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1990 LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

02 JAN 90	Completed DSRA at Atlantic Drydock and Marine Shipyard in Jacksonville, FL
16-18 JAN 90	Aviation Certification
20 JAN 90	Inclining experiment
29 JAN 90	Rearming at Weapons Station Charleston, SC
30 JAN-02 FEB 90	Week One Work Ups (WOWU) with HSL 46 DET 6
05-09 FEB 90	Combat Systems Mobile Training Team Visit (CSMTT), Preventive Maintenance System Assist Visit (PMS)
26 FEB 90	NAVSURFLANT Safety Assist Visit
28 FEB-02 MAR 90	Command Inspection
05-13 MAR 90	Weapons Systems Accuracy Testing (WSAT)
11 MAR 90	Port Visit; Fredericksted, St. Croix
16-18 MAR 90	Port Visit; Fort Lauderdale, FL
19-22 MAR 90	RAST Landing Qualification (RLQ's) off Mayport, FL
23-25 MAR 90	Port Visit; Miami, FL
28-30 MAR 90	Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
02-04 APR 90	Surprise PMS Inspection
16-20 APR 90	Engineering Maintenance Assist Team Visit (EMAT)
18 APR 90	CDR John E. Meyers relieved CDR A.T. Church III as Commanding Officer
18 MAY-23 JUN 90	Refresher Training, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
23 JUN 90	Dependent's Cruise
09-10 JUL 90	Operation Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)
11 JUL-03 AUG 90	IMAV 7
10 AUG 90	SURFLANT Force Master Chief Visit, BMCM(SW) Reynolds
16-18 AUG 90	RLQ Platform off of Mayport, FL
20 AUG-01 SEP 90	Tail Proficiency Training (TPT)
26-27 SEP 90	Combat Systems Assessment (CSA)
01-21 OCT 90	Law Enforcement Operations (LEO)
22-24 OCT 90	Port Visit, Key West, FL
29-31 OCT 90	Supply Management Inspection (SMI)
26 NOV-02 DEC 90	SIDEKICK Testing
04-07 DEC	Operation Greyhound - COMDESRON SIX Embarked
10-14 DEC	EMAT visit
17-21 DEC	SOCEX

DE WERT began the new year at the Atlantic Drydock and Marine shipyard in Jacksonville, Florida completing a five month DSRA. On 2 January the ship moved to the Mayport, Florida Naval Station to begin a three week post DSRA IMAV. On 4 January the ship shifted berths. During the week of 16 January a myriad of certification teams and assist visits took place including a TEMPEST Inspection, EOSS verification, Aviation Certification, Explosive Safety Review, Physical Security Assist, Magazine Safety Inspection, and Sonar Certification. A Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial service was held in the starboard helo

hangar on 16 January as well. The semiannual PRT took place on the 17th and 18th and the ship got underway on the 20th to conduct an inclining experiment to measure the change in the ship's stability as a result of the extensive work accomplished during DSRA. On the 22nd, DE WERT was underway for Charleston, South Carolina. An UNREP with USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS occurred on the 24th. A combined personnel inspection and awards ceremony took place on the 25th and DE WERT anchored later that same day to conduct a sonar source level test. The ship arrived in Charleston on the 26th and transited to the Weapons Station on the 29th to rearm. Underway again on the 30th, DE WERT received HSL 46 DET 6 and conducted Week One Work Ups in the Charleston Operations Area becoming familiar once again with helicopter operations.

Week One Work Ups were extremely successful and concluded on February 2nd when the ship returned to Charleston. A Combat Systems Mobile Training Team visit occurred simultaneously with a Preventive Maintenance System Assist visit 5-9 February. DE WERT held a sports day on the afternoon of February 9th at the Charleston Naval Base Recreation Park. [REDACTED] was christened on February 11th as part of a catholic mass celebration in the starboard helicopter hangar. DE WERT got underway on the 12th for a week of antisubmarine warfare training in the Charleston Operations area. A brief awards ceremony and captain's call was held on the afternoon of the 12th. CDR Church received notification on the 15th that he had been selected for promotion to O-6. A well attended and very successful ship's dinner/dance was held on the evening of February 17th. A PAATLANT assist visit occurred 20-23 February to evaluate the ship's administrative and disbursing operations. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were named as the new ship's Ombudsmen on 23 February. A NAVSURFLANT Safety Assist Visit took place on February 26th and DE WERT's Command Inspection began on February 28th. Ensign [REDACTED] came in second place in the Charleston Naval Base 1.5 mile run also held on February 28th.

On March 2nd the Command Inspection was completed with a personnel inspection of the entire crew by Captain LEWIS, COMDESRON SIX. MSCM(SW) Rodreick relieved EMC(SW) Brown as Command Master Chief on that same day. Tours of the ship took place by church youth groups and nuclear power candidates on the 3rd. DE WERT got underway on March 5th for Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico with HSL 46 DET 6 to undergo Weapons Systems Accuracy Testing (WSAT). Arriving at Puerto Rico on the 8th, the ship was underway in the local operating area each day and held a picnic and sports day on the 10th. DE WERT left Puerto Rico on the 11th and anchored at Fredericksted, St. Croix that same evening. On March 13th WSAT was completed and the ship got underway for a port visit in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, arriving on the 16th. On the 19th the ship was again underway to conduct Rast Landing Qualifications (RLQs) in the Jacksonville, Florida operating area. DE WERT refueled at the Mayport Naval Station on March 20th and again on the 22nd while outboard the USS MCINERNEY (FFG

8). After RLQs were completed on the 22nd, the ship headed for a port visit in Miami, Florida through March 25th. Underway on the 26th, DE WERT returned to Charleston on the 27th. The Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE), Harpoon Material Certification, and an Aviation Supply Assist Visit were all held over the next three days. On March 30th the inbrief for a surprise 3M Inspection was held.

The first week in April was a very busy one. In addition to the 3M Inspection, other events included a Supply Management Assist Visit, a visit by the LAMPS Mobile Tactical Training Unit, a Performance Monitoring Team Visit, participation in the Charleston Naval Base Hurricane Exercise, and a torpedo tube ORDALT. A Captain's Call was held on the 9th and later that same day the Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR John E. Meyers reported aboard. DE WERT got underway on the 10th for the Charleston operating area and returned the next day. A personnel inspection was held on the 13th. The ship sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt and cookout on the 14th for the families of all crewmembers. An Engineering Maintenance Assist Team visit began on the 16th. As part of this training the ship got underway on the 17th and returned to port on the 20th. CDR A.T. Church III was relieved by CDR John E. Meyers as Commanding Officer on the 18th. On the 27th the ship held a picnic and sports day. On the 28th and 29th DE WERT hosted tours by Boy Scout and ROTC groups.

On May 1st the ship shifted berths outboard of the USS CARR (FFG 52). DE WERT participated in the 20B5 trainer over a two week period that began on the 1st. A Ship's Configuration Logistics Supply Index Training visit took place on the 2nd and 3rd. A group of South American Naval Officers took an extensive tour of the ship on the 2nd. DE WERT participated in the Charleston Naval Base Security exercise from the 7th to the 10th. The ship signed into a partnership with Summerville Elementary School on the 7th as part of the Navy Wide Personal Excellence Program. On the 16th DE WERT began a DSMR to evaluate the ship's readiness for undergoing Refresher Training. Later that same afternoon the Officers and Chief Petty Officers attended an informal reception with the faculty and staff of Summerville Elementary School. A berth shift also took place on the 16th. The equipment for HSL 46 DET 6 was loaded on the 17th. On the 18th DE WERT got underway for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Refueling took place at sea with USNS HENRY J. KAISER on the 19th. The ship arrived in Guantanamo Bay on the 20th for five weeks of intense training for the entire crew in the areas of damage control, deck seamanship, combat systems, and engineering. An ARI was conducted on the 21st to assess the ship's equipment and material readiness for the training period which involved getting underway and returning to port nearly every day.

On June 2nd the ship held a picnic ashore. On the 13th an UNREP took place with the USNS PAWTUCKET. A second ship's picnic was held on the 16th. Completing Refresher Training on the 20th, DE WERT departed for Mayport, Florida the same day. A personnel

inspection was held on the 21st and the ship arrived in Mayport on the 22nd to off-load the helicopter detachment's equipment. DE WERT hosted a dependent's cruise on the 23rd during the return transit to Charleston. Crewmembers' family and friends thoroughly enjoyed the trip. A group of nurses toured the ship on the 27th followed by a group of Engineering Duty Officers on the 30th.

On July 3rd the Chief Staff Officer of COMDESRON SIX conducted a pre-OPPE walk through. The Commodore did the same on the 5th. The OPPE took place on the 9th and 10th and DE WERT passed with very high marks. IMAV 7 began on July 11th and ran through August 3rd. DE WERT took a turn as the Squadron flag ship from the 11th to the 21st. An awards ceremony took place on the 16th and the USS ELROD moored outboard of the ship on the 18th. A new shipwide telephone system was installed the 16th through the 30th. EMCM(SW) Brown, the ship's former Command Master Chief, held his retirement ceremony on DE WERT on the 20th. DE WERT was once again designated as visit ship for the Charleston Naval Base for the weekend of July 21st through 22nd and hosted several tour groups.

On August 8th a group of Boy Scouts visited the ship and ate evening meal aboard. On the 10th, BMCM(SW) Reynolds, the Force Master Chief, visited the ship and addressed the crew. DE WERT shifted berths on the 13th. The ship got underway on the 14th and returned to port later that same evening. Getting underway again on the 16th, DE WERT operated off of Mayport, Florida as the qualification platform for the helicopter squadrons based there. DE WERT entered port in Mayport briefly on the 16th to load HSL 46 DET 6 equipment and quickly got underway for more landing qualifications. The ship returned to Charleston on the 18th. The Tail Proficiency Training (TPT) riders embarked on the 20th and the ship got underway on the 21st for TPT. A skeet shoot was held on the 26th, an UNREP with USS MONONGAHELA (AO 178) on the 29th, and an awards ceremony on the 30th.

On September 4TH a two week assist visit began by the Charleston Navy Food Management Team (NFMT). A Performance Monitoring Team (PMT) visit took place from the 17th to the 21st. DE WERT held a command wide picnic for all crewmembers and dependents on the 22nd. A surprise Fleet Accounting and Disbursing Center (FAADC) audit was conducted from the 18th to the 21st. A brief was held on the 21st for the SLQ-32 Sidekick installation. Many crewmembers participated in setting up Summerville Elementary School's new library facility. The Combat Systems Assessment (CSA) took place on the 26th and 27th with Commodore Shephard, Commander Destroyer Squadron SIX, riding the ship underway on the 27th. The ship onloaded the Coast Guard and helicopter detachments on the 28th for the upcoming Law Enforcement Operations (LEO).

DE WERT got underway on October 1st to conduct LEO operations in the Caribbean. That same day a burial at sea was conducted

with the remains of CWO2 Mullen. The ship arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on the 3rd. Getting underway again on the 4th, the ship conducted boardings of the vessels ROOSTER 1 and POTOMAC that same day and the vessel LADY MARGERET on the 5th. A picnic and swim call were held on the 7th with another boarding of the vessel AGGRESSOR taking place later that day. On the 9th boardings took place with the vessels WIDGEON, TILL, and a small, unnamed pleasure craft that was out of fuel. After an UNREP with the USNS JOSHUA HUMPHREYS, DE WERT returned to the pleasure craft which was taken in tow. The craft was turned over to the Colombian Navy vessel DELPHINE on the 12th. Later that night DE WERT conducted a Navy Birthday celebration and a casino night. The ship anchored off Colon, Panama on the 13th and received an aircraft engine. A picnic and swim call was held on the 14th. On the 17th DE WERT UNREPEd with the USS SAVANNAH (AOR 4). On October 18th the ship entered Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to drop off a crewmember for emergency leave. Underway from Cuba on the 19th, the ship conducted a picnic and a fishing tournament on the 21st before arriving in Key West, Florida on the 22nd to drop off the Coast Guard detachment and have a port visit. DE WERT got underway on the 24th and arrived in Mayport, Florida on the 25th to offload the helicopter detachment. An Environmental Health Survey was conducted on the way to Charleston that evening and the ship entered port on the 26th. The Support Group sponsored a Halloween party for crewmembers' and their dependents on the 27th and the Supply Management Inspection (SMI) was conducted from the 29th to the 31st.

An awards ceremony and Captain's Call was held on November 1st followed by a berth shift that same day. During the week of the 5th, the ship held the semiannual PRT. On the 13th the ship got underway for Sidekick isolation testing returning to port the next day. On the 15th a group of AJROTC cadets from St. Johns High School toured the ship. Another berth shift occurred on the 16th. On the 26th DE WERT was again underway for Sidekick testing and conducted a brief fuel stop in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico on the 29th. DE WERT again moored at Roosevelt Roads on the 30th and 1st of December.

DE WERT joined other ships of Destroyer Squadron SIX on a Mini Type Commander's Core Training (TCCT), Operation Greyhound, from the 4th to the 7th of December. Another EMAT visit was conducted the week of 10 December with the ship underway the 11th through the 14th. The crew went into three section duty on the 13th to support the holiday leave and upkeep period. DE WERT got underway on the 17th to join SOCEX operations in support of a Marine Amphibious Readiness Group. The holiday leave periods commenced on the 17th and ran through January 7th. The DE WERT 1990 Sailor of the Year was GSE1 [REDACTED].