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*George Schaeffer*  
GEORGE SCHAEFFER

## **COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

### **USS DOYLE'S MISSION**

To operate with other warships as an integral part of a battle group on battle force, to effectively supplement existing and planned escorts in the protection of underway replenishment groups, amphibious forces, military and mercantile shipping, and other designated forces against subsurface, air and surface threats, and to conduct ASW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

DESTROYER SQUADRON EIGHT

### **COMMANDING OFFICER**

Commander George Schaeffer III

### **HOMEPORT**

Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT**

Two SH-60B Seahawk Lamps III Helicopters. Tailcodes vary.

CHRONOLOGY FOR 1992

JAN 1-6 INPORT MAYPORT HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP  
JAN 7 VISIT BY VADM AND MRS. JAMES H. DOYLE, JR.  
JAN 8-13 INPORT JAX OPPE PREPS  
JAN 14-17 U/W JAX OP AREA FOR OPPE PREPS  
JAN 18-21 INPORT MAYPORT OPPE PREPS  
JAN 22-24 U/W JAX OP AREA FOR OPPE PREPS  
JAN 25-27 INPORT MAYPORT OPPE PREPS  
JAN 28-30 U/W JAX OP AREA FOR OPPE PREPS  
JAN 31-03 FEB INPORT MAYPORT OPPE PREPS  
04 FEB INPORT MAYPORT COMMENCE OPPE  
05-06 FEB U/W JAX OP AREA FOR OPPE  
07-10 FEB INPORT MAYPORT CHANGE OF COMMAND PREPS  
11-12 FEB U/W JAX OP AREA FOR PCO TURNOVER  
13-17 FEB INPORT MAYPORT  
14 FEB CDR GEORGE SCHAEFFER III, USN, RELIEVES CAPT JOHN N. PETRIE, USN AS COMMANDING OFFICER  
18 FEB U/W EN ROUTE CHARLESTON, SC FOR AMMO OFF LOAD  
19 FEB INPORT CHARLESTON, SC FOR AMMO OFF LOAD  
20 FEB INPORT CHARLESTON, SC  
U/W EN ROUTE MAYPORT  
21-11 MAY INPORT MAYPORT  
24 FEB COMDESRON EIGHT BREAKS FLAG IN DOYLE  
NEXCOM ASSIST VISIT  
POSTAL ASSIST VISIT  
HAZMAT/CHT ASSIST VISIT  
24 FEB-05 MAR IMAV WITH SIMA MAYPORT  
02 MAR-04 MAY SRA  
05 MAR INTEL ASSIST VISIT

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30 MAR-03 APR	SMI/3M ASSIST VISIT
11 MAY	U/W JAX OPAREA FOR SEA TRIALS
12 MAY-02 JUNE	INPORT MAYPORT
26 MAY	GTE TRIM BALANCE AVIATION TECH ASSIST HARPOON MATERIAL/SAFETY CERTIFICATION
01-05 JUNE	U/W JAX OP AREA FOR ANCHORAGE AND SONAR DOME REPAIRS
05 JUNE	LCDR JOHN A. KUNERT, USN, RECEIVES LCDR B. KYLE JONES, USN, AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
06-12 JUNE	INPORT MAYPORT
15-19 JUNE	SMI/3M INSPECTION
12 JUNE	U/W JAX OP AREA FOR SONAR DOME SEA TRIALS
13-21 JUNE	INPORT MAYPORT
22-26 JUNE	U/W SSRNM AUTEK WEEK ONE WORK-UPS WITH HSL-46 SHUTTLE OPS
27-30 JUNE	INPORT MAYPORT
01 JULY	U/W FOR SEA TRIALS
02-12 JULY	INPORT MAYPORT
06-08 JULY	HTQT
13-14 JULY	U/W JAX OP AREA FOR MISSILE-EX
15-16 JULY	INPORT MAYPORT
17-18 JULY	U/W EN ROUTE GTMO
19 JULY	ARRIVE GTMO
20-31 JULY	LTT GTMO
01-14 AUG	INPORT GTMO
15 AUG-08 SEP	U/W CARIBBEAN OPS
16-17 AUG	EXERCISES WITH HMS CABELLTOWN

18-19 AUG	SEXUAL HARASSMENT STANDDOWN
30 AUG	TORP-X
08 SEP	MOOR GTMO FOR BSF
09-10 SEP	EN ROUTE MAYPORT
11 SEP-05 OCT	INPORT MAYPORT
29 SEP-01 OCT	HTQT
05-09 OCT	U/W JAX OP AREA FOR DLQ'S
08 OCT	BURIAL AT SEA
10-27	INPORT MAYPORT
13-23 OCT	IMAV WITH SIMA
28-30 OCT	U/W JAX OP AREA FOR DLQ'S
30 OCT-30 NOV	INPORT MAYPORT
02-28 NOV	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP
01-23 DEC	U/W CARIBBEAN OPS
08 DEC	BURIAL AT SEA
24-31 DEC	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP

### COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

USS DOYLE (FFG-39) began 1992 in homeport at Mayport, Florida in a leave and upkeep period having just returned from a six-month deployment with STANDING NAVAL FORCES ATLANTIC (SNFL). The leave period ended 6 January and DOYLE began concentrating on preparations for OPPE in February.

Before OPPE preparations were in full swing, DOYLE was visited by the son of her namesake, VADM James H. Doyle, Jr. and his wife. VADM Doyle took a tour of the ship and spoke to the assembled crew on the flight deck. He was very complementary about the condition of the ship and crew.

The remainder of January and early February was spent with intensive preparations for OPPE. DOYLE was underway at least a part of every week and spent that time at sea practicing Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises and Main Space Fire drills. The hard work paid off when DOYLE satisfactorily passed an intense Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

With OPPE completed, DOYLE shifted focus on her change of command. CDR George Schaeffer III reported aboard 7 February and began the turnover process. CDR Schaeffer relieved CAPT John N. Petrie on 14 February.

DOYLE was underway 18 February for Charleston, South Carolina for an ammunition offload in preparation for her IMAV and SRA in Mayport. DOYLE returned to Mayport and her maintenance period that stretched from 24 February until 04 May.

The IMAV and SRA were completed on time and under budget. The

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major accomplishments were the installation of a SAREX oil and water separator, SWG-1A (improving DOYLE's Harpoon capability), and upgrades to DOYLE's chaff launchers.

During a routine hull inspection, a tear was discovered in DOYLE's sonar dome. Several options were weighed including sending DOYLE to drydock. The least disruptive to DOYLE's operational schedule was a new process where SIMA divers would apply a patch to the damaged dome. In order to get clear water for the work, DOYLE went to anchorage three miles off shore and five miles southeast of Mayport. The work progressed slowly with high sea states making it impossible for the divers to complete their work. The seas finally subsided and the job was finished. As of December 92, the patch was still effective.

On 5 June, LCDR John A. Kunert relieved LCDR B. Kyle Jones as executive officer.

The next hurdle for DOYLE was a SMI and 3-M Inspection. The SMI inspection was the best in DOYLE's history. All areas had a significant improvement from the previous inspection including a score of 100% in disbursing. DOYLE'S 3-M inspection was satisfactory.

DOYLE took part in a missile exercise 13-14 July and successfully launched two SM-1 missiles.

DOYLE was underway again on 17 July for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for two weeks of LTT. The concentration of the training was Damage Control (at sea and inport), Combat Systems, Navigation and

Seamanship. DOYLE did very well during the training and reached her goal of training the large number of new personnel.

DOYLE spent the next two weeks in Guantanamo Bay performing maintenance and upkeep on the ship including a major job on the MK-13 missile launcher.

DOYLE was underway on 11 August for Caribbean Operations. During this four week period DOYLE completed numerous training evolutions including OTH, maneuvering drills with the HMS CABELLTOWN, a torpedo exercise, and a dual ship ASW exercise with USS DEYO (DD-989).

DOYLE returned to Mayport Naval Station 11 September and immediately began preparations for Harpoon Tactical Qualification Test Training (HTQT). DOYLE satisfactorily completed this important qualification on the first attempt.

DOYLE had another IMAV with SIMA Mayport in October and completed the month serving as the platform for helicopter day and night landing qualifications.

A holiday leave and upkeep period commenced on November 2 in preparation for DOYLE's scheduled two month Caribbean Operations. Before the leave period was completed, DOYLE's scheduled Caribbean Operations was cut from six weeks to three weeks.

DOYLE was underway for Caribbean Operations on December 1. The focus of the period was again training with an eye on DOYLE's next deployment in 1993.

DOYLE returned to Mayport 23 December and spent the remainder of the year in a holiday leave and upkeep period.