine Corps News, KHOU-TV from Houston, TX, and WLOX-TV from Biloxi, MS. The purpose of the visit was to give an update of the progress of COLE to those in the Gulf Coast and to talk to some of our Sailors to get their opinions about life on USS COLE. Among the COLE sailors who were interviewed: CDR Kevin Sweeney, CMDMC Ronnie Moore, LTJG [REDACTED] EM1(SW) [REDACTED] IT2(SW) [REDACTED] SK2(SW) [REDACTED], ET3 [REDACTED]

The Personnel Afloat Training Team conducted an assist visit from 20-24 August. The purpose of the visit was to look at Disbursing, Ship's Office, and the Personnel Office's records, review procedures, and conduct training.

On 29 August, CDR Sweeney attended a banquet in New Orleans, LA honoring the winners of the individual service's Firefighting Heroism awards. At the banquet, COLE was selected as the Department of Defense Team firefighting winner, marking the first time that a Naval ship had been presented that award.

SEPTEMBER 2001

Chronology

05 SEP AWARDS CEREMONY FROM YEMEN
07 SEP AWARDS CEREMONY
10 SEP USS COLE FAMILY NIGHT
11 SEP FORCE CAREER COUNSELOR ASSIST VISIT
12 SEP CPO INITIATION
13 SEP CPO FROCKING
14 SEP SHIP UNDOCKING
19-20 SEP 50% REVIEW CONFERENCE
21 SEP COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 22 CHANGE OF
COMMAND
24 SEP OMBUDSMAN APPOINTED
27 SEP SECRETARY OF THE NAVY VISIT

Narrative

USS COLE Family Night was held on 10 Sep at the Fleet and Family Services Center in Norfolk, VA. It was an opportunity for COLE sailors and their families to receive the latest information on the condition of the ship and where we will be heading in the future. Information passed included the introduction of the COLE family website, ship's schedule for the upcoming year, and the proposed leave schedule for the holiday season.

On 11 Sep, NCCS [REDACTED] Force Career Counselor, visited COLE to assess the effectiveness of our Career Counseling program. NCCS had to end his visit due to the terrorist attacks that occurred in New York, Washington, D.C., and in the Pennsylvania countryside.

12 Sep ended six weeks of CPO indoctrination which included the CPO initiation. CPO frocking occurred in Norfolk, VA the morning of 13 Sep at American Legion Post 60 in Norfolk. Congratulations to COLE's newest Chief Petty Officers, EMC(SW) [REDACTED] ETC(SW) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] HTC(SW) [REDACTED], and GSMC(SW) [REDACTED]

On 14 Sep, USS COLE took one big step toward being operationally ready as the ship was undocked. The event, originally scheduled for 15 Sep, was done secretly the night of 14 Sep in order to avoid the large media event originally scheduled one month prior to the 11 Sep attacks. The process of moving the ship from the dry dock to the water took approximately 8 hours. As part of the increased security surrounding the undocking, PCU BULKELEY provided weapons and a physical presence to deter the possibility of any type of terrorist activity at the event. All of the ship's continued repairs will be made in the water.

CDR Sweeney attended the 50% Conference in Pascagoula, MS along with representatives from Northrop Grumman Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding, SUPSHIP Pascagoula, and PEO-TSC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some of the long range goals for COLE, brief the progress of the availability and the status of repairs, and continue to "hammer out" the ship's detailed EDSRA schedule.

The change of command for COMDESRON 22 occurred on 21 Sep. CAPT Michael Stuart O'Bryan relieved CAPT Gary Holst. The turnover occurred without ceremony due to increasing concerns regarding security subsequent to the 11 Sep terrorist attacks.

On 24 Sep, Mrs. Debbi Cauley was selected as the OMBUDSMAN for USS COLE. The OMBUDSMAN serves as the primary communicator of information between the Command and the Command's families. The OMBUDSMAN is available to assist and advise all family members of USS

COLE sailors, and she will maintain absolute confidentiality when appropriate to protect the privacy of the individuals involved.

The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Gordon R. England, visited COLE on 27 Sep. The visit included a tour of the ship and a question and answer session with COLE sailors.

The highlight of the month occurred on 5 September as COLE sailors past and present were presented awards for actions conducted in Aden, Yemen. The awards ceremony was conducted in front of a crowd of approximately 750 people on Pier 11, flanked by USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, USS DONALD COOK, and USS HAWES. Awards were presented by Rear Admiral Foley, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Among those in attendance at the ceremony were Vice Admiral Mayer, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Joint Forces Command, and Vice Admiral Konetzni, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Those receiving awards were:

Navy and Marine Corps Medal

- * Signalman First Class [REDACTED]
- * Hull Maintenance Technician First Class [REDACTED]
- * Chief Boatswain's Mate [REDACTED]
- * Hull Maintenance Technician First Class [REDACTED]

* Indicates that these servicemembers were certified by the Secretary of the Navy for extraordinary heroism.

Purple Heart Medal

- Disbursing Clerk Third Class [REDACTED]
- Electronics Technician First Class [REDACTED]
- Information Systems Technician First Class [REDACTED]
- Chief Gas Turbine System Technician [REDACTED]
- Mess Management Specialist Third Class [REDACTED]
- Electronics Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
- Ship's Serviceman Second Class [REDACTED]
- Electronics Warfare Technician Third Class [REDACTED]
- Chief Gunner's Mate [REDACTED]
- Fire Controlman Third Class [REDACTED]
- Senior Chief Fire Controlman [REDACTED]
- Mess Management Specialist Third Class [REDACTED]
- Senior Chief Gas Turbine System Technician [REDACTED]
- Seaman Apprentice [REDACTED]
- Gas Turbine System Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
- Ship's Serviceman Third Class [REDACTED]
- Gas Turbine System Technician Fireman [REDACTED]
- Operations Specialist Second Class [REDACTED]
- Chief Quartermaster [REDACTED]
- Intelligence Specialist Second Class [REDACTED]
- Seaman [REDACTED]
- Chief Electrician's Mate [REDACTED]
- Fire Controlman First Class [REDACTED]
- Chief Fire Controlman [REDACTED]
- Lieutenant [REDACTED]
- Operations Specialist First Class [REDACTED]

Meritorious Service Medal

- Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED]
- Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED]

Chief Hospital Corpsman [REDACTED]
Chief Storekeeper [REDACTED]
Lieutenant Commander John C. Peterschmidt
Torpedoman's Mate First Class [REDACTED]

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Master Chief Sonar Technician [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman Third Class [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman Second Class [REDACTED]
Boatswain's Mate First Class [REDACTED]
Hospital Corpsman Third Class [REDACTED]
Electronics Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Chief Fire Controlman [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Chief Gunner's Mate [REDACTED]
Master-at-Arms First Class [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman First Class [REDACTED]
Interior Communications Electrician Third Class [REDACTED]
Electrician's Mate Second Class [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman First Class [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Electrician's Mate First Class [REDACTED]
Electronics Technician First Class [REDACTED]
Sonar Technician Seaman [REDACTED]
Machinery Repairman First Class [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman Third Class [REDACTED]
Senior Chief Electronics Technician [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician First Class [REDACTED]
Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED]
Gunner's Mate Second Class [REDACTED]
Damage Controlman First Class [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician First Class [REDACTED]
Chief Electrician's Mate [REDACTED]
Operations Specialist Second Class [REDACTED]
Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician Third Class [REDACTED]
Electronics Technician Third Class [REDACTED]
Information Systems Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Gunner's Mate First Class [REDACTED]
Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED]
Damage Controlman Fireman [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]
Ensign [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman First Class [REDACTED]
Chief Fire Controlman [REDACTED]
Electronics Technician Second Class [REDACTED]

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Sonar Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Sonar Technician First Class [REDACTED]
Chief Information Systems Technician [REDACTED]
Information Systems Technician First Class [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician Fireman [REDACTED]

Information Systems Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED]
Lieutenant Junior Grade [REDACTED]
Information Systems Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Mess Management Specialist Third Class [REDACTED]
Personnelman Third Class [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Boatswain's Mate First Class [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman Second Class [REDACTED]
Storekeeper First Class [REDACTED]
Sonar Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Operations Specialist First Class [REDACTED]
Chief Gunner's Mate [REDACTED]
Gunner's Mate Second Class [REDACTED]
Sonar Technician First Class [REDACTED]
Gas Turbine System Technician Fireman [REDACTED]
Fire Controlman Third Class [REDACTED]
Mess Management Specialist Second Class [REDACTED]
Operations Specialist Second [REDACTED]
Gunner's Mate First Class [REDACTED]
Information Systems Technician Second Class [REDACTED]
Damage Controlman First Class [REDACTED]
Lieutenant [REDACTED]

Combat Action Ribbon

USS COLE (DDG 67)
12 October 2000

Navy Unit Commendation

USS COLE (DDG 67)
12-15 October 2000

OCTOBER 2001

Chronology

01 OCT STG2 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
02 OCT AWARDS CEREMONY
04 OCT E-5 EXAMS
10 OCT E-4 EXAMS
10 OCT AWARDS CEREMONY
11 OCT AWARDS CEREMONY
12 OCT COLE MEMORIAL DEDICATION
12 OCT PN2 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
15 OCT ET2 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
19 OCT OS2 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
22 OCT NC1 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
22 OCT CDS 22 VISIT
25 OCT FC2 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
26 OCT STG2 [REDACTED] ET2 [REDACTED] AND ET3
[REDACTED] REENLISTMENTS
26 OCT HT2 CLODFELTER/USS COLE BRIDGE DEDICATED IN
MECHANICSVILLE, VA
27 OCT FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP HOSTED FIRST EVENT,
CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY
29 OCT MOVING DAY

Narrative

In the month of October, STG2 [REDACTED], FC2 [REDACTED], ET2 [REDACTED], ET3 [REDACTED], ET3 [REDACTED], NC1 [REDACTED], STG2 [REDACTED], OS2 [REDACTED] and PN2 [REDACTED] reenlisted. Congratulations to these members for continuing their Naval careers.

The E-5 and E-4 exams occurred on 4 Oct and 10 Oct respectively. They were delayed by three weeks due to the terrorist attacks of 11 Sep.

The dedication of the USS COLE Memorial occurred on Friday, 12 October. The ceremony took place at Vista Point on Naval Station Norfolk at 1000 and lasted 25 minutes. The dedication took place amid extremely high security. Trucks, buses and cars were searched by bomb-sniffing dogs and armed sentries. Patrol boats cruised off shore, while armed foot patrols surrounded the area. Aerial protection, while not easily seen, was also present as were other defensive measures. A silver ship's bell was struck 17 times by CMDCM Ronnie Moore as LCDR Jones called out the name, rank, age and hometown of each sailor who perished on 12 October 2000. As he announced their names, IT1 [REDACTED] and FC3 [REDACTED] carried a wreath of 48 white roses (representing the fallen crew members, their surviving parents, spouses and children) advancing five paces at a time along a winding stone walkway leading to the waterfront memorial. In attendance at the ceremony were RADM John B. Foley III, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and RDML David Architzel, Commander, Navy Region Mid Atlantic.

Captain Stuart O'Bryan, Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO, visited COLE on 22 Oct. The visit included a tour of the ship and a meeting with CDR Sweeney to discuss long range planning for COLE.

29 Oct to 2 Nov were moving days for the COLE detachment out of Norfolk, VA. 26 tri-walls were loaded out of office spaces in Powers Hall and onto an 18 wheeler headed for Pascagoula, MS.

NOVEMBER 2001

Chronology

01 NOV	QMC [REDACTED] AND FCC [REDACTED] COMMISSIONINGS
02 NOV	COLE DET NORFOLK CLOSED OUT
02 NOV	FC3 [REDACTED]' REENLISTMENT
05 NOV	CO ARRIVES IN PASCAGOULA FROM NORFOLK
07 NOV	COLE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETING IN PASCAGOULA
08 NOV	EMC [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT
16 NOV	MWR PICNIC
22 NOV	THANKSGIVING DINNER AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 160

Narrative

For the month of November, FC3 [REDACTED] and EMC [REDACTED] reenlisted.

The wardroom increased its numbers in November due to the commissioning of QMC [REDACTED] and FCC [REDACTED]. The joint commissioning ceremony was held at the North Carolina House, Naval Station Norfolk on 1 November. Congratulations to ENS [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED].

The first Pascagoula Family Support Group meeting was held at the Fleet and Family Services Center on Naval Station Pascagoula. It gave the families in Mississippi the opportunity to talk to the Captain about questions or concerns they may have regarding COLE's future. Information passed included the status of the ship's repairs, the name of COLE's ombudsman (Mrs. Debbi Cauley) and holiday leave dates.

On 16 Nov, MWR sponsored a picnic for COLE Sailors following the semi-annual Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) at the Lakeside CBQ. The festivities for the day included softball, horseshoes, basketball, and football.

COLE sailors had the privilege of dining at American Legion Post 160, on Market St in Pascagoula, for Thanksgiving. The members of the American Legion went out of their way to make Sailors feel at home. Over 75 COLE Sailors were hosted by S-2 division and members of Post 160.

DECEMBER 2001

Chronology

02 DEC MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
03 DEC USS COLE IS ASSIGNED TO COMENTBATGRU AND
COMDESRON 18
07 DEC COLE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN BILOXI, MS
08 DEC COLE CHRISTMAS PARTY IN NORFOLK, VA
10-11 DEC COMDESRON EIGHTEEN VISIT TO PASCAGOULA, MS
11 DEC AWARDS CEREMONY
14 DEC VICE ADMIRAL LAFLEUR VISIT
14 DEC FROCKING CEREMONY
14 DEC FIRST LEAVE PERIOD (14-28 DEC 01)
16 DEC CAP RESULTS ANNOUNCED
18 DEC SAILORS STANDING SECURITY WATCHES ABOARD COLE
28 DEC SECOND LEAVE PERIOD (28 DEC 01 - 7 JAN 02)

Narrative

On 2 Dec, over 40 crewmembers attended the New Orleans Saints - Carolina Panthers football game at the New Orleans Super Dome as part of Military Appreciation Day. The crew marched onto the field and received a standing ovation from the fans just before kickoff.

On 3 Dec, COLE transitioned from COMDESRON 22 and the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group, to COMDESRON 18 and the ENTERPRISE Battle Group. The move to CDS 18 was followed by a visit to USS COLE by Commodore Daniel Holloway, Commander, Destroyer Squadron EIGHTEEN, 10-11 Dec.

The Holiday Season was kicked off for COLE sailors and their families with a dinner in Biloxi, MS at the Grand Casino Hotel on 7 Dec. The turnout from the command was tremendous. The following day, COLE Sailors and families in Norfolk celebrated the Holiday Season with a tour of the Festival of Lights along the boardwalk in Virginia Beach. Over 60 crewmembers and their families attended the Norfolk event.

On 11 Dec, COLE held an awards ceremony to announce the Sailors of the Quarter. Congratulations to:

IT1 [REDACTED] Senior Sailor of the Quarter
OS2 [REDACTED] Junior Sailor of the Quarter
HA [REDACTED] Bluejacket of the Quarter

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, VADM Timothy LaFleur visited COLE on 14 Dec, and our Sailors had the unique opportunity to meet and talk with him. The highlight of VADM LaFleur's visit was his participation in the frocking ceremony for COLE Sailors who advanced as a result of the September exam cycle.

Bravo Zulu to all of COLE's newly advanced Sailors! In all, 28 Sailors were advanced in the ranks of E-4 through E-6. Congratulations to:

SH3 [REDACTED]
GSM3 [REDACTED]
DC3 [REDACTED]
IT3 [REDACTED]
IT3 [REDACTED]
GM3 [REDACTED]
GM3 [REDACTED]
IT3 [REDACTED]

EW3 [REDACTED]
ET2 [REDACTED]
DK2 [REDACTED]
ET2 [REDACTED]
STG2 [REDACTED]
MS2 [REDACTED]
BM2 [REDACTED]
EW2 [REDACTED]
FC2 [REDACTED]
MR2 [REDACTED]
FC2 [REDACTED]
OS1 [REDACTED]
OS1 [REDACTED]
IT1 [REDACTED]
FC1 [REDACTED]
OS1 [REDACTED]
QM1 [REDACTED]
GSE1 [REDACTED]
SK1 [REDACTED]
OS1 [REDACTED]

Starting 14 Dec, COLE Sailors began going on holiday leave to "recharge their batteries" for the long road ahead. Two leave periods, 14-28 Dec and 29 Dec - 11 Jan, were instituted so that Sailors could enjoy time with their families before re-manning the ship and returning her to the fleet in 2002.

PN3 [REDACTED] was "capped" to PN2 effective 16 Dec following an extremely difficult selection process. Congratulations to PN2 [REDACTED] for her hard work and for a job well done!

On 17 Dec, additional remains of six COLE Sailors were identified by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and notifications were made to all families of deceased crewmembers. Additional remains were made available to the families of HT2 Clodfelter, MSSN Francis, ITSN Gauna, ITSN McDaniels, EW2 Owens, and MS3 Santiago.

Starting 18 Dec, there was a vastly increased military presence aboard COLE as Sailors resumed security watch stations that had been previously occupied the NGSSI security force. Following weeks of 9 mm, shotgun, M-14, concussion grenade, and M-60 qualifications, Sailors manned a host of armed topside, quarterdeck, pier, and boat watches.