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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, USS JOHN L HALL (FFG 32) 2003 (U)

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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 home ported out of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

c. The Commanding Officer of USS JOHN L HALL for the year of 2003 was Commander Thomas A. Flisk Jr. and relieved by Commander Eric C. Young on 08 September, 2003.

2. (U) Chronology

01 JAN: Underway from VNB, Panama on patrol in Pacific Ocean

02 JAN: Boarding conducted on F/V Danny Ivan

18 JAN: Boarding conducted on F/V Nadiesta

26 JAN: Boarding conducted on F/V Jeistiven

02 FEB: Arrived Manta, Ecuador

03 FEB: Death of OSSN Mortaya in Manta, Ecuador.

08 FEB: Departed Manta, Ecuador

09 Mar: Inport VNB, Panama  
10 Mar: Transit Panama Canal  
10-13 MAR: Inport Cartagna, Colombia  
18 MAR: Arrive Pascagoula, MS  
19 MAR- 14 APR: Post Deployment Stand-down  
18 APR: Depart Pascagoula, MS  
23 APR: Arrive Yorktown, VA  
24 APR: Depart Yorktown, VA  
24 APR: Descendants from JOHN L. HALL visited  
30 APR: Arrive Pascagoula, MS  
14 MAY: Depart Pascagoula, MS  
15 MAY: Arrive New Orleans, LA  
19 MAY: Depart New Orleans, LA  
21 MAY: Arrive Corpus Christi, TX  
27 MAY: Depart Corpus Christi, TX  
06 JUN-06 SEP: Dry-docked Bender shipyard Mobile, Al  
06 SEP: Departed Bender shipyard Mobile, AL  
08 SEP: Change of Command at sea in vicinity of Key West, FL  
08 SEP: Arrive Key West, FL  
11 SEP: Arrive Mayport, FL  
15 SEP-27 OCT: Depot Service Repair Availability

28 OCT: Depart Mayport, FL  
31 OCT: Arrive Pascagoula, MS  
11 NOV: Began Cart II  
13-14 NOV: Underway for CART II  
14 NOV: FINEX CART II  
30 NOV: Depart Pascagoula, MS  
02 DEC: Arrive Mayport, FL  
03-05 DEC: Engineering Initial Assessment  
05 DEC: Depart Mayport, FL  
07-12 DEC: OPFOR ESGEX  
10 DEC: Brief Stop for Fuel Pensacola, FL  
11 DEC: Depart Pensacola, FL  
12 DEC: Arrive Pascagoula, MS  
19-31 DEC: Holiday Leave

3. (U) Basic Narrative

a. 01 January the JOHN L. HALL celebrated the new year underway on Counter Drug Patrol in the Eastern Pacific.

b. 31 January the ship arrived in Manta, Ecuador to enjoy the sites and unique culture of the area.

c. On or about 03 February OSSN Mortaya was struck by a vehicle while on liberty and died in Manta, Ecuador.

d. 07 February JOHN L. HALL departed Manta, Ecuador.

e. 09 March the ship enjoyed another port visit in the exotic VNB, Panama.

f. 10 March the USS John L Hall completed an eight-hour transit through the historic Panama Canal leaving behind the eastern Pacific Ocean and entering the Caribbean waters.

g. 10-13 March the crew relaxed in the tropical Cartagena, Colombia.

h. 18 March the JOHN L. HALL returned home from a grueling Counter Drug Operation deployment. During the five and half months the ship participated in twelve boardings of suspect vessels and seized over seven metric tons of contraband.

i. 23 April the JOHN L. HALL arrived in Yorktown, Va for weapons off load.

j. 24 April was a high profile visit from the descendants of Admiral JOHN L. HALL.

k. 15-19 May the crew enjoyed a couple of days off in New Orleans, LA.

l. 21-27 May the ship conducted a port visit to Ingleside, TX to use facilities at NS Ingleside for Shipboard Firefighting training.

m. 06 June - 06 September - The JOHN L. HALL was drydocked in Bender shipyard Mobile, Al for a complete overhaul. A few of the major jobs completed was a new sonar dome, new propeller, and the addition of a stern flap to make the ship more hydrodynamic.

n. 08 September while at sea in vicinity of Key West, FL. Commander Thomas A. Flisk Jr. transferred command to Commander Eric C. Young.

o. 15 September - 27 October The ship completed a much needed Depot Service Repair Availability in Mayport, FL.

p. 11 -14 November the ship underwent a Command Assessment Readiness of training level II.

q. 07 - 12 December the JOHN L. HALL participated in Operation Forces Expeditionary Strike Group Exercise.

r. 19-31 December the JOHN L. HALL closed out the year in port Pascagoula, MS conducting holiday stand down leave.

E. C. YOUNG