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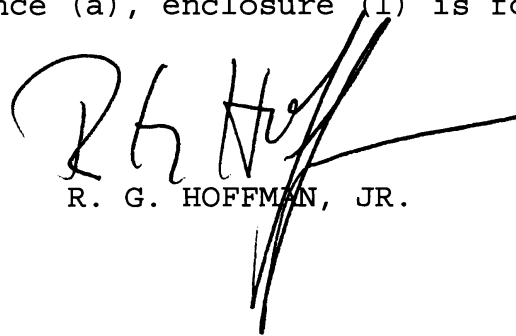
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Encl: (1) (C) USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for Calendar
Year 1993

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


R. G. HOFFMAN, JR.

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A. Command composition and organization:

Mission: AAW and ASW with secondary mission areas in ASUW, ELW and CCC

Commanding Officer: CDR Richard G. Hoffman, Jr., USN,

Homeport: Charleston, SC

Aircraft: Embarked an SH-60B Lamps MK III Helicopter from HSL-46 Det 8 (Various tail numbers)

B. (C) Chronology of significant events:

01-07 JAN - HOLIDAY LEAVE AND STANDDOWN
08 JAN - CDR RICHARD G. HOFFMAN, JR., RELIEVED CDR JOHN M. KENNY AS COMMANDING OFFICER
09-31 JAN - PRE DEPLOYMENT PREPS/VARIOUS TRAINING
02 FEB - INPORT CHARLESTON / DEPLOYMENT PREPS
03 FEB - SUMMER WHITES UNIFORM INSPECTION
04 FEB - COMCRUDESGRU TWO OMBUDSMAN MEETING
05 FEB - SAILOR OF THE YEAR BOARD/COMBAT SYSTEMS TEAM TRAINING
09 FEB - UNDERWAY MEF 2-93/DEPLOYMENT PREPS FAST CRUISE
10 FEB - UNDERWAY - WEAPONS ADJUST - WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL/MINEFIELD TRANSIT DRILL/KINGFISHER OP TEST/FULL POWER RUN/CHAFF FIRING
11 FEB - SM1 MISSILE SHOOT/RETURN INPORT CHARLESTON
12 FEB - REFUEL PIERSIDE
16 FEB - UNDERWAY - MIDDLE EAST FORCE 93/FLIGHT QUARTERS/ON LOAD HSL-46 DET 8/GUNEX/CONDITION III SET
18 FEB - SLAMEX & RDVU - USS PETERSON (DD-969)/RAS JOHN LENTHALL/GQ/ FLIGHT OPS/MILITARY LEADERSHIP EXAM
19 FEB - I DIVISION/LEAPFROG EXERCISES W/USS PETERSON/CSTT SCENARIO/DC DRILLS
20 FEB - 6TH FLEET PUBEX/MEF OPODER PUBEX/RADIO COMM EXERCISE WITH USS PETERSON
21 FEB - CCC-27-SF NON-MANUEVERING W/USS PETERSON/FANTAIL COOK OUT/HOLIDAY ROUTINE
22 FEB - PACFIRE/PUBEX/RADIO FAST FREQ SHIFT/MAN OVERBOARD DRILL/BOARDING TEAM TRAINING/LEAPFROG/FLASHING LIGHT
23 FEB - PUBEX/OCSOT/CATAS OPS/LOOKOUT TRAINING/ROE EXERCISE
24 FEB - PACFIRE/MENU REVIEW BOARD/CBR TRAINING/SMALL ARMS TRAINING/BECCES/PUBEX
25 FEB - PUBEX/MOOR PONTA DELGADA, AZORES TO REFUEL/ADVANCE CLOCKS TO TIME ZONE 'Z'
26 FEB - PUBEX/GQ/GUNEX/CRUISE BOOK MEETING/SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING/BECCES/PUBEX
27 FEB - PUBEX/FLASHING LIGHTS/LINK II FAST FREQ CHANGE EXERCISE/SMALL ARMS TRAINING/DCTT TRAINING
28 FEB - ARRIVE ROTA, SPAIN NAVAL STATION, (BSF)/TRANSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR
01 MAR - UNREP USS SYLVANIA/ARRIVE AND MOOR ALMERIA, SPAIN
01-05 MAR - PORT VISIT, ALMERIA, SPAIN

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05 MAR - UNDERWAY, TRANSIT MED
06 MAR - RDVU WITH USS PETERSON
07 MAR - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE
08 MAR - VBSS/SERT TEAM MEETING/CSOOW TRAINING/CICWO BOARD
09 MAR - RAS WITH USS KALAMAZOO/GQ DRILL/SSDF TRAINING
10 MAR - VBSS/PACE COURSE EXAM/SMALL ARMS TRAINING/BECCES
11 MAR - ANCHOR PORT SAID, EGYPT
12 MAR - TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL/INCHOP COMUSNAVCENT
13 MAR - UNREP-VERTREP, USNS KANAWAH/PACE EXAMS
14 MAR - TRANSIT ENROUTE ARABIAN GULF/HOLIDAY ROUTINE
17 MAR - SMALL ARMS QUALS/GQ DRILL/PACE II EXAMS/BECCES/CLASS
"B" FIRE #3 SSDG
18 MAR - REFUEL SALALAH, OMAN
20 MAR - BOAT OFFICER TRAINING/MWR MEETING/PACE II EXAMS
21 MAR - TURNOVER WITH USS S.B. ROBERTS
22-24 MAR - PORT VISIT, JEBEL ALI, UAE
24 MAR - ENROUTE NORTH ARABIAN GULF
25-26 MAR - NORTH ARABIAN GULF OPS
27 MAR - ARRIVE GULF OF OMAN, WAR AT SEA EXERCISE/OTH-T
EXERCISE
28 MAR - ANCHOR WUDAN/COMMENCE EXERCISE AHMED BIN MAJID
29 MAR - DIVTAC/GUNEX/FLT QUARTERS/SAILOR OF THE QUARTER
BOARD/TACTICAL AND SCREEN MANUEVERING/NIGHT
ENCOUNTEREX/FLASHING LIGHT EXERCISE
30 MAR - NIGHT ENCOUNTEREX/RAS W/USNS PECOS/SMALL BOAT
TRANSFER/HEAVING LINE TRANSFER EXERCISE/REPAIR
LOCKER TRAINING/PACE II EXAM/ENCOUNTEREX
31 MAR - SECURE EXERCISE AHMED BIN MAJID/ENROUTE JEBEL ALI/
ANCHOR WUDAN/TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ
01 APR - ARRIVE JEBEL ALI, UAE/FRESH WATER WASHDOWN
01-10 APR - INPORT JEBEL ALI, UAE/IMAV W/USS CAPE COD
02 APR - INREP USNS SPICA
07 APR - STORES ONLOAD
08 APR - CSTT TRAINING/EPSE BOARD/MIDDLE EAST LECTURES
10 APR - UNDERWAY, ENROUTE RAS AL KHAIMAH/STREAM NIXIE
SSDF DRILL/CIWS, 76MM PACFIRE
11 APR - ARRIVE RAS AL KHAIMAH, UAE/EASTER SUNDAY HOLIDAY
ROUTINE
12 APR - LUNCHEON RECEPTION FOR SHIEK OF RAS AL KHAIMAH
13 APR - SOCIAL RECEPTION FOR CIVIC LEADERS OF RAS AL
KHAIMAH
15 APR - UNDERWAY, ENROUTE NORTH ARABIAN GULF/KINGFISHER
SURVEY
16-23 APR - NORTH ARABIAN GULF OPERATIONS
19 APR - RAS WITH USNS PECOS/NIGHT STEAMEX
17 APR - NIGHT STEAMEX W/USS NIMITZ/EXERCISE EXOCET HIT/
MINE IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE/TERRORIST PROCEDURES
18 APR - OPERATION ASSURED VICTOR/ASMD EXERCISE/CDS 31 EMBARK
PAC FIRE
19 APR - BOAT OPS WITH USS NIMITZ/RAS W/USNS PECOS
21 APR - CLEP & SAT EXAMS/LEAPFROG EXERCISE W/USNS PECOS
22 APR - RAS WITH USS NIMITZ/DLQS WITH HS-2
24 APR - CIWS, 76MM PACFIRE/FRESHWATER WASHDOWN/ENROUE UMM
AL QAIWAIN

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25 APR - ARRIVE UMM AL QUAIWAN, UAE/LUNCHEON FOR SHIEK OF
UMM AL QAIWAIN
25-28 APR - PVST UMM AL QUAWAIN
28 APR - EMBARK DESRON 31/TMA TRAINING
29 APR - UNDERWAY/TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ
30 APR - RDVU WITH USS BIRMINGHAM/SONOBUOY EX/FLIR EX/BECCES
01 MAY - TAIL OPS/RAS W/USNS PECOS/KARACHI PORT BRIEF
02-04 MAY - ARRIVE KARACHI, PAKISTAN FOR OPERATIONS BRIEF/
RECEPTION/COMMENCE EXERCISE INSPIRED SIREN
03 MAY - TACTICAL MANEUVERS/FORMATION STEAMING/ASW EXERCISE/
04 MAY - LEAPFROGS/FORMATION STEAM/ASW FREEPLAY SERIAL/PHOTO
EXERCISE/RAS WITH USNS PECOS/SURFACE GUNNERY EXERCISE
05-07 MAY - ARRIVE KARACHI, PAKISTAN FOR PORT VISIT
05 MAY - RECEPTION KARACHI, PAKISTAN
08 MAY - UNDERWAY NORTH ARABIAN SEA, TRANSIT TO BAHRAIN
09 MAY - TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ, HOLIDAY ROUTINE
10-16 MAY - MINI-IMAV USS CAPE COD, BAHRAIN
12 MAY - WSN-2 & SSC MAINTENANCE/NAVY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY
TRAINING
14 MAY - I DIVISION/PACE II EXAMS/FRESHWATER WASHDOWN
15 MAY - AWARDS CEREMONY
17 MAY - UNDERWAY, ENROUTE MUSCAT, OMAN
18 MAY - TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ
19 MAY - ARRIVE MUSCAT, OMAN/FRESHWATER WASH DOWN/OFFICIAL CALL
ON AMBASSADOR TO OMAN/PORT VISIT BRIEF
19-21 MAY - PORT VISIT, MUSCAT, OMAN
20 MAY - EMBARK DESRON 31
21 MAY - UNDERWAY, GULF OF OMAN
22 MAY - ANCHOR WUDAM/BOARDING TRAINING/CO'S CALL ON OMANI
NAVY/UNDERWAY, EXERCISE SAQR AL BAHR/NIGHT
ENCOUNTEREX/ADEX
22-24 MAY - GULF OF OMAN OPERATIONS
23 MAY - SAG-EX/VBSS EXERCISE/EW TRACEX
24 MAY - PHOTOEX/DIVTACS/ANCHOR WUDAM/BOAT TRANSFER/DISEMBARK
DESRON 31/UNDERWAY GULF OF OMAN/RAS WITH USS SHASTA/
ENROUTE DUBAI
25 MAY - PACE II EXAMS/SSRNM/TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ
26 MAY - ARRIVE DUBAI, UAE/FRESHWATER WASHDOWN/MENU REVIEW
26 MAY - 10JUN - PORT VISIT - DUBAI, UAE
27 MAY - TQL TRAINING
29 MAY - QA TRAINING/CAPTAIN'S CALL/TQL TRAINING/SHIPWIDE
ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING
30 MAY - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE
31 MAY - SHIP'S PICNIC - SEAFARERS CLUB
02 JUN - FROCKING CEREMONY/STORES ONLOAD/CSOOW TRAINING
03 JUN - DCPO TRAINING/AVIATION OOD TRAINING/PACE II EXAMS
06 JUN - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE
07 JUN - OOD BRIDGE EVOLUTION TRAINING/STORES ONLOAD
08 JUN - VBSS TRAINING/ESWS BOARD/ PACE II EXAMS
09 JUN - CSOOW TRAINING/PO INDOC/TOTAL SHIP'S TRAINING
10 JUN - LCDR GATSKI RELIEVED LCDR MCDONALD AS XO/UNDERWAY,
ENROUTE TO JUBAIL, SAUDI ARABIA/SSDF TRAINING/TSTT
SCENARIO/ASMO EXERCISE
11 JUN - MAN OVERBOARD DRILL/PAC FIRE/MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL

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12 JUN - ARRIVE JUBAIL, SAUDI ARABIA/EMBARK DESRON 31/SAG
PLANNING

12-13 JUN - VISIT JUBAIL, SAUDI ARABIA

13 JUN - COMM CHECKS/ ASW TACTICS/CSAR TRAINING/VBSS BOARDING
DRILL/LOCAL ANTI-WAR WARFARE COORDINATOR TRAINING

14 JUN - UNDERWAY, EXERCISE NAUTICAL SWIMMER WITH SAUDI ARABIAN
NAVY/VBSS EXERCISE/EW PASSIVE TRACKING/LEAP FROG/FAST
PATROL BOAT ATTACK EXERCISE

15 JUN - ASW TRACKING EXERCISE/ADEX/PHOTOEX/SURFACE GUNNERY
EXERCISE/PACE II EXAMS/TACTICAL MANEUVERING/SAG
REPOSITION

16 JUN - ARRIVE JUBAIL, SAUDIA ARABIA/HOT WASHUP/UNDERWAY
ENROUTE TO BAHRAIN

17 JUN - RAS WITH USNS W.S. DIEHL/E4 FROCKING CEREMONY/MENU
REVIEW BOARD/ENGINEERING EVOLUTIONS

18 JUN - ARRIVE BAHRAIN FOR PORT VISIT/AWARDS CEREMONY WITH
DESRON 31

18-22 JUN - UPKEEP AND PVST BAHRAIN

19 JUN - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE

23 JUN - COMUSNAVCENT & DESRON 31 ADDRESS CREW/UNDERWAY ENROUTE
CENTRAL ARABIAN GULF

23-24 JUN - NORTH ARABIAN GULF OPS

25-26 JUN - ENROUTE MUSCAT, OMAN

26 JUN - TRANSIT STRAITS OF HORMUZ/MILITARY LEADERSHIP EXAM

27 JUN - ARRIVE MUSCAT, OMAN/HOLIDAY ROUTINE

27-30 JUN - PORT VISIT MUSCAT, OMAN

29 JUN - SHIP'S PARTY - GULF HOTEL, MUSCAT

30 JUN - HOLIDAY ROUTINE

01 JUL - UNDERWAY/ANCHOR MUSCAT/TURNOVER WITH USS GALLERY

02-09 JUL - ENROUTE SUEZ CANAL

03 JUL - SMALL ARMS TRAINING

04 JUL - HOLIDAY ROUTINE - SHIP'S PARTY

05 JUL - TRANSIT STRAITS OF BAB AL MANDEB

06 JUL - SHIPWIDE SAFETY STANDDOWN

08 JUL - RAS & UNREP WITH USNS BIG HORN

09 JUL - ANCHOR PORT SUEZ, INNER HARBOR

10 JUL - TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL ENROUTE TO RHODES, GREECE/DETACH
COMNAVUSCENT

12-15 JUL - RHODES GREECE FOR PORT VISIT/STORES ONLOAD

16 JUL - UNDERWAY/RDVU WITH USS PETERSON
TRANSIT MED ENROUTE TO PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN

17 JUL - SAILOR OF THE QUARTER BOARD/COMMAND ASSESSMENT
MEETING/RAS AND UNREP W/ USS SYLVANIA/FULL POWER RUN

20-23 JUL - PALMA DE MALLORCA, SPAIN FOR PORT VISIT

21 JUL - MIDSHIPMEN ARRIVE FOR TRAINING

24 JUL - UNDERWAY ENROUTE TO ROTA, SPAIN

25 JUL - ARRIVE ROTA, SPAIN - REFUEL

26 JUL - 03 AUG - UNDERWAY TRANSIT ATLANTIC ENROUTE TO BERMUDA

29 JUL - HOMECOMING LECTURE/SMALL ARMS TRAINING

30 JUL - CUSTOMS INSPECTION/HAZMAT INVENTORY

02 AUG - MAINDECK WASHDOWN/DUTY SECTION FIRE PARTY TRAINING

03 AUG - COMMAND ASSESSMENT/RAS WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL

04 AUG - ARRIVE BERMUDA/EMBARK DEPENDENT TIGERS/UNDERWAY,
ENROUTE HOMEPORT, CHARLESTON, SC

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05 AUG - CIWS, 76MM PACFIRE/CUSTOMS INSPECTION/STEEL BEACH
PICNIC
06 AUG - 0700, MOORED, PIER NOVEMBER, NAVAL STATION CHARLESTON
COMMENCED LEAVE AND STANDDOWN
10 AUG - STORES ONLOAD
01 SEP - SLAMEX BRIEF/OCSOT
02 SEP - OMBUDSMAN MEETING
07 SEP - MK75, 76MM GUN ISMEP - ISMAT/COSMIC NATO SECRET
INSPECTION
08 SEP - COSMIC NATO SECRET INSPECTION
09 SEP - E4 NAVY WIDE EXAM/JO DETAILER VISIT
10 SEP - PERSONNEL INSPECTION/AWARDS CEREMONY
14 SEP - E5 NAVY WIDE EXAM/CCC-15-SF FLAGHOIST DRILL
15 SEP - SLAMEX VIDEO CONFERENCE & BRIEF
16 SEP - E6 NAVY WIDE EXAM/CPO INITIATION
17 SEP - SLAMEX SHARP-43/IMAV CONFERENCE
17 SEP - 17 OCT - IMAV CHARLESTON
20 SEP - COMMAND PRT
21 SEP - DIVING OPERATIONS
22 SEP - SHIPWIDE ZONE INSPECTION
23 SEP - TSTT TRAINING DAY/MENU REVIEW
24 SEP - NIXIE TRAINING/NIXIE LIGHTOFF
28 SEP - QA TRAINING/MATERIAL SELF ASSESSMENT/ESO WORKSHOP
29 SEP - SHIPWIDE ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING/COMMAND STANDARDS
OF CONDUCT TRAINING
01 OCT - HURRICANE READINESS TRAINING
06 OCT - INMARSAT BRIEF/LOOKOUT TRAINING/HAB TEAM TRAINING
07 OCT - MEDICAL READINESS INSPECTION/TOTAL SHIP TEAM TRAINING
11 OCT - COLUMBUS DAY - DRESS SHIP
12 OCT - CCC WORKSHOP/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
13 OCT - TQL TRAINING/LOOKOUT TRAINING/DUTY MAA TRAINING
14 OCT - SAILOR OF THE QUARTER BOARD/BERTH SHIFT TO Q1A
15 OCT - OMANI CNO VISIT - TOUR OF SHIP
18 OCT - I DIVISION
20 OCT - NJROTC ARRIVE/UNDERWAY IN CHARLESTON OPAREA/ GQ/
CIWS, 76MM PACFIRE/BECCES
21 OCT - AAW GUNNEX/MAGNETIC COMPASS SWING/R&A DRILL/GQ/BECCES
22 OCT - ARRIVE NAVBASE CHARLESTON
26 OCT - LIMITED CSRR/MSA ASSIST VISIT/PERA CSMP UPDATE/FIN
STABILIZER FILMING/TYCOMMEX/INCLINING VISIT
01 NOV - ETG IN BRIEF/UNDERWAY JACKSONVILLE OPAREA
02 NOV - TAIL OPS/GQ-MAIN SPACE/BECCES
03 NOV - TAIL OPS/GQ-MAIN SPACE/BECCES
04 NOV - BECCES/ETG OUT BRIEF/ARRIVE NAVBASE CHARLESTON
09 NOV - TQL BLITZ/MK 92 MOD-2 REVS TRAINING/I DIVISION
10 NOV - TQL BLITZ/REPAIR PART PETTY OFFICER TRAINING
11 NOV - VETERAN'S DAY-HOLIDAY ROUTINE
17 NOV - HOMEPORTR SHIFT BRIEF/CDOPS OPTASK BRIEF
19 NOV - NAVY MANPOWER ANALYSIS/DCTT TRAINING
22 NOV - UNDERWAY ENROUTE TO WEAPONS STATION CHARLESTON FOR
WEAPONS LOAD ADJUST/RETURN NAVSTA CHARLESTON
23 NOV - QA TRAINING/BATTLE ORDERS REVIEW
25 NOV - THANKSGIVING - HOLIDAY ROUTINE
30 NOV - FAST CRUISE/OCSOT

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- 01 DEC - RECEIVE COAST GUARD LEGAL DET/MISSILEX BRIEF/
HSL-46 DET 8 ONLOAD
- 02 DEC - UNDERWAY ENROUTE ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO/FLY-ON
HSL 46 DET 8
- 03 DEC - ECCTT SPACE DRILLS
- 04 DEC - ECCTT EVOLUTIONS/ACTION AREA TECH QUALS
- 05 DEC - ARRIVE ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR/FROCKING & CAP CEREMONY/
REFUEL/UNDERWAY CARIBBEAN SEA FOR CD OPS
- 06 DEC - AIR BEDDING/GQ/TSTT/CSTT/INCHOP TASK GROUP 4.12
- 09 DEC - CIWS - 76MM PACFIRE
- 10 DEC - UNREP - RAS WITH USS SEATTLE/GQ/TSTT
- 11 DEC - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- 12 DEC - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE
- 13 DEC - TSTT/GQ/SMALL ARMS TRAINING
- 15 DEC - DCTT/CSTT/TSTT GQ/BECCES/SMALL ARMS TRAINING
- 16 DEC - PACE II EXAMS/BATTLE BILL REVIEW
- 17 DEC - DCTT/ECCTT/GQ
- 18 DEC - MOOR NAVSTA GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA TO REFUEL/UNDERWAY
CDOPS
- 19 DEC - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE
- 20 DEC - TSTT GQ
- 21 DEC - SMALL ARMS TRAINING/RETENTION TEAM MEETING
- 22 DEC - BECCES/GQ, MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL/ACTION AREA QUALS
- 23 DEC - PACE II EXAMS/SMALL ARMS TRAINING/ECCTT EVOLUTIONS
- 24 DEC - TSTT GQ DRILL/ECCTT EVOLUTIONS
- 25 DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES/HOLIDAY ROUTINE
- 26 DEC - SUNDAY HOLIDAY ROUTINE
- 27 DEC - TSTT GQ DRILL
- 28 DEC - ARRIVE NAVSTA ROOSEVELT ROADS PR TO REFUEL/UNDERWAY
- 29 DEC - TSTT GQ DRILL/TWO TORPEDO SHOTS
- 31 DEC-03 JAN 94 - PORT VISIT ARUBA, HOLIDAY ROUTINE

C. (C) Narrative:

DE WERT began the new year in port Charleston, SC in a leave and standdown period. DE WERT's Change of Command ceremony was held on board as CDR John M. Kenny was relieved by CDR Richard G. Hoffman, Jr., as Commanding Officer of USS DE WERT (FFG 45) on 8 January 1993. Various training and pre-deployment preparations were conducted during the month of January.

On 4 February, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Two, RADM McDevitt held an Ombudsman meeting of all ships in Charleston. On 10 February the ship got underway enroute to the Naval Weapons Station, Charleston for a weapons adjust. Then DE WERT went to sea and executed a full power run, mine field transit drill and general quarters. The ship then conducted two successful missile shoots at drones on 11 February then proceeded back to base in Charleston. 16 February commenced DE WERT's start of Middle East Force 93 deployment with an SH-60 and HSL-46 det 8 embarked. On 18 February DE WERT rendezvoused with the USS PETERSON (DD-969). The ship arrived in Ponta Delgada, Azores for a brief stop to refuel then

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proceeded to Rota, Spain arriving 28 February for more fuel and began its transit through the Straits of Gibraltar.

The morning of 1 March, DE WERT UNREPED with the USS SYLVANIA (AFS-2) then arrived at Almeria, Spain for a 3 day liberty stop. Underway on the 5th of March, DE WERT began its transit of the Med with the USS PETERSON arriving at the Suez Canal on the 11th of March. On 09 March the ship refueled with the USS KALAMAZOO (AOR-6). Anchored 11 March at Port Said, Egypt. 12 March saw the DE WERT transit the Suez Canal. DE WERT was in the Red Sea the morning of the 12th and came under the command of COMUSNAVCENT. A VERTREP with the USNS KANAWAH on the 13th of March had DE WERT ready to transit the Red Sea on its way to the Persian Gulf. A Class "B" fire broke out in #3 SSDG in the early morning hours on 17 March. Quick response and action by the roving watch and CCS watch put the fire out quickly with minimum damage to equipment, more importantly, no sailors were hurt. DE WERT made a brief stop for fuel on 18 MARCH in Salalah, Oman. On the 21st of March, DE WERT was on station and turned over duties with the USS S. B. ROBERTS (FFG-58). From 22-24 March DE WERT was in Jebel Ali, UAE for upkeep. 24 March saw DE WERT enroute North Arabian Gulf. 25-26 March North Arabian Gulf Operations. On 28 March DE WERT arrived in the Gulf of Oman and anchored at Wudan, Oman and commenced Exercise Ahmed Bin Majid with the Omani Navy. Upon completion of the exercise on 31 March, DE WERT headed for Jebel Ali, UAE for its first IMAV in the Middle East.

1 April DE WERT arrived at Jebel Ali, UAE for a 10 day mini IMAV with the USS CAPE COD (AD-43). 02 April saw the DE WERT perform an INREP with the USNS SPICA. On the 7th of April the ship had a stores on load. On the 10th of April, DE WERT headed to Ras Al Khaimah for its first diplomatic port visit in the UAE. DE WERT arrived on the 11th at Ras Al Khaimah, UAE. On the 12th of April the ship hosted a reception for the Sheik of the Emirate. On the 13th of April the ship hosted a reception for all business people and civic members of the Emirate and the Sheik. Underway on the 15th, DE WERT was enroute to the North Arabian Gulf for operations until the 23 of that month. 24 April saw DE WERT enroute Umm Al Qaiwain. DE WERT arrived 25 April at Umm Al Qaiwain for its second diplomatic port visit, and hosted a luncheon with the Sheik of that Emirate the same day. DE WERT was underway on the 29th of April and made the transit through the Straits of Hormuz after embarking Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 (CDS-31). DE WERT rendezvoused with the USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN-695).

DE WERT arrived at Karachi, Pakistan for an operations brief on 2 May then got underway for Operation Inspired Siren with the Pakistani Navy, doing evolutions such as formation steam, leapfrog, ASW freeplay serial and a photo exercise. Upon completion of operations and disembarking CDS-31, DE WERT enjoyed a 3 day port visit in Karachi from 5-7 May. The ship held a reception on board for business and civic leaders of Karachi on 5 May. On May 8, DE WERT was underway enroute to Bahrain, transiting the Straits of Hormuz on the 9th. 10-16 May saw DE WERT in Bahrain for a mini-

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IMAV. 15 May DE WERT held an awards ceremony. On 17 May DE WERT headed for Muscat, Oman for a three day visit and to participate in Operation Saqr Al Bahr with the Omani Navy. From 19-21 May the ship had a port visit in Muscat, Oman. On 20 May the DE WERT embarked Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31. Upon completion of the exercise from 22-24 May, DE WERT UNREPed with the USS SHASTA (AE-33) on 24 May. DE WERT then headed for a port visit in Dubai, UAE from 26 May to 10 Jun.

On 10 June, LCDR Louis Gatski relieved LCDR David McDonald as Executive Officer. DE WERT then got underway enroute to Jubail, Saudi Arabia on 10 June to participate in Exercise Nautical Swimmer with the Saudi Arabian Navy. Again, DE WERT was the flagship for Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 which embarked on 12 June while the ship was in Jubail, Saudi Arabia. On 14 June the ship commenced Exercise Saqr Al Bahr. The exercise ended on 16 June and DE WERT headed to Bahrain for the last time. On 17 June DE WERT refueled at sea with the USNS W. S. DIEHL and did a frocking ceremony from the March exam. From 18-22 June DE WERT was in Bahrain for an upkeep period. 18 June saw DE WERT conduct an awards ceremony with the awards presented by Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31. DE WERT also provided COMUSNAVCENT with an awards package for the Middle East Deployment on that day. On 23 June, Vice Admiral Katz, COMUSNAVCENT, addressed the crew and expressed his admiration and thanks for a job extremely well done. After the ceremony, DE WERT got underway enroute to Muscat, Oman for turnover. The ship transited the Straits of Hormuz for the last time on the 26th of June and arrived in Muscat on the 27th of June until the 30th of June for a port visit. A final ship's party was held at the Gulf Hotel in Muscat on the 29th of June.

On 1 July, DE WERT got underway and anchored off the coast of Muscat, Oman and did a turnover with the USS GALLERY (FFG-26). After the turnover, DE WERT was underway enroute to the Red Sea to RDVU with the USS PETERSON. 05 July the ship transited the Straits of Bab Al Mandeb. On 8 July, DE WERT RDVUD with the PETERSON and conducted a RAS and UNREP with the USNS BIG HORN. DE WERT was anchored in Port Suez, Inner Harbor awaiting transit of the Suez Canal. On 10 July, DE WERT and PETERSON transited the Suez Canal enroute to Rhodes, Greece for a 3 day liberty port. DE WERT arrived on the 12th of July and was underway on the 16th. The ship then transited the Med and conducted a full power run after a RAS and UNREP with the USS SEATTLE (AOE-3). DE WERT arrived in Palma De Mallorca on the 20th for its final port visit in company with USS PETERSON. Four Midshipmen arrived for their summer training on the 21st. DE WERT got underway on the 24th and headed to Rota, Spain for a refueling stop on the 25th. After refueling DE WERT commenced its transit across the Atlantic enroute to Bermuda from the 25th of July to the 3rd of August.

The ship refueled at sea with the USNS JOHN LENTHAL on the 3rd of August and anchored off the coast of Bermuda on the 4th. Once the ship received its dependent Tigers on board, DE WERT was underway enroute to its home port of Charleston, SC. DE WERT

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moored, Pier November, Naval Station, Charleston, SC at 0700 on 6 August and commenced its leave and standdown period until 06 September.

September saw various inspections and exams for DE WERT. On 8 September DE WERT had a Cosmic NATO Secret Inspection. A SLAMEX Sharp-43 as well as an IMAV Conference were conducted on 17 September. On 14 September the ship administered the E-4, E-5 and E-6 Navy Wide Exams as well as the command PRT. 21 September the ship had divers to clean the screw, and on 22 September the ship held a ship wide zone inspection. On the 23rd the ship held TSTT training, and on the 24th the ship held NIXIE training. The 28th of the month saw the DE WERT hold QA training and a material self-assessment. On 29 September the ship did a ship wide electrical safety lecture.

1 October DE WERT prepared itself with hurricane readiness training. An INMARSAT brief was conducted on 06 October, and on 07 October the ship had its Medical Readiness Inspection. 11 October had the Command Career Counselor at a workshop. Sailor of the Quarter Board was held on 14 October. On 15 October the CNO of the Omani Navy visited and toured the ship. I-Division was held on 18 October. On 17 October SIMA Charleston started an IMAV which would last until 17 September. On 20 October, DE WERT was underway for post IMAV sea trials training while conducting drills which included GQ's, BECCES, CIWS and 76MM gun PACFIRE, AAW GUNNEX, and an R & A Drill. DE WERT returned to Charleston on the 22nd. On the 26th of October the ship had an inclining experiment done.

On 1 November, ETG was inbriefed and DE WERT was underway in the Jacksonville OPAREA. Drills conducted included: BECCES, GQ - Main Space Fire drills, and Tail Ops. DE WERT returned to Charleston on the 4th of November. I-Division was held on 09 November. On 17 November the ship held a meeting concerning its home port shift to Mayport, FL. On 22 November, DE WERT was underway enroute to the Weapons Station in Charleston for a weapons load adjust and returned to the Naval Station the same day. 23 November had the ship doing a battle order review. Thanksgiving was observed on the 25th and a fast cruise was conducted on the 30th.

HSL-46 Det 8 on loaded supplies and personnel on 01 December and the Coast Guard LEDET FIVE ECHO arrived. On 2 December, DE WERT was underway enroute to Roosevelt Roads for CD OPS and received the remaining HSL 46 Det 8 personnel and an SH-60 helo. DE WERT arrived at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico on the 5th of December to refuel and conducted a frocking and CAP ceremony the same day. On 06 December DE WERT inchooped into Task Group 4.1. On 10 December the ship participated in an UNREP with the USS SEATTLE (AOE-3). On the 16th the ship did a battle bill review. DE WERT arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 18 December to refuel and was underway that same day. DE WERT patrolled the Caribbean from the 23rd to the 26th. DE WERT celebrated Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with songs, crew entertainment and a great dinner. On 25

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December the ship observed holiday routine and received a visit from Santa. DE WERT arrived at Roosevelt Roads once again for fuel on the 28th. On the 29th, she conducted two successful torpedo shoots. DE WERT arrived and moored in Aruba for a three day port visit on the 31st of December.

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