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From: Commanding Officer, USS CORMORANT (MHC 57)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY CALENDAR YEAR 2002

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(2) USS CORMORANT (MHC 57) Photograph
(3) Commanding Officer, LCDR G. R. Allen Photograph
(4) Commanding Officer, LCDR G. R. Allen Biography
(5) CINCLANTFLT Sea Sailor of the Year announcement

1. Per reference (a), the following information and enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.


2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Title and Unit Identification Code: USS CORMORANT (MHC 57) UIC:
21962

b. Mission: The mission of USS CORMORANT (MHC 57), is to detect, classify, and neutralize all known and projected types of influence and contact mines in littoral waters, harbors and bays. CORMORANT may provide navigational assistance to other units in conjunction with mine warfare operations. Secondary mission includes: route surveys, channel conditioning, underwater search, search and rescue operations and the collection of hydrographic/oceanographic data.

c. Organization Structure: Immediate Superior (ISIC)

Commander
Mine Countermeasures Squadron Three
120 Coral Sea Road, Suite W200
Ingleside, TX 78362

d. Commanding Officer: LCDR Glenn R. Allen,  1140, USN

e. Homeport: Ingleside, TX

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3. Command History.

CY-02 CHRONOLOGY

01-05 JAN UNDERWAY (U/W) ENROUTE KEY WEST, FL
05-06 JAN INPORT KEY WEST, FL BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL (BSF)
06-09 JAN U/W ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
06 JAN CLASS "A" FIRE IN EXHAUST UPTAKE SPACE
09-15 JAN INPORT MAYPORT, FL (EMERGENT REPAIRS)
14 JAN- COMMAND ASSESSMENT OF READINESS AND TRAINING (CART) I
13 FEB
15-25 JAN U/W CHERRY POINT OPERATIONS AREA FOR JOINT TASK FORCE
EXERCISE (JTFEX 02-1)
26 JAN - INPORT MAYPORT, FL
01 FEB
01-04 FEB U/W ENROUTE NASSAU, BAHAMAS
04-08 FEB INPORT NASSAU, BAHAMAS
04 FEB AMBASSADOR J. RICHARD BLANKENSHIP VISIT
08-10 FEB U/W ENROUTE KEYWEST, FL
08 FEB BURIAL AT SEA
10 FEB INPORT KEYWEST, FL BSF
10-14 FEB U/W ENROUTE INGLESIDE, TX
14 FEB - INPORT INGLESIDE, TX
01 APR
18-29 MAR FLEET MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (FMAV)
22 MAR HM1 (SW/FMF) BURRELL NAMED CINCLANFLT 2002 SEA SAILOR OF THE
YEAR
01-02 APR U/W CORPUS CHRISTI OPERATION AREA (CCOA) LIMITED TEAM
TRAINING
02 APR - INPORT INGLESIDE, TX
28 MAY
08-26 APR DIESEL ENGINE INSPECTION (DEI)
11 APR UNITED KINGDOM DEFENSE SCIENTIFIC MINE TEAM VISIT
22 APR - SISCAL
10 MAY
03-08 MAY VACUUM COLLECTION, HOLDING AND TRANSFER (VCHT) FLUSH
10 MAY SEMI-ANNUAL PHYSICAL READINESS TEST
13-17 MAY SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION (SMI)/SUPPLY MANAGEMENT
ASSIST (SMA)
13-24 MAY CORPRO PAINT TEAM AVAILABILITY
13-25 MAY NAVSESS VISIT
20-22 MAY RADAR NAVIGATION CERTIFICATION
20-22 MAY ENGINEERING LIMITED TEAM TRAINING (LTT) I
27 MAY CAPT LOPEZ, SPAWAR SAN DIEGO, CA, VISIT
28 MAY INPORT GULF COPPER SHIPYARD CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
06 JUN CAPT MURPHY AND CAPT SLAUGHTER VISIT
26 JUN COMMODORE O'MOORE VISIT, COMMANDER, MINE COUNTERMEASURES
SQUADRON THREE
24 JUL PLANNED MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (PMA)
01-03 JUL COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL REPAIR ASSIST (CTRA)
08-12 JUL ENGINEERING LTT II
15-19 JUL 3M ASSESSMENT
15-22 JUL NAVSESS VISIT
15-26 JUL FMAV

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24 JUL - ENGINEERING LTT III
02 AUG
24 JUL - ENGINEERING OPERATING SEQUENCING SYSTEM (EOSS) VALIDATION
02 AUG
24 JUL U/W CONDUCTING SEA TRIALS CCOA
24 JUL INPORT INGLESIDE, TX
29 JUL COMMUNICATIONS READINESS ASSESSMENT (CRA)
31 JUL U/W CORPUS CHRISTI, TX OPERATING AREA (CCOA)
31 JUL INPORT INGLESIDE, TX
01 AUG 02 COMMUNICATIONS READINESS LTT
07-08 AUG U/W CCOA FOR MINE WARFARE TRAINING (MIW)
19-23 AUG SMI
19-23 AUG NAVSESS ASSIST VISIT
20 AUG COMMUNICATIONS READINESS CERTIFICATION (CRC)
27-29 AUG U/W CCOA FOR MIW TRAINING
04-06 SEP U/W CCOA FOR CART II
17-19 SEP CAPT HOLMAN CNSL N43 VISIT
23-25 SEP FLEET WORKING GROUP (SCRMG)
30 SEP - INITIAL ASSESSMENT (IA), CAPT, HOLMAN, SENIOR ASSESSOR
02 OCT
03-08 OCT FINCARTARI DIESEL GENERATOR MOTARI (FDGM) CONDUCTING
REPAIRS TO NR 1 IFVG
18 OCT MEDICAL READINESS INSPECTION (MRI) TECHNICAL ASSIST VISIT
23 OCT REAR ADMIRAL ETNYRE, COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S.
ATLANTIC FLEET VISIT
29 OCT - U/W CCOA LTT AND MIW TRAINING
01 NOV
12 NOV U/W CCOA MCM TRAINING
13 NOV INPORT NAVAL STATION INGLESIDE (NSI)
18-20 NOV BOARD OF SURVEY AND INSPECTION (INSURV)/CAPT MALUSH, SENIOR
ASSESSOR
25-26 NOV SMI
05 DEC U/W TO EMR RANGE AND RETURN TO NSI
09-31 DEC CORPRO PAINT TEAM ON BOARD
11-12 DEC HULL CLEANING
15-31 DEC HOLIDAY UPKEEP AND LEAVE

4. Narrative:

USS CORMORANT (MHC 57) is one of twelve Osprey Class Coastal Minehunter vessels in the U.S. Navy's inventory. The MHC design integrates modern mine countermeasures technology that allows the ship to operate safely in mined waters employing a state of the art SQQ-32 minehunting sonar and an AN/SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization Vehicle. CORMORANT is 188 feet long, 36 feet at the beam, has a draft of 12 feet, displaces approximately 1000 tons, and has a crew of 54, including 7 officers and 47 enlisted of which 17 are female.

Calendar year 2002 was a challenging and rewarding year for the USS CORMORANT. The year started underway, enroute to Mayport, FL to participate in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 02-1. While enroute to Mayport, the training and experience of the crew was put to the test as the crew overcame a major class "A" fire in the starboard uptake space. Through an outstanding effort by the crew, temporary repairs were made in Mayport that allowed CORMORANT to proceed on schedule to participate in the highly successful

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exercise JTFEX 02-1. Upon completion, the crew enjoyed a much deserved liberty call in Nassau, Bahamas prior to her return home to Ingleside, TX. From Mid-February to the 28th of May, CORMORANT had a upkeep period and training where the crew was put through the paces of FMAV, DEI, SISCAL, SMI/SMA, NAVSESS, Radar Navigation certification and PLOT I. On 28 May, CORMORANT berthed at Gulf Copper Shipyard in Corpus Christi TX, for a scheduled Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) and conducted ILO, PMA, CTRA, PLOT II and III, 3M Assessment, FMAV, and EOSS validations.

Upon completion of PMA in late July, CORMORANT conducted sea trials followed by CRC, SMI, MIW training, CART II and Initial Assessment which lasted through September. Training and repairs continued from October through December, which included Limited Team Training (LTT), Fincartari Diesel Generator Motari (FDGM) repairs to Number 1 IFVG, Medical Readiness Inspection technical assist visit, INSURV and EMR range.


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