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- Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1983 (Report OPNAV 5750-1); submission of
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- Encl: (1) Command History of USS DE WERT (FFG 45) for Calendar Year 1983.
 (2) Plankowners Roster, USS DE WERT (FFG 45)
- 1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for Calendar Year 1983

1. Narrative:

DE WERT was launched 18 December 1982 in ceremonies at Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. The Sponsor was Mrs. Reta C. Kennedy of Mesa, Arizona, cousin of the ship's namesake. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Lazaron of Braintree, Massachusetts, served as Matron of Honor.

The ship was named for Hospitalman Richard De Wert of Taunton, Massachusetts, who received the Medal of Honor for action while assigned to Marine Corps forces in Korea during 1951. Despite his own wounds, he gallantly attempted to assist four wounded comrades before he was killed by enemy fire. <u>DE WERT</u> is the first ship to bear his name.

Pre-Commissioning Unit DE WERT (FFG 45) was established in April 1983 at Fleet Training Center, Norfolk, Virginia. At that site, the balance crew received over 10,000 man-days of classroom training in preparation for commissioning. Concurrently, Prospective Commanding Officer DE WERT (FFG 45) established offices at the FFG 7 Class Fleet Introduction Team, Bath, Maine, where nucleus crewmembers received classroom training and ship familiarization.

Pre-Commissioning Unit DE WERT was disestablished 31 October 1983, and reported to PCO DE WERT on 4 November 1983, when the entire crew moved aboard the ship.

DE WERT conducted Builders Trials under the auspices of Bath Iron Works during 30 August - 2 September 1983. The Board of Inspection and Survey conducted Acceptance Trials on DE WERT during 3-5 October 1983.

Delivery of the ship to the Navy by Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, took place on 10 November 1983.

The ship was commissioned 19 November 1983 at Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. The principal speaker at the ceremony was Vice Admiral John D. Johnson, USN (Ret), former Commander Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Additional remarks were provided by Captain E. C. Webster, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Bath, Maine and Mr. William E. Hagget, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bath Iron Works. Commander Douglas M. Armstrong, USN, assumed command.

The ship successfully completed the Light-Off Examination conducted by the Atlantic Fleet Propulsion Examination Board on 20-21 December 1983.

The remainder of 1983 was dedicated to post delivery availability while fitting out the ship and training the crew in preparation for the transit to homeport, Charlestion, South Carolina.

2. Special Topics:

a. Commanding Officer: Commander Douglas M. Armstrong, USN, 19 November 1983 to present.

b. Command Organization: As with other FFG 7 class ship's, DE WERT was crewed under the "minimum manning" concept, which significantly reduces, from traditional ships of her type, the size of the crew and the number of required watchstanders. In addition, the ship functions under the Combat Systems Organization; the four departments being Engineering, Combat Systems, Ship Control, and Supply Support. The Commissioning Executive Officer was Lieutenant Commander Ronald C. Bogle. The department heads at commissioning were: LT Ship Control Officer, LT Support Officer; and LT Support Officer; and LT Combat Systems Officer. The Senior Chief Petty Officer of the Command was STGCS

c. Major Equipment: The ship was commissioned with the following characteristics and equipment:

Displacement: Dimensions:	3900 Tons Length 453'
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	Navigational Draft 25.2"
Compliment	15 Officers (14 commissioned, 1 warrant) 17 Chief Petty Officers
	186 Enlisted
Propulsion	2 General Electric LM2500 Gas Turbine Engines
-	2 Electric Drive Auxilary Propulsion Units
Armament	MK13 Guided Missile Launching System for SMI standard surface-to-air missiles and Harpoon surface-to-surface missiles.
	1 - 76mm Rapid Fire Gun
	1 MK15 Close-in Weapons System
	2 Triple tube torpedo mounts for MK46 torpedoes
Sensors	AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar MK92 Fire Control System AN/SLQ-32(V2) Electronic Support Measures Receiving Set

USS DE WERT OFFICER ROSTER

ARMSTRONG, Douglas M. BOGLE, Ronald C.

RANK	BILLET CODE
COR	COMMANDING OFFICER
LOTR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT	ELECTRONIC READINESS OFFICER
LT	ENGINEERING OFFICER
01603	MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT
LT	ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER
ENS	COMMUNICATIONS/LEGAL OFFICER
LTJG	DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT
LT	COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER
ENS	FIRE CONTROL OFFICER
LTJG	FIRST LIEUTENANT
LT	COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER
LT	SUPPORT OFFICER
ENS	DISBURSING OFFICER
LT	SHIP CONTROL OFFICER

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USS DE WERT (FPG 45) ENLISTED PERSONNEL ALPHA ROSTER

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