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Encl: (a) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(b) Change of Command Pamphlet
(c) Photo of USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32)
(d) Photo of Commanding Officer
(e) Biography of Commanding Officer

1. Per reference (a), the following history of JOHN L. HALL (FFG-32) submitted:

a. **Command Composition**

USS JOHN L. HALL is the twenty-sixth ship of the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class of guided missile frigates. The mission of the ship is to provide in-depth protection for military and merchant shipping, amphibious task forces and underway replenishment groups.

Effective 1 September 1995, JOHN L. HALL became a member of the Western Hemisphere Group. Prior to 1 September 1995, JOHN L. HALL's immediate superior was Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX. The ship is homeported in Pascagoula, MS.

The Commanding Officer of USS JOHN L. HALL is CDR Joseph Zacharzuk, USN. CDR Zacharzuk relieved CDR David J. Fontaine, USN on 17 March 1995.

b. **Chronology**

01 Jan 95 - 01 Jan 95	BSF: Ponta Delgada, Azores
05 Jan 95 - 05 Jan 95	BSF: Bermuda
09 Jan 95 - 09 Jan 95	BSF: Mayport, FL
12 Jan 95 - 22 Feb 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS
23 Feb 95 - 01 Mar 95	Visit: Galveston, TX
17 Mar 95 - 17 Mar 95	Change of Command
23 Mar 95 - 27 Mar 95	Visit: Port Canaveral, FL
03 Apr 95 - 03 Apr 95	BSF: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
12 Apr 95 - 12 Apr 95	BSF: Curacao, NA
18 Apr 95 - 18 Apr 95	BSF: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
21 Apr 95 - 30 Apr 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS

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01 May 95 - 05 May 95	EMBK: ETG
29 May 95 - 29 May 95	Transit: Panama Canal
30 May 95 - 30 May 95	BSF: Rodman NS, Panama
08 Jun 95 - 08 Jun 95	Shellback Initiation: Eastern Pacific
11 Jun 95 - 11 Jun 95	Transit: Panama Canal
12 Jun 95 - 12 Jun 95	BSF: Rodman NS, Panama
20 Jun 95 - 23 Jun 95	EMBK: ETG
24 Jun 95 - 23 Jul 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS
24 Jul 95 - 25 Jul 95	TYT: GOMEX OPPE Preps
26 Jul 95 - 30 Jul 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS
31 Jul 95 - 04 Aug 95	TYT: GOMEX OPPE Preps
07 Aug 95 - 10 Aug 95	OPPE: GOMEX
11 Aug 95 - 20 Aug 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS
21 Aug 95 - 24 Aug 95	Visit: Panama City, FL
25 Aug 95 - 28 Aug 95	Visit: New Orleans, LA
29 Aug 95 - 04 Sep 95	Visit: Baton Rouge, LA
08 Sep 95 - 14 Sep 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS
17 Sep 95 - 01 Oct 95	IMAV/TRAV: Mayport, FL
02 Oct 95 - 04 Oct 95	Ammo Offload: Charleston, SC
05 Oct 95 - 09 Oct 95	TYT: GOMEX
10 Oct 95 - 22 Oct 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS
23 Oct 95 - 18 Dec 95	SRA: Mobile, AL
19 Dec 95 - 31 Dec 95	Upkeep: Pascagoula, MS

Narrative

JOHN L. HALL achieved several noteworthy operational and professional milestones during 1995. The officers and crew of JOHN L. HALL diligently and aggressively prepared for a rigorous period of inspections, assessments, and operational commitments that included the final weeks of MEF 3-94 deployment, two Counter-Drug Operation deployments, Command Inspection, Operational Propulsion Plant Examination, and Selected Restricted Availability. The superior manner in which JOHN L. HALL completed these challenges attests to the dedication and effectiveness of JOHN L. HALL's crew.

After completing a post-deployment leave and standdown, JOHN L. HALL resumed its fast-paced operational schedule. In February, JOHN L. HALL visited Galveston, TX for the annual Mardi Gras festivities. JOHN L. HALL made her mark by hosting over 5,000 visitors, attending a reception hosted by the Texas Navy, interaction with a local NROTC unit, and marching in Galveston's Mardi Gras parade.

JOHN L. HALL followed this successful port visit with a Change of Command. On March 17, 1995. CDR Joseph Zacharzuk relieved CDR David J. Fontaine.

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The next order of business for JOHN L. HALL was a port visit to Port Canaveral, FL. During Florida's Seafood Festival, JOHN L. HALL hosted a flight deck reception for 150 guests and once again provided tours for thousands of visitors.

Upon completion of the port visit, JOHN L. HALL completed two Counter-Drug Operations with Joint Interagency Task Force East. In the first deployment, JOHN L. HALL stood out as the most aggressive and active unit in detecting and monitoring Air and Surface Targets of Interest. Upon arriving for her assignment, JOHN L. HALL immediately demonstrated her operational effectiveness when a routine boarding of F/V DON PABLO revealed a large amount of cocaine. This was the first seizure by a United States Navy ship and embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment in Fiscal Year 1995. JOHN L. HALL came close to a second arrest when called upon to intercept a suspect vessel 800 nautical miles away. During a 300 nautical mile flank speed intercept, JOHN L. HALL coordinated the actions of Maritime Patrol Aircraft shadowing the suspect vessel, launched her own LAMPS III aircraft, and maintained maximum speed of 32 knots for over nine hours. The aggressive manner in which JOHN L. HALL undertook this intercept received praise from JIATF EAST. "USS JOHN L. HALL, her crew, HSL DET 4 and embarked COGUARD LEDET 5-F have done a fine job while attached to JIATF EAST/CTG 4.1 while in the CD theater... RADM J.D. Spade sends." (CTG 4.1 171033Z APR 95). While transitting to her assigned INCHOP point for her second assignment to Counter-Drug Operations, JOHN L. HALL encountered another suspicious vessel. JOHN L. HALL queried the vessel, received permission to INCHOP early, boarded, and searched the suspicious vessel. This boarding demonstrated the aggressive posture and "CAN DO" attitude of the entire JOHN L. HALL crew. "En route to JIATF EAST from your homeport, JOHN L. HALL encountered a STOI and IOT take advantage of the opportunity to board inchooped 2 days early. This was indicative of the CAN-DO attitude that you displayed throughout your entire deployment." (CTG 4.1 130733Z JUN 95). Only twenty-four hours prior to OUTCHOP, JOHN L. HALL was once again called upon to provide support for a special mission of locating a suspect vessel. In keeping with her outstanding reputation, JOHN L. HALL remained on station for an additional twenty-four hours after scheduled OUTCHOP, demonstrating dedication and reliability second to none. "Not one to rest on your laurels, JOHN L. HALL, on the eve of your scheduled OUTCHOP, eagerly extended for 24 hrs to assist in an LE OP north of Panama. Dedicated and in the game to the end, all at JIATF EAST/CTG 4.1 appreciate your extra efforts, I wish we had a few more like you." (CTG 4.1 130733Z JUN 95).

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JOHN L. HALL achieved significant results during various inspections and assessments in 1995. In May, JOHN L. HALL scored a 98 during the Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX Command Inspection. This was not only the highest score of the year, but also the highest score ever recorded by a DESRON Six ship. The month of July brought JOHN L. HALL the recognition of having the finest ship's store among Atlantic Fleet small combatants. "Our people assigned to these ships have demonstrated their exceptional committment to quality service. They are excellent examples of the superior standards and pride that characterize our fleet today... Well done! ADM W.J. Flanagan, Jr." (CINCLANTFLT 141000Z JUL 95). "The ship's service operation is critical to crew morale and in this time of emphasizing quality-of-life programs aboard ships, it is gratifying to know that DESRON Six ships lead the field." (COMDESRON SIX 132025Z JUL 95). In August, JOHN L. HALL strengthened her reputation for engineering excellence by scoring her second consecutive grade of "GOOD" during OPPE. "Your outstanding performance has set an example for others. Well done! VADM Katz sends." (COMNAVSURFLANT 191705Z AUG 95). "OPPE is a total ship evolution and your success is indicative of professionalism, teamwork, and a committment to excellence by every man aboard." (COMWESTHEMGRU 141441Z AUG 95). "In addition to the 'GOOD' received in Management Programs and Material, which is quite an achievement in itself, I was particularly pleased with the 'GOOD' received in the area of Operations." (COMDESRON SIX 101900Z AUG 95). Perhaps the highest compliment to JOHN L. HALL's engineers came from the senior Engineering Training Group (ETG) Officer in Charge for two ETG visits when he stated JOHN L. HALL had the best engineering spaces in the Atlantic Fleet.

Following the OPPE, JOHN L. HALL embarked on a "Goodwill Tour" of the Gulf Coast. In late August, JOHN L. HALL visited Panama City, FL, headquarters of the United States First Air Force and Southeast Air Defense Sector. JOHN L. HALL's mission while in Panama City was to improve joint Navy-Air Force operations in the Gulf of Mexico and Florida air approaches. On transit from Pascagoula to Panama City, fifteen Air Force officers and enlisted personnel embarked to observe underway operations and to assist in exercises between JOHN L. HALL and Air Force F-16 fighters from Tyndall Air Force Base. JOHN L. HALL demonstrated joint operational effectiveness through her control of Air Force fighters during mock air intercepts and detect-to-engage sequences. In the final exercise of the transit, JOHN L. HALL successfully detected and tracked an aircraft flying a simulated drug smuggling or terrorist flight profile. All information was linked to the Southeast Air Defense Sector which scrambled two F-16's to intercept. Control of the F-16's was passed to JOHN L. HALL for

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guidance to final intercept. This scenario demonstrated that naval platforms could extend early warning coverage across the Gulf of Mexico and Florida air approaches beyond normal Air Force ranges. Upon arriving in Panama City, JOHN L. HALL exchanged tours and on-site briefings with her Air Force counterparts, and hosted a 200-person flight deck reception for Air Force and community VIPs.

JOHN L. HALL followed the successful visit to Panama City with a trip to Louisiana. Travelling up the Mississippi River, JOHN L. HALL made stops in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. During the brief stay in New Orleans, JOHN L. HALL provided tours for thousands of visitors. Continuing up the Mississippi River to Baton Rouge, JOHN L. HALL hosted members of USS NICHOLAS (DD-449) for the fiftieth anniversary of V-J Day. Crewmembers transformed JOHN L. HALL's flight deck into a "five star" banquet hall. Over 175 former NICHOLAS crewmembers and their families dined courtesy of JOHN L. HALL.

JOHN L. HALL concluded 1995 with a two-month Selected Restricted Availability and post-availability Intermediate Maintenance Availability. Despite challenging working conditions and an inexperienced contractor who required around-the-clock Quality Assurance by the ship, JOHN L. HALL accomplished over 100 ship's force work items and emerged from the availability in a significantly improved material condition.

The remarkable professional achievements of JOHN L. HALL's crew serve to demonstrate the success of 1995. Fifty crewmembers advanced in their respective ratings, including three new Chief Petty Officers. Twenty-two of thirty-five eligible crewmembers reenlisted during 1995. JOHN L. HALL qualified one new Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) with three others close behind, three Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialists (ESWS) with many others nearing the mark, five Engineering Officers of the Watch (EOOW), five Combat Information Center Watch Officers (CICWO), and two Officers of the Deck underway (OOD).


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