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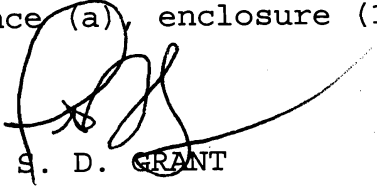
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USS DE WERT (FFG 45) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998

1. Command Composition and Organization:

Mission: AAW and ASW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, ELW, and CCC.

Commander: CDR Matthew Streeter, USN
CDR Stephen D. Grant, USN

Homeport: Mayport, FL

2. (C) Chronology of significant events::

01JAN-21JAN/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
22JAN-24JAN/	U/W KWOA, OPERATION PASSIVE OVERSIGHT 2-98
25JAN-09FEB/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
02FEB-05FEB/	AVIATION PRE-AVAILABILITY TECHNICAL ASSIST
04FEB/	BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION
10FEB-12FEB/	U/W JAXOA, TRAINING SCHEDULE
10FEB/	76MM PACFIRE
10FEB/	ANCHORED ATG #2
10FEB/	50 CAL PACFIRE
11FEB/	RAS USS DETROIT
13FEB-21FEB/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
20FEB/	CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY, CDR MATTHEW STREETER RELIEVED BY CDR STEPHEN GRANT, GUEST LIST INCLUDED COMWESTHEMGRU, COMCOGUARDRON 42, COMCRUDESGRU 12
22FEB-25FEB/	U/W KWOA, OPERATION PASSIVE OVERSIGHT 3-98
26FEB-08MAR/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
09MAR-10MAR/	ENROUTE YORKTOWN
11MAR-12MAR/	OFFLOAD WEAPON STATION YORKTOWN/AMMUNITION HANDLING OPERATIONS
13MAR/	ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
14MAR-22MAR/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
23MAR-10MAY/	RAV MAYPORT, FL
30MAR-03APR/	AVIATION CERTIFICATION
31MAR-03APR/	PLOT II
11MAY-15MAY/	AVIATION CERTIFICATION
11MAY-15MAY/	HORSE
16MAY-18MAY/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
19MAY-21MAY/	LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT
22MAY-25MAY/	IPT MAYPORT, FL
26MAY/	FAST CRUISE, IPT MAYPORT, FL
27MAY-29MAY/	U/W JAXOA, TRAINING SCHEDULE
30MAY-11JUN/	IPT MAYPORT, FL

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01JUN-05JUN/ CART II
03JUN/ COMMUNICATIONS READINESS ASSESSMENT
12JUN-14JUN/ ENROUTE WEAPON STATION YORKTOWN
13JUN/ CIWS PACFIRE
13JUN/ TACTAS DEPLOYMENT
15JUN-16JUN/ ONLOAD WEAPON STATION YORKTOWN
17JUN-19JUN/ ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
18JUN/ RAS USS MONONGAHELA
20JUN-04JUL/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
29JUN/ BERTH SHIFT
05JUL-10JUL/ U/W VACAPES OPAREA/VANALEX/JAXOA TSTA I FTG
TRAINING SCHEDULE
05JUL/ 76MM PACFIRE/CIWS PACFIRE
06JUL/ RAS USS ARCTIC
08JUL/ RAS USS ARCTIC
11JUL-12JUL/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
13JUL-17JUL/ U/W JAXOA TSTA I FTG TRAINING SCHEDULE
13JUL/ ANCHORED ATG #1
14JUL/ TOWEX W/TUG KERRY MORAN
14JUL/ ANCHORED ATG #1
14JUL/ 76MM PACFIRE/CIWS PACFIRE/SMALL ARMS PACFIRE
16JUL/ ANCHORED ATG #1
18JUL-21JUL/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
22JUL-24JUL/ U/W JAXOA TSTA I ETG QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE
25JUL-02AUG/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
27JUL-31JUL/ LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT
03AUG-07AUG/ U/W JAXOA TSTA II ETG TRAINING SCHEDULE
05AUG/ 76MM PACFIRE
05AUG/ 50CAL PACFIRE
06AUG/ REXTORP OPERATIONS
08AUG-23AUG/ IPT MAYPORT, FL/IMAV
20AUG/ THREAT CONDITION A SET THROUGHOUT THE SHIP IAW
BASE POLICY
24AUG-26AUG/ U/W HURRICANE "BONNIE" SORTIE
24AUG/ SMALL ARMS FAMILIARIZATION FIRE
27AUG-31AUG/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
01SEP-03SEP/ U/W JAXOA ECERT/PEB TRAINING SCHEDULE
01SEP/ ANCHORED ATG #2
02SEP-03SEP/ ANCHORED ATG #1
03SEP/ ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION
04SEP-13SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
14SEP-16SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL/TSTA II CSTG
17SEP-18SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL/CMTQ
19SEP-20SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
21SEP-24SEP/ U/W JAXOA TSTA II CSTG TRAINING SCHEDULE
21SEP/ 76MM PACFIRE/CIWS PACFIRE
22SEP/ HOSTED COAST GUARD SQUADRON 42
23SEP/ RAS USNS PATUXENT

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24SEP/ ANCHORED ATG #1
25SEP-27SEP/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
28SEP-09OCT/ IPT MAYPORT, FL IMAV/TARGET
05OCT-09OCT/ COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW
06OCT-07OCT/ MEDICAL READINESS ASSIST
10OCT-13OCT/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
14OCT-16OCT/ U/W JAXOA SUB TRE SERVICES/TRAINING SCHEDULE
17OCT-20OCT/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
21OCT-24OCT/ U/W JAXOA TSTA II WOWU TRAINING SCHEDULE
25OCT-01NOV/ IPT MAYPORT, FL
26OCT-30OCT/ LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT
01NOV/ HOSTED SHORE INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY
MAYPORT DETACHMENT

02NOV-03NOV/ FINAL EVALUATION PERIOD
04NOV-08NOV/ IPT MAYPORT IMAV
09NOV/ U/W JAXOA SEA TRIALS TRAINING SCHEDULE
09NOV-12NOV/ INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY
10NOV-18NOV/ IPT MAYPORT IMAV
19NOV-20NOV/ ENROUTE PUERTO RICAN OPERATIONS AREA - TRBATGRU
COMPTUEX

19NOV/ MT 31 PACFIRE
20NOV/ DECEPTIVE LIGHTING
20NOV/ TACTAS
21NOV/ RAS USNS LARAMIE
21NOV-25NOV/ U/W WESTLANT - TRBATGRU COMPTUEX 2-98
24NOV/ DEPLOYED NIXIE
26NOV-28NOV/ IPT FREDERICKSTED, ST CROIX, USVI
29NOV-03DEC/ PUERTO RICAN OPERATIONS AREA - TRBATGRU COMPTUEX
2-98

29NOV/ 76MM/CIWS PACFIRE
03DEC/ RAS/VERTREP USS ARCTIC
04DEC/ 76MM PACFIRE
04DEC/ TORPEX
04DEC/ U/W SOUTH PUERTO RICAN OPERATIONS AREA - TRBATGRU
COMPTUEX

05DEC/ MISSILEX
05DEC/ BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL - NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT
ROADS

06DEC/ U/W NORTH PUERTO RICAN OPERATIONS AREA - TRBATGRU
COMPTUEX

07DEC/ ENROUTE MAYPORT, FL
08DEC/ ARRIVED MAYPORT, FL
09DEC-31DEC/ IPT MAYPORT, FL POM
11DEC/ HOSTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET
OFFICE

11DEC/ BRIEF ON STANDING NAVAL FORCES ATLANTIC HELD BY
CDR FYFE, ROYAL NAVY, COMWESTLANT OPERATIONS
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14DEC-15DEC/ MEDICAL READINESS EXAM
14DEC-31DEC/ IPT MAYPORT, FL HOLIDAY LEAVE/UPKEEP

NARRATIVE

DE WERT began 1998 inport Mayport, Florida, as part of holiday leave and stand-down. On 22 January 1998, DE WERT was underway for Operation Passive Monitor 2-98 in the Key West Operations Area. During this operation, Pope John Paul II was making a papal visit to Cuba. DE WERT was assigned to be in the area in case the expected protests from anti-Castro groups turned into major incidents. On the 25th of January DE WERT was back inport Mayport, Florida. From 02 February to 05 February, DE WERT took part in an Aviation Pre-Availability Technical Assist to prepare a comprehensive list of aviation facility jobs for the upcoming yard period. During all of this, time was still found to celebrate Black History Month on the 4th of February, 1998.

From 10 February to 12 February, 1998, DE WERT was underway in the Jacksonville Operations Area for training. During this training availability, DE WERT participated in a 76 mm and 50 calibre Pacfire, and anchored at the designated Afloat Training Group's second anchorage on the 10th of February. On the 11th of February, DE WERT conducted Replenishment at Sea with the USS Detroit.

DE WERT spent the period of 13 February to 21 February in homeport Mayport, Florida. During this time, there was a Change of Command ceremony on the 20th of February in which CDR Stephen Grant, USN, relieved CDR Matthew Streeter, USN, of command. The guest list included COMWESTHEMGRU, COMCOGUARDRON 42, and COMCRUDESGRU 12.

Soon enough, DE WERT was underway again on Operation Passive Oversight 3-98 monitoring anti-Castro protests by the Brothers to the Rescue group in the Key West Operations Area from 22 February to 25 February. From the 26th of February until the 8th of March, DE WERT was inport Mayport, Florida. On the 9th of March, DE WERT was enroute to conduct an ammunition offload in Weapon Station Yorktown on the 12th of March in preparation for an upcoming Restricted Availability period in Mayport, Florida. DE WERT prepared herself for the Restricted Availability period inport Mayport, Florida from 14 March to 22 March, conducted the Restricted Availability period from 23 March until 10 May.

In addition to her Restricted Availability period, DE WERT conducted many training evolutions while inport. From 30 March to the 3rd of April, DE WERT was involved in an Aviation Certification Assist Visit. DE WERT also participated in Engineering Pre-Light Off Training from the 31st of March until the 3rd of April. From 11 May to 15 May, DE WERT completed her Aviation Certification and participated in HORSE at the same time. From the 16th to the 18th of May, 1998, DE WERT remained inport in Mayport, Florida. DE WERT completed her Light Off Assessment from 19 May to 21 May remaining inport until the 25th of May.

To maintain operational readiness after an extended Restricted Availability, DE WERT held a fast cruise on the 26th of May, 1998. DE WERT was underway in the Jacksonville Operations Area to conduct seamanship and navigation training schedule from 27 May to 29 May, 1998. From 30 May until the 11th of June, DE WERT was inport in Mayport, Florida, continuing in the high tempo of the training cycle. From 1 June to 5 June, DE WERT took part in CART II. On the 3rd of June, DE WERT took her Communications Readiness Assessment.

From 12 June to 14 June, DE WERT was enroute to Weapon Station Yorktown to onload ammunition. Along the way, DE WERT conducted a CIWS Pacfire and deployed TACTAS on the 13th of June. On the 15th of June DE WERT commenced ammunition onload in Weapon Station Yorktown, Virginia. On the 17th of June, DE WERT started her transit to Naval Station Mayport, partaking in Replenishment at Sea with the USS Monongahela on 18 June, arriving in Mayport, Florida, on 20 June, 1998. DE WERT remained inport until the 4th of July with the exception of a berthing shift on the 29th of June.

From the 5th of July until the 10th of July, DE WERT was underway in the VACAPES Operations Area for VANDALEX and TSTA I FTG. On 5 July, DE WERT conducted a 76mm and CIWS Pacfire. DE WERT Refueled with the USS Arctic on both the 6th and 8th of July. DE WERT returned to Mayport, Florida, on the 11th of July, 1998, and went underway once again on 13 July in the Jacksonville Operations Area for TSTA I FTG. During this phase of TSTA I, DE WERT participated in many training evolutions. On the 13th of July, DE WERT anchored out in Afloat Training Group's (ATG) anchorage designated #1. On the 14th, DE WERT towed the tug, Kerry Moran, and anchored in ATG #1 again. On the same day, DE WERT also conducted a 76mm, CIWS, and small arms Pacfire. The 16th of July found DE WERT anchored yet again in ATG #1.

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DE WERT spent the 18th of July until the 21st inport Mayport, Florida. From the 22nd to the 24th of July, 1998, DE WERT was underway in the Jacksonville Operations Area for the ETG portion of TSTA I and back to Mayport, Florida on 25 July until the 2nd of August. During this inport period, DE WERT received her Logistics Management Assist Visit from the 27th to 31st of July. From the 3rd of August to the 7th of August., DE WERT returned underway to the Jacksonville Operations Area for TSTA II ETG. On the 5th of August, DE WERT conducted a 76mm and 50 calibre Pacfire. On the 6th of August, DE WERT conducted REXTORP Operations, returning to Mayport, Florida on the 8th of August.

DE WERT remained inport until the 23rd of August. On 20 August, 1998, THREATCON A was set throughout the ship in accordance with Naval Station Mayport's policy. On the 24th of August, DE WERT sortied for Hurricane "Bonnie." Taking advantage of the underway time, DE WERT conducted a small arms familiarization fire. DE WERT was inport from the 27th of August to the 31st of August, 1998.

From 1 September to 3 September PEB was aboard DE WERT for Engineering Certification. Some of the notable exercises were anchoring in ATG #2 on the 1st, ATG #1 on the 2nd, and Engineering Certification on the 3rd of September. DE WERT was back in Mayport, Florida on the 4th until the 13th of September. Still inport, DE WERT took part in TSTA II Combat Systems Training Group phase of the training cycle, from 14 September to 16 September. This was immediately followed by CMTQ from the 17th to the 18th.

DE WERT left Mayport on the 21st of September for the Jacksonville Operations Area to take part in TSTA II Combat System's Training Group's underway portion of training. Starting off, DE WERT conducted a 76mm and CIWS Pacfire on the 21st. On the 22nd of September, DE WERT had the pleasure of hosting Commander Coast Guard Squadron 42. The 23rd found DE WERT participating in a Replenishment at Sea with the USNS Patuxent. To finish up this phase of training, DE WERT anchored at ATG #1, returning to Mayport, Florida, on the 25th of September.

On the 28th of September, DE WERT entered into an Intermediate Maintenance Availability period. At the same time TARGET and Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I inspections were conducted. These events concluded on 9 October, 1998. Also scheduled was the Medical Readiness Assist from 6 October to 7 October.

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On the 14th of October, the DE WERT was underway again for Sub TRE services at the AUTEK facilities in the Bahamas, returning to Mayport on the 17th. With a short respite, DE WERT was underway once again in the Jacksonville Operating Area for TSTA III / Week One Work Ups from the 21st to the 24th of October. From the 25th of October to the 1st of November, DE WERT found herself inport Mayport, Florida. During this time, from the 26th to the 30th of October, DE WERT completed her Logistics Management Assessment.

On the 1st of November, 1998, DE WERT had the pleasure of hosted Afloat Training Group Mayport. DE WERT conducted a two day Final Evaluation Period underway in the Jacksonville Operating Area on the 2nd and 3rd of November. DE WERT returned to Mayport, Florida, for an Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

On the 9th of November, DE WERT was underway in the Jacksonville Operating Area for Sea Trials, returning the same day. While inport Mayport, Florida, DE WERT underwent her Industrial Hygiene Survey from the 9th to the 12th of November and another Intermediate Maintenance Availability from the 10th to the 18th of November. On the 19th, DE WERT was underway, enroute to join the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group (TRBATGRU) for COMPTUEX. A Torpex was conducted on the 19th, and on the 20th of November, DE WERT conducted a deceptive lighting drill. Also on the 20th, TACTAS was deployed. On the 21st of November, DE WERT performed Replenishment at Sea with the USNS Laramie.

From the 21st of November to the 25th of November, DE WERT was underway in the Western Atlantic as part of TRBATGRU's COMPTUEX, deploying Nixie on the 24th. DE WERT enjoyed a port visit over the Thanksgiving weekend in Fredericksted, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. DE WERT's crew took full advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity relaxing in the Caribbean and even taking part in St. Croix's "Jump Up" festival, a truly memorable experience and a well deserved vacation.

Back to business, DE WERT was underway in the North Puerto Rican Operations Area for COMPTUEX on 29 November, 1998. To start the underway period, DE WERT conducted a 76mm and CIWS firings against towed airborne targets on 29 November. On the 3rd of December, DE WERT was given the opportunity for a combined Vertical Replenishment and Replenishment at Sea with the USS

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Arctic. On the 4th of December, 1998, DE WERT once again conducted a 76mm Pacfire and Torpedo Exercise.

On the 4th of December, DE WERT entered the South Puerto Rican Operations Area with TRBATGRU as part of COMPTUEX. DE WERT participated in a Missile Exercise on the 5th of December, but did not shoot due to a Fire Control System casualty. Immediately following on the 5th, DE WERT made a brief stop for fuel at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. From there, DE WERT was underway on the 6th of December in the North Puerto Rican Operations Area rejoining the TRBATGRU to finish COMPTUEX. On the 7th of December, DE WERT was detached and enroute to Mayport, Florida.

The 8th of December, 1998, saw DE WERT arrive Mayport, Florida. From 9 December to 31 December, DE WERT had a POM period for her upcoming six month deployment with Standing Naval Forces Atlantic. On the 11th, DE WERT was fortunate enough to host the Assistant Director of the Congressional Budget Office and provide input on pay and quality of life concerns for Congress. Also, CDR Fyfe, Royal Navy, COMWESTLANT's Operations Officer briefed the wardroom on Standing Naval Forces Atlantic. From 14 December to 15 December, DE WERT passed her Medical Readiness Examination, a fitting ending to the year. DE WERT was inport Mayport Florida for holiday leave and upkeep.

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