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USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
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Subj: 2000 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS OSPREY (MHC 51)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F, Command Histories

1. In accordance with reference (a), USS OSPREY (MHC 51)
Command History for 2000 is submitted.

2. Mission. USS OSPREY is prepared to conduct prompt,
sustained combat operations at sea in support of national
policy. OSPREY'S primary mission is to locate, classify, and
destroy moored and bottom mines in the littorals. Secondary
missions include route surveys, underwater search and rescue,
and the collection of hydrographic and oceanographic data.
Advanced combat and engineering systems make OSPREY particularly
well suited for her mission.

3. Organizational Structure.

- a. Immediate Superior in Command:
Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron ONE
1455 Ticonderoga Rd, Suite W200
Ingleside, TX 78362-500
- b. Commanding Officer: CDR Paul J. Severs, USN
Executive Officer: LCDR John W. Morton, USNR
Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED], USN
Operations Officer: LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
First LT: ENS [REDACTED], USNR
Supply Officer: ENS [REDACTED], USNR
- c. Homeport: Ingleside, TX

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4. Ships Characteristics.

a. Combat Systems Equipment:

AN/SPS-64 Surface Search Radar with IFF
AN/SPA-25G Digital Radar Display
AN/WSN-2 Gyrocompass
AN/WQC-2 Underwater Communications Set
AN/UQN-4 Fathometer
AN/SQQ-32 Variable Depth Sonar
AN/SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization System
.50 Cal Machine Guns (2)
Multi Purpose Crane

b. Navigation:

AN/SYQ-13 Navigation Command Control System
AN/SSQ-109 Ship's Machinery Control System

c. Propulsion:

Isotta-Fraschini Main Propulsion Diesel Engines (2)
(800 HP)
Cycloidal Propellers (2)

d. Auxiliaries

Isotta Fraschini Diesel Generators (3) (300KW)
York AC Plants (4)
Firepumps (3)
Auxiliary Sea Water Cooling Pumps (3)
Medium Pressure Air Compressors (2)

5. Command History: (CY 00 Chronology)

01 Jan - 09 Jan	Holiday Leave and Upkeep (HOLUPK) Ingleside, TX
10 Jan - 23 Jan	Upkeep (UPK) Ingleside, TX
24 Jan - 28 Jan	Gulf Of Mexico Exercise (GOMEX 00-1) Corpus Christi Operating Area (CCOA)
29 Jan - 30 Jan	UPK: Ingleside, TX
31 Jan - 03 Feb	GOMEX 00-1 in CCOA
04 Feb - 13 Feb	UPK: Ingleside, TX

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14 Feb - 18 Feb	Enroute (ENR) Cozumel, Mexico
19 Feb - 22 Feb	Visit (VST) Cozumel, Mexico
23 Feb - 25 Feb	ENR: Key West, FL
26 Feb - 27 Feb	VST: Key West, FL
28 Feb - 02 Mar	ENR: Mobile, AL
03 Mar - 07 Mar	VST: Mobile, AL
08 Mar - 11 Mar	ENR: Ingleside, TX
12 Mar - 23 Apr	UPK: Ingleside, TX
14 Mar - 24 Mar	Combat Systems Readiness Assessment/ Systems and Equipment Material Assessment Team (CSRA/SEMAT)
20 Mar - 31 Mar	051 Ship's Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) Availability
27 Mar - 31 Mar	Supply Management Assist (SMA)
05 Apr - 06 Apr	Electro Magnetic Roll (EMR) Testing and Degaussing Check Ranging
24 Apr - 05 May	022 Maintenance Availability Ingleside, TX
06 May - 07 May	UPK: Ingleside, TX
08 May - 12 May	ENR: Pascagoula, MS
13 May	UPK: Pascagoula, MS
14 May - 19 May	ENR: Panama City Op Areas
20 May - 21 May	VST: Panama City, FL
22 May - 25 May	ENR: New Orleans, LA
26 May - 29 May	VST: New Orleans, AL
30 May - 02 Jun	ENR: Galveston, TX
03 Jun - 04 Jun	VST: Galveston, TX
05 Jun - 07 Jun	ENR: Ingleside, TX
08 Jun - 12 Jul	UPK: Ingleside, TX
13 Jul - 14 Jul	GOMEX 00-2 in CCOA
15 Jul	UPK: Ingleside, TX
16 Jul - 21 Jul	GOMEX 00-2/ Mercury 00 in CCOA
22 Jul - 30 Jul	UPK: Ingleside, TX
31 Jul - 13 Aug	Restricted Availability (RAV) Ingleside, TX
14 Aug - 05 Sep	Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Period Ingleside, TX
06 Sep - 07 Sep	Mine Countermeasures Training (MCMTNG) in CCOA
08 Sep - 11 Sep	UPK: Ingleside, TX
12 Sep - 14 Sep	ENR: Beaumont, TX
15 Sep - 17 Sep	VST: Beaumont, TX for U.S. Navy Days
18 Sep - 21 Sep	Group Sail (GRUSL) Gulf of Mexico
22 Sep	VST: Pascagoula, MS
23 Sep - 25 Sep	GRUSL: Gulf of Mexico

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26 Sep	Brief Stop For Fuel (BSF) Key West, FL
27 Sep - 28 Sep	ENR: Mayport, FL
29 Sep - 10 Oct	UPK: Mayport, FL
11 Oct - 12 Oct	ENR: Cherry Point Operating Area (CPOA)
13 Oct - 23 Oct	Unified Spirit 2000/Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX 01-1)
13 Oct	BSF: Morehead City, NC
13 Oct	Navy Birthday Celebration
16 Oct	BSF: Morehead City, NC
18 Oct	BSF: Morehead City, NC
24 Oct - 30 Oct	UPK: Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, VA
31 Oct - 01 Nov	ENR: Annapolis, MD
02 Nov - 05 Nov	VST: Annapolis, MD
06 Nov - 09 Nov	MCMTNG in Chesapeake Bay
10 Nov - 17 Nov	UPK: Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, VA
18 Nov - 22 Nov	ENR: Charleston, SC
23 Nov - 26 Nov	VST: Charleston, SC
27 Nov - 01 Dec	ENR: Key West, FL
02 Dec - 03 Dec	VST: Key West, FL
04 Dec - 08 Dec	ENR: Mobile, AL
09 Dec - 10 Dec	VST: Mobile, AL
11 Dec - 15 Dec	ENR: Ingleside, TX
16 Dec - 31 Dec	HOLUPK: Ingleside, TX

6. Narrative. Throughout 2000, Team OSPREY set the waterfront standard as a top performer in all mission areas and continues a proud tradition as the lead ship of the MHC 51 Class. Superb performance throughout the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC), administrative inspections, and the first ever Mine Warfare Readiness Group Two Deployment have been the hallmark of USS OSPREY during this challenging and rewarding year. Other noteworthy accomplishments include:

- Team OSPREY trained and retained the finest Sailors in the Fleet, receiving the Golden Anchor award for retention excellence.

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- Outstanding performance during three major Fleet Mine Warfare exercises: RONEX 00-1, GOMEX 00-2/MERCURY 00, and UNIFIED SPIRIT 2000/ JTFEX 01-1. In the first two exercises, OSPREY was the first ship to gain sonar contact on an exercise mine. In US2000/JTFEX 01-1, OSPREY served as Commander Task Unit 405.6.1 consisting of three surface MCM ships and two embarked Underwater MCM (UMCM), expertly directing all aspects of SMCM and UMCM tactical operations.
- Ship's Force overhauled Number Two Main Propulsion Diesel Engine with no outside repair activity assistance.
- The first ship in the Mine Force to have Supply Managerial Assessment (SMA) converted to Supply Managerial Inspection (SMI)- an unprecedented feat. S-1 and S-2 Divisions received scores of 96.5% and 90.3%, respectfully.
- Highly Successful Navigation Certification.
- Participated in highly successful deployment of Mine Warfare Readiness Group Two (MIWRG 2). OSPREY enhanced Fleet Mine Warfare knowledge and awareness as part of the COMCMRON ONE Mainstreaming Mine Warfare Initiative in Mayport, FL, Norfolk, VA, and Annapolis, MD.

7. OSPREY looks forward to the new challenges in the year 2001 to include improved combat systems and associated support equipment during a three month Phased Maintenance Availability, Light Off Assessment, Tailored Ship's Training Availabilities, and Final Evaluation Period. Team OSPREY, the lead ship of her class, remains ready to provide "Safe Passage For All."


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