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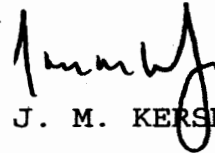
To: Chief of Naval Operations (N09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61) Command History for 2002
(2) CDR Kersh Biography
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(4) 2002 Command History Disk

1. Enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted in accordance with ref (a).


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1. Command Composition and Organization:

Command: USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61)

UIC: 21430

Organizational Structure: ISIC; Commander Destroyer Squadron Nine

Mission: To escort and protect carrier battle groups, amphibious landing groups, and underway replenishment groups.

Commander: John M. Kersh (01NOV23-02DEC31)

Permanent Duty Station: Everett, WA

Type/Number of Aircraft assigned with tailcode: SH-60B LAMPS III HSL 45 Detachment 1 (WESTPAC Deployment 01JAN02-22JAN02), HSL 45 Detachment 3 (RIMPAC 2002 02JUN15-02JUL30).

2. Chronology:

Post Overseas Movement Stand down = 02JAN22 - 02FEB24

Ammunition Offload Port Hadlock = 02MAR04 - 02MAR06

DSRA 02MAR12 - 02JUN05

Ammunitions Onload Port Load 02MAY31

Multi-National "Rim of the Pacific" Maritime Exercises (RIMPAC) 02JUN15 to 02JUL30

Command Assessment Readiness and Training (CART) II 02AUG12 to 02AUG16

Supply Management Assessment (SMA) 02AUG19 to 02AUG23
TYT NEPAC

C5RA 02OCT11 TO 02OCT18

Initial Assessment (I/A) 02SEP30 To 02OCT08

Underway Demonstration (U/D) 02OCT09 To 02OCT11

3-M Assessment 02OCT14 - 02OCT18

Port Hadlock Weapons Onload 02OCT23 - 02OCT24

Final Evaluation Period (FEP) 02oct26 - 02OCT31

DESRON NINE Group Sail 02OCT25 To 02NOV01

Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX) 02NOV07-02DEC01

Holiday Upkeep and Standdown 02DEC14-02DEC31

Involved in:

RIMPAC 02'

JTFX 02'

COMPTUEX 02'

Enclosure (1)

Awards Received:

Maritime Warfare Excellence Award

Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award

Command, Control, Communications, and Information Warfare

Excellence Award

TYCOM ship's safety award

Spokane Trophy Award

3. Narrative: USS INGRAHAM began 2002 during the conclusion of a successful Arabian Gulf Deployment with the CARL VINSON Battle Group arriving 22 Jan 2002 at her home port of Everett, WA. After a one month Post Deployment stand down INGRAHAM completed a one day Ammo Offload. From March to June INGRAHAM completed a DSRA finishing it 10 days ahead of schedule. Not two weeks after getting out of drydock, INGRAHAM had unloaded her weapons and sailed to the Hawaiian OPAREA for RIMPAC 2002. During RIMPAC 2002, INGRAHAM achieved new heights for our ASW proficiency, acting as the Surface Action Group Commander on two separate occasions. Additionally, INGRAHAM had successful torpedo, gunnery, and live missile firings. INGRAHAM completed RIMPAC 2002 with successful international operations with ship's from the Republic of Korea, Chile, and Peru.

Following RIMPAC, INGRAHAM's operational pace did not miss a beat. The CMTQ qualification was completed enroute back from RIMPAC and CART II was conducted only two weeks after return to Everett. In late August INGRAHAM conducted a highly successful SMA/SMI inspection. Shortly after the successful CART II inspection, INGRAHAM received notice that she would be conducting an Innovative IDTC with the CARL VINSON Battle Group. This entailed finishing all Basic Phase training requirements in only 8 weeks, vice the normal 16. In doing so, INGRAHAM was the only ship that was 100% ready to sail upon the receipt of the Prepare to Deploy Order. During October INGRAHAM also completed a successful 3-M Assessment and C5RA. INGRAHAM finished FEP at the end of October and proceeded immediately into a successful COMPTUEX. Upon completion of COMPTUEX, INGRAHAM transited back to Everett to enjoy a holiday stand down. All told, INGRAHAM performed extremely well through an incredibly intense operational schedule. At the conclusion of the year INGRAHAM was inport Everett for a holiday standdown that would invariably lead into new challenges and deployment to WESTPAC in 2003.

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