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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAWES (FFG 53)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Chronology
(2) Descriptive Narrative
(3) Photograph and Biography of CDR Todd W. Bostock
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(5) 3.5" Diskette with Cover Letter,
enclosures (1) and (2)

1. In accordance with reference (a), the command history for calendar year 2001 for USS HAWES (FFG 53) (UIC: 21234) is submitted for review.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: Multi-mission platform capable of performing a variety of roles ranging from convoy escort to anti-air and anti-surface warfare. The addition of Naval Tactical Data System, Light Airborne Multi-Purpose helicopters, and the Tactical Towed Array System (TACTAS) has given USS HAWES a combat capability far beyond the class program expectations of the mid-1970s, and has made the ship an integral and valued asset in virtually any war-at-sea scenario.

b. Organizational structure: HAWES' immediate superior in command is Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO TWO (UIC: 0131A). Aircraft normally attached to HAWES are assigned by Helicopter Squadron Light FOUR EIGHT from Mayport, Florida (UIC: 53918).

c. Name of Commanding Officer: Todd W. Bostock (CDR, USN).

d. Permanent duty station: Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia.

e. Type and number of aircraft assigned: None.

3. Chronology is contained in enclosure (1).

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4. Descriptive narrative is contained in enclosure (2).

5. This cover letter and enclosures (1) and (2) are saved as MS Word 6.0 files.



TODD W. BOSTOCK

TWO THOUSAND ONE
COMMAND HISTORY
Chronology

01 - 09 Jan Continuation of First Period Post
Deployment and Holiday Standdown.
09 Jan Turn-over Day.
09 Jan All hands CO's Call/Advancement of
CAPs.
09 Jan Reenlistment Ceremony for ETC(SW)
██████████.
09 - 23 Jan Second Period Post Deployment and
Holiday Standdown.
22 Jan HAWES named to CINCLANTFLT's Retention
Honor Roll.
22 Jan HAWES nominated as COMDESRON TWO TWO's
Self-Sufficient Ship of the Quarter.
23 Jan Received Bravo Zulu from COMGWBATGRU
for retention.
24 Jan Received Bravo Zulu from COMDESRON TWO
TWO for retention.
26 Jan DCC(SW) ██████████ Retirement.
29 Jan Fast Cruise.
31 Jan CMDCM(SW) ██████████ Reenlistment.
31 Jan - 02 Feb Weapons Offload, Naval Weapons Station
Yorktown, VA.
06 Feb Commenced Selected Restricted
Availability (SRA) at NORSHIPCO,
Norfolk, VA.
13 Feb Indoctrination Training.
14 Feb Announcement that HAWES was awarded the
Battle "E".
16 Feb Awards Ceremony/CO's Call.
16 Feb Ship's Valentine's Day Party.
23 Feb EN2(SW) ██████████ Reenlistment.
26 Feb SM1(SW) ██████████ Reenlistment.
01 Mar CMDMC(SW) ██████████ Reenlistment (USS
COLE (DDG 67)).
02 Mar HAWES awarded the "Green H" Unit
Wellness Award.
05 Mar LT ██████████ Farewell Luncheon (CDS 22
Chaplain).
12 Mar HAWES named COMNAVSURFLANT's Self-
Sufficient Ship of the Quarter runner-
up.
06 Apr Crew moved back aboard HAWES.
10 Apr Light-Off Assessment.

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| 16 Apr | Fast Cruise. |
| 17 Apr | Completion of SRA at NORSHIPCO. |
| 30 Apr - 01 May | Weapons Onload, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA. |
| 04 May | Family Picnic at Fleet Recreation Park. |
| 18 May | HTC(SW) [REDACTED] Retirement. |
| 21 May - 23 May | Initial Assessment. |
| 25 May | South Korean Dignitary Visit. |
| 29 May | Underway for Newport, RI. |
| 29 May | Completed Navigation Check Ride. |
| 29 May | Underway Replenishment (UNREP) with USNS LEROY GRUMAN. |
| 31 May | Inport Newport, RI. |
| 31 May | Embarked Midshipmen. |
| 01 Jun | CDR Bostock (PCO) checked onboard. |
| 04 Jun | Underway for Norfolk, VA. |
| 05 Jun | Inport Norfolk, VA. |
| 08 Jun | Change of Command. |
| 12 Jun | Atlantic Council of the United States Visit |
| | Aviation Certification/Aviation Readiness Evaluation. |
| 22 Jun | Disembarked Midshipmen. |
| 10 Jul - 12 Jul | Underway for Engineering Training |
| 10 Jul | Burials At Sea. |
| 16 Jul - 17 Jul | Underway for Engineering Underway Demonstration. |
| 18 Jul | LCDR Campbell (PXO) checked onboard. |
| 22 Jul | Embarked Midshipmen. |
| 23 Jul | LCDR Campbell relieved LCDR Hill as Executive Officer. |
| 25 Jul | Underway for Mayport, FL. |
| 25 Jul | Kingsbury Thrust Bearing Casualty. |
| 26 Jul | Inport Norfolk, VA. |
| 01 Aug - 16 Aug | Underway for Joint Task Force Exercise-Opposition Force. |
| 03 Aug | Towed Drone Unit Shoot(76mm/CIWS). |
| 06 Aug | UNREP with USNS PATUXENT. |
| 07 Aug | Swim Call 300 nm east of Grand Turk Island. |
| 08 Aug | UNREP with USNS PATUXENT. |
| 11 Aug | UNREP with USNS PATUXENT. |
| 13 Aug | UNREP with USNS PATUXENT. |
| 16 Aug | UNREP with USNS PATUXENT. |
| 16 Aug | Inport Norfolk, VA. |
| 17 Aug | Disembarked Midshipmen. |

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| 20 Aug - 24 Aug | Supply Management Assist Visit/3-M Assist Visit. |
| 25 Aug - 26 Aug | Visit Ship Weekend. |
| 28 Aug | Berth Shift. |
| 29 Aug | Damage Control Petty Officer Limited Team Trainer. |
| 31 Aug | HAWES Training Day. |
| 04 Sep | Received Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service. |
| 06 Sep | First Class Petty Officer Examination. |
| 11 Sep | World Trade Center/Pentagon Terrorist Attacks. |
| 14 Sep | Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony. |
| 19 Sep | Prospective COMDESRON TWO TWO visit. |
| 21 Sep | CINCLANTFLT Postal Assist Visit, received 2 nd consecutive "Outstanding". |
| 24 Sep | Commence hull cleaning. |
| 25 Sep | Sonobuoy onload, Awards Ceremony, CO's Call. |
| 26 Sep | Complete CART II. |
| 27 Sep | DESRON 22 COs meeting, ASW syndicate meeting. |
| 28 Sep | QM1(SW) [REDACTED] retirement ceremony, complete hull cleaning. |
| 01 Oct | Fast cruise. |
| 03 Oct | U/W CO's time, TACAN Cert, SUW LTT, GQ. |
| 04 Oct | E-5 exam, UNREP with USNS LARAMIE, Small Boat Ops, BECCES. |
| 05 Oct | Precision Anchorage, inport Norfolk, CNO meeting with Hampton Roads COs. |
| 08 Oct | Columbus Day, Holiday Routine. |
| 10 Oct | E-4 exam, OHSAT visit, Navy Surgeon General visit. |
| 12 Oct | HSTBATGRU IW syndicate meeting, 1118 observe moment of silence in honor of fallen shipmates from USS COLE, USS COLE memorial dedicated at Vista Point. |
| 13 Oct | Navy's Birthday. |
| 15 Oct | DK1(SW) [REDACTED] reenlists, Single Ship ASW trainer, commence Command PRT. |
| 16 Oct | Receive "BZ" from senior OHSAT assessor. |
| 17 Oct | Berth shift to Pier 25, berth 5. |
| 22 Oct | Small arms/76mm onload, commence Supply Management Inspection (SMI). |
| 24 Oct | Awards Ceremony, SMI outbrief. |

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| 25 Oct | Pre-Sail conference for PCO OPS 5-01, LT [REDACTED] departs, LTJG [REDACTED] receives SWO pin. |
| 26 Oct | Complete Command PRT. |
| 30 Oct | Underway for PCO OPS 5-01, Leapfrogs w/ USS BRISCOE. |
| 31 Oct | Halloween, Leapfrogs w/ USS BRISCOE. |
| 02 Nov | Transit Virgin Passage, OS2(SW) [REDACTED] and YNC(SW) [REDACTED] reenlist, moor NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads. |
| 03 Nov | Ammo onload, berth shift, refuel. |
| 04 Nov | Underway from NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads. |
| 06 Nov | Mini-War with USS ALEXANDRIA. |
| 07 Nov | Moor Fredriksted Pier, St. Croix, underway for Mini-War with USS ALEXANDRIA. |
| 08 Nov | Brief stop for fuel in NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads. |
| 11 Nov | Brief stop for fuel in NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, FC1(SW) [REDACTED] reenlists, transit the Virgin Passage. |
| 12 Nov | DIVTACS with USS BRISCOE. |
| 14 Nov | ENCOUNTEREX with USS BRISCOE, USS OSCAR AUSTIN, and USS DONALD COOK. |
| 15 Nov | DIVTACS with USS BRISCOE, USS OSCAR AUSTIN and USS DONALD COOK, UNREP with USNS LARAMIE. |
| 16 Nov | Moor NAVSTA Norfolk. |
| 22 Nov | Thanksgiving. |
| 27 Nov | Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification |
| 28 Nov | BM3 [REDACTED] reenlists, DESRON 22 COs meeting. |
| 29 Nov | HAWES Holiday Party, HSTBATGRU CDRs meeting. |
| 30 Nov | HAWES Training Day. |
| 03 Dec | AAW Syndicate meeting. |
| 04 Dec | Deployment Manning Conference (New Orleans), HT2(SW) [REDACTED] reenlists. |
| 06 Dec | Weapons Safety Stand-Down. |
| 07 Dec | Ship-wide Zone Inspection, President George W. Bush delivers speech on USS ENTERPRISE. |
| 10 Dec | Noble Eagle Ready Ship (10-16 Dec). |
| 11 Dec | ASW Syndicate Meeting, Awards Ceremony. |
| 12 Dec | DESRON 22 COs meeting. |

13 Dec BMCN(SW) [REDACTED] Retirement Ceremony,
COMCARGRU 2 visit, Awards Ceremony, MSI
Ship Handling Trainer.
14 Dec Frocking Ceremony, First Holiday leave
period begins.
21 Dec HAWES selected as Holiday Light contest
winner.
27 Dec Second Holiday leave period begins.
31 Dec CAP Ceremony.

**TWO THOUSAND ONE
COMMAND HISTORY
Narrative**

HAWES began the New Year inport Norfolk Naval Station at Pier 7, Berth 2. Half the crew was on post-deployment and holiday leave while the other half continued the daily routine of maintenance and preservation.

HAWES conducted a turnover day on the 9th of January. The day was packed full of events including a short CO's Call and Awards Ceremony where EN2(SW) [REDACTED] and FC3(SW) [REDACTED] were advanced under the Command Advancement Program to their next higher pay grade. The reenlistment ceremony of ETC(SW) [REDACTED] by CWO2 Roberts rounded out the festivities.

On January 22nd, HAWES was nominated as COMDESRON TWO TWO's Self-Sufficient Ship of the Quarter for the period of 01 October 2000 to 31 December 2000. HAWES also earned a spot on CINCLANTFLT's Retention Honor Roll for 1st quarter FY 2001. Commander, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group and COMDESRON TWO TWO sent Bravo Zulu messages to congratulate HAWES on a job well done in retention.

The crew of HAWES returned from post-deployment/Holiday standdown on the 23rd of January to begin preparations to transit to Yorktown NWS to offload weapons. HAWESMEN sadly said farewell to DCC(SW) [REDACTED] as he retired from the Navy, completing 20 years of service on Jan 26th. His wife, [REDACTED], parents, in-laws, and faithful dog accompanied DCC(SW) [REDACTED] as he was bonged ashore.

HAWES transited to Yorktown on the morning of 31 January. The crew worked diligently to complete the weapons offload by the evening of February 1st. HAWES was underway on the morning of the 2nd enroute to the ULM-4 Range to conduct AN/SLQ-32 calibrations before returning to Norfolk Naval Station, Pier 7 Berth 1.

On February 6th, HAWES got underway and headed down the Elizabeth River to NORSHIPCO to start her SRA. HAWES' new home for the next two and a half months will be Pier 4, south side in NORSHIPCO shipyard. HAWESMEN living onboard were moved to the Wesley Inn in Chesapeake to accommodate habitability work being completed on the ship. Duty section personnel were provided a berthing barge to use for meals and sleeping.

On February 9th, HAWES conducted the first weekly shipyard Main Space Fire Drill in preparation for the upcoming Light-Off Assessment. HAWESMEN demonstrated their motivation to train hard to successfully pass the

assessment on our first try. The drill was a success with many areas of training identified. This training was conducted at the weekly Repair Locker training sessions.

On February 13th, Indoctrination Division was held for newly reported HAWESMEN. The CO kicked off the training by welcoming everyone aboard and outlining his expectations for being part of HAWES' team.

February 14th brought great news to HAWES, as HAWES had won the coveted Battle "E" award for the second year in a row. February 16th, the second week in the yards, was brought to an end with an Awards Ceremony and CO's Call. Also on the 16th was the ship's Valentine's Day Party. HAWESMEN and their significant others enjoyed delicious food and great entertainment at Grand Affairs in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

EN2(SW) [REDACTED] and SM1(SW) [REDACTED] both extended their careers in the Navy by re-enlisting on the 23rd and 26th of February, respectively. LT [REDACTED] gave the oath to EN2(SW) [REDACTED] and CMDCM(SW) [REDACTED] gave the oath to SM1(SW) [REDACTED]. On March 1st the Command Master Chief of USS COLE, CMDCM(SW) Parlier was re-enlisted on HAWES' Bridge by CDR Lippold, USS COLE's Commanding Officer. It was a solemn ceremony as many remembered the role HAWES played in assisting COLE after the tragic blast in Aden, Yemen.

March started off with good news. HAWES earned the COMNAVSURFLANT 2000 "Green H" Unit Wellness Award. This award recognizes commands for achieving excellence in their unit health promotion programs. On March 12th, HAWES was named as runner up for COMNAVSURFLANT's Self-Sufficient Ship of the Quarter Award. This shows the great pride HAWESMEN take in keeping HAWES maintained to the peak of their ability.

March 5th brought about the farewell luncheon for LT [REDACTED], CDS 22 Chaplain. A special meal was prepared by HAWES Mess Specialists to say thanks for all the hard work LT Thorton had done for HAWES and her crew. March was also a good month for qualifications. LT [REDACTED] qualified as Engineering Officer of the Watch and LTJG [REDACTED] qualified as Command Duty Officer.

April brought the last few weeks in the availability. The crew moved back aboard HAWES on April 6th. April 10th was the Light-Off Assessment, which allowed the Engineers to show their ability to properly run the engineering plant and handle a Class "B" Main Space fire. The teams did an excellent job and completed the assessment without any

major setbacks as HAWES was certified ready for full engineering plant operations.

The yard work ended and HAWES was prepared to go up river to Naval Station, Norfolk. On April 17th, HAWESMEN got her underway and took a day trip out to the ULM-4 Range to test the AN/SLQ-32 and do a full power run. HAWESMEN were glad to be out of the yards and back to a normal routine. After returning to the Naval Base, the crew was challenged by the XO to get all of HAWES' spaces clean of the yard dirt that had accumulated in the tough to reach areas. After much hard work and countless inspections, the spaces started to gain the XO's and CO's approval.

On April 30th, HAWES got underway enroute Yorktown Weapons Station to onload ammunition which would be used for training during the initial phase of the training cycle. HAWESMEN pulled together and completed a safe onload evolution in one day.

On May 1st, HAWES got underway from Yorktown and ran the ULM-4 Range enroute to Naval Station, Norfolk. The first week of May ended with HAWES' crew and families gathering at the Fleet Recreation Park for a Family Picnic on May 4th. HAWES' Engineers continued their steady strain in preparations for their Initial Assessment Inspection. Amidst the preparations, HAWES said farewell to a shipmate when HTC(SW) [REDACTED] retired on May 18th. HAWES held a retirement ceremony in celebration of HTC(SW) [REDACTED]'s honorable service to the Navy and his country. On May 21st the Initial Assessment Inspectors arrived. For the next three days HAWES' engineers completed numerous hot and cold checks and conducted Basic Engineering Casualty Control Evolutions. The Initial Assessment went very well and HAWES cleared another hurdle in the basic training phase.

May 25th brought a chance for HAWES to excel in foreign relations by hosting a ship visit and tour for a group of South Korean Dignitaries. Following the Memorial Day weekend, HAWES got underway for her first full day at sea on May 29th. COMDESRON TWO TWO was along for the Navigation Detail to conduct a Navigation Check Ride. HAWES' Navigation Team performed superbly and safely navigated HAWES to sea. Upon completion of the Navigation Check Ride, COMDESRON TWO TWO departed HAWES via small boat for a short ride to Lynnhaven Inlet. May 29th also marked the day of HAWES' first Underway Replenishment at sea since her deployment. USNS LEROY GRUMMAN provided a valuable training opportunity for HAWES' engineering and deck personnel.

On May 31st, HAWES arrived in Newport, RI. The port visit provided many training opportunities as well as a great place to showcase Atlantic Fleet's two time Battle "E" winner. HAWES embarked three First Class Midshipmen on May 31st. Midshipmen First Class [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were here to experience the life of a ship driver first hand.

June 4th marked the arrival of HAWES' Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR Todd W. Bostock. He and CDR Jones spent the next week in the turnover process preparing for the upcoming change of command ceremony. June 4th HAWES departed Newport, RI. HAWESMEN were ready to go to sea and show their PCO what they could do. HAWES arrived in Norfolk, VA on June 5th as Change of Command preparations kicked into high gear to make June 8th a special day, not only for CDR Jones and CDR Bostock, but for all their guests as well. The change of command on June 8th went without a hitch and HAWESMEN welcomed aboard their new Captain and said a heartfelt farewell to CDR Jones.

HAWESMEN went right back to work the following week hosting the Atlantic Council of the United States (ACUS) on June 12th. ACUS is a non-partisan network of leaders in policy, academic and corporate communities worldwide who are cognizant of the importance of effective U. S. foreign policy and the cohesion of U. S. international relations. ACUS consisted of a group of ten Senior Fellows who were visiting Norfolk area military installations for orientation tours and briefs.

During the second week of June, HAWES completed preparations for the Aviation Certification and Aviation Readiness Evaluation. On June 14th, HAWES passed both inspections and was certified to conduct helicopter operations. The Midshipmen disembarked on June 22nd and left with an appreciation of what life is like as a Division Officer aboard a frigate.

HAWES kicked off July by observing Independence Day on July 4th. HAWES got underway on July 10th for two days of engineering training, including engineering evolutions and casualty control drills in preparation for the upcoming Underway Demonstration. Also during this period, HAWES paid tribute to three veterans by conducting their burials at sea on July 10th.

HAWES got underway on July 16th for Engineering Underway Demonstration. The engineers put in a great deal of hard work and extra hours preparing for the demonstration, and it paid off. The engineers performed superbly and passed Underway Demonstration without any

major discrepancies. Upon HAWES' return to port, LCDR Campbell, the Prospective Executive Officer, reported to HAWES. After a short turnover, LCDR Campbell relieved LCDR Hill as HAWES' Executive Officer.

On July 22nd, HAWES embarked five First Class Midshipmen for the final phase of Summer Training Cruises. HAWES got underway July 25th enroute to Mayport, FL to conduct flight operations training. However, HAWES suffered an engineering casualty to the Kingsbury Thrust Bearing, requiring HAWES to return to port using the Auxiliary Propulsion Units. On July 26th HAWES returned to Norfolk, VA to complete repairs to the Kingsbury Thrust Bearing.

August 1st brought the completion of repairs to the bearing and HAWES got underway enroute the Puerto Rican Oparea to participate in Joint Task Force Exercise 01-3 as the Opposition Force for the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group. For the two weeks HAWES was underway, she completed many training exercises including man overboard drills and a towed drone unit shoot with the 76mm gun and CIWS. HAWES also conducted five Underway Replenishments with USNS PATUXENT during this underway period. After successfully playing the role of the opposition force for the battle group, HAWES returned to Norfolk, VA on August 16th.

The Midshipmen debarked on August 17th with a new appreciation of what life is like underway as a Division Officer. HAWES' Supply Department was next to be put to the test. From August 20th through 24th, the Supply Department demonstrated their organizational skills by completing the Supply Management Assist (SMA) visit. Along with the SMA came the 3-M Assist visit. HAWES' Workcenter Supervisors and maintenance men spent many hours with the inspectors going through their MIPs and MRCs, as well as doing spot checks. Both visits were successful as HAWES identified several weak points to be corrected.

The last week of August had HAWES shifting berths to provide the background for the awards ceremony to recognize USS COLE Sailors who contributed to saving COLE after the terrorist bomb attack of October 12, 2000 in Aden, Yemen. That same week HAWES also hosted the Damage Control Petty Officer Limited Training Team. HAWES' Damage Control Petty Officers received excellent training from two Damage Control Chief Petty Officers from Afloat Training Group (ATG) on the proper setting of material conditions of readiness and verifying and correcting the Compartment Checkoff List. August 31st was designated a training day for HAWESMEN to prepare for upcoming rating exams.

The first week in September brought the First Class Petty Officer Examination. HAWESMEN took the exam in hopes of advancing to the E-6 pay grade in their rates. On September 4th, HAWES was recognized with a Letter of Appreciation from Commander, Navy Region, Mid Atlantic, for the 2001 Navy Community Service Award.

September 11th, 2001, marked the day that terrorists hijacked four jet airliners and flew two of them into the World Trade Center buildings in New York City and one into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. The fourth airliner crashed in an open field in Pennsylvania, never reaching its suspected target of the White House or Capitol Building. HAWES was placed in Threat Condition Delta and recalled all HAWESMEN on leave and liberty. HAWES quickly prepared to get underway to support the needs of the country. HAWESMEN spent the night onboard ready to answer the call but on September 12th, HAWES was notified that we would not be getting underway and the Threat Condition was lowered to Threatcon Charlie. HAWES collapsed from eight to three duty sections to support the heightened security requirements.

As a result of the terrorist attacks, the Second Class Petty Officer Examination scheduled for September 13th was postponed until further notice. The same day, HAWES conducted 9mm and shotgun qualifications to provide as many qualified watch standers as possible to support the additional watches required by the heightened Threatcon.

September 14th brought about a celebrated occasion as HAWES held a Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony for her newest Chief Petty Officers; EMC(SW) [REDACTED], ETC(SW) [REDACTED], GMC(SW) [REDACTED], and SKC(SW) [REDACTED]. This was an upbeat ending to a very arduous week in which the Navy lost thirty-three of our shipmates in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

September 19th, HAWESMEN stepped up to show off their ship to the Prospective Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two, CAPT M. Stewart O'Bryan. The ship looked great, and HAWES put her best foot forward to make an excellent first impression. Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Two Change of Command was held on September 21st. CAPT M. Stewart O'Bryan relieved CAPT Gary M. Holst as Commodore without ceremony.

On September 21st, HAWES received a Postal Assist Visit. The result was a "BZ" from the assessors and an "Outstanding" evaluation, her second in a row. Another chance to shine came on September 24th when HAWES completed a surprise Disbursing and Admin Inspection, receiving a

grade of satisfactory in all areas. Also on September 24th, HAWES conducted its first of many Surface Warfare Limited Training Team (SUW LTT) exercises in preparation for Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) in November.

September 25th was a busy day, including a sonobuoy onload, an Awards Ceremony, and a Commanding Officer's call with the crew. During the Awards Ceremony, numerous HAWESMEN were rewarded for their courageous deeds while assisting USS COLE in the aftermath of the terrorist attack in Aden, Yemen on October 12th, 2000. These awards were a long time in coming and were much appreciated by the crew who felt a sense of pride in finally being recognized for their selfless devotion to their shipmates in need. Also recognized at the Awards Ceremony was LT [REDACTED], the Chief Engineer, who received a Navy Commendation Medal commending his superb work ethic and positive contribution to not only the Engineering Department but also to HAWES as a whole during his tour.

Rounding out the week, there was an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Syndicate meeting where key personnel discussed upcoming Prospective Commanding Officer Operations 5-01 and the latest ASW tactics on September 27th. Finally, on Friday the 28th of September, HAWESMEN celebrated the retirement of QM1(SW) [REDACTED] after 20 years of honorable and faithful service. QM1(SW) [REDACTED] got a last chance to say goodbye to his shipmates and the Navy as he was bonged ashore signifying the end to a rewarding and distinguished career.

On October 1st, HAWES conducted a Fast Cruise to prepare her watchteams for the upcoming underway Commanding Officer's time. October 3rd, HAWES got underway from Naval Station, Norfolk, and conducted numerous exercises including Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) certification, SUW LTT exercises, General Quarters, small boat operations, and Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCEs). On October 4th, the E-5 examination was given and HAWESMEN got a chance to have their hard work and studying pay off. Later that afternoon, HAWES completed a successful Underway Replenishment. October 5th, HAWES prepared to pull back into port after a successful underway training period. On the way to Naval Station, Norfolk, HAWES stopped briefly to conduct a precision anchorage which was executed perfectly, and provided watchstanders yet another golden training opportunity. That afternoon, HAWES moored pierside and the Captain attended a meeting held by the Chief of Naval Operations for all Hampton Roads Commanding Officers. Following the successful underway period, HAWESMEN enjoyed

a three-day weekend with a day off for Columbus Day on October 8th.

The week of October 9th was short, but busy nonetheless. It was marked by a Radar Navigation Team Trainer, Physical Readiness Test weigh-ins, E-4 examination, HARRY S. TRUMAN Battle Group Intelligence Warfare syndicate meeting, Ordnance Handling Safety Assist Team (OHSAT) visit, BECCes, and a visit by the Surgeon General of the Navy. The medical personnel put in a great amount of hard work and preparation in anticipation of the Surgeon General's visit and it paid off as he was very impressed during his walkthrough of the ship on October 10th. That day IC3 [REDACTED] also received a "BZ" from COMHELWINGSLANT for being recognized as the "Honor Man" of his class at Search and Rescue school. On October 12th, at 1118, HAWES observed a moment of silence in honor of our fallen shipmates from USS COLE. A memorial was dedicated at Vista Point to commemorate those that had given their life in USS COLE during the terrorist attack in Aden, Yemen exactly one year ago.

On October 15th, HAWES began the semi-annual Physical Readiness Test to evaluate their physical condition. Also on that day, DK1(SW) [REDACTED] reenlisted. On October 16th HAWES received a "BZ" from the senior OHSAT assessor for a job well done on their inspection the week prior, noting that, "HAWES has the best Qualification/Certification program of this class ship on the waterfront." The inspection went so well HAWES was able to finish in just one day, vice the normal three days. On October 17th, HAWES got underway to berthshift to Pier 25, berth 5.

October 22nd included an ammunition onload during which HAWES received small arms and 76mm rounds in preparation for PCO OPS 5-01 the following week. Also on October 22nd, HAWES began her Supply Management Inspection. All the hard work paid off as S-1, S-2, and S-3 divisions all received passing scores, impressing the assessors with their professionalism and meticulous preparation.

On October 24th, an Awards Ceremony was held as HAWES honored departing Supply Officer LT [REDACTED] with a Navy Commendation Medal in recognition of his superb performance during his tour in HAWES. On October 25th, the wardroom congratulated LTJG [REDACTED] when he was awarded his Surface Warfare Officer pin. Later that day the wardroom said farewell to LT [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED] when they were bonged ashore after completing their tours in HAWES.

On October 30th, HAWES got underway in company with USS BRISCOE for PCO OPS 5-01. HAWES and BRISCOE conducted numerous exercises during a busy seventeen day period. The many exercises included Leapfrogs, PUBEXs, PACFIRES, SUW LTTs, Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Exercises, DIVTACS, UNREP, and BECCes. On November 2nd, HAWES transited the Virgin Passage enroute to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads for an ammunition onload and refueling. Also on November 2nd, OS2(SW) [REDACTED] and YNC(SW) [REDACTED] celebrated their reenlistments.

On November 4th, HAWES got underway again and proceeded to sea for more exercises. On November 6th, HAWES joined up with USS ALEXANDRIA to conduct training supporting the Prospective Commanding Officers Operations (PCO OPS 5-01). The PCO OPS 5-01 was designed to give prospective submarine Commanding Officers the opportunity to evaluate their warfare skills against other submarines and surface warships. During the mutual services, HAWES received a rare opportunity to train with live target submarines. During the mini-wars, HAWES and USS ALEXANDRIA conducted freeplay engagements in which HAWES successfully tracked the target and fired three exercise torpedoes. On November 7th, HAWES stopped briefly in St. Croix for repairs to an underwater tracking transducer. Overall, PCO OPS 5-01 was an extremely valuable training opportunity for HAWES.

On November 8th and 11th, HAWES moored at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads for a brief refueling. FC1(SW) [REDACTED] reenlisted November 11th, right before HAWES transited the Virgin Passage again as we headed north towards Norfolk. On November 12th, HAWES conducted DIVTACS with USS BRISCOE as both ships continued their transit home. On November 14th, HAWES and BRISCOE met up with USS OSCAR AUSTIN and USS DONALD COOK and conducted DIVTACS the following morning, bringing PCO OPS 5-01 to an exciting close. On November 16th, HAWES moored at Naval Station Norfolk as BMCM(SW) [REDACTED] celebrated the last underway time of his 30 year Naval career.

On November 22nd, HAWESMEN enjoyed Thanksgiving and a couple days of relaxation before Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). On November 27th, Afloat Training Group (ATG) arrived to review the administrative portion of CMTQ and gave HAWES a passing grade. On November 28th, HAWES' CMTQ team successfully completed three simulated HARPOON engagements, receiving praise from ATG. The senior ATG assessor remarked, "HAWES had one of the best teams I have seen and if I were the Battle Group Commander, HAWES would be my number one choice to conduct a HARPOON

engagement." Later that day marked a milestone in two careers as BM3 [REDACTED] reenlisted and LTJG [REDACTED]'s tour in HAWES ended as he said farewell to the wardroom.

On November 29th, HAWESMEN enjoyed a night of relaxation as they celebrated the Holiday Season with fellow shipmates, friends, and family at the annual HAWES Holiday Party. The party was held at the Surfside Inn in Virginia Beach which provided a pleasant atmosphere for HAWESMEN and their guests. The party was a big success thanks to the hard work of the MWR volunteers who did an excellent job organizing the entertainment and providing a multitude of great door prizes. On Friday, November 30th, HAWESMEN enjoyed a day of personal training as the day was designated as a "HAWES Training Day."

The week of December 3rd was a busy week that included an AAW Syndicate meeting, a Deployment Manning Conference in New Orleans, HT2(SW) [REDACTED]'s reenlistment, a Weapons Safety Stand down, and a ship wide Zone Inspection. The busy week ended with President George W. Bush visiting Norfolk Naval Base and delivering a speech on the flight deck of USS ENTERPRISE. The Presidential speech was open to all military personnel and provided an excellent chance to hear directly from the Commander-in-Chief. The speech, which was given on the 60th Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, made comparisons to the challenges Americans faced then and the challenges they face now with the war against terrorism.

The week of December 10th, was another very busy one. On December 11th, DESRON 22 personnel attended the ASW Syndicate meeting to discuss lessons learned from PCO OPS 5-01 and exchange tactical insight. Later that day, the nation observed a moment of silence in commemoration of the three month anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Finally, the day ended with an Awards Ceremony and Captain's Call. On December 13th, COMCARGRU 2, RADM J. J. Quinn, toured HAWES and presented several awards at an Awards Ceremony and Admiral's Call. Also on the 13th, HAWESMEN said farewell to BMCM(SW) [REDACTED] after a distinguished 30 year career. The ceremony was a joyous event which included a speech by former HAWES Executive Officer, Commander Tim Mahan. The week concluded with a frocking ceremony on December 14th, during which 13 HAWESMEN were advanced to E-4, 12 to E-5, and three to E-6. At the frocking ceremony, the Captain announced DK1(SW) [REDACTED] had been selected as Sailor of the Year, BM2(SW) [REDACTED] was selected as Junior Sailor of the Year, and SN [REDACTED] was selected as Blue Jacket of the Year.

HAWES concluded the year with a holiday leave and stand down. The first leave period began December 14th and ended December 27th. The second period began December 27th and ran through the New Year, ending on January 8th. On December 31st HAWES rewarded the superior performance of BM2(SW) [REDACTED], MS3(SW) [REDACTED], and SN [REDACTED] by Command Advancing them to their next higher paygrade.