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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, USS JOHN L HALL (FFG 32) 2002 (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

1. (U) Command Composition

a. USS JOHN L HALL is the twenty-sixth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of Guided Missile Frigate. Her mission is to provide in-depth protection for military and merchant shipping, amphibious task forces and underway replenishment groups.

b. JOHN L HALL's immediate senior is Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six. She is homeported in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

c. The Commanding Officer of USS JOHN L HALL for the year of 2002 was Commander Thomas A. Flisk Jr.

2. (U) Chronology

01-16 JAN: Inport Pascagoula, MS

16-18 JAN: U/W Enroute Ingleside, TX

18-30 JAN: Inport Ingleside, TX

30 JAN - 01 FEB: U/W GOMEX

01-02 FEB: U/W GOMEX Enroute Pascagoula, MS

02-26 FEB: Inport Pascagoula, MS

26-28 FEB: U/W GOMEX Enroute Houston, TX

28 FEB - 04 MAR: Port Visit Houston, TX

04-05 MAR - U/W GOMEX

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06 MAR - 02 APR - Inport Pascagoula, MS

02-05 APR: U/W Enroute Savannah, GA

05-07 APR: Port visit Savannah, GA

08 APR-30 JUNE: TSTA

08-9 APR: Enroute Mayport, FL

09-10 APR: Port visit Mayport, FL

09-12 APR: CART II

11-12 APR: Underway JAXOA

12-15 APR: Port visit Mayport, FL

15-18 APR: Underway JAXOA

19-22 APR: Transit Enroute Pascagoula, MS

23 APR - 17 JUN: Upkeep Pascagoula, MS

01-03 MAY: Initial Assessment

06-10 MAY: SMI

06-13 MAY: C5RA PHASE II

06-17 MAY: IMAV SIMA Pascagoula, MS

20-23 MAY: Underway GOMEX Training

05-07 JUN: Underway GOMEX Training

12-21 JUN: Underway Enroute Mayport, FL

24-28 JUN: Underway Seamanship/Navigation LTT

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29 JUN - 07 JUL: Inport Mayport, FL

05 JUL: CMTQ

08-12 JUL: FEP

12-18 JUL: Underway Enroute Pascagoula, MS

19 JUL - 04 AUG: Upkeep Pascagoula, MS

29 JUL - 02 AUG: INSURV

31 JUL: Underway UMI

05-20 AUG: GROUPSAIL 02-3

07-08 AUG: Inport Key West FL

10 AUG: Assisted distressed Haitian cargo vessel "Rose
Patience"

20-30 AUG: Upkeep Pascagoula, MS

21-30 AUG: IMAV SIMA Pascagoula, MS

30 AUG: Conducted CMTQ

03-04 SEP: Underway Demonstration

04 SEP: Navigation Check Ride

05-30 SEP: Pre-overseas movement leave and upkeep

03-04 SEP: Navigation Check Ride

23-28 SEP: Underway Hurricane Isidore Sortie

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01-04OCT: Underway Hurricane Lili Sortie

10 OCT - 31 DEC: CDOPS Deployment

14 OCT: Panama Canal Transit

19 OCT: Successful interdiction of a stateless vessel with
440 lbs. of contraband.

28-29 OCT: Inport Golfito, Costa Rica

03 NOV: Boarding conducted on F/V Carlos David

04 NOV: Boarding conducted on F/V Queen Suzana

05 NOV: Inspected a stateless vessel for contraband.

07-09 NOV: Inport VNB, Panama

18 NOV: Stateless vessel chased to Costa Rica and seized by
Costa Rican authorities. 3209 lbs. of contraband
confiscated.

19-21 NOV: Inport Golfito, Costa Rica

23 NOV: Stateless vessel chased to Panama and was seized by
Panamanian authorities. 3400 lbs. of contraband
seized.

28 NOV: Successful interdiction of a stateless vessel.
Vessel seized with 4150 lbs. of contraband.

03 DEC: Boarding conducted on F/V San Jose

04-07 DEC: Inport Manta, Ecuador

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11 DEC: Rescue of distressed sea turtle

11 DEC: Boarding conducted on F/V Jeans

27-31 DEC: Inport VNB, Panama

3. (U) Basic Narrative

a. 01-14 January the ship conducted holiday stand down.

b. 18-20 January the ship conducted a port visit to Ingleside, TX to use facilities at NS Ingleside for Shipboard Firefighting training and Level I ATFP training.

c. On 01 March ship conducted a high visibility Port Visit to Houston, TX in support of Holocaust Museum Houston.

d. 05-07 April Ship conducted high visibility port visit to Savannah, GA hosting a reception onboard for local dignitaries and special guests.

e. 09-12 April the ship conducted Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II.

f. 06-17 May the USS JOHN L HALL underwent repairs by SIMA Pascagoula during Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

h. 24 June - 12 JUL - The ship completed Basic Phase training Mayport, FL.

i. The Board of Inspection and Survey was conducted. Which included an underway material inspection on 29 July-02 AUG. The weeklong inspection was evaluated as Satisfactory.

j. 05-12 August- Commenced Groupsail 02-3 with HSL-42 DET 2 and Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six embarked. The exercises conducted consisted of practice firing of (3) SM-1 Missiles, 76mm Gun and (3) Mk 46 Exercise Torpedoes.

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k. 10 August- The USS JOHN L HALL responded to a vessel in distress call. The Haitian cargo vessel, "Rose Patience," was found to be taking on some water but sea worthy. The vessel had no propulsion and required towing to Haitian waters by JOHN L HALL and USS ESTOCIN (FFG 15).

l. 21-30 August- JOHN L HALL underwent its final Intermediate Maintenance Availability before beginning Counter Drug Operations in the Eastern Pacific.

m. 23-28 September- The JOHN L HALL sortied from Pascagoula due to Hurricane Isidore with the remaining COMDESRON SIX units.

n. 01-04 October- The ship once again made another unscheduled underway to avoid massive winds from Hurricane Lili.

o. 10 October- The ship began a five-month Counter Drug Operations deployment in the Eastern Pacific.

p. 14 October- The JOHN L HALL completed an eight-hour transit through the historic Panama Canal leaving behind Caribbean waters and entering the Pacific Ocean.

q. 19 October- After being in the Pacific waters for only five days the HALL's helicopter, Venom 512, spotted a stateless vessel containing an undisclosed amount of cocaine. The USS JOHN L HALL and Venom 512 were able to halt the vessel alongside the JOHN L HALL. However, not before the suspects were able to scuttle their boat. The result was a successful apprehension of 5 detainees and 9 bales (440 lbs.) of cocaine taken into custody onboard the USS JOHN L HALL.

r. 28-29 October and 07-09 November the crew of FFG 32 enjoyed a well deserved break in sunny Golfito, Costa Rica and VNB, Panama.

s. 05 November- The ship was back on patrol when they interdicted a 45 ft. high-speed stateless vessel. The 12-hour

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chase resulted in the capture and release of the Go-fast due to lack of contraband. They were suspected of jettisoning the contraband during the exhausting all night chase.

t. 18 November- The JOHN L HALL gave chase to a high-speed stateless vessel just due south of Costa Rica. The Hall forced the Go-Fast into Costa Rican territorial waters where the vessel beached itself and the five crewmembers were subsequently apprehended shortly thereafter. The Hall was able to recover 63 bales of contraband jettisoned during the pursuit.

u. 23 November- The JOHN L HALL and USS CROMMELIN pursued a Go-Fast into Panamanian territorial waters. The Go-Fast finally beached due to warning fire from the Panamanian Law Enforcement Officials. All five members of the Go-Fast were captured and the USS CROMMELIN recovered 79 bales (3400 lbs) of contraband.

v. 28 November- The crew of the JOHN L HALL enjoyed its Thanksgiving and then intercepted it's final high-speed stateless vessel of the year. The four members of the Go-fast abandoned the vessel upon sight of the Hall's Helicopter, Venom 512. The result of the bust was four suspects, 90 bales (4150 lbs.) of cocaine, and one Go-fast. The vessel was later turned over to the Panamanian Government.

w. Dec 11- The end of the year was rounded out by yet another rapid response by the USS JOHN L HALL to a "friend" in need. The crew rescued a large sea turtle. The four-foot sea turtle had become entangled in fishing nets and buoys, which were cut away by the Hall's Search and Rescue swimmers. The turtle was tired but appeared to have suffered no more than a mild shock.

x. The crew of the JOHN L HALL spent the remainder of the Holidays and the year inport VNB, Panama before resuming patrol in the Pacific on Counter Drug Operation.

/s/
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By direction