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## COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

1. UNIT MISSION: The mission of USS HALYBURTON (UIC: 21107) is to provide multi-role combat support in hostile areas. Primary mission areas include Air Warfare (AW), Surface Warfare (SUW), Undersea Warfare (USW) and Command/Communications Warfare (C2W). For AW and SUW, HALYBURTON uses the Mk-92 Fire Control Radar to target air and surface contacts for engagement with either the Standard Missile or Mk-75 76mm Gun. The ship also carries the Harpoon anti-ship cruise missile. The Phalanx Close-In weapons System (CIWS) provides defense against short-range missile threats. For USW, HALYBURTON utilizes the SQQ-89 sonar suite, which includes the AN/SQR-19 Tactical Towed Sonar Array (TACTAS), and AN/SQS-56 Hull Mounted Sonar. Mk-46 and Mk-50 torpedoes, both helicopter dropped and fired over-the-side, provide USW defense and attack capabilities. C2W support is provided by the AN/SLQ-32 (V)5 electronic warfare (EW) platform, with EW threat detection, correlation, and jamming capabilities. In addition to HALYBURTON's built-in war-fighting features, SUW and USW capabilities are enhanced with an embarked SH-60B LAMPS helicopter detachment. The LAMPS platform provides radar coverage with its AN/APS-124 surface search radar, ESM support via AN/ALQ-142 threat receiver, and sonar information through sonobouy deployment. These systems interface with the ship's built-in systems via HAWK-link, a line-of-sight digital radio link. This capability extends HALYBURTON's effective sensor range well beyond the visible horizon without alerting foreign forces of her position.

USS HALYBURTON, a member of Destroyer Squadron TWO EIGHT and Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN, was homeported in NORSHIPCO Drydock, Portsmouth, Virginia, Naval Station Norfolk, VA and Mayport, FL during calendar year 2000. The ship regularly embarks a LAMPS MKIII helicopter detachment from HSL-44 Detachment Five, NAS Mayport, Florida.

## 2. CHRONOLOGY

01JAN-23FEB Drydocked, Norfolk, VA  
01JAN-10JAN Holiday Leave and Stand-down Period  
04JAN-14JAN SEMAT PHASE I

23FEB Port shift to NORSHIPCO, Norfolk VA  
23FEB-23MAR Inport NORSHIPCO, Norfolk, VA  
29FEB Combat Systems Light Off

15MAR-17MAR Light Off Assessment (LOA)  
17MAR Fast Cruise  
20MAR Fast Cruise  
23MAR-24MAR Underway Sea Trials, VACAPES OPAREA  
24MAR-28MAR Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA, Pier 7  
28MAR-30MAR Underway enroute Mayport, FL

30MAR-05APR Inport Naval Station Mayport, FL  
01APR Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC) Shift from  
Commander Destroyer Squadron 28, Norfolk, VA to  
Commander Destroyer Squadron 14, Mayport, FL  
05APR-07APR Underway enroute Norfolk, VA  
07APR-27APR Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 7  
10APR-14APR Aviation Certification (AVCERT)

14APR LCDR Stephen R. Riordan relieves CDR (select)Gregory  
 S. Higgins as Executive Officer  
 27APR-28APR Underway, CART II, VACAPES OPAREA  
 28APR-09MAY Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA, Pier 15  
  
 09MAY-11MAY Underway, Limited Team Trainer (LTT)/Engineering,  
 VACAPES OPAREA  
 11MAY-16MAY Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA, Pier 7  
 16MAY-19MAY Underway, LTT, VACAPES OPAREA  
 18MAY Underway Demonstration for Afloat Training Group  
 (ATG), VACAPES OPAREA  
 19MAY-30MAY Inport Norfolk Naval Station, VA, Pier 7  
 30MAY-02JUN Underway VACAPES OPAREA  
  
 02JUN Engineering Demonstration for ISIC (CDS 14)  
 02JUN-05JUN Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA  
 05JUN Underway enroute Yorktown Naval Weapons Station for  
 Ammo onload  
 05JUN-07JUN Ammo Onload NWS Yorktown  
 07JUN Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk, VA  
 07JUN-12JUN Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA  
 09JUN CDR W.E. Rhoades relieves CDR W. F. Larson as CO  
 12JUN Underway enroute Mayport, FL.  
 12JUN-14JUN Transit enroute Mayport, FL  
 14JUN-15JUN Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL  
 15JUN-18JUN Underway enroute Balboa, Panama  
 18JUN Panama Canal Transit South  
 19JUN Moored Pier 1 North VNB, Panama  
 19JUN-20JUN Inport VNB, Panama  
 20JUN-03JUL On Patrol, Eastern Pacific (EASTPAC) Ocean for CDOPS  
 26JUN-29JUN Escorted *Elizabeth II* to Ismeraldes, EC  
 29JUN BSF, Manta, EC  
  
 01JUL Cross the Equator at 087 degrees 10 minutes West  
 longitude  
 03JUL-06JUL Port Visit, Manta, EC  
 06JUL Underway for patrol in the Eastern Pacific  
 06JUL-07JUL On Patrol, EASTPAC for CDOPS  
 08JUL Moored VNB, Panama for BSF  
 09JUL Panama Canal Transit North  
 09JUL-13JUL Underway enroute Key West, FL  
 13JUL-16JUL Inport, Key West, FL  
 16JUL-17JUL Underway enroute Naval Station Mayport, FL  
 17JUL Arrive Naval Station Mayport (Homeport Shift)  
 17JUL-11AUG Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL  
 17JUL-31JUL Two week stand down for homeport transition  
 24JUL-25JUL 20H6 Engineering Simulator  
  
 08AUG-23AUG COMPTUEX  
 10AUG Underway, Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification  
 (CMTQ) in JAXOPAREA  
 15AUG UNREP with USS ARCTIC (AOE 7)  
 18AUG UNREP with USS ARCTIC (AOE 7)  
 23AUG-30AUG Inport, Mayport, FL  
 28AUG Fast Cruise  
 30AUG-31AUG Underway, JAXOPAREA  
 Final Evaluation Problem (FEP)

31AUG-13OCT Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL  
05SEP-29SEP 021 Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV)  
18SEP-21SEP Supply Management Assessment (SMA)

02OCT-13OCT C5RA Phase I/SEMAT Phase II  
13OCT-27OCT JTFEX (HSTBATGRU OPFOR)  
13OCT Underway enroute Puerto Rican OPAREA (PROA)  
17OCT UNREP with RFA BLACK ROVER, PROA  
21OCT UNREP with USS ARCTIC, VACAPESOA  
25OCT Transit enroute NWS Yorktown, VA for Ammo onload  
26OCT Anchor, Lynnhaven Anchorage, Norfolk, VA  
27OCT Underway enroute NWS Yorktown  
27OCT-29OCT Ammo onload, NWS Yorktown, VA  
29OCT-31OCT Underway enroute Charleston, SC  
31OCT-05NOV Inport, Charleston, SC

05NOV Underway enroute Mayport, FL  
06NOV-13DEC Inport Mayport, FL  
06NOV-03DEC 121 IMAV  
13NOV-17NOV C5RA Phase II  
22NOV-26NOV Thanksgiving Leave period  
22NOV COMNAVSURFGRU TWO, RADM Hunter, visit  
27NOV-01DEC Supply Management Inspection (SMI)  
28NOV CMS Inspection

04DEC-08DEC 3M Assist Visit  
20B5 AW team trainer  
06DEC Communication Readiness Certification (CRC)  
12DEC-13DEC Underway, JAXOPAREA  
15DEC-31DEC Holiday leave and Standdown period

### 3. NARRATIVE

#### JANUARY

Preparation for the new year, and the new millennia, was the story for HALYBURTON in January. Surviving Y2K, all hands returned from Holiday Standdown and immediately got back to insuring all yard work was being completed on schedule. In the drydock, the Auxiliary Propulsion Units (APUs), shaft, screw and hull were cleaned and treated and the masker belts were checked to insure proper operation. During the SEMAT inspection Combat Systems equipment was checked, calibrated and parts ordered to insure proper maintenance. During this industrial period the crew was moved to off-ship housing in early January to facilitate healthier living environs.

The ship also completed its CART I self-assessment in January, as the crew was busy facilitating between one school and the other. HALYBURTON hardly looked like herself, but the face-lift would pay off in the following months. It would be a busy year for the frigate, and all hands were busy insuring that both ship and crew were ready, "Not For Self, But For Country."

#### FEBRUARY

February was highlighted by the Caterpillar Diesel install and the transfer to NORSHIPCO. HALYBURTON would be the test platform for the "CAT," situated in the Number Four Diesel slot in Auxiliary Machinery Room (AMR) Three. Tests were ongoing throughout February getting it ready for next month's Light Off Assessment. Toward the end of the month, Halyburton slipped out of the VIRGINIAN drydock: it was the first time the crew and ship touched water in over two months. She sailed into the NORSHIPCO piers on the Elizabeth River and continued her rehab projects, including the work being finished in the three berthing compartments, re-laying the decks and repainting the bulkheads.

#### MARCH

The crew kicked off March by moving back onboard from the BEQ into their respective berthings, completed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Further celebration was in order for DK1(SW) [REDACTED], who received the COMDESRON 28 and TRBATGRU Sailor of the Year Award that same day, largely for his efforts during the '99 deployment.

Beginning on the Ides of March, the hard work of the Engineers was put to the test in the three-day LOA. After conquering this challenge, the ship finished up with two fast cruises to hammer out the small details before getting underway for her sea trials. The ship successfully completed her full power run and on March 23<sup>rd</sup> completed her Docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA).

Cruising into port in NRB the following day, the ship made preparations for visiting her new future home in Mayport, FL a week later. During the transit, HALYBURTON refreshed herself on mobility drills such as swept channel navigation and precision anchorage in the Lynnhaven Inlet. Off the coast of North Carolina, the ship conducted a burial at sea, one of the oldest mariner traditions.

#### APRIL

The first five days of April were spent doing face-to-face meetings with the staff of COMDESRON FOURTEEN and Commodore Weppler, the ship's new ISIC, in Mayport, FL. Although the ship was not physically shifting homeports until June, the administrative turnover was conducted April 1<sup>st</sup>. All hands took the time to gather first-hand information from Naval Station Mayport and the Jacksonville area-coordination with SIMA, Post Office, Family Support Group and the Housing Office to name a few. The ship also conducted her first training exercise with Mayport's Afloat Training Group (ATG) in preparation for her Harpoon Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) coming in August.

The ship bade farewell to their XO, LCDR Higgins, and welcomed LCDR Riordan from SWDG Norfolk on the same day she completed her flight deck certification. CDR (select) Higgins departed for duty to SACLANT, Norfolk, VA.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, the ship completed Ordnance Handling and Safety Assistance Team (OHSAT) training. At the end of the month officials from ATG Mayport, CDS 14 and CDS 28 conducted the CART II inspection between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> concluding with the underway demonstration in the VACAPESOPAREA.

#### MAY

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the ship took advantage of Norfolk's Marine Safety International (MSI) ship simulator to strengthen the CIC-Bridge team and develop Junior Officer shiphandling techniques. It allowed a real-time scenario where participants could make decision and evaluate their outcomes without endangering anything but a computer simulation.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> the ship conducted a Close In Weapons System (CIWS) Pre-Action Calibration Firing (PACFIRE), her first of the year. Five days later members of COMNAVSUFLANT were aboard and conducted a Safety Inspection and crew training.

Due to a casualty to one of CDS 14's deployed ships, USS SAMUEL ELLIOT MORRISON (FFG 13), HALYBURTON accelerated all preparations for the homeport shift by two weeks and rescheduled the remainder of the training cycle in order to finish the counter-drug deployment. Coast Guard TACLET NORTH members out of Yorktown conducted training on the 24<sup>th</sup> with officers and enlisted about the CDOPS mission.

The next day the ship held its semi-annual PFA and had a ship's picnic. At the end of the month the ship got underway to conduct underway exercises with Law Enforcement Detachment personnel. Drills were conducted on spotting and tracking "go-fasts" and engaging the multiple phases of boarding. To promote public relations in the Norfolk area, the ship also embarked three Guest of the Navy (GON) personnel for the three day underway.

#### JUNE

June was one of the busiest months of the year for HALYBURTON. Following the engineering demonstration the ship picked up 76mm and small arms ammunition and MK46 torpedoes from NWS Yorktown. While in Yorktown on the 5<sup>th</sup>, the ship held an all-hands Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony on the flight deck, paying homage to the sailors from the carrier Yorktown lost in that battle. Ceremonies were the order of the week: four days later at Pier 7, Naval Station Norfolk, CDR Warren E. Rhoades, III, from J-38 Nuclear Operations Division, relieved CDR William F. Larson, becoming HALYBURTON's tenth Commanding Officer. CDR Larson reported to COMCARGRUSIX as the Surface Operations Officer. COMDESRON 28, CAPT Richard L. Wright was the guest speaker.

Three days later, Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>, the ship departed Norfolk for the last time as her homeport. She also shifted tactical control to Director, Joint Inter-Agency Task Force, East (DIRJIATFEAST) for her Counter Drug Operations (CDOPS) Mission in Eastern Pacific. Arriving in Mayport, the ship picked up her AIRDET and LEDET personnel: LCDR [REDACTED]'s Swamp Foxes of HSL 44 Det. 5 and LTJG [REDACTED]'s USCG LEDET team from TACLET SOUTH, Miami, FL. It would be the first of many operations with the Swamp Foxes over the next year.

Prior to entering the Panama Canal on the 18<sup>th</sup>, turnover between the HALYBURTON and SAMUEL ELLIOT MORRISON was held onboard the latter concerning CDOPS in the EASTPAC AOR. That night and into the following morning, the ship conducted the Panama Canal transit from Cristobal to Vasco Nunez de Balboa (former Rodman Naval Base), Panama. All hands received their Order of the Ditch certificates the following day!

After less than a week on station, a patrolling P-3C directed HALYBURTON to investigate a struggling vessel in the vicinity of the Galapagos Islands. The 60-foot Ecuadorian vessel *Elizabeth II* and her 149 immigrants were escorted back to Ecuador after insuring they were healthy and capable of making the transit. Crossing the Equator enroute to the *Elizabeth II*, the ship requested a pardon from Neptunous Rex to initiate the pollywogs due to her

operational commitments. He obliged, and the day prior to re-crossing, the ship held a beauty contest for the ceremonious Royal Queen on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### JULY

During a glorious morning ceremony presided over by King Neptune, over 150 slimy Pollywogs were "baptized" into mighty Shellbacks. Following King Neptune's departure the ship patrolled enroute to Manta, Ecuador.

During the four day port visit, the ship celebrated the Fourth Of July with a steel beach picnic. The following day, 22 sailors and officers from the ship, AIRDET and LEDET conducted a Community Relations (COMREL) project at the *Unidad Cooperativa Bilingua de la Armada de Estados Unidos de Norteamerica* (US Navy School) located in one of the barrios of Manta. It was a full day helping erect walls for the small school, but it was an experience enjoyed by all. Afterwards the group left behind a picture of the ship that was placed on the wall alongside previous ships that had helped.

Following the Manta visit, the ship patrolled the Eastern Pacific waters enroute to the Panama canal, arriving on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The ship's next stop was the southernmost point in the continental US: Key West, FL. The ship outchopped from JIATFEAST control upon departure and headed for her new home. Although the ship didn't capture any drug-runners, it was an invaluable experience in preparation for her impending 2001 SOUTHCOM deployment. Because of the timing of the Norfolk departure and "mini-deployment," the ship went into a two week "mini-POM" for sailors and their families to situate themselves in Jacksonville. The ship also reverted back to her IDTC workups and continued to prepare for the next rungs on the ladder: CMTQ and COMPTUEX.

#### AUGUST

Back at full strength, HALYBURTON began August with a Dockside UNREP Simulator (DUS) in preparation for the COMPTUEX operations. The drills proved invaluable for the two UNREPS conducted during the exercises with the HARRY S. TRUMAN Battle Group.

Enroute to the meeting point with the other forces, HALYBURTON successfully completed her CMTQ. Combat Systems exercises such as the SEPTAR shoot, supersonic Detect to Engage (DTE) sequences and towed sled exercises further sharpened the skills of the Fire Controlmen and Operations Specialists as well as the bridge watch team. HSL 44 was again along for the ride, helping out with Over the Horizon (OTH) targeting drills.

The ship also worked in Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS)/Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) by boarding other ship's during the CO's times. The Engineers were busy conducting Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCES) and Repair Locker/General Quarters training.

Returning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> from COMPTUEX, the ship took her lessons learned and sharpened her skills for the ISIC-graded Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). The ship closed out both the Basic Phase and August by passing this exam.

#### SEPTEMBER

September was a "break" for the sailors of HALYBURTON as her focus shifted from an operational to a preventative mindset. The day after Columbus Day she entered into her availability and began

restoring and repairing material discrepancies. Aided by SIMA Mayport and FTSC/LANT DET JACKSONVILLE, the crew was focused on having peak-performing equipment for next month's C5RA. Using her own elbow grease and enthusiasm, sailors managed to re-lay several of her decks and coat them with PRC. The wardroom was also refurbished, laying a new deck and repainting the bulkheads.

In the midst of it all the Supply Department was engaged in her SMA to assist in preparing for their December inspection.

Mrs. Pamela Payne, was selected as the ship's Ombudsman to help coordinate the efforts of the sailors and their families. Having completed their initiation on the 15<sup>th</sup>, three "new" editions were welcomed into the CPO Mess: GSEC [REDACTED], OSC [REDACTED] and YNC [REDACTED].

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the ship took a collective "training time-out" for the SECOND FLEET-mandated Safety Standdown where all hands reviewed safety issues from man aloft procedures to first aid techniques. The next day the ship hosted a picnic at Jefferson Park on Naval Station Mayport for the sailors and their families.

Amidst all the work the ship also managed to raise over \$9,000 for their favorite charities during the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Arriving all the way from Georgia, over 70 Camden County NJROTC cadets toured the ship in the morning and afternoon of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Thus ended September and the fiscal year for HALYBURTON.

#### OCTOBER

October was evenly divided between the C5RA and Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX), her last major underway of 2000. During the former period, systems technicians worked with and trained the crew on HALYBURTON's equipment. The jobs completed during the previous month's IMAV were evaluated and the focus shifted from the machine to the operators using the machines. EOSS, CSOSS and other procedures were evaluated and tested. Preparations and purchases were also made for the messdecks rehabilitation project scheduled for the next fiscal year.

In the middle of the assist, the ship hosted a reunion tour for former members of the USS KETCHMER (DE/DER 329). Over 70 visitors arrived that day and reflected on the differences between the platform they served on and the one on which they were visiting. Naturally, the sailors of yesterday swapped sea stories with the sailors of today as old friends revisited and new friends were made. It was a memorable time for all involved.

The day before the C5RA ended, the Navy and the world were shocked by the news of the terrorist attack onboard the USS COLE (DDG-67) in Aden, Yemen. 17 personnel were killed and 39 injured in the blast. One of those killed, ENS Andrew Triplett, had been an ENC onboard HALYBURTON in the mid-'90s. Several members of the crew who knew him visited his family in Virginia later in the month to pay their respects. The crew also raised several hundred dollars for the USS COLE relief fund.

The second half of the month was spent away from Mayport, again working with the HSTBATGRU as OPFORCES. The ship took the opportunity to work on her AAW, ASW and USW mission areas as well as her battle readiness. On the 18<sup>th</sup> the US Warriors shot a Retrievable Exercise Torpedo (REXTORP) from her SVTTs. The exercise culminated in a "freeplay" amongst the forces, in which HALYBURTON claimed two "kills" before finally succumbing to an ASCM missile attack.

Afterwards, the ship headed to Yorktown for her final ammo onload before the following years deployment. It was a great opportunity for



many of the geographic bachelors to visit their families for the ship's first return since departing in June. Next up on the circle route to Mayport was Charleston, SC. Arriving at the Coast Guard piers north of the city on Halloween, everyone was treated to a great time downtown and the accompanying costumed locals.

#### NOVEMBER

On her second day in Charleston, the ship welcomed nearly thirty visiting Department of Defense personnel, including Mr. Roger W. Kallock, the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness. Not to be outdone by visitors, over 50 Citadel Cadets visited the next day, touring the bridge, CIC, flight deck and weapons platforms.

The day after returning to Mayport the STGs and TMs began a two week-long ASW team trainer. The second installment of the C5RA and the ship's second IMAV of 2000 again had the ship preparing inport for her mission out at sea by finishing what jobs she could. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, SPAWAR officials visited the ship to discuss the IT-21 and Sailor TV install. The ship welcomed her second flag visitor of the month, RADM Hunter, COMNAVSURFGRU TWO, who paid his ship a visit. He talked at length about the retention battle and taking care of the Navy's most valuable asset: it's sailors.

HALYBURTON held her first Mayport-PFA on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Navy College Learning Center (NCLC) visitors came onboard to explain the opportunities available on base and computer, as did Regional Support Group members to hold a Smoking Cessation Brief. The Damage Controlmen also took the time to schedule Repair Locker Personnel for Fire Fighting Training at the base simulator.

The month needed with two major inspections: the Communications Security (CMS) Inspection and Supply Management Inspection (SMI). The ship failed the latter and began taking corrective action to correct the discrepancies.

One of the last activities of the year was the GIFTWRAPEX on the 29<sup>th</sup> for the children's Christmas party two days later. They were no elves, but the children were thrilled nonetheless and the party was a huge success.

#### DECEMBER

December brought unusually cold weather for the Jacksonville area- a solid indication that the crew was acclimated in her new home. The month also brought a Material, Management and Maintenance Assist visit. To stay sharp on their AAW skills, the CIC team attended a four day trainer. After just completing the CMS inspection, the IT-men were busy with the CRC only one week afterwards. The OS's and SN's were also involved, and the combined effort netted them the Green "C" for Communications efficiency.

Four days later the CO held a Pre-deployment Brief for the sailors and their families at the Ocean Breeze Conference Room on base to handle any questions that anyone might have and to familiarize bring them up to speed on what the ship was doing and where she was going.

After being fogged in on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the ship pulled out to sea a day late to conduct the last tests before the Holiday Leave Standdown. She conducted a full power run, a final DTE scenario and rode the ULM-4 range. Upon pulling in the EM's, BM's and SN's rigged the ship for the

Basin Holiday Light Competition. Their efforts paid off as the ship took third place out of all the ships in Mayport. Two days later the ship began their Holiday Leave and Standdown period.

The new millennium brought many changes, some on short notice, to USS HALYBURTON. A new CO, XO and homeport and a surprise mini-deployment in the middle of the IDTC! Y2K brought no change in the results of the sailor's and officer's hard work, however, and the HALYBURTON passed it all with flying colors.