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From: Commanding Officer, USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH), Naval Historical
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F, Command Histories

1. In accordance with reference (a), USS OSPREY (MHC 51) Command History for 1999 is submitted.
2. Mission. USS OSPREY must be prepared to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of national policy. OSPREY'S primary mission is to locate, classify, and destroy moored and bottom mines in the littorals. Secondary missions include route surveys, underwater search and rescue, and the collection of hydrographic and oceanographic data. Advanced combat and engineering systems make OSPREY particularly well suited for her mission.
3. Organizational Structure.
 - a. Immediate Superior in Command:
Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron ONE
120 Coral Sea Road, Suite W200
Ingleside, TX 78362-5000
 - b. Commanding Officer: LCDR Paul J. Severs, USN
Executive Officer: LT Joseph Polanin, USN
Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED] USN
Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED] USN
First LT: LTJG [REDACTED] USNR
Supply Officer: LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
 - c. Homeport: Ingleside, TX

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4. Ships Characteristics.

a. Combat System Equipment

AN/SPS-64 Surface Search Radar with IFF
AN/SPA-25G Digital Radar Display
AN/WSN-2 Gyrocompass
AN/WQC-2 Underwater Communications
AN/UQN-4 Fathometer
AN/SQQ-32 Variable Depth Sonar
AN/SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization System
.50 Cal Machine Guns (2)

b. Navigation:

AN/SYQ-13 Navigation Command Control System
AN/SSQ-109 Ship's Machinery Control System

c. Propulsion:

Isotta-Fraschini Main Propulsion Diesel Engines (2)
(800 HP)
Cycloidal Propellers (2)

d. Auxiliaries

Isotta Fraschini Diesel Generators (3) (300KW)
York AC Plants (4)
Firepumps (3)
Auxiliary Sea Water Cooling Pumps (3)
Medium Pressure Air Compressors (3)

5. Command History: (CY 99 Chronology)

01 Jan - 04 Jan	Holiday Leave and Upkeep (HOLUPK) Ingleside, TX
05 Jan - 11 Jan	Upkeep (UPK) Ingleside, TX
12 Jan - 14 Jan	Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Underway Material Inspection (UMI) Preps: Corpus Christi Operating Area (CCOA)
15 Jan - 26 Jan	UPK: Ingleside, TX
27 Jan - 28 Jan	UMI Preps: CCOA
29 Jan - 02 Feb	UPK Ingleside, TX

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01 Feb - 09 Feb	INSURV UMI Preps, Ingleside, TX
10 Feb - 11 Feb	INSURV UMI Preps: CCOA
12 Feb - 21 Feb	INSURV UMI Preps
22 Feb - 27 Feb	INSURV UMI: Ingleside, TX: CCOA
27 Feb - 07 Mar	UPK: Ingleside, TX
08 Mar - 04 May	Planned Maintenance Availibility (PMA) at Gulf Copper Shipyard, Aransas Pass, TX
05 May	Sea Trials
06 May - 20 Jun	UPK: Ingleside, TX
11 Jun	Change of Command
21 Jun - 09 Jul	Systems Calibration (SYSCAL)
12 Jul - 16 Jul	Command Assesment Readiness Training (CART) II Phase I
12 Jul - 25 Jul	Drydocking: Restricted Availability: Aransas Pass, TX
26 Jul - 01 Aug	UPK: Ingleside, TX
02 Aug - 06 Aug	LTT: CCOA
07 Aug - 08 Aug	UPK: Ingleside, TX
09 Aug - 10 Aug	Surface Rescue Team Trainer (SRTT): Ingleside, TX
11 Aug - 13 Aug	CO'S Time: CCOA
14 Aug - 15 Aug	UPK: Ingleside, TX
16 Aug - 17 Aug	CO'S Time: CCOA
18 Aug - 21 Aug	UPK: Ingleside, TX
22 Aug - 23 Aug	Hurricane Bret Evacuation
24 Aug - 29 Aug	UPK: Ingleside, TX
30 Aug - 03 Sep	CART 2 Phase II and ISIC Engineering Assessment: CCOA
04 Sep - 06 Sep	UPK: Ingleside, TX
07 Sep - 10 Sep	Tailored Ship Training Availibility (TSTA) 2: CCOA
11 Sep - 12 Sep	UPK: Ingleside, TX
13 Sep - 17 Sep	TSTA II: CCOA
18 Sep - 19 Sep	UPK: Ingleside, TX
20 Sep - 23 Sep	TSTA II: CCOA
24 Sep - 04 Oct	UPK: Ingleside, TX
05 Oct - 06 Oct	Enroute (ENR) Beaumont, TX
07 Oct - 18 Oct	Visit (VST): Beaumont, TX for U.S. Navy Days
13 Oct	Navy Birthday Celebration
19 Oct - 20 Oct	ENR Ingleside, TX
21 Oct	TSTA III: CCOA
22 Oct - 09 Nov	UPK: Ingleside, TX
10 Nov	Engineering Underway Demo: CCOA

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11 Nov	UPK: Ingleside, TX
12 Nov	Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) Rehearsal: CCOA
13 Nov - 14 Nov	UPK: Ingleside, TX
15 Nov	FEP and Navigation Evaluation: CCOA
16 Nov - 28 Dec	UPK: Ingleside, TX
29 Nov - 10 Dec	Diesel Engine Inspection
10 Dec - 16 Dec	UPK: Ingleside, TX
17 Dec - 31 Dec	HOLUPK: Ingleside, TX

6. Narrative. Throughout 1999, Team OSPREY set the waterfront standard as a top performer in all missions areas and continues a proud tradition as the lead ship of the MHC 51 Class. Superb performance throughout the Inter Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC), administrative inspections, and the first ever MHC INSURV UMI has been the hallmark of USS OSPREY during this challenging and rewarding year. Other noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Team OSPREY trained and retained the finest Sailors, sharing these resources with other ships. In 1999, 474 days of manning assistance were provided in various rates/billets to other forces of the Mine Warfare Command.
- OSPREY earned a score of 98.3 percent on the Navigation Evaluation conducted by COMCMRON ONE - the highest score ever in the squadron.
- Successfully combated two class bravo fires at sea with no collateral damage. The safe, professional performance exhibited by Team OSPREY was a direct reflection of a continuous and dynamic Damage Control Training program.
- OSPREY validated all 1999 Logistic Management Assessment requirements and earned a nomination for the prestigious NEY Memorial Awards Competition. Superior performance during this competition resulted in OSPREY earning an Honorable Mention in the Small Ship Afloat category in March 1999.

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- OSPREY was nominated for and received all Mission Area Excellence Awards for 1999. These awards are Maritime Warfare Excellence Award, Engineering Survivability Excellence Award, Command and Control Excellence Award, and the Logistics Management Excellence Award.

7. OSPREY looks forward to the new challenges in the year 2000 to include multi-ship exercises, Gulf Coast port visits, and deployment with the forces of Mine Warfare Readiness Group TWO. Team OSPREY, the lead ship of her class, remains ready to provide "Safe Passage For All."


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