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From: Commanding Officer, USS DE WERT (FFG 45)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (NO9BH)
Subj: SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2002
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12 Series
Encl: (1) USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for calendar
year 2002
(2) Photograph of USS DE WERT
(3) Photograph and Biography of Commanding Officer,
CDR James R. Boorujy, USN
(4) 3 ½ inch Floppy Disk

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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M. E. LOUGHLIN

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USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for calendar year 2002

Command Composition and Organization UIC 21197

Mission: AAW and USW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, EW, and CCC.

Organizational Structure: Naval Surface Group TWO
Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN

Commander: 01Jan02 - 31Dec02 CDR J. R. Boorujy, USN

Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, FL

Aircraft: Embarked one (1) SH-60B LAMPS MK III Helicopter from HSL-46 (02Jul22-02Dec20).

2. Chronology of significant events:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
01JAN-09JAN/	IN PORT MAYPORT
09JAN-11JAN/	USW LTT / DC LTT
10JAN/	DUS TRAINER
11JAN/	FAST CRUISE (CBR-D) DRILL
14JAN/	FAST CRUISE
15JAN-18JAN/	U/W JAX OPAREA (DLQ'S/AIR DEFENSE/CRUISE MISSILE/DTE)
18JAN/	CBR-D DRILL (ISIC OBSERVED)
22JAN/	GRADED DTE (ISIC OBSERVED)
24JAN-25JAN/	CRUISE MISSILE TACTICAL QUALIFICATION (CMTQ)
28JAN-01FEB/	ITT TRAINING/ITT CERTIFICATION
01FEB-04FEB/	IN PORT MAYPORT
04FEB/	VBSS LTT
04FEB-08FEB/	VBSS TRAINING
08FEB-15FEB/	U/W JAX OPAREA (UNREP/VBSS/USW/EW/ SEAMANSHIP)
08FEB-15FEB/	ITT LTT (U/W)
19FEB-22FEB/	U/W JAX OPAREA (FEP/DLQS)
25FEB-15MAR/	IMAV
25FEB-01MAR/	SQQ-89 GROOM
04MAR-15MAR/	C5RA
15MAR-18MAR/	U/W - ENROUTE AMMO ONLOAD
18MAR-19MAR/	AMMUNITION ONLOAD (VANDELEX)
19MAR-21MAR/	U/W ENROUTE CAPE CANAVERAL, FL (SEAFEST)
21MAR-25MAR/	PVST CAPE CANAVERAL, FL
26MAR/	RETURN MAYPORT, FL
27MAR/	EMBARK HSL-46 DET-8
28MAR-31MAR/	AT SEA TRAINING (HSL-46 WEEK ONE WORK-UPS)

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
01APR-19APR/ 07APR/ 12APR-15APR/ 22APR-10MAY/ 03MAY/ 06MAY-10MAY/ 07MAY-08MAY/ 08MAY-16MAY/ 17MAY/ 18MAY-17JUN/ 18JUN-21JUN/ 18JUN/ 21JUN-25JUN/ 25JUN-28JUN/ 26JUN-27JUN/ 28JUN-22JUL/ 12JUL/ 13JUL-22JUL/ 23JUL/ 23JULY-02AUG/ 03AUG/ 05AUG-08AUG/ 08AUG-13AUG/ 15AUG/ 15AUG-18AUG/ 18AUG-22AUG/ 22AUG-29AUG/ 29AUG-13SEP/ 13SEP-17SEP/ 17SEP-26SEP/ 26SEP-03OCT/ 26SEP/ 05OCT-06OCT/ 06OCT/ 16OCT-18OCT/ 16OCT/ 23OCT-26OCT/ 23OCT/ 25OCT/ 27OCT-30NOV/ 01NOV/ 04NOV-11NOV/ 04NOV/ 04NOV/ 23NOV-26NOV/ 25NOV/ 02DEC/	GROUP SAIL 02-2 BSF NSRR PUERTO RICO PVST ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO IMAV COMMAND AWARDS CEREMONY ATFP LTT COMMAND PRT IN PORT MAYPORT, FL FAMILY DAY CRUISE / COMMAND AWARDS CEREMONY POM U/W JAX OPAREA NAV CHECK RIDE INPORT MAYPORT, FL U/W JAX OPAREA (MIDSHIPMEN EMBARKED 5) DLQS (HSL-46 DET 8) INPORT MAYPORT, FL COMMAND SAFETY STANDOWN SUPPLY LOAD-OUT UNDERWAY SNFL 2002 TRANSIT EAST STROG TRANSIT PVST LA SPEZIA, ITALY U/W EASTERN MED FORCE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY DE WERT PVST AKSAZ, TURKEY U/W EASTERN MED PVST ROTA, SPAIN U/W EASTERN MED PVST ROTA, SPAIN EXERCISE NEO TAPON 3M ASSIST VISIT/PVST ROTA, SPAIN SENIOR PETTY OFFICER SOCIAL ONBOARD HMS SOMMERSET PVST GAETA, ITALY (ANCHORED) SHIP'S TALENT SHOW PVST IZMIR, TURKEY (ANCHORED) FGS LUETJENS CO DINNER PVST AKSAZ, TURKEY SANGRIA CALL ONBOARD SPS NUMANCIA CHIEF PETTY OFFICER'S BEER CALL ON BOARD FGS LUETJENS OPERATION ACTIVE ENDEAVOR SHIFT UNIFORM TO WINTER BLUE (6 TH FL AOR) PVST SOUDA BAY, CRETE CSNFL RECEPTION FORCE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY DE WERT PVST AKSAZ, TURKEY HNOMS TRONDHEIM CO/ LUNCHEON SHIFT TO WINTER UNIFORM JAX, FL

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
04DEC-06DEC/	PVST SOUDA BAY, CRETE
07DEC/	CSNFL LUNCHEON (CO FLY OFF TO GEORGE WASHINGTON)
08DEC/	COMGWBG VISIT
10DEC/	PCO (CDR LOUGHLIN) ARRIVES FOR TRANSIT WEST
06DEC-11DEC/	TRANSIT WEST W/GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLE GROUP
16DEC/	AWARDS CEREMONY
16DEC/	CHOP 2 ND FLT / DETACH GEORGE WASHINGTON BG
17DEC-19DEC/	HSL-46 DET 8 LOAD UP
19DEC/	FRESH WATER WASHDOWN / FIELD DAY
20DEC/	HSL-46 DET 8 FLY-OFF
20DEC/	RETURN HOMEPORT: NS MAYPORT, FL
20DEC-31DEC/	POST-DEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN

NARRATIVE

DE WERT was in Mayport, FL for the first 15 days of January. While in port we completed both a USW and DC LTT from 9-11 January and utilized the DUS trainer on the 10th. We were underway 15-18 January in the JAX OPAREA. While underway we participated in DLQ's, simulated Air Defense, Cruise Missile Simulations and Detect To Engage scenarios. ISIS observed two evolutions in the month of January, a CBR-D drill on the 18th and a graded DTE on the 22nd. From 24-25 January DE WERT underwent Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). On the 28th DE WERT began ITT Training and finished up on 1 February with its ITT Certification.

The month of February started out with DE WERT in Mayport, FL. On the 4th a VBSS LTT was conducted and from the 4-8 February VBSS training was held. DE WERT was underway once again from the 8-22 February. From 8-15 February DE WERT conducted an underway replenishment, VBSS training, USW, EW and Seamanship drills. We also conducted an ITT LTT. During the same underway period we also conducted DLQ's with various Mayport based HSL squadrons and conducted its FEP. Upon our return to Mayport, DE WERT was in an IMAV from 25 February to 15 March. During this IMAV the SQQ-89 was groomed.

In March DE WERT was underway to do an ammunition on load in Yorktown, VA that occurred 18 and 19 March. After the ammunition on load we were enroute to Cape Canaveral, FL for Seafest. The crew enjoyed a port visit from 21 to 25 March. We finally returned back to Mayport on 26 March. The following day HSL 46 DET 8 embarked in preparation for week one work-ups. DE WERT was once again underway on the 28th to begin sea training and week one work ups with HSL 46 DET 8.

On 1 April DE WERT began Group Sail 02-2 which lasted until 22 April. While on Group Sail, DE WERT had a BSF in Puerto Rico on the 7th and a port visit from 12-15 April. Upon return to Mayport DE WERT again went into an IMAV in preparation for her upcoming deployment. The IMAV lasted from 22 April to 10 May. During the IMAV DE WERT held a command awards ceremony and had an ATFP LTT from 6-10 May. The command also conducted a command PRT on 7 and 8 May. On 17 May DE WERT got underway for a family day cruise. Following the family day cruise DE WERT started her pre-deployment POM stand down, which lasted until the 18 June. After POM, DE WERT got underway from 18-21 June in order to operate in the JAX OPAREA and conducted a NAV check ride on 18 June. DE WERT spent time in Mayport from 21-25 June. We again

got underway from 25-28 June in order to conduct DLQ's for HSL 46 DET 8 and junior officer ship handling drills. During this underway period we had an additional 5 midshipmen riders.

The month of July started out in Mayport in preparation for DE WERT's deployment. A command wide Safety Stand down was held on 12 July. We spent time from 13-22 July loading out supplies and making final preparations for getting underway. DE WERT deployed 23 July on a Standing Naval Forces Atlantic (SNFL) deployment.

The last week of July and first few days of August were spent in transit to the Mediterranean. On 3 August we transited the Straits of Gibraltar (STROG). Once in the Med, DE WERT enjoyed a port visit in LA SPEZIA, ITALY from 5-8 August. After a brief underway period, we had our second port call of our deployment in AKSAZ, TURKEY with liberty in the nearby town of MARMARIS, TURKEY. While in AKSAZ, DE WERT hosted a force breakfast in the wardroom on 15 August. From 8-22 August DE WERT was underway on station in the MED. Our third port visit was Naval Station ROTA, SPAIN from 22-29 August. The crew enjoyed liberty in ROTA, SPAIN, the nearby town of SEVILLA, SPAIN and cities in Southern PORTUGAL.

September began with the DE WERT underway until her next port visit again in ROTA, SPAIN on the 13th. We were in port until the 17th. On the 17th DE WERT participated in exercise NEO TAPON until her next port visit on the 26th again in ROTA, SPAIN. Upon pulling in to ROTA, we had a 3M assist visit that lasted until 3 October, the duration of the port visit. Also on the 26th the HMS SOMERSET hosted a social call for senior petty officers. Many of the crew's first and second class petty officers participated.

October began with the DE WERT making its next port visit in GAETA, ITALY for a one day liberty call on the 5th and departing early on the 6th. It was also the first time during the deployment that DE WERT anchored out in port. The anchoring evolution was excellent training and was accomplished successfully. Upon getting underway on the 6th, DE WERT celebrated the halfway point of deployment with a ships talent show and steel beach picnic held on the flight deck. The ships second anchoring evolution was for a port visit in IZMIR, TURKEY on 16-18 October. While in port IZMIR, the German destroyer FGS LEUTJENS hosted a CO's dinner. The DE WERT was underway from 16-23 October. On 23 October we pulled into AKSAZ for the second time while on deployment. On the 23rd the Spanish frigate SPS NUMANCIA held a sangria call for all hands, which was widely

attended by the crew. On 25 October the FGS LEUTJENS held a beer call for the wardroom of various SNFL ships that was also a very popular and widely attended event.

The end of October and the beginning of November the ship was underway in support of Operation Active Endeavor. The DE WERT operated in the Eastern Med and pulled into SOUDA BAY, CRETE for the first of two port visits. The liberty port was scheduled from 4-11 November. The crew was able to visit different parts of the island and enjoy liberty at nearby Naval Support Facility SOUDA BAY. During the in port period DE WERT hosted another force breakfast that immediately followed a reception hosted by SPS NUMANCIA. DE WERT was underway from 11-23 November at which time it enjoyed its third and final port visit to AKSAZ, TURKEY from 23-26 November. While in AKSAZ, the HNOMS TRONHEIM hosted a CO's luncheon.

The final month of deployment found the DE WERT again in SOUDA BAY, CRETE for its final liberty port. While in SOUDA BAY, the DE WERT joined the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group in preparation for the transit home. The port visit in SOUDA BAY lasted from 4-6 December. Once underway the GEORGE WASHINGTON hosted a CSNFL luncheon that was attended by the Commanding Officer.

On 10 December the Perspective Commanding Officer, CDR LOUGHLIN, was flown aboard for the transit west. During the transit west the DE WERT served as plane guard for flight operations on board George Washington. On 16 December we detached the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group and in chopped to the 2nd fleet. Also on the 16th the DE WERT held an end of deployment awards ceremony. On 17 December we secured flight operations and HSL 46 DET 8 began to load up in preparation for our return to Mayport. On the morning of 20 December HSL 46 DET 8 flew Cutlass 463 to NAS Mayport. Also on 20 December DE WERT returned from SNFL 2002 around noon local time. 20-31 December was spent on post deployment stand down.