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Encl: (1) 2001 Command History for HELMINERON FOURTEEN
(HM-14)
(2) HM-14 Change of Command Program from February
2001
(3) 2001 Battle Efficiency Submission

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are
submitted.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

HELEMINERON FOURTEEN (HM-14, UIC 53827) is based at Naval Air Station Oceana Detachment Norfolk, Virginia, and maintains a permanent Airborne Mine Countermeasures (AMCM)/Vertical Onboard Delivery (VOD) Detachment (Det 1) in Bahrain. The squadron has also adopted the Fleet Replacement Detachment from Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, and conducts all of the MH-53E training in Norfolk. HM-14 reports operationally to Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two (MCMRON 2) and administratively to Commander, Helicopter Tactical Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (COMHELTACWINGLANT). Detachment 1 reports operationally to U.S. 5th Fleet as well. HM-14 is the largest combat deployable aviation squadron in the Atlantic Fleet. Uniquely, it is fully integrated with both active and reserve sailors. HM-14's primary mission is to provide a rapid response AMCM capability worldwide. The squadron is manned to maintain and operate fifteen Sikorsky MH-53E Sea Dragon helicopters; eleven in Norfolk for FRD and squadron training and four permanently deployed in Bahrain. Additionally, HM-14 is cognizant over numerous minesweeping and minehunting devices and related equipment and has the expertise required to independently plan, execute and evaluate the effectiveness of a complete airborne mine countermeasures operation from ship or shore. CDR Steven A. Borden relieved CDR Kevin D. Scott as Commanding Officer on 1 March 2002. CDR Ian C. McIntyre assumed the duties of Executive Officer.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2001

January

1-31 Conducted AMCM/VOD operations in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH
22 Commenced Fleet Replacement Pilot (FRP) and Aircrew (FRAC) flight training

February

1-28 Conducted AMCM/VOD operations in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH
19-28 Participated in Tenth Anniversary Kuwait Liberation Celebration in Kuwait

September

1-31 Conducted AMCM/VOD operations in Arabian Gulf in support of the Operation SOUTHERN WATCH
11-30 Conducted VOD operations to deployed CVBGs in the Atlantic Ocean operating area in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE

October

1 Selected to Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANTFLT) Retention Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Fiscal Year 2001.
1-31 Conducted AMCM/VOD operations in Arabian Gulf in support of the Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and Joint Task Force SWORD
7-31 Conducted operations in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM

November

1-31 Conducted AMCM/VOD operations in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM
3-16 Participated in Exercise CASUAL GANDER II in Panama City, FL

December

1-31 Conducted AMCM/VOD operations in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

January

HM-14 Detachment ONE, Manama, Bahrain (1 January 2001 - 31 December 2001). HM-14 Detachment ONE is a permanent, forward-deployed four aircraft detachment supporting COMFIFTHFLT AMCM and VOD initiatives. The detachment is responsible for contingency AMCM and logistics support to afloat assets in the COMFIFTHFLT Area of Responsibility. This detachment adds a robust mine countermeasures (MCM) capability to the region, completing Commander, U.S. Naval Central Command's mine warfare triad of surface and

underwater MCM assets. During this period the detachment transported 3,127 passengers, 692,244 pounds of mail, and 2,404,557 pounds of cargo to ships participating in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Additionally, the detachment participated in one major MCM exercise.

Fleet Replacement Pilot and Aircrew Training. The transfer of all U.S. Navy MH-53E FRP and FRAC duties was officially transferred from Marine Heavy Helicopter Training Squadron THREE ZERO TWO (HMT-302) to HM-14 and AMCM Weapon Systems Training School (AWSTS).

February

Kuwait Liberation Celebration (19 February - 2 March 2001) HM-14 Detachment ONE moved numerous high-level dignitaries, to include former President George Bush and Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Hugh Shelton, to various locations throughout Kuwait in commemoration of the coalition victory over Iraq during Operation DESERT STORM.

March

Change of Command (3 March 2001). CDR Kevin D. Scott relieved CDR Harry L. Myers as the Commanding Officer. CDR Steven A. Borden assumed duties as the Executive Officer.

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Visit (3 March - 7 March 2001). HM-14 Detachment One transported the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, to various locations throughout Kuwait during his five day visit.

Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 01-1 (12 March - 23 March 2001). HM-14 detachment One participated in a major, multi-national MCM exercise with North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Gulf Cooperative Council nations during a two-week period in the middle of the month. The detachment excelled during the exercise, towing hundreds of linear miles and conducting mine hunting operations with the AN/AQS-14A side-scan sonar.

Exercise COOPERATIVE TIDE (21 March - 25 March 2001). The squadron sent representatives to script significant MCM play into this critical command post exercise. This involvement provided high-level staffs with valuable experience combating a realistic mine threat in the

projection of power during a simulated low-intensity conflict.

April

Exercise NEON FALCON 01 (16 April - 27 April 2001).

HM-14 Detachment One participated in a major, multi-service, multi-national Chemical, Biological, and Radiological (CBR) exercise in the Arabian Gulf. Extraordinarily prepared and responsive, the Detachment was lauded by COMFIFTHFLT as having "the best CBR program of any local aviation unit." Additionally, this effort was directly responsible for the Commander, Naval Air Systems Command, CBR publication "Concept of Operations for the MH-53E Sea Dragon Helicopter Operating in a Chemical Environment in Bahrain."

May

Nothing additional to highlight.

June

Nothing additional to highlight.

July

Exercise VULCANEX 01-2 (26 August - 31 August 2001).

The squadron conducted unit-level AMCM training in the Virginia Capes Operating Area conducting mechanical mine sweeping, influence mine sweeping, and side-scan sonar mine-hunting missions.

August

Exercise VULCANEX 01-2 (26 August - 31 August 2001).

The squadron conducted unit-level AMCM training in the Charleston Air Force Base, SC, Operating Area, conducting side-scan mine hunting missions. Unique in its composition, the detachment was made up of a high percentage of Selected Reserve Pilots and Maintenance personnel. Operating under expeditionary conditions, the Detachment was able to conduct highly-representative training not normally available during the course of the calendar year.

September

Operation NOBLE EAGLE (11 September - 30 September 2001). The squadron conducted long-range VOD operations supporting deployed Carrier Battle Groups in the Atlantic Ocean operating area in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE. Notably, the squadron was able to launch fully-loaded aircraft within four-hours after notification on the first day and continued conducting fast-paced, dynamic missions throughout the course of the operation.

Fiscal Year 2000 and 2001 Fleet Replacement Pilot Training. The squadron, in concert with AWSTS, was able to eliminate a near two-year training shortfall inherited with the transition of FRS training responsibilities from HMT-302 to HM-14 and AWSTS.

October

Joint Task Force SWORD (1 October - 30 November 2001). HM-14 Detachment ONE conducted VOD support operations in the Arabian Gulf in support of Joint Task Force SWORD through the months of October and November.

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (7 October - 31 December). HM-14 Detachment ONE conducted VOD operations in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM through the months of October, November, December.

November

Exercise CASUAL GANDER II (3 November - 16 November 2001). The squadron conducted AN/37U mechanical mine sweeping missions at Coastal Systems Station, Panama City, FL, in support of advanced MCM operations.

December

Nothing additional to highlight.