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**USS DOYLE (FFG 39)
VALIANT MARINER...FRONTIER SPIRIT
1999 COMMAND HISTORY**

1. Command Composition and Organization:

Mission:

DOYLE is fully capable in all warfare areas, including Air Warfare (AW), Surface Warfare (SUW), and Undersea Warfare (USW).

Organizational Structure:

Immediate Superior in Command - Commander Western Hemisphere Group
(1 Jan – 31 Jul 99)
Commander Destroyer Squadron Fourteen
(1 Aug – 31 Dec 99)

Commanding Officer: CDR James T. Stewart USN

Executive Officer: LCDR Michael J. Weaver USN (1 Jan – 3 Sep 99)
LCDR Stephen J. Kozloski USN (4 Sep – 31 Dec 99)

Homeport: Mayport, Florida

Departments:

Combat Systems
Engineering
Navigation/Administration (NAVADMIN)
Operations
Supply

Significant Officer Turnover:

LT [REDACTED] USNR relieved LT [REDACTED] USN as Operations Officer 23 Jun
LT [REDACTED] USN relieved LT [REDACTED] as Chief Engineer 29 Aug
LT [REDACTED] USN relieved LCDR [REDACTED] as Combat Systems Officer 15
Nov

2. Chronology:

01-11 January: Holiday Leave and Upkeep - Mayport, Florida
12-13 January: Enroute Yorktown, VA
14 January: Ammunition Offload, Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
15 January: Enroute Charleston, SC

16-18 January: Port Visit, Charleston, SC

19-21 January: Transit/DLQ's w/ HSL-40, JAXOA

22-31 January: Upkeep Mayport, FL

01-19 February: IMAV (922) Mayport, FL

20-21 February: Upkeep Mayport, FL

22 February: Enroute Atlantic Dry Dock, Jacksonville, FL

23 February-27 April: SRA, Atlantic Dry Dock, Jacksonville, FL

08-12 March: PLOT 2, Jacksonville, FL

12-14 April: PLOT 3, Jacksonville, FL

28-29 April: Sea Trials, JAXOA

30 April-02 May: Upkeep Mayport, FL

03-21 May: IMAV (923) Mayport, FL

17-21 May: AVCERT/ARE, Mayport, FL

22-23 May: Enroute Earle, NJ

24-25 May: Inport, Earle Naval Weapons Station

26 May: Parade of Ships-Fleet Week '99 New York City

26 May – 01 June: Fleet Week '99 New York City/Staten Island, NY

02-03 June: Enroute Boston, MA

04-06 June: Dorchester Days-Port Visit, Boston, MA

07-11 June: Enroute Mayport, FL

12-13 June: Upkeep Mayport, FL

14-18 June: LMA, Mayport, FL

19-22 June: Upkeep Mayport, FL

23-24 June: ETG JAXOA

25-27 June: Upkeep Mayport, FL

28 June – 02 July: CART 2, Mayport, FL

29 June – 01 July: CORTRAMID, JAXOA

03-05 July: Upkeep Mayport, FL

06 July: ETG Mayport, FL

07-08 July: ETG/CSLTT JAXOA

09-11 July: Operation Passive Oversight 02-99

12-13 July: ETG Mayport, FL

14-15 July: CSLTT JAXOA

14 July: ETG JAXOA

15 July: Engineering Qualification JAXOA

16-18 July: Upkeep Mayport

19-20 July: CSLTT Mayport, FL

21-22 July: CMTQ Mayport, FL

23 July – 02 August: Upkeep Mayport, FL

02 August: Communications Readiness Certification Mayport, FL

03 – 06 August: FTG Mayport, FL

07 - 08 August: Upkeep Mayport, FL

09 -10 August: FTG Mayport, FL

11 – 13 August: FTG JAXOA (ITT Drills)

14 – 15 August: Upkeep Mayport, FL

16 August: Family Day Cruise

17 – 20 August: TSTA 3 (ITT) JAXOA

21 – 23 August: Upkeep Mayport, FL

24 – 25 August: Final Evaluation Period JAXOA

26 August: Enroute Port Everglades, FL

27 – 29 August: Port Visit, Port Everglades, FL

30 August: Enroute Mayport, FL

31 August-3 September: Logistics Management Assessment Mayport, FL

04 – 06 August: Upkeep Mayport, FL

07 – 12 September: IMAV (924)/CSRR Phase 1/Target Mayport, FL

13 - 17 September: Hurricane Floyd Sortie

18 – 19 September: Upkeep Mayport, FL

20 – 24 September: IMAV (924)/CSRR Phase 1/Target Mayport, FL (Continuation)

25 – 26 September: Upkeep Mayport, FL

27 September-19 October: IKEBATGRU Comptuex

05 October: SAMSLEX

08 – 11 October: Port Visit Tortola, BVI

20 – 21 October: Enroute Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

22 October: ComRel Project Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

23 – 25 October: Enroute Mayport, FL

26 – 31 October: Upkeep Mayport, FL

01 – 12 November: IMAV (021) Mayport, FL

01 – 05 November: CSRR Phase 2 Mayport, FL

- 13 – 30 November: Upkeep Mayport, FL
- 01 – 12 December: Index/IKEBATGRU JTFEX (OpFor) JAXOA/CPOA/Key Largo Oparea
- 13 December: Upkeep Mayport, FL
- 14 December: CD-Ops Training, St. Augustine Oparea
- 15 – 31 December: Pre-Overseas Movement/Holiday Leave and Standdown Mayport, FL

3. Narrative:

1999 was another highly successful as well as an unusually busy year for USS DOYLE (FFG 39). Proudly representing Commander, Western Hemisphere Group (COMWESTHEMGRU) and Commander, Destroyer Squadron Fourteen (COMDESRON FOURTEEN) after a change in ISIC in August, DOYLE successfully completed a wide variety of taskings during the course of the year. The bulk of the year was spent achieving the multitude of qualifications and other pre deployment requirements required to deploy in January 2000. Key to these preparations was DOYLE's participation in two major exercises in support of the Eisenhower Battle Group. The ship's performance through all the assessments was uniformly outstanding.

DOYLE's clean sweep of all 1998 Command Excellence Awards as well as winning the coveted 1998 COMNAVSURFLANT Battle Efficiency Award (Battle E) provided much of the momentum for the ship's myriad of successes during 1999. Early in the year, the ship received notification that they had also been awarded the 1998 COMNAVSURFLANT Wellness Award and the 1998 COMNAVSURFLANT Ship Safety Award, for the third consecutive year. One final recognition that started the year for DOYLE was the Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award.

DOYLE received three mission area awards for 1999, earning Command Excellence Awards in Engineering Survivability (Red E), Logistics Management (Blue E), and Command and Control (Green E). DOYLE also received the 1999 COMNAVSURFLANT Wellness Award (Green H) and the 1999 COMNAVSURFLANT Ship Safety Award (Green S), for the fourth consecutive year.

The crew of DOYLE began 1999 with a holiday leave and upkeep period in Mayport before getting underway to conduct an ammunition offload at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. Following a very safe and efficient ordnance handling evolution, DOYLE sailors were rewarded with a port visit to Charleston, SC where all hands enjoyed the shops and restaurants of the historic Charleston waterfront. On the transit back to homeport for another upkeep period, DOYLE conducted shiphandling drills as well as helicopter deck landing qualifications with HSL-40 in the Jacksonville Operating Area (JAXOA). Also onboard this underway were friends and family participating in the ship's Tiger Cruise as well as a group of newly commissioned Naval officers from the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

DOYLE began February with a three week Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV 922) during which the ship completed the first phase of Pre-Lightoff Testing (PLOT 1). During this maintenance period, the crew made final preparations to enter the shipyards.

At the end of February, DOYLE steered an unfamiliar course on the St. John's River, this time heading upriver to the Atlantic Dry Dock Facility (ADD) in Jacksonville, Florida. This would be DOYLE's home for the next two and a half months as the Selective Restricted Availability commenced. The crew moved their gear into a spacious berthing barge and began the repairs, overhauls, and installs that would keep DOYLE in prime fighting condition well into the next century. While many sailors stayed busy inside the skin of the ship, others utilized the time to attend critical schools and refresher courses that would be essential for the upcoming training cycle. Some highlights of DOYLE's SRA were the SNAP II installation, completion of PLOT 2 and 3, and the ship's all-star lagging team whose expert craftsmanship saved the ship thousands of dollars in contractor manpower costs by installing over 5,000 square feet of insulation throughout the ship.

As April drew to a close and the final tasks of the SRA and Dock Trials were behind her, DOYLE set out to sea to test the results of all the work at ADD. The Engineers conducted a Light Off Assessment of the ship's Engineering Plant in order to certify it as safe for return to operation. Sea Trials were conducted in JAXOA and the results were outstanding. The hard work of the crew and civilian workers of ADD was evident in the highly efficient operation of the engineering plant and the sparkle of the ships spaces both inside and out.

May began with yet another Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV 923). Concurrent with IMAV, the ship participated in an Inclining Experiment which involved placing a series of weights around the ship under varying liquid load conditions in order to test the stability of the ship. During the month, DOYLE completed two essential steps in the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle. The Combat Systems Alignment ensured all of DOYLE's sensors and electronic equipment was tuned and honed to peak condition. Next, the Aviation Certification/Aviation Readiness Evaluation was conducted. Following an intensive inspection of the flight deck, aviation support equipment, and personnel training records, DOYLE was granted a certification to land many classes of US Navy, Army, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps helicopters for the next two years.

DOYLE's next assignment was to participate in New York City's Fleet Week 1999. After a short stop in Earle, New Jersey to embark a group of veterans from the Tin Can Sailors Association, DOYLE set out to participate in the Parade of Ships for the annual kick off of Fleet Week. While most Fleet Week ships moored near Midtown Manhattan, DOYLE's sailors had the unique opportunity to experience Fleet Week from the ship's Staten Island berth and to be welcomed warmly by the Staten Island Navy League members. DOYLE received the best of both worlds participating in a vast array of events on both sides of the Hudson River including marching in the Fleet Week parade and hosting an onboard reception. Throughout the six day stay, the crew gave tours to over 5,000 people and was visited by a New York State Congressman.

As Fleet Week came to an end and the ship got underway again, the crew of DOYLE knew that the fun was not over. Their next stop took them to Boston, Massachusetts for the annual celebration of Dorchester Days. This three day celebration included tours of the historic Charlestown Shipyard and Freedom trail and receptions both onboard DOYLE as well as in town, hosted by the Dorchester Days Committee as well as another parade in which DOYLE sailors were well represented. Well trained from their Fleet Week experience, DOYLE sailors gave 1800 tours to locals and tourists alike.

On the transit back to Mayport from Boston, it became clear to all hands that it was time to get back to work. DOYLE began its preparation for the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification by running full Harpoon Missile engagement scenarios morning, noon and night. June was a very busy month for DOYLE once they returned from sea. First came an Assist Visit from the Logistics Management Assessment team to aid the ship in preparing for its upcoming assessment of Supply Department. Following the LMA Assist visit, DOYLE was visited by Mayport's Engineering Training Group (ETG) to be assessed in preparation for the upcoming Engineering Qualification. The visit included intensive inspections of all Engineering programs onboard as well as a short underway period to assess how the ship performed at sea. June wrapped up with DOYLE getting underway again to host a group of 20 Midshipmen for their summer CORTRAMID cruise. This was DOYLE's opportunity to show future naval officers what the surface Navy has to offer. The ship conducted shiphandling drills, firing of the 76 millimeter and 50 caliber guns, and an overflight by a SH-60B helicopter.

The month of July yielded two major milestones for DOYLE in her pre deployment work ups. Throughout a variety of underway periods in the local Jacksonville Operating Area, the ship embarked two different teams from Afloat Training Group Mayport, the Combat Systems Training Group as well as the Engineering Training Group. DOYLE's watch teams were drilled in a wide variety of scenarios by the ATG riders. In early July a group of cadets from Admiral Farragut Academy in Tampa embarked DOYLE for two days of intensive ATG training which included a torpedo launching exercise. In mid month the ship headed south toward the Straits of Florida for a joint operation with several Coast Guard Cutters called Passive Oversight 02-99. Doyle's tasking consisted of detection and monitoring of air and surface contacts off the coast of Cuba in support of a Cuban Exile Group demonstration just outside Cuban territorial waters. On the 15th DOYLE conducted a comprehensive underway assessment of her Engineering Plant as well as the watchstanders and was granted her Engineering Qualification by COMWESTHEMGRU. Upon return to homeport, the ship's crew immediately transitioned to final preparations for the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification which they undertook and completed with superior recognition by ATG on the 22nd of the month. DOYLE's harpoon engagement team was praised as the best on the Mayport waterfront for their performance during this evolution. Fresh off the heels of their qualification, the ship's engineers rounded out the month with a week of training utilizing an engineering simulator called the 20B5 trainer.

August was the final month of the Basic Phase of DOYLE's training cycle and was every bit as busy as the previous two. The training during this period was provided by the Fleet Training Group branch of ATG and consisted primarily of Damage Control drills. During an underway period the second week of the month DOYLE hosted another group of high school students for three days underway, this time from the nation's number one Junior ROTC unit from

Chapin (SC) High School. During this at sea period the ship's Integrated Training Team conducted a series of shipwide drills combining casualties to DOYLE's Combat Systems and Engineering Plant as well as Damage Control and Medical Emergencies simultaneously. At the start of the next week DOYLE took a brief respite from the intensive warfare training to conduct a family day cruise which gave over 200 friends, family and Navy League representatives a chance to get underway on DOYLE for a day and experience life at sea firsthand. The very next day DOYLE returned to sea for its final training period at sea in preparation for the next week's Final Evaluation Period (FEP), fine tuning the coordination of both its shipboard training teams and watchstanders. After a weekend in homeport, DOYLE embarked a large contingent of ATG representatives in order to conduct FEP, a sort of comprehensive final exam before a ship is certified complete in all single ship training areas and cleared to proceed to training with a Battle Group. After a very strong FEP showing, ATG was taken ashore and the ship began transiting to its first liberty port since before the training cycle began. As a reward for their sustained superior performance over the summer, DOYLE's crew was given a long weekend in Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale), Florida. The visit there included a Miami Dolphins football game and a variety of other recreational opportunities that the past 3 months had kept sailors too busy to participate in. The ship's new Executive Officer, LCDR Stephen Kozloski also checked aboard while the ship was in Port Everglades to begin a one week turnover process. DOYLE arrived back in Mayport on the last day of the month only to start a Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) on the very same day.

LMA occupied the remainder of Supply Department's first week in September. All aspects of Supply operations from disbursing to ship's store and laundry to food service were thoroughly reviewed by Mayport's LMA team with DOYLE's performance assessed as outstanding in all areas. Overall, DOYLE earned an impressive grade of 96%. However, the true laurels went to S-3 Division who were named best on the Mayport waterfront by the assessment team. After savoring the long Labor Day weekend, the ship commenced another Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) while at the same time conducting Combat Systems Readiness Review (Phase I) and Target. These two programs bring a host of civilian logistics experts on the ship to groom all the weapons and sensor systems onboard (CSRR) as well as all installed Engineering systems (Target). While this maintenance/groom period was scheduled to last 2 weeks, it was interrupted by a very short notice tasking for the ship. On Monday the 13th DOYLE and 14 other Mayport based ships including the entire John F Kennedy Battle Group were ordered to sortie in order to evade Hurricane Floyd. This ended up to be a 5 day underway period during which time the storm passed within about 60 miles of the North Florida coast, causing only minor damage to the base in Mayport and the local area. The threat of a more direct hit did result in the largest evacuation in US history, something which many DOYLE dependents had to experience while the ship sailed away from the storm's track and eventually back into port behind the storm. Luckily, upon arrival back in homeport, the ship and its schedulers were able to reschedule the immediate resumption of the IMAV, CSRR and Target, allowing the ship to complete these vital taskings prior to commencing the upcoming battle group exercises with all its systems in peak working order. After one final weekend of upkeep in homeport, the ship sailed on the last Monday in September to meet the rest of the ships of Dwight D Eisenhower Battle Group (IKEBATGRU) that were simultaneously getting underway from Norfolk, VA. After 2 days of steaming north to intercept the Battle Group, DOYLE turned south to transit in company to the Puerto Rican Operating Areas for

IKEBATGRU's Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) which would occupy the next 3 weeks.

As October began, DOYLE found herself participating in a week of around the clock coordinated Anti-Submarine exercises against the two Battlegroup submarines that comprise the ASW Proficiency Training portion of COMPTUEX. The second week of COMPTUEX the focus shifted to other warfare areas with the highlight being the Surface to Air Missile Exercise in which DOYLE and the other ships conducted the only live missile firing of the current deployment work-ups. At the end of this week of Air Defense and Surface Warfare Exercises, the Battle Group split up for weekend port visits in a variety of Caribbean ports of call. DOYLE was lucky enough to draw Tortola in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) as their stop for the long Columbus Day weekend. The ship moored in the small town of Roadtown on Tortola, but the crew soon scattered to all corners of this spectacular island paradise, enjoying snorkeling and sailing among other tropical pursuits. This visit was approximately a month before the tourist season began on Tortola, so the time in port offered a relatively quiet time for sailors to rejuvenate themselves before the final week of more complex warfare scenarios presented by the jam packed COMPTUEX schedule of events. On the Tuesday following the holiday, DOYLE and fellow Frigate SAMUEL B ROBERTS departed the BVI to rejoin the other ships coming out of their US Virgin Island stops. The final week flew by with ships taking turns on the instrumented test range of St. Croix for torpedo launching exercises and more Air Defense and Sea Combat Commander exercises. DOYLE was soon detached from the Battle Group in order to transit to Port-Au-Prince, Haiti to conduct a Community Relations Project in that country.

On a warm Friday morning, DOYLE sailed into Port-Au-Prince Harbor and moored at the pier before sending a bus full of volunteer crewmembers ashore to participate in a project coordinated by US Support Group Haiti. While the volunteers were ashore, the ship hosted a luncheon onboard for the CO of US Support Group Haiti as well as various other local dignitaries. The ComRel project consisted of 50 DOYLE sailors working at a Haitian school to paint classrooms, assemble desks, and various other repairs. At the completion of the project, the US Ambassador to Haiti made a visit to the school to see the results of DOYLE's efforts. The tired volunteers were then taken to Camp Kissner, the US Army's base on Haiti for hot showers and a celebration dinner of steak and lobster as well as a quick trip to the base exchange before returning to the ship just before dark. The next morning the ship got underway for the brief two day transit back to Mayport where the last week of the month would be spent installing a new satellite TV system as well as various other Information Technology systems.

The beginning of November brought another IMAV for DOYLE as well as Phase II of the CSRR which began in September. An Industrial Hygiene Survey was also conducted onboard to determine the compliance of DOYLE's work and living spaces with environmental and safety regulations. DOYLE's Engineers again made use of the Engineering Plant Simulator maintained by the base in order to practice casualty control actions. In the middle of the month DOYLE served as host ship for the homecoming of another Mayport Frigate, USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8) who was returning from a UNITAS deployment. Many sailors also took the opportunity to attend the ship's annual holiday dance which chose as this year's theme a Hawaiian Luahau. General upkeep and maintenance continued through the month as well as the completion of the TV system installation and a major realignment and calibration of the ship's torpedo tubes. At the very end of the month the ship's SH-60B (LAMPS MARK III) Helicopter

Detachment for CD Ops 2000 embarked in preparation for the exercise scheduled for the first two weeks of December. The ship also conducted two days of CD OPS specific training given by Coast Guard Squadron Forty Two from Mayport as part of their final pre deployment training. This tailored training prepared them for underway operations they would conduct with the US Customs Service in the following month.

The final month of the year began with DOYLE underway along with several of the other Destroyer Squadron Fourteen ships in order to take part in IKEBATGRU's Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) which would serve as that Battle Group's final underway training prior to deploying. The Mayport ships were assigned roles as an Opposing Force (OPFOR) task group which would be engaging the Battle Group in a simulated geographic scenario off the coast of North Carolina. During the first week of this underway, DOYLE's top priority was the completion of its Helicopter Detachment's training objectives to be able to fly operationally from the ship's flight deck. Before the helicopter can be flown on any sort of real world tasking, a myriad of requirements combining pilot and ship proficiency known as "Week One Work-Ups" must be accomplished as this is the first time a ship and its embarked detachment have worked together. At the same time DOYLE was seeking to achieve her final pre-deployment CD OPS training. In pursuit of this, the ship was detached for several days from the OPFOR units in order to transit south to the vicinity of Key Largo, FL for exercises practicing intercepts of small boats and aircraft operated by the Customs Service. After transiting back north, the "Orange" forces as the OPFOR ships are known planned and executed a highly effective war at sea against the ships and aircraft of the US Battle Group. Once DOYLE's role in the Battle Group's training scenario was complete, the ship returned to the North Florida coast for one final day of training with Coast Guard Squadron Forty Two and the Customs Service just off St. Augustine. With this final training behind them, the ship proceeded into homeport to begin its pre-overseas movement leave period. This coincided with the ship's holiday leave as most crewmembers took the opportunity to depart the ship on two weeks of leave in one of the two leave periods that ended the year.

After completing this myriad of underway periods, assessments, exercises and other taskings, DOYLE was certified by the end of the year in all respects to deploy just after the new year. The ship had completed both the Basic and Intermediate phases of the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle and had proven itself repeatedly no matter what the assignment. Both ship and crew will no doubt excel in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific Area of Responsibility as they depart on CD Operations and put 1999's invaluable training to good use.

4. Enclosed supporting documents:

- a. CINCLANTFLT Retention Honor Roll first quarter fiscal year 00 Message
- b. 1999 COMNAVSURFLANT Ship Safety Award Message
- c. Bravo Zulu from COMDESRON FOURTEEN for Tycom Ship Safety Award
- d. COMDESRON FOURTEEN Assumption of Duties as ISIC Message
- e. LAMPS MK III Aviation DLR Inventory Results Message

- f. Bravo Zulu from COMDESRON FOURTEN for Logistics Management Assessment
- g. Bravo Zulu from COMDESRON FOURTEEN for Final Evaluation Period (FEP) Completion
- h. Bravo Zulu from COMDESRON FOURTEEN for Communications Readiness Certification Completion
- i. Bravo Zulu from COMDESRON FOURTEN for Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Certification
- j. Bravo Zulu from COMWESTHEMGRU for Engineering Qualification
- k. Bravo Zulu from CJTF 110 for Participation in Operation passive Oversight 02-99
- l. 1999 COMNAVSURFLANT (Green H) Unit Wellness Award Message
- m. 1999 COMNAVSURFLANT Battle Efficiency Awards Message which lists DOYLE as a winner of three Mission Area Awards