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From: Commanding Officer, USS ORIOLE (MHC-55)
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Subj: USS ORIOLE (MHC-55) - COMMAND HISTORY 1998

Ref: OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) USS ORIOLE (MHC-55) Organizational Chart
(2) Biography and Photograph of Commanding Officer
(3) Biography and Photograph of Executive Officer
(4) Welcome Aboard pamphlets
(5) Change of Command pamphlets
(6) Quick Schedule Report for FY-98 Q-1 through Q-4

1. Command Mission. Mine hunting/neutralization.
2. Command Organization.

Immediate Superior in Command:
Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two

USS ORIOLE (MHC-55):

LCDR R. S. Hospodar

LCDR D. G. Moretz

LT [REDACTED]

LT [REDACTED]

KPTLT M. Paetsch

LTJG [REDACTED]

Commanding Officer

Executive Officer/Navigator

Engineering Officer

Operations Officer

German Exchange Officer

Supply Officer/1st LT/Weps Officer

On December 4, 1998, ORIOLE had a Change of Command with LCDR M. A. Strano taking command. Also during 1998, the Operations Officer was relieved by LTJG [REDACTED] and the German Exchange Officer by KPTLT F. Hornung who took the responsibilities of First Lieutenant and Weapons Officer. An organizational chart for 1998 is included in enclosure (1). A biography and photograph of the Commanding Officer and the Executive Officer are included in enclosures (2) and (3) along with Welcome Aboard Pamphlets, enclosure (4), and Change of Command Pamphlets, enclosure (5).

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3. Mission Accomplishment.

ORIOLE is the most technologically advanced mine warship ever built. We consistently achieve excellence in all missions through sound doctrine, careful and thorough planning, quality training, personal dedication and professionalism. The mine hunter of choice, she has performed extremely well in several Mine Hunting Exercises throughout the year. Her operational schedule and achievements speak for themselves. ORIOLE does everything with class and is a great ship in which to sail.

4. Major Chronological Events.

January:

30 Successfully completed a Diesel Engine Inspection on NR2 MPDE.

February:

07-08 ORIOLE deployed 14 practice mine shapes for an upcoming Gulf of Mexico Exercise (GOMEX) and to re-seed the Afloat Training Group (ATG) practice fields. This was the first time this had ever been attempted by an MHC. Planning and execution for this evolution was significant, involving detailed weight and moment calculations to determine optimum deck placement and order of offload to coordinate the placement and release of the mine shape at the desired location. This extensive task was flawlessly completed on time despite less than optimum weather conditions, due to the professionalism of the bridge teams, deck crew and damage control personnel.

16-18 During a port visit in Mobile, AL for Mardi Gras, ORIOLE moored unassisted along side USS Samuel Morrison, making the first MHC/FFG nesting. Throughout the stay, the crew hosted tours for over 1,600 visitors.

March:

05 Received the 1997 CNSL Battle Efficiency Award for COMCMRON Two, including the Engineering "E", Communications "E", Logistics "E", and Maritime "E".

09 Commenced a Planned Maintenance Availability in South Texas Ship Repair, Aransas Pass, TX. Some major highlights were installation of a new line shaft coupling and engine modifications, installation of the AN/OE-82 and Mini-DAMA SATCOM systems, refurbishment of the Multi-purpose Crane, anti-shock modifications, and an up-grade to the Ammunitions Handling Hoist.

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April: Continued work during PMA.

May:

08 ORIOLE passed a CMS inspection conducted by COMINEWARCOM. Completed PMA.

12-15 Passed Dock and Sea trials.

15-19 ORIOLE proceeded directly to GOMEX 98-1 after completing her PMA sea trials. This was quite an accomplishment considering the ship had been in an industrial environment at South Texas Ship Repair since 09 March 1998. During the exercise, seven of ten mines were detected plus an additional six mines from a previous exercise. Following emergent repairs to the SQQ-32 classify array, ORIOLE was credited with detection, re-acquisition and neutralization of four mines.

June:

01 Entered Intermediate Maintenance Availability for engine calibration.

04 An ISIC Navigational Certification was completed. Scores achieved: 86 for Rules of the Road, 94 for administration, and a score of 90 for the underway evaluation. Final average score of 90 overall.

12 Completed Intermediate Maintenance Availability.

19- 09 July

During HUNTEX 98, ORIOLE completed advanced mine hunting training in Panama City, FL and served as the Task Group Commander of three SMC units, an assignment never before accomplished by an MHC class ship.

July:

24 Successfully completed CART II and was recommended for an accelerated Engineering Certification (ECERT) by the Propulsion Examination Board (PEB) and to waiver TSTA I inport phase by ATG.

August:

11 Completed the Annual Inspection of NATO Secret Control Point conducted by COMINEWARCOM's Physical Security Specialist.

September:

04-10 LCDR D. G. Moretz acted as Commanding Officer.

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- 15 Successfully completed an accelerated ECERT conducted by PEB.
- 17 ORIOLE received her Engineering and Fire Fighting Certifications during TSTA II ETG, with 25 of 26 drills rated satisfactory. A full power demonstration was conducted with all phases showing satisfactory results.
- 25-30 Performed as the MCM Commander's Command and Control Platform during the ENTERPRISE Battle Group Joint Fleet Exercise. First time an MHC performed this mission.

October:

November:

- 14 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were baptized. The ceremony was held on the ship's forecastle with the traditional use of the ship's bell as the blessed basin.
- 15 Started extended RAV.
- 25 ORIOLE successfully completed the CCC-27-SF Communication Assessment as part of the Communication Exercise Evaluation.

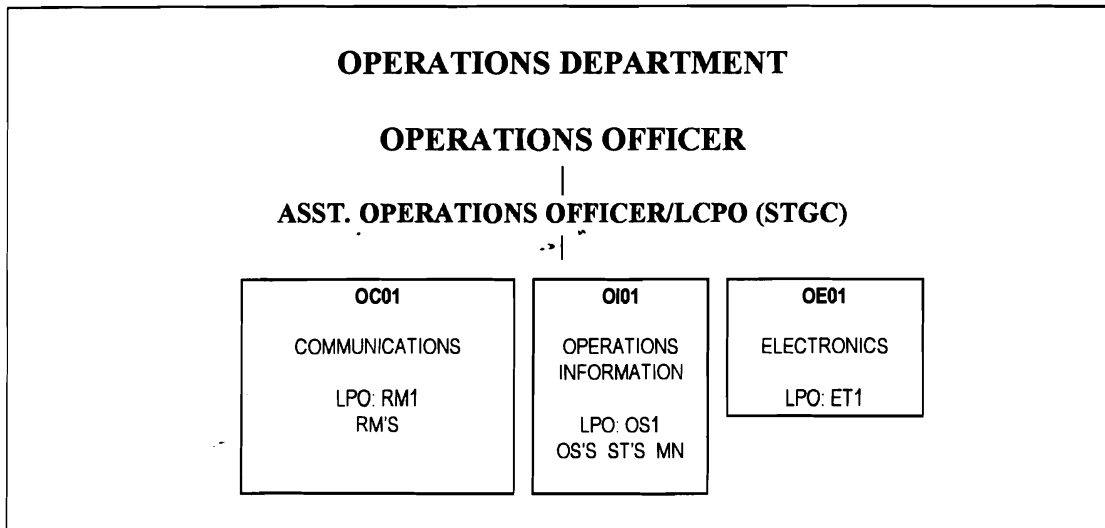
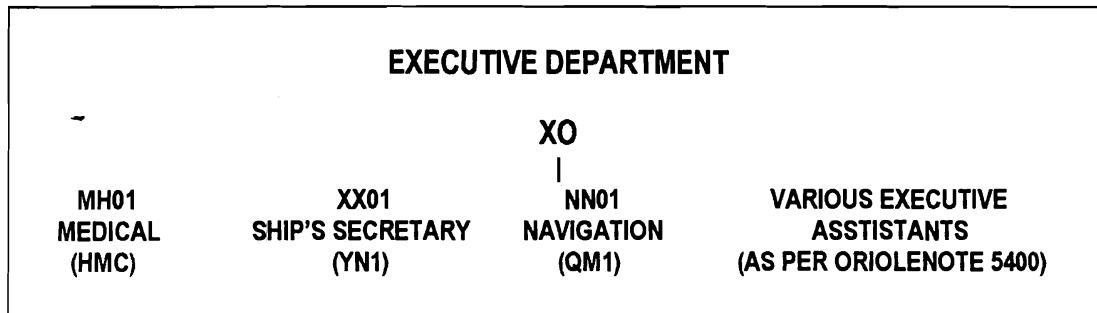
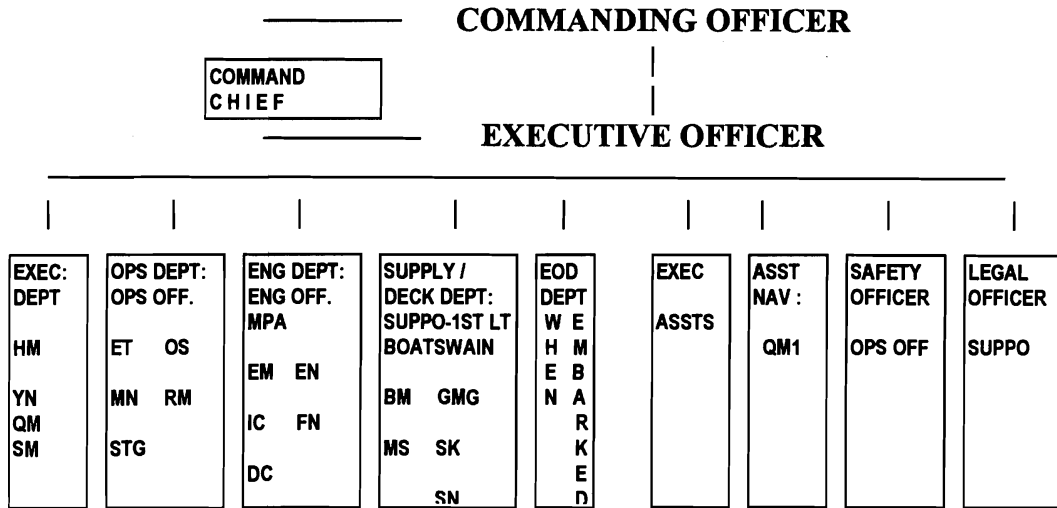
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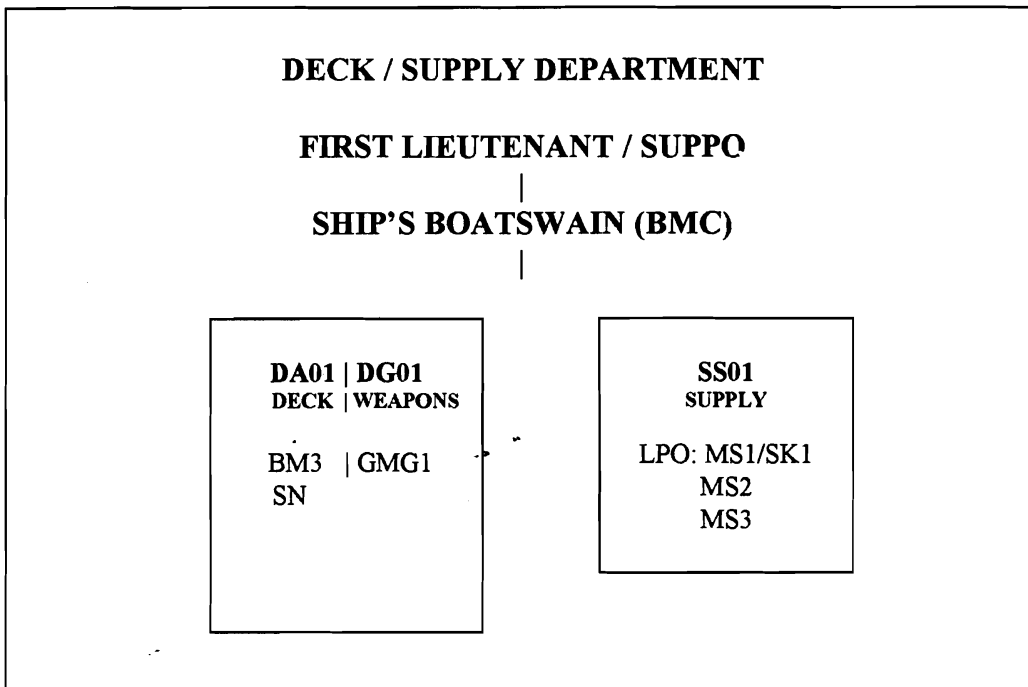
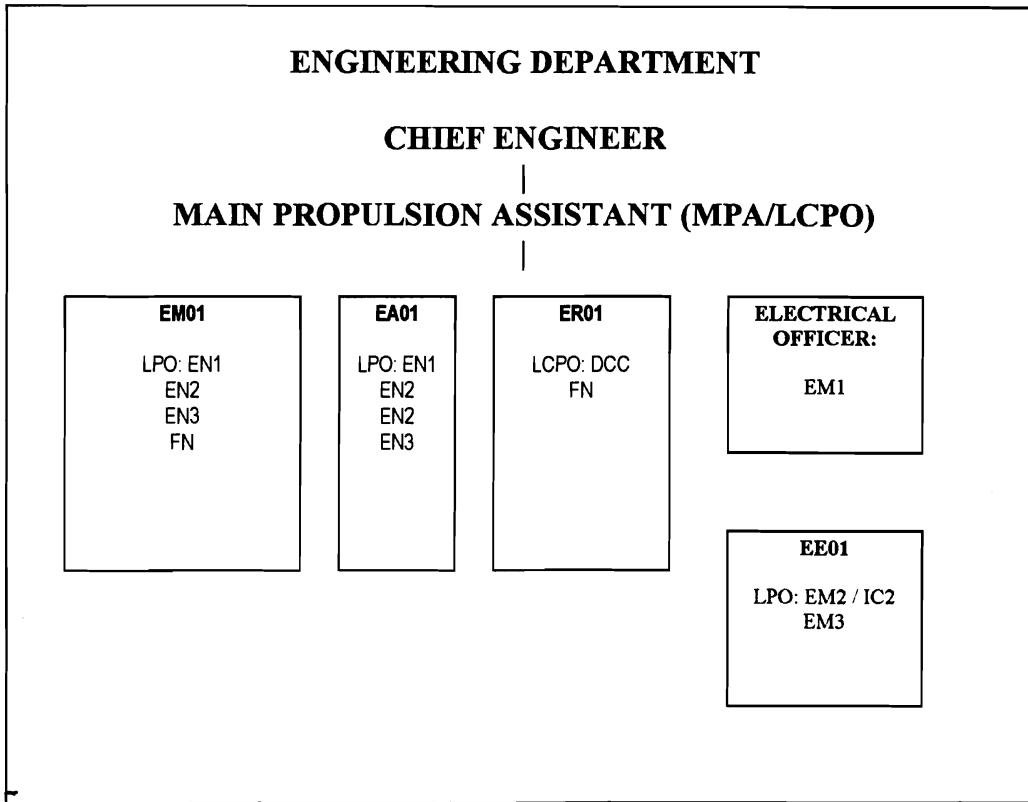
- 04 Change of Command.
- 08 Successfully completed Communications Readiness Certification.

Enclosure (6) was submitted for additional schedule and port visit information.


M. A. STRANO

SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION





3 Apr 96

EXECUTIVE DEPT
LT 1110 / 1140

| EXEC / MED | |
|------------|--------|
| YN1 9588 | 1 |
| HMC 8425 | 1 |
| QM1 9517 | 1 |
| QM3 0170 | 1 |
| SM2 | 1 |
| OFF: 1 | ENL: 5 |

OPERATIONS DEPT
LT 1110 / 1140

| OPS | |
|----------------|---------|
| OS1 0343 | 1 |
| OS2 0343 | 1 |
| OS3 0343 | 1 |
| STGC 1321/0410 | 1 |
| STG1 0410 | 1 |
| STG2 0490 | 1 |
| STG3 0488 | 1 |
| ET1 1447/ 1495 | 1 |
| ET2 1495/ 1460 | 1 |
| ET3 1428/ 1460 | 1 |
| RM1 2321 | 1 |
| RM2 | 1 |
| RM3 2343 | 1 |
| RM3 | 1 |
| OFF: 1 | ENL: 14 |

ENGINEERING DEPT
LT 1110

| ENGINEERING | |
|---------------|---------|
| EM1 4666/4757 | 1 |
| EM2 4666 | 1 |
| EM3 | 1 |
| IC2 4727/4757 | 1 |
| ENC 4206/4335 | 1 |
| EN1 4324 | 1 |
| EN2 4324 | 1 |
| EN2 4291 | 1 |
| EN3 4324 | 1 |
| EN3 4324 | 1 |
| ENFN 4324 | 1 |
| DC1 4811 | 1 |
| FN | 1 |
| OFF: 1 | ENL: 13 |

DECK / SUPPLY DEPT
ENS 1110

| DECK / SUPPLY | |
|---------------|---------|
| BMC 0107 | 1 |
| BM3 | 1 |
| GMG2 0812 | 1 |
| SN | 1 |
| SN | 1 |
| SN | 1 |
| SN | 1 |
| MS1 3529 | 1 |
| MS2 3527 | 1 |
| MS3 3525 | 1 |
| SK1 2815 | 1 |
| OFF: 1 | ENL: 11 |

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| 20 NOV K001 | 01 JAN - 04 JAN | E HOLUPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 07 JAN K006 | 01 JAN - 31 MAR | C ASGN | TG 046.2 | |
| 07 JAN K006 | 05 JAN - 09 JAN | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 05 JAN - 27 FEB | C NOTE | MWTC SCHOOL SHIP | |
| 08 JAN K007 | 10 JAN - 10, JAN | E NRT | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 11 JAN - 13 JAN | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 12 JAN - 13 JAN | C TNGSUP | INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 14 JAN - 14 JAN | E TNGSVCS | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 14 JAN - 14 JAN | C PCOSS | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 14 JAN - 14 JAN | C LARR | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 FEB K013 | 15 JAN - 06 FEB | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 20 JAN - 20 JAN | C TNGSUP | INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 22 JAN - 22 JAN | C TNGSUP | INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 08 JAN K007 | 26 JAN - 30 JAN | C MATINSP | INGLESIDE DEI | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 26 JAN - 26 JAN | C TNGSUP | INGLESIDE MWTC A SCHOOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 08 JAN K007 | 07 FEB - 08 FEB | E NRT | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 25 MAR K019 | 09 FEB - 16 FEB | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 25 MAR K019 | 17 FEB - 17 FEB | E ESAIL | MOBILE AL | |
| 25 MAR K019 | 18 FEB - 19 FEB | E ENR | MOBILE AL | |
| 25 MAR K019 | 20 FEB - 20 FEB | E ENRAT | MOBILE AL | |
| 03 MAR K021 | 21 FEB - 26 FEB | E VST | MOBILE AL | |
| 03 MAR K021 | 27 FEB - 27 FEB | E ESAIL | INGLESIDE | |
| 03 MAR K021 | 28 FEB - 01 MAR | E ENR | INGLESIDE | |
| 12 MAR K024 | 02 MAR - 02 MAR | E ARR | INGLESIDE | |
| 07 JAN K006 | 03 MAR - 08 MAR | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 08 JAN K007 | 07 MAR - 08 MAR | C NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 20 NOV K001 | 09 MAR - 31 MAR | E PMA | INGLESIDE | |
| 08 JAN K007 | 09 MAR - 31 MAR | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE OE82 JMCIS ISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 16 JAN K009 | 23 MAR - 23 MAR | C HULLCLN | INGLESIDE | |

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| 13 FEB K001 | 01 APR - 30 JUN | E HPO | INGLESIDE | |
| 23 APR K015 | 01 APR - 05 MAY | E PMA | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 MAR K004 | 01 APR - 30 JUN | C ASGN | TG 046.2 | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 01 APR - 29 APR | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE FTSCSLANT | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 04 APR - 05 APR | C NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 06 APR - 08 MAY | C IMAV | INGLESIDE SIMA INGLESISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 05 MAR K004 | 13 APR - 17 APR | C TNG | INGLESIDE EA | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 24 APR - 29 APR | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE NAVSEA PMS 3SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 30 MAR K010 | 02 MAY - 03 MAY | C NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 23 APR K015 | 06 MAY - 06 MAY | E STRL | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 13 FEB K001 | 07 MAY - 08 MAY | E PMA | INGLESIDE | |
| 30 MAR K010 | 09 MAY - 10 MAY | E IPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 MAR K004 | 11 MAY - 11 MAY | E EXER | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA GSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 28 MAY K025 | 12 MAY - 13 MAY | E IPT | INGLESIDE GOMEX 98-1 | |
| 05 MAR K004 | 14 MAY - 18 MAY | E EXER | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA GSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 22 OCT K034 | 19 MAY - 03 JUN | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 23 MAY - 18 JUN | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE CSS | |
| 14 APR K013 | 29 MAY - 03 JUN | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE SSQ-109 MSCSSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 30 APR K017 | 01 JUN - 12 JUN | C IMAV | INGLESIDE SIMA INGLESISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 22 OCT K034 | 04 JUN - 04 JUN | E ECAL | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA: SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 30 MAR K010 | 04 JUN - 04 JUN | C HULLCLN | INGLESIDE | |
| 22 OCT K034 | 05 JUN - 18 JUN | E RAV | INGLESIDE TX: ISIC | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 06 JUN - 07 JUN | C NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 10 MAR K005 | 13 JUN - 18 JUN | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE NUWC KEYPORTSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 02 JUN K028 | 15 JUN - 18 JUN | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE MNS AN/SLQ-4SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 02 JUN K028 | 15 JUN - 18 JUN | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE IMPLEMENT SOSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 28 MAY K025 | 19 JUN - 22 JUN | E GRUSL | PANAMA CITY FL | |
| 28 MAY K025 | 23 JUN - 25 JUN | E MCMTNG | PANAMA CITY FL HUNTEX SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 28 MAY K025 | 26 JUN - 28 JUN | E VST | PANAMA CITY FL | |
| 28 MAY K025 | 29 JUN - 30 JUN | E MCMTNG | PANAMA CITY FL HUNTEX SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |

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| 13 JUL K009 | 01 JUL - 01 JUL | E MCMTNG | PANAMA CITY FL OA:HUNTSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 11 JUN K001 | 01 JUL - 30 SEP | C ASGN | TG 046.2 | |
| 27 JUL K013 | 02 JUL - 02 JUL | E ENR | ST PETERSBURG FL | |
| 07 SEP K025 | 03 JUL - 05 JUL | E VST | ST PETERSBURG FL | |
| 11 JUN K001 | 03 JUL - 03 JUL | C ARR | PENSACOLA FL DC | |
| 11 JUN K001 | 06 JUL - 09 JUL | E ENR | INGLESIDE | |
| 11 JUN K001 | 10 JUL - 12 JUL | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 13 JUL K009 | 13 JUL - 19 JUL | E RAV | INGLESIDE TX: ISIC | |
| 11 JUN K001 | 20 JUL - 22 JUL | E CART2 | INGLESIDE | |
| 30 AUG K023 | 23 JUL - 24 JUL | E TSTA1 | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA ISCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 30 AUG K023 | 25 JUL - 21 AUG | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 13 AUG K021 | 05 AUG - 06 AUG | C HULLCLN | INGLESIDE | |
| 07 SEP K025 | 22 AUG - 23 AUG | E NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 13 AUG K021 | 24 AUG - 24 AUG | E IPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 13 AUG K021 | 25 AUG - 28 AUG | E MCMTNG | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 11 JUN K001 | 29 AUG - 13 SEP | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 13 AUG K021 | 31 AUG - 04 SEP | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE JMCIS UPGRADSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 27 JUL K013 | 12 SEP - 13 SEP | C NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 17 SEP K031 | 14 SEP - 16 SEP | E TSTA2IPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 17 SEP K031 | 17 SEP - 17 SEP | E TSTA2 | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA: ^{ECERT} SCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 09 SEP K028 | 18 SEP - 18 SEP | E TSTA2IPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 09 SEP K028 | 19 SEP - 20 SEP | E IPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 13 JUL K009 | 21 SEP - 30 SEP | E RAV | INGLESIDE TX: ISIC | |

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| 16 OCT K008 | 01 OCT - 31 DEC | C ASGN | TG 046.2 | |
| 27 AUG K001 | 01 OCT - 24 OCT | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE JCMIS INSTALSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 02 OCT - 02 OCT | C ADINSP | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 05 OCT - 28 OCT | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 06 OCT - 16 OCT | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 15 OCT - 17 OCT | C TECHAV | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 16 OCT - 16 OCT | C FASTCRU | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 17 OCT - 17 OCT | C OHSAT | INGLESIDE | |
| 16 DEC K023 | 18 OCT - 18 OCT | C VSTSP | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 23 OCT - 24 OCT | C TNG | INGLESIDE AIS ASSIST | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 28 OCT - 28 OCT | C TNG | INGLESIDE EA VST | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 29 OCT - 29 OCT | E MCMTNG | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA ESCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 30 OCT - 31 OCT | E IPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 01 NOV - 02 NOV | E NRT | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA | |
| 02 OCT K005 | 03 NOV - 12 NOV | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 03 NOV - 07 NOV | C LMA | INGLESIDE - ? | |
| 02 OCT K005 | 06 NOV - 06 NOV | C HULLCLN | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 11 NOV - 14 NOV | C MATINSP | INGLESIDE DEI | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 13 NOV - 14 NOV | E MCMTNG | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA MSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 13 NOV - 13 NOV | C OFLD | INGLESIDE AMMO | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 14 NOV - 14 NOV | C LARR | INGLESIDE | |
| 02 OCT K005 | 15 NOV - 17 NOV | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 18 NOV - 19 NOV | E OPEVAL | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA MSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 20 NOV - 23 NOV | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 03 DEC K019 | 24 NOV - 24 NOV | E TNGSVCS | CORPUS CHRISTI TX OA JSCHEDULE PROMULGATED ELSEWHERE | |
| 03 DEC K019 | 25 NOV - 03 DEC | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 27 AUG K001 | 03 DEC - 03 DEC | C SESI | INGLESIDE | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 04 DEC - 04 DEC | E ENRVST | BROWNSVILLE TX | |
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| 05 NOV K015 | 06 DEC - 07 DEC | E VST | BROWNSVILLE TX | |
| 05 NOV K015 | 06 DEC - 07 DEC | C NRTIPT | INGLESIDE | |
| 16 DEC K023 | 08 DEC - 08 DEC | E ENRAT | INGLESIDE | |
| 16 DEC K023 | 09 DEC - 18 DEC | E UPK | INGLESIDE | |
| 02 OCT K005 | 19 DEC - 31 DEC | E HOLUPK | INGLESIDE | |