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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F, Command Histories

1. Per reference (a), USS OSPREY (MHC 51) Command History for 2002 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 78362-5000
- b. Commanding Officer: LCDR D. A. Starling, USNR
Executive Officer: LCDR R. Villarreal Jr., USN
Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED], USN
Operations Officer: LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
Supply Officer: ENS [REDACTED], USNR
First Lieutenant: ENS [REDACTED], USNR

c. Homeport: Ingleside, TX

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)
M-60 Machine Guns (2)
Multi-Purpose Crane

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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 02 Chronology)

01 Jan - 09 Jan	Holiday Leave and Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
10 Jan - 26 Feb	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
17 Jan - 23 Jan	Drydock for VSP Repairs, Aransas Pass, TX
27 Feb	Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) Initial Assessment (IA)
28 Feb - 05 Mar	Upkeep Ingleside, TX
06 Mar - 07 Mar	Underway Corpus Christi Operations Area (CCOA), Limited Team Trainer (LTT)
08 Mar - 18 Mar	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
13 Mar - 15 Mar	Supply Management Assist (SMA)
19 Mar - 21 Mar	Underway CCOA, Limited Team Trainer (LTT)
22 Mar - 31 Mar	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
01 Apr - 03 Apr	Tailored Ship's Training Availability III (TSTA III)
04 Apr - 21 Apr	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
22 Apr - 25 Apr	Electromagnetic Range (EMR) Facility, Ingleside, TX
25 Apr	Navigation Check Ride
26 Apr - 30 Apr	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
30 Apr	Ammunition On-load
01 May - 04 May	Enroute to Pascagoula, MS
05 May - 06 May	Inport Pascagoula, MS
07 May - 10 May	F-15 Search Operations/Squadron Exercise (RONEX) 02-2
11 May - 13 May	Inport Panama City, FL
14 May - 15 May	Enroute to Ingleside, TX
16 May - 18 Jul	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
28 May - 14 Jun	CNSL Paint Team
17 Jun - 28 Jun	Systems and Equipment Material Assessment Team II and Combat Systems Command, Control, Communications and Computer Readiness Assessment (SEMAT II/C5RA)
24 Jun - 20 Jul	Atlantic Training for Midshipmen (LANTRAMID) Phase II
01 Jul - 12 Jul	Maintenance Availability, Ingleside, TX
08 Jul - 12 Jul	Supply Management Inspection (SMI)
19 Jul - 26 Jul	Gulf of Mexico Exercise (GOMEX) 02-2, CCOA

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27 Jul - 10 Sep	Upkeep, Ingleside, TX
27 Jul - 08 Aug	Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Leave Period I
09 Aug	POM Leave Period Turnover Day
10 Aug - 23 Aug	POM Leave Period II
06 Sep	Change of Command, LCDR Robert P. Benjamin, Jr. is relieved by LCDR Dan A. Starling
10 Sep	Ammunition On-load for Upcoming Deployment
11 Sep	Underway Dependent's Day Cruise
12 Sep - 16 Sep	Upkeep Ingleside, TX
17 Sep - 18 Sep	Enroute to Beaumont, TX ISO
19 Sep - 26 Sep	Inport Beaumont, TX. OSPREY's crew participated in several COMREL projects to include helping out at a boys ranch and a children's hospital
27 Sep - 28 Sep	Enroute to Ingleside, TX for hurricane avoidance.
29 Sep - 03 Oct	Inport Ingleside, TX
04 Oct - 08 Oct	Enroute to Key West, FL
09 Oct - 11 Oct	Inport Key West, FL
12 Oct - 13 Oct	Enroute to Mayport, FL
14 Oct - 21 Oct	Inport Mayport, FL
22 Oct - 23 Oct	Underway Mayport Oparea
24 Oct - 29 Oct	Inport Mayport, FL
30 Oct - 03 Nov	Inport Jacksonville, FL ISO Naval Air Show at NAS Jacksonville
04 Nov - 07 Nov	Inport Mayport, FL
08 Nov - 09 Nov	Enroute to Little Creek, VA
10 Nov - 24 Nov	Inport Little Creek, VA
18 Nov - 19 Nov	Underway Chesapeake Bay for Magnetic/Acoustic Range Tests
25 Nov - 26 Nov	Enroute to New York, NY
27 Nov - 03 Dec	Inport New York, NY
04 Dec - 06 Dec	Enroute to Mayport, FL
07 Dec - 08 Dec	Inport Mayport, FL
09 Dec - 10 Dec	Enroute to Key West, FL
11 Dec - 15 Dec	Inport Key West, FL
16 Dec - 19 Dec	Enroute to Ingleside, TX
20 Dec	Inport Ingleside, TX OSPREY's long-awaited homecoming from her three-month long deployment
20 Dec - 28 Dec	Leave Period I
29 Dec	Leave Period Turnover Day
30 Dec - 31 Dec	Leave Period II

6. Narrative. OSPREY has continued to take the lead on the waterfront in Mine Warfare and professionalism. After sustaining significant damage when another ship collided with her pierside in 2001, OSPREY went on to earn the Battle Efficiency Award for 2001 with only 8 hours of underway time. OSPREY completed her ISIC Initial Assessment with the lowest number of discrepancies ever, and earned waivers of both her Underway Demonstration and her Final Evaluation Problem. Other noteworthy accomplishments include:

a. Completed a Supply Management Inspection with no major discrepancies. OSPREY earned an overall score of 94, the highest on the waterfront. The outcome of the SMI contributed greatly towards the OSPREY being awarded the Blue "E" for Supply Logistics Management Excellence.

b. Completed a Navigation Check Ride with the best score Afloat Training Group had ever given.

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c. Successfully located an Air Force aircraft that had gone down in the Gulf of Mexico. The location of the aircraft was vague and pinpointing the exact location was estimated to take weeks. OSPREY located the aircraft fuselage in days, saving the United States Air Force time and money.

7. OSPREY looks forward to the chance for further improvement in the 2003, including a VSP change-out, new weapons configurations, our LOA and the chance to excel in a new training cycle. As the lead ship of her class, the OSPREY and her crew remain steadfast in providing the fleet with the best mine warfare platform in the world.



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