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Encl: (1) Command Composition  
(2) Command Organization  
(3) Command Chronology  
(4) Command History Narrative  
(5) Command Awards  
(6) Supporting Documentation

1. Enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT

COMMAND COMPOSITION

1. USS CAPE ST GEORGE – 21828

2. Mission: CAPE ST. GEORGE is a Ticonderoga Class guided missile cruiser, equipped with the most advanced technology and weaponry put to sea. The twin screw, twin rudder, gas turbine powered, 9,600 ton combatant features the AEGIS Combat System with Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC). The AEGIS system integrates and automates in real time the functions of detection, control, engagement, and command in the three basic warfare modes: Air Warfare (AW), Undersea Warfare (USW), and Surface Warfare (SUW). With its designed mission capabilities, CAPE ST. GEORGE is able to operate effectively in the presence of air, surface, and sub-surface threats.

3. Organizational Structure.

a. CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet under the command of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group EIGHT (Rear Admiral Cosgriff). Operational control of CAPE ST. GEORGE was as follows during 2001:

<u>FLT CDR</u>	<u>Officer-in-Tactical Command (OTC)</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	01 JAN-20 MAY
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 100.1	21 MAY-12 JUL
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	13 JUL-31 DEC

b. The ship’s internal organization as of 31 December 2001 was as shown in enclosure (2)

4. Units under operational/administrative control. None.

5. Permanent duty station. Norfolk, Virginia.

Aircraft assigned. Helicopter Anti-Submarine Warfare Squadron, Light FOUR EIGHT (HSL 48) Detachment ONE embarked CAPE ST. GEORGE as follows during 2001:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Event</u>
16 May-12 July	Venom 511	Baltops ‘01

**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)  
2001 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

COMMANDING OFFICER  
CAPT M. G. WAHLSTROM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
LCDR T. K. KISS

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF  
EWCM (SW/AW) J. E. THOMAS

EXECUTIVE	COMBAT SYSTEMS	ENGINEERING	OPERATIONS	SUPPLY	WEAPONS	AIR
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LCDR KISS	LCDR [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]
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CMC	CE	A	OD	S-1/5	WA	ADMIN
CMAA	CF	E	OI	S-2	WS	MAINT.
3MC	CI	MP	OT	S-3	WO	OPS
CCC		R				TRAINING
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Enclosure (2)

**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)  
Command History for 2001**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 Jan- 7 Jan	Holiday Leave and Upkeep-NAVSTA Norfolk
8 Jan	ADNS/ NAVMACS Ship Check
8 Jan	RAD/NAV Team Trainer
12 Jan	Ship-Wide Safety Stand Down
13 Jan- 16 Jan	CEC TECH EVAL Dry Run
31 Jan	Underway HARPOON TAV/ CEC TECH EVAL
3 Feb- 5 Feb	Port Visit Port Canaveral, FL
8 Feb	SLAMEX 05-01 (TTGL) CSG/ANZ
9 Feb	Underway replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman
13 Feb	TM-1 Harpoon Missile Firing
13 Feb	Underway replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman
19 Feb	Underway replenishment with USS Supply
20 Feb- 24 Feb	Port Visit St. Thomas, USVI
1 Mar	Underway replenishment with USS Detroit
3 Mar	Arrive NAVSTA Norfolk
7 Mar	Underway Yorktown, VA.
7 Mar- 9 Mar	Weapons Off Load, Yorktown
9 Mar	Return NAVSTA Norfolk
12 Mar- 15 Mar	Pre-AVCERT TECH Assist
26 Mar	FTSCLANT WHB Inspection
2 Apr- 5 Apr	3M/Supply Management Assist Visit
5 Apr- 6 Apr	NAVMAC Validation
11 Apr- 13 Apr	WSN-7 Ship Check
17 Apr	Underway for CEC OPEVAL
20 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS John Lenthall

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26 Apr	Missile-Ex Live Fire
26 Apr	Underway replenishment with USNS John Lenthall
2 May	Arrive NAVSTA Norfolk
8 May	Underway for CEC OPEVAL
10 May	Underway replenishment with USS Seattle
11 May	Arrive NAVSTA Norfolk
16 May	HSL 48 DET 1 Embark
21 May	Underway for Baltops 01
21 May	Underway replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman
28 May	Transit English Channel
30 May	Underway replenishment with RFA Fort Victoria
31 May	CCDG-8 Embark
31 May	Skaggerak/ Kattegat/ Belt transits
1 Jun- 4 Jun	Port Visit Gdynia, Poland
8 Jun	Underway replenishment with RFA Fort Victoria
15 Jun- 18 Jun	Port Visit Kiel, Germany
18 Jun	CCDG-8 Disembarkation
19 Jun- 20 Jun	NATO Exercise CLEAN HUNTER
21 Jun- 25 Jun	Port Visit Amsterdam, Netherlands
27 Jun- 2 Jul	Port Visit Cork, Ireland
12 Jul	Arrive NAVSTA Norfolk
12 Jul	HSL 48 DET 1 Disembarkation
13 Jul- 13 Aug	Leave and Upkeep
6 Aug- 8 Aug	Supply Management Inspection
10 Aug	COMREL Project (Fisher House)
17 Aug	Change of Command
22 Aug- 26 Aug	ATG Engineering Visit
27 Aug- 28 Aug	ATG DC Visit
4 Sept- 7 Sept	NTCSS Optimization Upgrade

17 Sept	Underway, Move to MHI Shipyard
18 Sept	Begin SRA
27 Sept	COMREL Project (Habitat For Humanity)
2 Oct- 9 Oct	SISCAL Inspection
10 Oct- 12 Oct	CART One
30 Oct- 1 Nov	Engineering ATG Basic Training
5 Nov- 7 Nov	CSOSS 1 Training
5 Nov- 9 Nov	PATG Assist Visit
7 Nov- 9 Nov	NATG STT Assist
14 Nov	N43 Mentor Visit
5 Dec	Aegis Light Off (Phase One)
10 Dec- 13 Dec	LOA
12 Dec	Small Arms Safety Stand Down
15 Dec- 31 Dec	Holiday Leave and Stand Down

**USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71)**  
**2001 Command History Narrative**

During 2001, CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained the high standard of excellence that has characterized the ship from commissioning. It was a year of operations and testing centered on Cooperative Engagement Capability Operations, BALTOPS 01, and a Selected Restricted Availability. CAPE ST GEORGE operated in the VACAPES OPAREA, Puerto Rico OPAREA, North Sea, and Baltic Sea participating in several testing and Joint/Multi-National exercises including CEC TECHEVAL, CEC OPEVAL, and NATO EXERCISE CLEAN HUNTER.

2001 began and ended in a holiday leave and upkeep period. In late January and early February CAPE was underway conducting operations in the Puerto Rico OPAREA. She fired a Harpoon missile while conducting CEC TECHEVAL followed by a port visit to St. Thomas, USVI in late February. Afterward, she returned to Norfolk, where she conducted a weapons offload and remained until 17 April when she was again underway for CEC OPEVAL and live missile testing where she shot 3 SM2's. After three weeks she returned to Norfolk and took on the helicopter and crews of HSL-48 DET 1 in preparation for her transatlantic voyage to participate in BALTOP's 01.

CAPE ST. GEORGE along with USS ANZIO transited the English Channel, North Sea, Skaggerak, Kattegat (where CCDG8 embarked), and Baltic Sea enroute to Gdynia, Poland to kick off the NATO Baltic Operations exercises.

Gdynia, Poland provided the crew with a well-deserved liberty port. After a three-day port visit CAPE was underway to conduct operations with numerous NATO countries to include Poland, Germany, Lithuania, Sweden, and England. After two weeks of intense exercises CAPE pulled into Kiel Germany to take part in "Kiel Week". It was an excellent chance for sailors to enjoy German hospitality while taking in the sights and sounds of Kiel.

Following Kiel, CCDG-8 disembarked and CAPE was once again underway transiting the Kattegat and Skaggerak enroute to conduct Exercise CLEAN HUNTER in the North Sea from 19-20 June. Following a successful exercise CAPE pulled into Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from 21-25 June and then transited the English Channel enroute to Cobh, Ireland for a port visit from 27 June-02 July. Both ports allowed CAPE sailor's much deserved rest and relaxation. CAPE crossed the Atlantic and returned to Norfolk, VA. on 12 July. Upon the completion of a much needed leave and standdown period, CAPE held a Change of Command ceremony on 17 August. Captain Alan B. Hicks was relieved by Captain Mark G. Wahlstrom.

Enclosure (4)

On 18 September CAPE moved to MHI shipyard to conduct a four-month overhaul period. During this time CAPE's combat systems were upgraded to AEGIS baseline 6.1.3 and the ship received much needed boiler work and habitability repairs.

In late October, many of CAPE's bridge watch standers, including qualified and prospective OOD's, were provided excellent training as they attended the Marine Safety International Ship-Handling Complex. Recent mishaps and practicing conning approaches to piers provided an unparalleled opportunity to exercise and hone their ship handling skills.

In mid-December CAPE conducted her Light Off Assessment (LOA). Thanks to the hard work of the engineers and volunteers outside of Engineering Department, CAPE successfully cleared this hurdle on the first try setting her up for success during the upcoming year.

During calendar year 2001 CAPE ST. GEORGE expertly navigated restricted waters in the English Channel, Skaggerak, Kattegat and it was a banner year for qualification and advancement of CAPE ST. GEORGE sailors. 21 crewmembers qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS). 67 Sailors, including 31 first-term Sailors, re-enlisted for a total period of 268 years and earned \$310,706.36 in Selective Re-enlistment Bonus money. While the year began and ended with a holiday leave and upkeep period, 2001 was focused on operations. CAPE ST. GEORGE participated in several exercises and maintained her commitment to excellence by living up to her motto. . . *"Always Victorious."*



## **COMMAND AWARDS FOR 2001**

**Meritorious Unit Commendation**

**2001 CNSL Maritime Warfare Excellence Award**

**2001 CNSL Engineering Survivability Excellence Award**

**2001 CNSL Command and Control Excellence Award**

**2001 CNSL Logistic and Management Excellence Award**

**2001 CNSL "Green H" Unit Wellness Award**

**2001 TYCOM Surface Ship Safety Award**

**Enclosure (5)**