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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN L HALL (FFG 32)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer
(2) Photo of Commanding Officer
(3) USS JOHN L HALL 050443Z JUN 99
(4) DIRNAVCRIMINVSERV WASHINGTON DC 042345Z JUN 99
(5) CNNi News Story dated 04 Jun 1999
(6) CNNi News Story dated 06 Jun 1999
(7) AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE 091921Z JUN 99
(8) COMUSSPTGPHAITI 221601Z JUN 99
(9) Williamsburg, VA 300th Anniversary Press Release
(10) USS JOHN L HALL 172126Z DEC 99
(11) CTF EIGHT EIGHT 151600Z DEC 99
(12) COMDESRON FOURTEEN 161625Z DEC 99

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

a. **Command Composition**

USS JOHN L HALL (FFG 32) (UIC 21057) 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 force protection for military and merchant shipping, amphibious task forces and underway replenishment groups.

JOHN L HALL's immediate superior is Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six. The ship is homeported in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

The Commanding Officer of USS JOHN L HALL during 1999 was Commander John C. Piper, United States Naval Reserve. See enclosures (1) and (2).

b. **Chronology**

01 JAN 99 - 09 APR 99	DSRA / INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY:	PASCAGOULA
01 JAN 99 - 05 JAN 99	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
24 JAN 99	DRYDOCK AT INGALLS SHIPYARD:	PASCAGOULA

08 FEB 99 - 12 FEB 99	PRE LIGHT-OFF TRAINING PHASE II (PLOT II):	PASCAGOULA
29 MAR 99 - 02 APR 99	PLOT III:	PASCAGOULA
01 APR 99 - 09 APR 99	GCCS-M 3.1.1/JMCIS 2.2 (SHIP CHECK):	PASCAGOULA
05 APR 99	LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT:	PASCAGOULA
10 APR 99 - 18 APR 99	UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
12 APR 99 - 16 APR 99	AVIATION FACILITIES ASSIST VISIT:	PASCAGOULA
12 APR 99	DOCK TRIALS / FAST CRUISE:	PASCAGOULA
13 APR 99	SEA TRIALS:	GOMEX
14 APR 99	AVIATION READINESS ASSIST VISIT:	PASCAGOULA
19 APR 99 - 21 APR 99	ENROUTE:	MAYPORT
22 APR 99 - 02 MAY 99	PORT VISIT:	MAYPORT
26 APR 99 - 29 APR 99	AVIATION CERTIFICATION / AVIATION READINESS EVALUATION:	MAYPORT
27 APR 99	AMMUNITION ONLOAD:	MAYPORT
03 MAY 99 - 04 MAY 99	ENROUTE:	GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
05 MAY 99 - 06 MAY 00	PORT VISIT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL:	GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
07 MAY 99 - 16 MAY 00	COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS:	CARIBBEAN SEA
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17 MAY 99 - 20 MAY 99	PORT VISIT:	ARUBA
21 MAY 99 - 24 MAY 99	COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS:	CARIBBEAN SEA
25 MAY 99	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL:	COLON, PANAMA
26 MAY 99 - 29 MAY 99	COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS:	CARIBBEAN SEA
30 MAY 99 - 02 JUN 99	INPORT:	CARTEGENA, COLUMBIA
03 JUN 99 - 03 JUN 99	ENROUTE:	HAITI
04 JUN 99 - 05 JUN 99	COMMUNITY RELATIONS PORT VISIT:	PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI
05 JUN 99 - 06 JUN 99	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL:	GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
07 JUN 99 - 08 JUN 99	ENROUTE:	PASCAGOULA
09 JUN 99 - 27 JUN 99	UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
21 JUN 99 - 25 JUN 99	LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT ASSIST VISIT / COMMAND ASSESSMENT OF READINESS AND TRAINING PHASE II:	PASCAGOULA
28 JUN 99 - 02 JUL 99	ENROUTE:	WILLIAMSBURG, VA
03 JUL 99 - 05 JUL 99	PORT VISIT:	WILLIAMSBURG, VA
06 JUL 99	ENROUTE / ARRIVE:	YORKTOWN NAVAL WEAPONS STATION
06 JUL 99 - 07 JUL 99	AMMUNITION ONLOAD:	YORKTOWN NAVAL WEAPONS STATION
08 JUL 99	ENROUTE / ARRIVE:	NORFOLK, VA
08 JUL 99 - 13 JUL 99	INPORT:	NORFOLK, VA
14 JUL 99	ENROUTE RENDEZVOUS WITH JFK BATTLE GROUP:	ATLANTIC OCEAN
19 JUL 99 - 27 JUL 99	JTFEX WITH JFK BATTLE GROUP	ATLANTIC OCEAN
28-JUL 99 - 29 JUL 99	PORT VISIT	MAYPORT
30 JUL 99 - 31 JUL 99	TIGER CRUISE	ATLANTIC OCEAN
01 AUG 00	CHANGED OPERATIONAL CONTROL (OPCON) TO CTG 20.8, COMMANDER, WESTERN HEMISPHERE GROUP	
01 AUG 99 - 22 AUG 99	RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY	MAYPORT
09 AUG 99 - 20 AUG 99	TARGET / CSRR / IMAV:	MAYPORT
17 AUG 99 - 19 AUG 99	EKMS INSPECTION:	MAYPORT
23 AUG 99 - 26 AUG 99	ENROUTE:	PASCAGOULA
27 AUG 99 - 22 SEP 99	UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
01 SEP 99 - 02 SEP 99	CRUISE MISSILE TACTICAL QUALIFICATION	PASCAGOULA
23 SEP 99 - 27 SEP 99	ENROUTE COMPTUEX / FINAL EVALUATION PERIOD:	GOMEX
28 SEP 99 - 07 OCT 99	COMPTUEX W/ DWIGHT D EISENHOWER BATTLE GROUP:	PUERTO RICO OPAREA
08 OCT 99 - 12 OCT 99	PORT VISIT:	ST JOHN, USVI
13 OCT 99 - 19 OCT 99	COMPTUEX W/ DWIGHT D EISENHOWER BATTLE GROUP:	PUERTO RICO OPAREA
20 OCT 99 - 21 OCT 99	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL:	GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
21 OCT 99 - 24 OCT 99	ENROUTE:	PASCAGOULA
25 OCT 99 - 01 NOV 99	UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
02 NOV 99 - 03 NOV 99	ENGINEERING QUALIFICATION:	GULF OF MEXICO
04 NOV 99 - 07 NOV 99	UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
04 NOV 99 - 23 NOV 99	SISCAL GAGE CALIBRATION VISIT:	PASCAGOULA
08 NOV 99 - 12 NOV 99	COMBAT SYSTEM READINESS REVIEW PHASE II / TARGET:	PASCAGOULA
08 NOV 99 - 19 NOV 99	IMAV:	PASCAGOULA
20 NOV 99 - 26 NOV 99	UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
27 NOV 99 - 30 NOV 99	ENROUTE INDEX 00-1 / JTFEX 99-3	JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
01 DEC 99 - 12 DEC 99	INDEX 00-1 / JTFEX 99-3	JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
13 DEC 99 - 15 DEC 99	ENROUTE:	PASCAGOULA
16 DEC 99 - 31 DEC 99	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP:	PASCAGOULA
17 DEC 99	IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND (ISIC) CHANGED TO CTU 20.8.2, COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON SIX	

C. NARRATIVE

JOHN L HALL began the year preparing for a four-month long maintenance availability in the dry dock at Ingall's Shipbuilding, Pascagoula Mississippi. During this time, major repairs were completed on such systems as the MK 92 Fire Control System, main shaft, gas turbine intake ducts, NR 2 generator, and a host of other equipment. Upon completion of the Light Off Assessment and Sea Trials, the ship received its Aviation Certification and departed on a six week Counter-Narcotic Operations patrol in the Caribbean. Upon completion of the patrol, the crew made a one-day stop in Port-au-Prince, Haiti for a community relation's port visit on 04 Jun 1999. During this visit, several crewmembers responded to the scene of a vehicle accident involving U.S. Navy personnel and provided critical support to the accident victims. See enclosures (3) THROUGH (8). JOHN L HALL's next underway period included a port visit to Williamsburg, VA for the Fourth of July weekend and the town's 300th Anniversary Celebration. See enclosure (9). During this period several relatives of Admiral John L Hall, a Williamsburg native and the ships namesake visited the ship. On departing Williamsburg, 18 Boy Scouts joined the crew for the trip down the river to Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. They were treated to a flight deck picnic and command ball caps.

In preparation for its upcoming deployment the ship then sailed south to join the ships of the USS JOHN F KENNEDY Carrier Battle Group for workups. Upon completion of these exercises, JOHN L HALL went to Mayport, FL and embarked over 30 family members for a two-day tiger cruise. The ship then spent three weeks in Mayport while emergent overhauls were completed on NR 1 and NR 4 diesel generators. After returning to homeport on August 27th, the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification was successfully completed on September 2nd.

JOHN L HALL left Pascagoula again on September 23rd enroute her Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) in the Jacksonville and Puerto Rican OPAREAs. While enroute the OPAREA, COMDESRON SIX observed the successful completion of the Final Evaluation Problem and certified JOHN L HALL as ready to begin Advanced Training. Upon completion of COMPTUEX, the ship returned to Pascagoula and completed her Engineering Qualification on November 4th. Remaining inport for the Thanksgiving Holiday JOHN L HALL left the following Saturday to participate in a combined Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) and an Independent Deployer Exercise (INDEX) in the Virginia Capes and Jacksonville OPAREAs, the last major event for the ship in 1999. Upon completion of the exercise, JOHN L HALL returned to homeport, certified ready to deploy. See enclosures (10) through (12).



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