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2003

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Encl: (1) USS DE WERT (FFG 45) Command History for calendar year
2003

(2) Photograph of USS DE WERT

(3) Photograph and Biography of Commanding Officer, CDR
Matthew E. Loughlin

(4) Floppy Disk 3.5"

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.


M. E. LOUGHLIN

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1. Command Composition and Organization UIC 21197

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

Organizational Structure: Naval Surface Group Two
Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN

Commander: 01 JAN 03 - 02 JAN 03 CDR J. R. Boorujy, USN
03 JAN 03 - 31 DEC 03 CDR M. E. Loughlin, USN

Permanent Duty Station: Mayport, FL

Aircraft: None

2. Chronology of significant events:

1JAN-2JAN	POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN
3JAN	CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY, CDR M E LOUGHLIN RELIEVES CDR J R BOORUJY
4JAN-21JAN	POST DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN
22JAN-3FEB	INPORT, MAYPORT, FL
4FEB-7FEB	U/W JACKSONVILLE OPAREA: JUNIOR OFFICER TRAINING; PCO RIDERS EMBARKED (4); REXTORP SHOOT
8FEB-18FEB	IN PORT MAYPORT
18FEB-21FEB	LANTFLT DISBURSING AUDIT
18FEB-28APR	TOPSIDE AVAIL EDSRA, MAYPORT NS
28APR	DEADSTICK MOVE TO ATLANTIC DRYDOCK, MAYPORT, FL
30MAY	LCDR G S LEVERETTE RELIEVES LCDR R C TILLOTSON AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER
28APR-24JUNE	LOC: ATLANTIC DRYDOCK, MAYPORT, FL.
25JUNE	UNDOCK ATLANTIC DRYDOCK
25JUNE	DEADSTICK BERTHSHIFT TO NS MAYPORT
26JUNE-17JULY	IN PORT MAYPORT, FL
9JULY-11JULY	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION
11JULY-13JULY	LIGHT OFF ASSESMENT
13 JULY	GENERAL QUARTERS FOR LOA
15 JULY	UNDERWAY JAX OP AREA
16JULY	STORES ON-LOAD
17JULY	AMMUNITION ON-LOAD
18JULY-1AUG	UNDERWAY ENROUTE BUCKSPORT, MAINE MIDSHIPMEN SHIP RIDERS EMBARKED (14).
18JULY	PAC FIRE 75 MM
19JULY	STEEL BEACH PICNIC/FISHCALL/MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS

21JULY	UNREP WITH USNS DETROIT
25JULY-28JULY	PORT VISIT BUCKSPORT, MAINE
30JULY	UNDERWAY ENTRROUTE JAX OP AREA
31JULY	ANCHOR/SMALL BOAT ATTACK
31JUL-01AUG	NAV/SEAMANSHIP LTT
04AUG-08AUG	DC LTT (IN PORT/AT SEA FIRE PARTY)
11AUG-15AUG	DC LTT (IN PORT/AT SEA FIRE PARTY)
18AUG-20AUG	SAR CERTIFICATION
25AUG-26AUG	DC LTT/ATFP CERTIFICATION
25AUG-29AUG	COMMAND PRT
01SEPT	LABOR DAY
02SEP-05SEP	AVCERT
09SEP-11SEP	IA/MAIN SPACE FIRE CERT
15SEP-19	CART II
22SEP-27SEP	UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING/CART II
07OCT	COMMUNICATIONS READINESS CERT
10OCT	TRG-3; ITT TRAINING
13OCT	COLUMBUS DAY
15OCT	E9 MIDTERM COUNSELING
21OCT-23OCT	TSTA U/W DLQs
03NOV	UD PRACTICE
04NOV	UD
05NOV	N43 MENTOR VISIT
10NOV-14NOV	PCO SHIP RIDERS
11NOV	VETERANS DAY
13NOV	FEP BRIEF
14NOV	FEP U/W
15NOV-21NOV	SSRNM/PCO MULTISAIL
24NOV-30NOV	IMAV PERIOD
27NOV	THANKSGIVING
1DEC-8DEC	IMAV PERIOD
11DEC	COMMAND CHRISTMAS PARTY
15DEC-16DEC	DLQ/SMALL ARMS QUAL JAX OPAREA
19DEC-30DEC	1 ST LEAVE/UPKEEP PERIOD
30DEC	TURNOVER DAY
30DEC-12JAN	2 ND LEAVE/UPKEEP PERIOD

NARRATIVE:

DE WERT began 2003 in a post deployment stand down in Mayport, Florida which ended on the 21st of January. CDR M E Loughlin relieved CDR J R BoorujyY on the 3rd of January. The command PFA was held on the 27th of January. LCDR Tillotson, the executive officer, lead the way getting an outstanding with a run time 10:14, 100 sit ups and 76 pushups.

DE WERT got U/W, 4FEB-7FEB, in the JAX Oparea, with four PCO riders. DE WERT showed off to the PCO's with man-over-board drills, DLQs, small arms fire, a chaff firing exercise, full power run, 76 MM Pacfire, ITT drill, Basic Engineering Casualty Control Drills, SESEF range run, a test of the counter measure wash down, streamed TACTAS and NIXIE, launched an EMATT and fired a rextorp.

DE WERT returned to Mayport for an EDSRA 3FEB-28APRIL. Naval Station Mayport hosted President Bush on the 13th of Jan. 75 DE WERT sailors were able to attend his speech. DE WERT was specifically chosen as the backdrop for the speech for the President. LANTFLT Disbursing audit occurred 18-21 Feb with minor discrepancies.

Commander Loughlin went aloft on the 5th of March. He went TAD (March 31st-4th of April) to MSI Norfolk improving the ship handling skills of one lieutenaut, three lieutenant junior grade, six ensigns and five enlisted sailors.

The Olive Garden provided a sumptuous lunch for the crew on the 2nd of April. On the 15th of April DEWERT conducted a small arms ammo onload. A fast Cruise on the 22nd of April with DE WERT going to GQ, ASW Condition II, setting all the watches as well as setting low visibility detail. Thursday, 24th of April had a safety standown on tag out, heat stress, the dry-dock availability, hearing conservation, recreational, and human factors. Enlisted detailer visited to present a COMMS/JASS brief. A SWO CO/XO mentoring meeting occurred at Ocean Breeze with a SWO spousal social.

DE WERT completed a dead stick move to Atlantic Dry-dock on the 28th of April.

Commander Loughlin, LCDR Tillotson and CMDCM (SW) Dollen had lunch with Mrs. [REDACTED] the Ombudsman, on the 1st of May.

The DESRON 14 Battle 'E' award for 2002 was presented to the crew on the top of the barge on the 12th of May. DE WERT got a chance to met the prospective XO when he checked onboard on the 27th of May. Shortly there after on the 30th of May, LCDR G S Leverette relieved LCDR R C Tillotson as the Executive Officer.

A main space fire drill was added on every Tuesday and Thursday to prepare DE WERT for the training cycle.

ATG came aboard on the 11th of June, to present STT/ETT/CSTT/DCTT/MTT/FPTT Seminars to get the crew started for the Inter Deployment Training Cycle. A weapons qualification

was held on the base range to get over 27 Sailors 9MM pistol and 11 M14 rifle qualified.

DESRON war games started with several Junior Officers representing DE WERT on the 16th of June. Undocking rehearsal with valve checks on the 19th of June. A Safety Standown on force protection, domestic violence and sexual assault brief was held on the 19th of June. The dry dock was flooded and the final gangway was removed 1530 on the 23rd.

On the historic morning of 25th of June DE WERT bid Atlantic Dry-dock a fond farewell and departed for Naval Station Mayport, moored 0900 port side to at F-2-1.

8th of July had SMI kickoff as well as a LOA rehearsal. 14th of July, had a fast cruise that lasted all day. Sea Trials on the 15th of July, anchored at ATG 2, got under way had two full power runs. U/W on the afternoon of the 17th of July in JAX Oparea. Steel beach picnic on the 20th, UNREP, launched an EMATT, streamed TACTAS, with BECCES. DE WERT manned the rail in Summer Whites on Friday 25th, and the key to Bucksport was presented on the flight deck. A plethora of activities had been arranged 5k run, kayak race, ship tours for the local community as well as a command golf tournament. ENS [REDACTED] lead a DE WERT parade in the Bucksport parade. DE WERT departed on the 28th of July, heading toward Mayport. The underway schedule was filled with a CSTT drill, burial at sea, and a small arms qualification on the flight deck. DE WERT anchored, 31 July, to prepare for a small boat attack.

Moored, 1st Aug, port side E-3-1. The 4th thru the 8th had a PRE-AVCERT Visit, DC LTT inport/at sea fire party. ATG Observed IET Drills 11 Aug. SAR LTT 13th of Aug followed by a SAR Certification 18-20 Aug. The mess decks closed down on the 14th of August and the crew messed on the BOONE barge while the decks were refurnished. 14th thru 19th of Aug ATG observed IET, ATFP-SF-2 Drills. 20th Aug ATG observed more IET drills, which led to the 25-26 AUG DC LTT/ATFP Certification. In addition an Aviation Assist visit was conducted 26th of Aug. An ITT drill was held 28 Aug with a Family Support Group cookout on the pier.

September, was a month of continued training with an ENGINEERING LTT, BECCES MEDICAL LTT on the 2nd of Sept. Followed by on the 3rd of Sept, an ITT Drill, ITT LTT and Engineering LTT. AVCERT on the 12 SEPT 03. The Executive officer reviewed all CART II Admin personally on the 3rd of Sept. N82 on the 9th of SEPT conducted Safety walkthrough and Engineering Material checks. The 16th of Sept, DESRON 14 recieved the CART II IN-

BRIEF given by LCDR Leverette. DE WERT welcomed three new chiefs into the chiefs mess, HMC [REDACTED], YNC [REDACTED] and ETC [REDACTED] with a pinning ceremony on the 16th of Sept. DE WERT got U/W 18-19 SEPT for CART II TRAINING. CART II occurred on the 22-26 SEPT, U/W on the 23rd of Sept.

30 SEPT-02Oct TSTA (U/W) occurred with numerous STT scenarios, BECCE's, small arms qualification, and SUW exercises. Moored 2nd Oct. 7-9th of Oct TSTA with STT, USW/ITT scenario/USW-9 LTT, General Quarters, Sonar Self Noise test, USW/INTEL/DC Engineering LTT. 9th of Oct moored and refueled. 10th Oct moor to buoy LTT. 16th-17th of Oct had a INTELL LTT, VBSS, Mass Casualty and AW watch team training. LTT's continued on the 20-24 OCT with Engineering, ITT and CBR DEFENSE. 24 OCT CBDR scenario, along with an LTT in Engineering and Damage Control. 27-31st OCT U/W conducting multiple BECCE sets, a CSCCES, LTT DC, and Seamanship, with a detect to engage exercise. UNREP with the KANAWHA, TOWEX, 76MM/CIWS Pacfire, and a mine warfare exercise.

30 Sept U/W in the JAX OPAREA conducting multiple BECCEs, USW exercises/Engineering/SUW/USW/Man overboard LTT.

November was a busy month with DE WERT getting U/W to practice for UD on the 3rd of Nov. The 4th of November was our UD and we passed. DE WERT geared up for FEP with intensive drills and training. PCO Ship riders embarked on the 10th of November. We got U/W for FEP, an intense but satisfying as DE WERT successfully completed FEP. The very next day, we set sail for the PCO Multi-sail/SSRNM at AUTECH. DE WERT returned to Mayport to start a IMAV period starting on the 24th of November and lasting until the 30th of November.

An additional IMAV started in December the 1st thru 8th. DE WERT held a command Christmas Party on the 11th of December with a record crowd and a good time was had by all. We got U/W, 15th of Dec, for DLQ's and a small arms qualification in the JAXOPAREA to support the holiday stand down. We returned on the 16th. The first leave upkeep period started on the 19th of December with turnover on the 30th and second leave period starting and lasting until the 12th of Jan 2004.