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Encl: (1) USS DE WERT FFG 45 Command History for Calendar Year 1985.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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## USS DE WERT FFG 45 Command History for Calendar Year 1985

### 1. Narrative:

The ship was inport Charleston, South Carolina on 1 January 1985, operating as a unit of Destroyer Squadron Six. Upon the completion of the holiday period the ship got underway from 8 through 11 January for various training exercises operating in the Charleston OPAREA. On 21 January the ship hosted 30 Education Parent winners for a tour of the ship and lunch. During the week of 21 January the ship was visited by COMNAVSURFLANT Engineering Mobile Training Team. The week was also taken up by a Combat System Post Overhaul Evaluation. The ship successfully conducted a inclining experiment on 26 through 28 January. 30 and 31 January were devoted to a Training Readiness Evaluation by Commander Destroyer Squadron Six and his staff. 4 and 5 February conducted Explosive Safety Review. Underway 6 February to Weapons Station Charleston for weapons onload, returning to Naval Station Charleston on the 8th of February. 15 February was our Departure Status Material Review. The period of 8 through 15 February was devoted to completion of final preparations for extensive training in Guantanamo Bay Cuba. Underway 15 through 18 February for the transit, arriving the morning of the 18th. Conducted Refresher Training 18 February through 26 March. Completed a successful Operational Propulsion Plant Examination Certification 25 through 26 March and then departed Cuba for a brief visit to Mayport, Florida, arriving on the 28th for a six hour fueling stop. HSL 42 Det 4 embarked 28 through 31 March for a one week work up. Conducted a CIWS exercise during the transit and destroyed the TDU. Returned to Charleston on 1 April and commenced an Intermediate Maintenance Availability with USS Sierra (AD 18) on 3 April. On 3 April hosted 35 NRD Columbus, Ohio educators for lunch and a tour of the ship. 9 April hosted a luncheon onboard for Vice Admiral Metcalf. The period of 15 through 19 April was dedicated to a Battle Force Inport Training Exercise. Vice Adm H.C. Mustin, Commander Second Fleet, and the American Bankers Association were hosted for lunch and a tour on 24 April. Aviation Assist Visit and Aviation Readiness Evaluation was conducted 29 April. 22 April through 3 May continued LAMPS MK III workups with the LAMPS Mobile Training Team Unit onboard. 4 May hosted Charleston Naval Shipyard, Engineering Duty Officers for a tour of the ship. 6 through 9 May conducted Supply Management Inspection Assist Visit. Received an overall outstanding grade, which was the best Supply Management Inspection Assist visit for any Charleston FFG. Underway 14 through 17 May for ASW operations with the LAMPS MK III. 18 through 20 May conducted port visit in Mayport, Florida for HSL 42 Det 4 families and onload of LAMPS MK III parts. 20 through 22 May underway for Charleston. Inport Charleston till 31 May and then underway for Nassau, Bahamas with the LAMPS MK III Det embarked. Arrived Nassau on the 1st of June. Inport Nassau till the 4th of June and then underway for the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center at St. Andros Island. Completed the LAMPS MK III qualification and proceeded to participate in COMTPUEX 3-85 with Commander Destroyer Squadron Three Two and six other ships of the U.S. Atlantic fleet. On 13 June conducted a successful SM-1 firing against a target drone. 20 June departed Virginia Capes Operating Area for a port visit in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Departed Halifax on 24 June and arrived in Portland, Maine 25 June for an overnight stop. 26 through 28 June underway for Charleston. During the transit conducted a CIWS exercise and destroyed the TDU. Disembarked the LAMPS MK III Det 28 June. During the period of 9

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through 12 July the ship hosted a group from the Senior Officer's Material Readiness Course. Auxiliary Systems Readiness Review was conducted during 22 through 25 July. The Combat Systems Readiness Review was conducted 29 July through 8 August. The ship made COMNAVSURFLANT "Super Star" list during the Supply Management Inspection conducted 30 July through 1 August. The Personnel and Administration Assistance Team conducted an assist visit during 5 through 8 August. Commander Destroyer Squadron Six conducted a Command Administration Inspection 24 through 26 August. The ship got underway with the Air Det embarked 13 August through 7 September to participate in READEX 3-85 under the command of Commander Carrier Group Two, along with fifteen surface ships, 2 submarines of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and one unit of the Royal Netherlands Navy. On 15 August conducted a CIWS exercise and destroyed the TDU. On 22 August the ship had another successful SM-1 firing against a target drone. The ship's Preparation for Overseas Movement, 7 through 30 September was interrupted by having to get underway for hurricane evasion 24 through 27 September. 1 October HSL 42 Det 4 embarked in preparation for deployment. The ship got underway on 2 October to participate in Indian Ocean 1-86 deployment, the ship's first major overseas deployment. On 9 October, during the transit across the Atlantic the ship scored the quickest "Quick Draw" of the battle group. DE WERT in-chopped to the Sixth Fleet on 14 October and participated in Operation Display Determination 85, under the command of Commander Task Force 60 with 2 aircraft carriers, 16 warships, and 130 aircraft of the Sixth Fleet. This exercise proved to be predominately an AAW/ASW exercise. During the exercise the ship destroyed two Hayes Target with 7, 76MM rounds. On 24 October switched deployments with USS SCOTT (DD 996) from I/O 1-86 to MED 3-85 to enhance the Coral Sea battle groups ASW and surface surveillance capability. Detached on 28 October and arrived in Toulon, France for work-up for the French-hosted operation Isles D'or, under the command of Commander Carrier Group Two, with 5 U.S. warships, 1 U.S. submarine, 4 British warships, 1 Greek warship, 6 Italian warships, 4 Spanish warships, 8 French warships, 2 British submarines, 3 French submarines, and 1 Spanish submarine. The exercise took place 2 November through 12 November. DE WERT was the only U.S. unit operating with the blue forces. Upon completion of the exercise the ship arrived in St. Raphael, France 13 November for a 5 day port visit. Underway on the 18th of November. While transiting with the USS Coral Sea and USS Yorktown to Athens, Greece, the ship was diverted to support the American participation in escorting an Egyptian airliner carrying the hijackers of the Italian cruise liner Archilles Lauro that murdered an American passenger. The ship arrived Athens, Greece on 27 November and remained in port until the 5th of December. Underway from 5 through 11 December participating in carrier operations in the eastern Mediterranean. Conducted a CIWS exercise and destroyed the TDU. Also conducted a AAW gun shoot with the MK 75 76MM gun and destroyed the TDU the same day. Transited to Haifa, Israel and remained in port Haifa from 11 through 17 December. Transited directly to Naples Italy in company with the USS Coral Sea, USS R.K. Turner, USS Yorktown, and USS Coronado, 17 through 23 December. The remainder of the year was spent in an Intermediate Maintenance Availability in Naples, Italy with the USS Yellowstone (AD-41).

## 2. Special topics:

a. Commanding Officer: Commander Douglas M. Armstrong, USN, 19 November 1983 to present.

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b. The command expended 838 rounds of 76MM ammunition and 2,780 rounds of 20 MM ammunition this year.

c. Won the Navigation/Deck Seamanship, Command, Control, Communications, Gunnery mission excellence award in DE WERT's first competitive cycle.

d. Simultaneously engaged two diesel submarines for over six hours during Isle D'Or, coordinating employment of four helicopters (1 U.S., 2 French, and 1 Italian), and two French maritime patrol aircraft.

e. During the year the ship used 3,007,855 gallons of fuel.

f. The largest numberer of plank owners departed the ship this year since commissioning.

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