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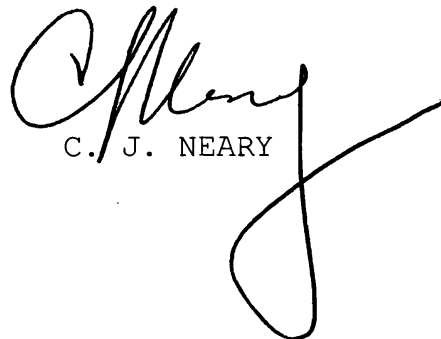
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1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history of USS ELROD (FFG 55) for the calendar year 2000 is forwarded. Enclosures (1) through (9) are included to highlight significant events.

  
C. J. NEARY

## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS ELROD (FFG 55) is an OLIVER HAZARD PERRY-Class guided missile frigate. Originally designated for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) duties. ELROD has been highly successful in conducting Maritime Interception, Drug Interdiction Operations, and Search and Rescue (SAR) missions.

ELROD is armed with Mk 46 anti-submarine torpedoes, Harpoon surface-to-surface cruise missiles, SM1 (MR) surface to air missiles, a Mk 75 automatic, rapid fire 76mm cannon, and 25mm chain gun. Weapons, sensors, and control systems include: Mk 32 Surface Vessel Torpedo Tubes (SVTT), Mk 13 Guided Missile Launching System (GMLS), Mk 75 76mm Oto Melara Lightweight Gun, Mk 15 Mod 11 Block IB Close In Weapons System (CIWS), AN/SYS-2 Integrated Air Detection System (IADS), Mk 92 Mod 6 Coherent Receiver Transmitter (CORT) Fire Control System, AN/SLQ-32 (V) 5 Electronic Warfare Suite, which includes the AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Array Sonar System (TACTAS), the AN/SQQ-28 Sonobouy Processor, and the SH-60 LAMPS Mk III Helicopter.

ELROD's complement includes 18 officers and 184 crewmembers. ELROD is homeported at Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia, and is under the command of Commander Charles J. Neary. ELROD's immediate senior in command is Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO EIGHT.

**USS ELROD (FFG 55)  
2000 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY**

01-13 HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD  
13 U/W IN TRANSIT TO NAVAL WEAPONS STATION  
YORKTOWN, VA  
INPORT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN, VA  
WEAPONS OFF LOAD  
14 U/W IN TRANSIT TO NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, VA  
14- 31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE (PRAV)

**FEBRUARY**

01-29 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE (PRAV)

**MARCH**

01-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE (PRAV)

**APRIL**

01-18 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE (PRAV)  
19 U/W, VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA (SEA TRIALS)  
20- 27 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE  
28 U/W CHANGED PIERS  
29-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE

**MAY**

01-04 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE  
05- 08 U/W INROUTE HALIFAX OPERATING AREA  
09- 11 U/W CANADIAN EXERCISE CRO 2/00  
10 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS PATUXENT  
12- 14 INPORT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA  
15- 16 U/W ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA  
17- 30 INPORT NORFOLK, VA, MAINTENANCE  
31 U/W ENROUTE BOSTON, MA  
UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS PATUXENT

**JUNE**

01 U/W ENROUTE BOSTON, MA  
02-04 INPORT BOSTON, MA (DORCHESTER DAY PARADE)  
05-08 U/W ENROUTE NEWPORT, RI  
08-18 INPORT NEWPORT, RI (EAST GREENWICH NAVY DAYS  
PARADE/ SWOS SCHOOL SHIP)

Enclosure (2)

19 U/W ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA  
20-26 INPORT NORFOLK, VA  
27-28 U/W MIDSHIPMEN TRAINING (VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA)  
28 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS SEATTLE  
29 INPORT NORFOLK, VA  
30 U/W ENROUTE NEW YORK CITY

#### **JULY**

01-02 U/W ENROUTE NEW YORK CITY  
01 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS SEATTLE  
03-04 ANCHORED NEW YORK HARBOR INR 2000/ OPS SAIL 2000  
05-08 INPORT STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK  
09 U/W ENROUTE NORFOLK  
10-18 INPORT NORFOLK, VA (IT-21 INSTAL)  
19 U/W MOVED FROM PIER 20 TO PIER 7  
20-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA (IT-21 INSTAL)

#### **AUGUST**

01-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

#### **SEPTEMBER**

01-30 INPORT NORFOLK, VA

#### **OCTOBER**

01 INPORT NORFOLK, VA  
02-05 U/W TRAINING VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA  
04 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS CONCORD  
06-15 NAVAL STATION, NORFOLK  
16-24 JTFX 011  
25-27 MAYPORT, FL NAVAL STATION (REFUELING)  
28- 29 TRANSIT TO PUERTO RICO  
30 ARRIVED NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO  
31 U/W PCO OPERATIONS

#### **NOVEMBER**

01-02 U/W PCO OPERATION 00-4  
03-08 PORT VISIT ST THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS  
09-12 TRANSIT/ COMDEDRON 28 GROUP SAIL  
09 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS LARAMIE  
10 HELO OPERATIONS (ASW EXERCISE)  
13 SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION  
13-28 INPORT NORFOLK, VA  
28-30 U/W ENGINEERING LTT VIRGINIA OPERATING AREA

**DECEMBER**

01-06 INPORT NORFOLK, VA  
07 UNDERWAY DEMONSTRATION  
08-11 INPORT NORFOLK, VA  
12-14 INPORT NAUTICUS MARITIME CENTER  
14 CHANGE OF COMMAND NAUTICUS MARITIME CENTER  
15-31 INPORT NORFOLK, VA (HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD)

## 2000 NARRATIVE

USS ELROD commenced 2000 at the Naval Station in Norfolk, Virginia while making preparations for a pierside, restricted maintenance availability (PRAV). ELROD was underway in the Virginia Capes during mid-April for sea trials. ELROD got underway in early May from Norfolk enroute to the Halifax operating area to participate in the Canadian exercise CRO 2/00. While operating in the area, ELROD made a port visit to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The end of May found ELROD returning to sea, enroute to Boston, Massachusetts. While there, ELROD took time to enjoy the Dorchester Day celebrations. Members of her crew and the color guard marched in the Dorchester Day Parade. In early June, ELROD departed from Massachusetts enroute to Newport, RI. At Newport, ELROD was the Surface Warfare Officer School ship, giving tours to newly commissioned Ensigns who were attending SWOS. ELROD also participated in the East Greenwich Navy Day's celebration. ELROD's crew and color guard marched in the parade. ELROD then headed back to Norfolk, VA, for the remainder of the month.

In late June ELROD left Norfolk, VA, this time heading to the New York operating area. In early July she anchored out in New York harbor and subsequently participated in the International Naval Review/Operation Sail 2000. This event took place over the Fourth of July weekend. Once the Operation Sail 2000 was over, ELROD headed back to Norfolk, VA.

Once back in Norfolk, ELROD enjoyed an extended inport period. During the months of July, August, and September ELROD's computers were upgraded with the installation of the new IT-21 system. During this time a new version of CIWS was installed, as well. The Block 1B version of CIWS equipped ELROD with a new, close range offensive surface capability.

During the month of September, several of ELROD's crew spent off duty time to volunteer at Carrallton Elementary School in Suffolk, VA. The volunteers arrived a day before school started to help the teachers arrange desks and prepare for the next day. ELROD's volunteers returned the first day of school to greet the elementary school students. The school volunteers returned in April again to provide tutoring. ELROD's Color Guard accompanied the volunteers on this visit and performed for the students.

In mid-October ELROD was underway again, participating in Joint Tactical Fleet Exercise off the coast of Florida. She made a quick stop in Mayport, FL to refuel before heading to the Virgin Islands' operating area off the coast of St. Thomas. In early November ELROD participated in Prospective Commanding Officer's Operation 00-4. Upon completion of operations, ELROD visited Naval Station Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico. ELROD next visited St. Thomas. ELROD left St. Thomas and participated in COMDESRON 28 Group Sail, prior to heading back to Norfolk, VA.

Enclosure (3)

A Change of Command ceremony was conducted on 14 December on the Flight Deck while the ship was berthed at Nauticus Maritime Center in Portsmouth, VA. The Ceremony witnessed the transfer of command from Commander Robert W. Bougher, USN to Commander Charles J. Neary, USN. The ELROD was visited by Rear Admiral Malone, Commander Carrier Group Eight, as well as Rear Admiral Cosgriff for the Change of Command ceremony. The remainder of the year was spent pierside at the Naval Station, Norfolk, VA for a holiday leave and upkeep period.

USS ELROD received the following awards during the year 2000: Navy Unit Commendation, NATO Medal Kosovo, NATO Medal Former Yugoslavia, Kosovo Campaign Medal.