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1. Per reference (a), HURRICANE'S ship's history is submitted for 1998.


P. M. KELLY

USS HURRICANE (PC 3)
COMMAND ORGANIZATION

Immediate Superior in Command: Commodore D. R. Kohler
relieved by Commodore T. J. Campbell on 04 December 1998.

Commanding Officer: LCDR D. S. Geidel relieved by
LCDR P. M. Kelly on 23 January 1998.

Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED] relieved by LTJG [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 15 November 1998.

Weapons Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]

Engineering Officer: CW03 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] relieved by CW02 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 23 December 1998.

Command Chief: BMC(SW/CC) R. A. Evans

Ship's mission: To conduct coastal patrol and interdiction (CP&I) and surveillance operations; to operate primarily in Low Intense Conflict (LIC) environments with contingency scenarios ranging from permissive Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEOs) to counterinsurgency and interdiction of coastal Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs). The PC operates with allied forces, United States Coast Guard (USCG) Law Enforcement Detachments, other law enforcement agencies, and is capable of pursuit, interception, boarding, search and seizure operations. Capable of embarkation and transport of nine-man Naval Special Warfare/Special Operations Force units and their equipment, PCs provide insertion, extraction, seaward security, and secure communications with units ashore. The ship is also capable of engaging lightly armed surface threats, and it possesses a limited Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) self defense and limited electronic and infrared (IR) surveillance capabilities.

USS HURRICANE (PC 3)
1998 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS HURRICANE began the year with a holiday leave period. After returning from leave on January 5, the crew began to prepare for change of command and Tailored Ship's Training Availability level 4 (TSTA IV). On January 9th, HURRICANE conducted a fast cruise followed by an underway for ammunition onload, anchor drop test, replenishment at sea, and mooring to a buoy. LCDR P. M. Kelly relieved LCDR D. S. Geidel as the commanding officer on January 23. In addition, HURRICANE conducted intensive training with SEAL Team V in support of their Operational Readiness Exam during the months of January and February. In March 1998, HURRICANE commenced a one month pre-deployment standdown.

Heralded as a milestone for Patrol Coastals, the Western Pacific Patrol Coastal deployment included the greatest distance and widest expanse of water PC's ever traveled. HURRICANE departed San Diego on April 13, 1998, in the company of USS SIDES (FFG-14) and USS MONSOON (PC-4), for the first Western Pacific PC deployment. HURRICANE's first port visit was Pearl Harbor, Hawaii after seven days underway. With only two days in Hawaii, HURRICANE obtained provisions and fuel for the next and longest leg of the deployment. HURRICANE's next stop was White Sands Beach, Okinawa, where HURRICANE again obtained provisions and fuel and conducted minor repairs. Upon arrival at Sasebo, Japan, HURRICANE was greeted by Rear Admiral Highfill, Commander, Task Force 76. HURRICANE then transited to Sasebo, Japan and spent one week in Sasebo, effecting repairs and conducting maintenance prior to her continuation. Despite a demanding operational tempo, HURRICANE arranged a tour of the historic city of Nagasaki. While there, crewmembers visited Peace Park and the Atomic Museum.

On May 12, HURRICANE visited Saiki, a small Japanese town on the Western side of the island. Many crewmembers visited the local natural hot spas in the region, and enjoyed the hospitality of the townspeople. Saiki also offered an opportunity for crewmembers to taste popular Japanese foods and experience rural Japanese culture.

After leaving Japan, HURRICANE headed for Korea to take part in Combined Special Operation Forces (CSOF) exercises. While operating in the Korean Theatre in support of CSOFEX 98-3, HURRICANE made port visits to the cities of Chinhae and Inchon. Counter-SOF and OTH insertion/extraction missions conducted by U.S. and Korean navies, SEAL teams, ROK Army, and ODA teams, greatly enhanced the working relationship of the U.S. and ROK Special Forces. Several

crewmembers visited Seoul and Pusan, South Korea's two largest cities.

Following two weeks of operations in Korea, HURRICANE conducted goodwill visits in Hong Kong, China, and Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. Before arriving in Kota Kinabalu, HURRICANE made a quick dip below the equator, allowing several crewmembers the opportunity to meet King Neptune and Davey Jones. With the scourge of wogs gone, the newly initiated Shellbacks joined the rest of the salty sailors to continue the deployment.

The crew thoroughly enjoyed Kota Kinabalu, a quiet vacation spot on the South China Sea. The hospitality of the Malaysians, inexpensive yet excellent food, and resort hotels made Kota Kinabalu a favorite for many crewmembers.

After leaving Kota Kinabalu, HURRICANE joined COMDESRON THREE ONE, USS FORT MCHENRY, and USS SIDES in Lumut Malaysia on 21 June to participate in CARAT 98. While in Lumut, Malaysia, HURRICANE conducted extensive Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) training with the Malaysian Navy. In addition, HURRICANE participated in blue water exercises, breaking through "enemy" lines and taking tactical control of, and vectoring a U.S. Navy SH-60B helicopter. HURRICANE conducted insertion extraction operations with Royal Malaysian Paskals, Malaysia's Naval Special Forces Team.

On July 6, HURRICANE arrived in Sattahip, Thailand. The PC proved to be well suited for the operating area. A shallow draft, ability to moor without the assistance of tugs, and ability to maneuver proved the PC ideal for multiple underway operations ranging from close-in insertion and extraction operations, to small ship attacks. Operating in conjunction with US Navy SEALs and Royal Thai Navy SEALs, HURRICANE conducted daylight Combat Rubber Raiding Craft (CRRC) launch and recovery evolutions. COMMANDER, SEVENTH FLEET, and COMMANDER, SPECIAL BOAT SQUADRON ONE visited the ships in Thailand.

On 20 July, HURRICANE arrived at Tuas Naval Base in Singapore, and conducted a gunnery exercise with the Singaporean Navy. Singapore's Chief of Navy was so impressed with HURRICANE's ability to support Special Forces Operations that he ordered the development of a Special Forces Team that can be supported by patrol vessels.

Despite the distance to the heart of Singapore, our Singaporean host (RSS RESILIENCE) made us feel quite welcome, opening their galley to the HURRICANE crew and sponsoring volleyball and basketball competitions. While the majority of the crew found Singapore to be a bit expensive, the food was excellent, and the city was very clean.

On 29 July, HURRICANE wrapped up the last exercise of CARAT 98 and departed for Labuan, Malaysia. In company with MONSOON, HURRICANE found the same warmth and hospitality in

Labuan as she met in Kota Kinabalu. With four days rest and relaxation in Labuan, the crew was anxious to head for home.

Enroute to Hawaii, HURRICANE made an overnight stop in Guam to load up on provisions and fuel. While in Guam, VADM Richards (Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command) addressed the crew, congratulating them on their successes during Frontier Scout 98 and CARAT 98.

Anxious to return home, HURRICANE departed Guam in the company of MONSOON and SIDES on 9 August. With 12 days underway, HURRICANE stopped off in Hawaii again for provisions and fuel. With two days in Hawaii, several crewmembers had a brief opportunity to explore the island, visiting nearby Arizona Memorial and Waikiki.

On 26 August 1998, HURRICANE returned to San Diego. A reception was held celebrating their safe return and a very successful deployment. The crew enjoyed a post-deployment stand down. During this time, members of the crew were able to spend quality time with loved ones, take care of personal matters, and relax. Following the standdown, October was spent inspecting the ship's service diesel generators, hull, and calibrating the ships system gauges.

In November, HURRICANE made a port visit to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The crew enjoyed five days of liberty in one of Baja, California's premier resort vacation hot spots. The ship was in port San Diego for Thanksgiving. November 30, INSURV inspectors arrived and assessed the ship's material condition, preservation, and cleanliness. The inspectors cited HURRICANE as "the best PC" they had inspected in 1998.

The HURRICANE closed out the year by conducting tactical training with SEAL TEAM THREE, 09-10 December. The crew and officers commenced their holiday leave period 19 December.