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## **COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**COMMAND TITLE:**

USS RAVEN (MHC 61)

**UIC:**

22179

**RAVEN'S MISSION:**

To clear harbor, coastal, and ocean waters of all types of mines using reconnaissance, classification, and neutralization tactics.

**ISIC:**

COMCMRON THREE

COMCMDIV31

**COMMANDING OFFICER:**

Commander Anthony W. Swain, United States Navy

**PERMANENT DUTY STATION:**

NSA Bahrain

## USS RAVEN (MHC-61) COMMAND HISTORY KEY

### CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS FOR 2000

01 - 10 Jan      Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period

21 Jan            Depart, Ingleside, TX, enroute Corpus Christi OPAREA  
Limited Training Team, Engineering Training Group (Afloat Training  
Group—ATG) onboard for Engineering Assist.  
Arrive, Ingleside, TX

24 – 28 Jan      ISIC (with Surflant ATG) Command Assessment of Readiness for  
Training (CART) Phase II, Inport Ingleside, TX

27 Jan            Fast Cruise, CART II, Inport Ingleside, TX.

31 Jan – 11 Feb   Fleet Maintenance Availability, Inport Ingleside, TX

02 Feb            Search and Rescue Qualification, Inport Ingleside, TX

14 – 18 Feb      ATG Engineering Assist

16 Feb            Depart, Ingleside, TX, enroute Corpus Christi OPAREA for  
Engineering Training  
Arrive, Ingleside, TX

17 Feb            Depart, Ingleside, TX, enroute Corpus Christi OPAREA for  
Engineering Training  
Arrive, Ingleside, TX

25 Feb            Ship Visit, RADM Totushek, Commander Naval Reserve Forces, and  
RADM Betancourt, Commander, Mine Counter Measures, Inport  
Ingleside, TX

01 Mar            Depart, Ingleside, TX enroute Corpus Christi OPAREA for Full Power  
run and Engineering Training  
Arrive, Ingleside, TX

06-09 Mar        Limited Training Team, Engineering Training Group (ATG) for  
Engineering Assist, Inport Ingleside, TX

16 Mar            Engineering Qualification, Corpus Christi Operating Area

20 Mar            Depart, Ingleside, TX, enroute Panama City, FL

20-24 Mar	Enroute, Panama City, FL
24 Mar	Arrive, Panama City, FL
24-27 Mar	Port Visit, Panama City, FL
27 Mar	Depart, Panama City, FL, enroute Gulf of Mexico Oparea for MP3 Neutralization Operations
27 Mar	Arrive, Gulf of Mexico Oparea
27-30 Mar	MP3 Neutralization Operations, Gulf of Mexico Oparea
30 Mar	Depart, Gulf of Mexico Oparea, enroute Panama City, FL Arrive, Panama City, FL
31 Mar – 01 Apr	Port Visit, Panama City, FL
01 Apr	Depart, Panama City, FL, enroute Ingleside, TX
01-04 Apr	Enroute, Ingleside, TX
04 Apr	Arrive, Ingleside, TX
05-07 Apr	3-M Assist, inport Ingleside, TX
05 Apr	Search and Rescue Qualification, inport Ingleside, TX
06 Apr	Ammunition Offload, inport, Ingleside, TX
10 Apr – 06 Jun	Restricted Availability, Gulf Copper Ship Repair, Corpus Christi, TX
10 Apr	Depart, Ingleside, TX, enroute Gulf Copper Ship Repair, Corpus Christi, TX Arrive, Gulf Copper Ship Repair
18 May	Depart Gulf Copper Ship Repair, enroute, Ingleside, TX Arrive, Ingleside, TX
22 May	ISIC Light Off Assessment, inport, Ingleside, TX
25 May	Sea Trials, Corpus Christi Oparea
21 – 22 June	Commanding Officer's Training Time, U/W, Corpus Christi Oparea

26 June Electro Magnetic Run, U/W Ingleside, TX

28 June ISIC Final Evaluation Period, U/W Corpus Christi Oparea

30 June – 28 Jul Pre-Overseas Movement

06 – 10 July Incline Experiment, inport Ingleside, TX

13 July ISIC Topside Damage Control Demonstration , I/P Ingleside, TX

16 July Crew move into Trailers

19 July Docked, Heavylift ship Motor Vessel Blue Marlin

22 July Depart Ingleside, TX, enroute Manama, Bahrain.

22 Jul—29 Aug Heavylift, U/W enroute Manama, Bahrain

01-14 Aug Crew fly-out to Bahrain

28 Aug M/V Blue Marlin anchors in Arabian Gulf

29 Aug Undocking  
Arrive, Mina Sulman Pier, Manama, Bahrain

29 Aug—19 Sep Upkeep, I/P Manama, Bahrain

19 Sep U/W enroute MCM Oparea, Arabian Gulf for training

20 Sep Arrive, Manama, Bahrain

22 Sep Depart Manama, Bahrain enroute Northern Arabian Gulf for MIO Surge

24 Sep Arrive, Northern Arabian Gulf

24 – 26 Sep Maritime Interception Operations Surge, Northern Arabian Gulf

28 Sep Anchored, Northern Arabian Gulf  
U/W, enroute Manama Bahrain

29 Sep Arrive, Manama, Bahrain

03 Oct Depart Manama, Bahrain, enroute Central Arabian Gulf for training

Arrive Central Arabian Gulf

04 Oct Anchored, Central Arabian Gulf

05 Oct U/W enroute Manama, Bahrain  
Arrive, Manama, Bahrain

12 Oct Sortie from Manama, Bahrain enroute Central Arabian Gulf  
Arrive Central Arabian Gulf

14 – 17 Oct Mine Warfare Training w/Afloat Training Group Ingleside det, Central Arabian Gulf

17 – 19 Oct Mine Warfare Training with Mine Warfare Force, Central Arabian Gulf

17 Oct Anchored, Central Arabian Gulf  
U/W, Central Arabian Gulf

19 Oct Depart Central Arabian Gulf enroute Manama, Bahrain

20 Oct Arrive, Manama, Bahrain

22 Oct Sortie from Manama, Bahrain enroute Central Arabian Gulf

22 Oct – 12 Nov Mine Warfare Training with Mine Warfare Force, Arabian Gulf

23 Oct Arrive, Central Arabian Gulf

24 Oct Anchored, Central Arabian Gulf  
U/W, Central Arabian Gulf

25 – 29 Oct Anchored, Central Arabian Gulf

29 Oct U/W, Central Arabian Gulf

06 Nov Anchored, Central Arabian Gulf  
U/W, enroute Northern Arabian Gulf

07 Nov Arrive, Northern Arabian Gulf

07 – 10 Nov Maritime Interception Operations, Northern Arabian Gulf

10 Nov Depart Northern Arabian Gulf, enroute Manama, Bahrain

12 Nov Arrive Manama, Bahrain

12 Nov—13 Dec Upkeep, inport Manama, Bahrain

13 Dec —31 Dec Holiday Stand Down

## USS RAVEN (MHC-61)

### COMMAND NARRATIVE

For USS RAVEN, the New Year began with a leave and upkeep period in Ingleside, TX, that ended on 10 January. The crew vigilantly prepared for an intense Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART) Phase II for the next two weeks. Surfplant Afloat Training Group (ATG) conducted CART from 24-28 January, and the ship successfully passed with outstanding remarks, especially in the Engineering Department. Immediately following the CART, RAVEN entered a Fleet Maintenance Availability for several alterations.

From 14-18 February, Ingleside ATG assisted the Engineering Department in preparation for Engineering Qualification. The ship got underway on 16 and 17 February, and 01 March for Engineering training. Surfplant ATG came back onboard RAVEN on 16 Mar for Engineering Qualification. The ship passed E-Qual, receiving excellent scores and comments. On 20 March, RAVEN departed Ingleside enroute for Panama City, FL, for Mine Warfare (MIW) training and a port visit, arriving in Panama City on 24 March. Upon arriving inport, RAVEN received orders to conduct actual Mine Neutralization Operations in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Mobile, Alabama. RAVEN departed Panama City on 27 March after spending the weekend inport, and performed Mine Neutralization Operations from 27-30 March. The ship returned to Panama City on 31 March for stores and fuel, then got underway on 01 April for Ingleside, TX.

On 04 April, RAVEN pulled back into Ingleside, TX. From 05-07 April, Raven received a 3-M assist, offloaded all excess stores, and received certification from the Afloat Training Group Ingleside Detachment for Search and Rescue. On 06 April the ship offloaded its ammunition in preparation for a six-week Restricted Availability. On 10 April RAVEN made up tugs, and "dead stuck" over to Gulf Copper Ship Repair, Corpus Christi, TX to commence its availability.

RAVEN returned to Ingleside, TX on 18 May after successfully completing its Restricted Availability, and receiving all final alterations prior to homeport shift to Bahrain. On 22 May, our ISIC conducted a Light Off Assessment inport Ingleside, and RAVEN excelled and passed with high remarks. On 25 May the ship got underway for Sea Trials in the Corpus Christi Oparea. On 26 June RAVEN went to the Electro Magnetic Run (EMR) facility for an EMR run prior to entering the Arabian Gulf. Two days later on 28 June, RAVEN got underway for the day for an ISIC Final Evaluation Period, managed in conjunction with the Afloat Training Group Det Ingleside, TX. From 30 June to 28 July, RAVEN went into a stand down and sent its crew members on leave for a Pre-Overseas Movement.

Our ISIC, COMCMRON THREE, came aboard on 13 July for a Topside Damage Control Demonstration, inport Ingleside, TX. The crew moved out of the ship and into trailers on 16 July, and on 19 July RAVEN docked onboard the Heavy Lift ship the Motor Vessel BLUE MARLIN. On 22 July, RAVEN departed Ingleside, TX enroute to her new homeport in Manama, Bahrain.

The first two weeks of August, RAVEN crew members flew into their new

homeport in Manama, Bahrain to prepare for the RAVEN's arrival. On 28 August, the M/V Blue Marlin anchored in Arabian Gulf, and on 29 August the crew ferried over to the heavylift ship to assist in the undocking. RAVEN moored at her new homeport on 29 August. From 29 August until 19 September, the ship remained in port for upkeep. RAVEN got underway on the 19<sup>th</sup> for training in the Arabian Gulf MCM Operational Area, returning to port on the 20<sup>th</sup>. On 22 September, RAVEN departed Bahrain enroute to the Northern Arabian Gulf for Maritime Interception Operations, and participated with other Mine Warfare Forces until 28 September, returning to port in Manama on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

On 3 October, RAVEN again departed Bahrain for the Central Arabian Gulf for further training, including anchoring, returning on the 5<sup>th</sup>. In response to the bombing incident with USS COLE in the Yemenese port of Aden, RAVEN sortied, along with the other ships pierside Bahrain, for the Central Arabian Gulf. From 14 October to 17 October, Mine Warfare training was conducted with Afloat Training Group Ingleside Detachment and then, from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, with Mine Warfare Force. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, RAVEN made way for return to Manama, arriving on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Two days later, on 22 October, FIFTHFLT was once again sortied and RAVEN made way for the Central Arabian Gulf. From 22 October to 12 November, training was conducted with Mine Warfare Force in the Arabian Gulf. The ship anchored on the 24<sup>th</sup> and then again on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. On the 29<sup>th</sup>, RAVEN weighed anchor and remained underway in the Arabian Gulf.

On 06 November, RAVEN once more anchored in the Central Arabian Gulf, before getting underway for the Northern Arabian Gulf, arriving 07 November. Maritime Interception Operations were conducted from 07 to 10 November, with orders received to return to Manama, Bahrain. RAVEN arrived Manama on 12 November and entered an Upkeep period, extended to 13 December. On 15 December, RAVEN commenced Holiday Stand-Down, which lasted through the remainder of the year.