



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS OSPREY (MHC 51)  
FPO AA 34092-1950

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From: Commanding Officer, USS OSPREY (MHC 51)  
To: Chief of Naval Operations, Director of Naval History  
(OP-09B11) Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Commissioning Day Script  
(2) Commissioning Book  
(3) Commissioning Invitation  
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet  
(5) Ship's Crest  
(6) 8 X 10 Photo of Osprey on Savannah River  
(7) NAVSEA Handout on USS OSPREY  
(8) Commanding Officer's picture  
(9) Crew Certification Message  
(10) Light-Off Examination Message

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following package of enclosures (1) through (10) is submitted.

2. Mission. The mission of the Osprey Class Mine Hunters is to complement the MCM1 Avenger Class Ships in littoral waters, harbors, and bays. The Osprey will detect, classify, and neutralize all known and projected types of influence and contact mines. It will provide navigational assistance to other MCM units in conjunction with coordinated operations with airborne and other mine countermeasures forces. Secondary missions include route surveys, channel conditioning, underwater search and rescue, and the collection of hydrographic/oceanographic data.

3. Organizational Structure.

- a. Immediate Senior: Commander Mine Countermeasures Group  
Ingleside
- b. Commanding Officer: LCDR David W. Faasse, USN
- c. Homeport: Charleston, SC

4. Ship's Characteristics:

- a. Combat System Equipment:
  - AN/SPS 64 SURFACE SEARCH RADAR WITH IFF
  - AN/SPA 25G DIGITAL RADAR DISPLAY
  - AN/WSN2 GYROCOMPASS

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AN/WQC2 UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS  
AN/UNQ4 FATHOMETER

- b. Navigation:  
AN/SYQ-13 NAVIGATION COMMAND CONTROL SYSTEM  
SSQ-109 SHIP'S MACHINERY CONTROL SYSTEM
- c. Mine hunting/neutralization:  
SQQ-32 VARIABLE DEPTH SONAR  
SLQ-48 MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEM  
.50 CAL MACHINE GUNS (2)
- d. Propulsion:  
MAIN ENGINES (2) ISOTTA-FRANCHINI DIESEL (800 HP)  
CYCLOIDAL PROPELLERS (2)
- e. Auxilliaries:  
ISOTTA-FRANCHINI DIESEL GENERATORS (3) (300 KW)

5. Command History:

JAN 01 - AUG 23	PRECOMMISSIONING UNIT AT SAVANNAH, GA
AUG 23	OSPREY DELIVERED AND PLACED IN
	COMMISSION.
AUG 24 - NOV 20	POST DELIVERY AVAILABILITY
SEP 01 - SEP 03	ENGINEERING OPERATION SEQUENCE SUB
	SYSTEM
SEP 07 - SEP 10	ENGINEERING ASSIST VISIT
SEP 20 - SEP 24	ENGINEERING TRAINING GROUP INDUSTRIAL
	VISIT
OCT 05	CMS ASSIST VISIT
OCT 05 - OCT 07	MEDICAL READINESS ASSIST VISIT
OCT 22 - OCT 28	SQQ 109 SOFTWARE INSTALLATION
OCT 25 - OCT 29	ENGINEERING TRAINING GROUP PRE-LOE
	ASSIST VISIT
NOV 08 - NOV 10	LIGHT-OFF EXAMINATION
NOV 15 - NOV 16	CREW CERTIFICATION II
NOV 18	TRANSIT FROM IMUSA SHIPYARD TO HYATT/
	REGENCY SAVANNAH HISTORIC WATERFRONT
NOV 20	COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR USS OSPREY
NOV 22 - NOV 23	ENROUTE TO CHARLESTON, SC
NOV 23	ARRIVED OSPREY'S HOMEPORT OF CHARLESTON,
	SOUTH CAROLINA
NOV 24 - NOV 28	THANKSGIVING STANDDOWN
DEC 07 - DEC 13	TYPE TRAINING CHARLESTON OPAREA
DEC 14 - DEC 17	SQY-13 TESTING CHARLESTON OPAREA
DEC 18 - DEC 31	CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN

  
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