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**USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)**  
**1992 Command History**

As the year began, USS HALYBURTON was underway with HSL 44 Det Six and a Coast Guard Detachment embarked supporting Counter-Narcotic Operations in the Caribbean Sea. As a result of these efforts in support of continuing Law Enforcement Operations, the ship was awarded its' second Joint Meritorious Unit Award. Also, during this underway period, the skill of the helicopter detachment and the crew of HALYBURTON, prevented the loss of a helicopter when one of the two embarked helicopters experienced a catastrophic engine loss upon take-off. A skillful emergency deck recovery was performed saving the helicopter and its crew.

Upon completion of Counter-Narcotic Operations, HALYBURTON and her crew began preparations for a most challenging navigation detail up the Mississippi River enroute Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Upon arrival, USS HALYBURTON was greeted with an overflowing of warmth and hospitality from the citizens of Baton Rouge. The ship conducted four days of ship tours and aided in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of USS KIDD at the USS KIDD World War II Memorial. HALYBURTON then began the transit home with a short visit to New Orleans. After returning to Charleston, HALYBURTON joined in the waterfront competitions of Surface Warfare Training Week and placed first among all Charleston based FFG's.

During February, HALYBURTON participated in a number of Chief of Naval Operations projects and operational evaluations. These evolutions included submarine services, acting as a test platform for VX-1's upgraded LAMPS MK III aircraft and participating as a reference unit for OPEVAL "Outlaw Bandit" working in conjunction with USS TAYLOR. The month finished with HALYBURTON conducting Interim ASW Training and sonar self noise measurements on the AUTEC Range near Andros Island.

The month of March was very busy for all hands onboard USS HALYBURTON. This was due to the fact that the ship was underway early in the month participating in a JTIDS OPEVAL as well as a LINK-11 command and control exercise. The ship then returned to Charleston to make preparations for the upcoming change of command. On March 20, 1992, CDR Robert F. Brado, USN, relieved CDR Robert M. Hartling, USN, as Commanding Officer of USS HALYBURTON. Also during this time, the ship's ASW and ASUW training capabilities were upgraded with the installation of a new onboard training system.

As sister ship for USS ELROD, USS HALYBURTON hosted family members of ELROD upon her return from MED 1-92 on April 2, 1992. The following week, HALYBURTON was underway again for SACEX/MARG 2-92 Blue Green work-ups in which she acted as ASWC and AAWC for the exercise. Next, HALYBURTON travelled to Mayport, FL to complete final preparations for a missile exercise with USS FAHRION. However, due to heavy weather and rough seas the

missile exercise was canceled. HALYBURTON returned to homeport for an Engineering MTT visit that was conducted with above average results. The crewmembers of USS HALYBURTON then participated in Surface Warfare Training Week 3-92, placing second overall and first again among all Charleston based FFG's setting a new record for points earned by any FFG.

The months of May and June were focused on inport training and maintenance for the upcoming MED 1-93 Deployment. Significant events included Harpoon Proficiency training that evolved into a successful qualification. For Armed Forces Week 1993, USS HALYBURTON was moored at Union Street Pier in downtown Charleston, S.C. and sponsored three days of general ship visiting as part of the celebration. Next, HALYBURTON was called on again to act as host ship for USS CARR who was returning from MEF 1-92. USS HALYBURTON transitted to Dentyen's Shipyard in late June for a short notice drydocking to effect repairs to the ship's fin stabilizers.

With July came COMPTUEX/Tail Proficiency Training 4-92 with the JOHN F KENNEDY Battle Group, the first of two pre-deployment battle group exercises. While operating in the Puerto Rican OPAREA, the battle group conducted numerous warfare training exercises. During this exercise, the JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group was ordered to conduct an unexpected transit across the Atlantic Ocean in response to rising tensions in Iraq. However, after a three day transit eastward, the battle group was called back to resume training for the upcoming deployment. At the Vieques Range, HALYBURTON scored a 98% during NGFS familiarization and later the same day completed two successful SVTT exercise shots at UTR St. Croix. The crew of HALYBURTON then transitted to Fredriksted, St. Croix for a much deserved port visit.

August and September were busy months with HALYBURTON crewmembers making final preparations for the upcoming deployment. Power of Attorney and Will work shops were held and families attended pre-deployment briefings. Early in September, HALYBURTON conducted a successful Combat Systems Assessment with an overall score of 86% and completed their pre-deployment ammo-onload. Next, USS HALYBURTON was underway for the final battle group work-up exercise, FLEETEX 1-93, conducted in the VACAPES OPAREA. Once this exercise was completed, HALYBURTON returned to Charleston for the Pre-Overseas Movement leave period.

On October 7, 1993, after many months of preparations, USS HALYBURTON and her crew departed Charleston, S.C. for the six month MED 1-93 deployment as part of the JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group. The battle group, commanded by Rear Admiral James A. Lair, USN, joined up in the VACAPES OPAREA prior to commencing the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. At this time, USS HALYBURTON successfully completed a MISSILEX to complete pre-deployment preparations.

During the 10 day transit across the Atlantic Ocean, USS HALYBURTON's embarked helo assisted in SAR efforts for a man over board from USS LEYTE GULF and conducted numerous battle group exercises. Upon inchopping the Mediterranean theater of operations, USS HALYBURTON was detached from the JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group to proceed to Augusta Bay, Sicily. There, a two-day turnover was conducted with USS JOHN L. HALL. USS HALYBURTON then joined the STANDING NAVAL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN (SNFM) as the only U.S. Naval Unit in the Force.

While assigned to SNFM, USS HALYBURTON performed duties as the SNFM Flagship and embarked RADM Enrico Martinotti, Commander, STANDING NAVAL FORCE MEDITERRANEAN (CSNFM) and his staff. As a member of SNFM, USS HALYBURTON participated in OPERATION MARITIME MONITOR in support of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions 713 and 757 monitoring the movement of all shipping to and from the former Yugoslavia and the Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the Adriatic Sea. The month of October concluded with a port visit to Ancona, Italy for HALYBURTON's first overseas liberty port.

During November, the UNSC adopted UNSC Resolution 787 which authorized SNFM units to enforce compliance with U.N. sanctions. To accomplish this mission, forces were now allowed to stop and board all vessels bound to the former Yugoslavia, and to and from the Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). As a result, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe initiated OPERATION MARITIME GUARD. USS HALYBURTON then embarked a U.S. Coast Guard Detachment to assist in training boarding parties for their mission. Also, HALYBURTON had brief stops for fuel and supplies in the Italian ports of Bari, Brindisi, and Taranto. The month closed with HALYBURTON returning to Ancona, Italy for another visit.

Once underway from Ancona, Italy, USS HALYBURTON resumed duties as Flagship for CSNFM until 07 December. Then, HALYBURTON transitted to Trieste, Italy for a mid-deployment IMAV with USS PUGET SOUND and USS WAINWRIGHT. Upon completion of the IMAV, HALYBURTON resumed her patrol in the Adriatic Sea and anchored Christmas Eve in Taranto, Italy. She was underway once again Christmas morning for the Adriatic Sea and remained on station off the Yugoslavian Coast until her arrival in Naples, Italy on New Year's Eve.