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USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
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Subj: 2001 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS OSPREY (MHC 51)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F, Command Histories

1. Per reference (a), USS OSPREY (MHC 51) Command History for 2001 is submitted.

2. Mission. USS OSPREY is 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
1455 Ticonderoga Rd, Suite W200
Ingleside, TX 78362-500
- b. Commanding Officer: LCDR R. P. Benjamin Jr., USNR
Executive Officer: LCDR John W. Morton, USNR
Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED], USNR
Chief Engineer: LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
First LT: LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
Supply Officer: LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
- c. Homeport: Ingleside, TX

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4. Ships Characteristics.

a. Combat Systems Equipment:

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

b. Navigation:

AN/SYQ-13 Navigation Command and 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)
Fire Pumps (3)
Auxiliary Sea Water Cooling Pumps (3)
Medium Pressure Air Compressors (2)

5. Command History (CY 01 Chronology):

01 Jan - 09 Jan	Holiday Leave and Upkeep (HOLUPK) Ingleside, TX
10 Jan - 19 Feb	Upkeep (UPK) Ingleside, TX
11 Jan	Change of Command
25 Jan	Shipboard Electromagnetic Compatibility Improvement Program (SEMCIP) Survey
20 Feb	Ammunition Offload
20 Feb - 02 Mar	Fleet Maintenance Availability (FMAV 121)

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20 Feb - 16 Mar	Ship's Instrumentation Systems Calibration (SISCAL)
22 Feb	African American History Month Celebration
03 Mar - 18 Mar	UPK Ingleside, TX
06 Mar - 09 Mar	SBTT
19 Mar - 21 Jun	Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) South Texas Ship Repair, Aransas Pass, TX
19 Mar - 03 Jul	Integrated Logistics Overhaul (ILO)
26 Mar - 30 Mar	DC/FF Engineering Limited Team Training (LTT)
30 Mar	Woman's History Month Celebration
09 Apr - 13 Apr	Pre Light-Off Training (PLOT I)
16 Apr - 20 Apr	Ship Self-Vulnerability Assessment (SSVA)
23 Apr - 27 Apr	PLOT II
07 May - 11 May	Systems And Equipment Material Assessment Team (SEMAT I)
14 May - 18 May	PLOT III
31 May	Asian Pacific Islander History Month Celebration
14 May - 15 May	Light-Off Assessment (LOA)
21 May - 25 May	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART II), Phase I
22 Jun - 03 Jul	PMA Ingleside, TX
04 Jul - 08 Jul	UPK Ingleside, TX
09 Jul - 20 Jul	FMAV 122 Ingleside, TX
16 Jul - 20 Jul	3M Assessment
21 Jul - 24 Jul	IPT Ingleside, TX
25 Jul	Sea Trials, Corpus Christi Operating Area (CCOA)
26 Jul - 03 Sep	UPK Ingleside, TX
02 Aug	Ammunition Onload
04 Sep - 07 Sep	Engineering LTT CART II, Phase II
08 Sep - 02 Dec	UPK
17 Sep - 21 Sep	Engineering LTT, EMI Survey
25 Sep - 26 Sep	Industrial Hygiene Survey
11 Oct	Hispanic American Heritage Month Celebration
26 Oct	RADNAV Team Certification
07 Nov	Surface Rescue Team Trainer, SAR Certification

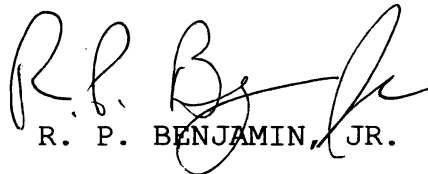
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09 Nov	Native American Heritage Month Celebration
20 Nov	Osprey Birthday Celebration
29 Nov - 07 Dec	Command and Control Platform Mine Warfare Readiness And Effectiveness Measurement (MIREM 19)
03 Dec - 14 Dec	Technical Availability 264 Ingleside, TX
15 Dec - 31 Dec	HOLUPK Ingleside, TX

6. Narrative. Throughout 2001, Team OSPREY set the waterfront standard as a top performer in all mission areas and continues a proud tradition as the lead ship of the MHC 51 Class. OSPREY acquired improved combat systems and associated support equipment during a three month Phased Maintenance Availability, successfully completed a Light-Off Assessment, and a Command Assessment of Readiness and Training. Other noteworthy accomplishments include:

- a. Ship's Force overhauled Number Two Main Propulsion Diesel Engine with no outside repair activity assistance.
- b. Completion of CART II with no underway time. Evaluated by ATG Ingleside as the best in over two years.
- c. Completion of LOA with no major discrepancies.
- d. During LOA no discrepancies were noted for Damage Control Material.

7. OSPREY looks forward to the new challenges in the year 2002 to include underway demonstration, FEP, RONEX 02-2, GOMEX 02-2, culminating in a deployment. Team OSPREY, the lead ship of her class, remains ready to provide "Safe Passage For All."


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