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From: Commanding Officer, USS ROBERT G BRADLEY (FFG 49)
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YEAR 2004

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Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission. The mission of the USS ROBERT G BRADLEY (FFG 49), UIC 21201, is to provide local area protection to Aircraft Carrier Strike Groups, Expeditionary Strike Groups, underway replenishment groups, and other military shipping against air, surface, and subsurface threats. ROBERT G BRADLEY can also act as a Surface Action Group and/or a Search Attack Unit Commander.

b. Commanding Officer. CDR Edwin Lebron, USN.

c. Immediate Superior in Command. Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN: CAPT David Robertson, USN.

d. Permanent Homeport. Mayport, FL.

2. 2004 Chronology.

01 JAN-17 MAR Moored NS MAYPORT, FL. SRA
01 JAN-13 JAN Holiday Standdown
13 JAN-18 MAR SRA
02 MAR-23 MAR SAR CERT
05 MAR JO Ship handling Norfolk, VA
18 MAR-19 MAR Underway JAXOA Sea Trials
19 MAR-06 APR Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
22 MAR-25 MAR PATT VISIT
29 MAR-05 APR MAT-1
29 MAR-02 APR CDS-14 JO War game
07 APR-08 APR Underway JAXOA CO's time
08 APR-11 APR Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
12 APR-14 APR Underway JAXOA PCO School Ship
14 APR-15 APR Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
16 APR-19 APR Underway JAXOA CV OPS
19 APR-04 MAY Moored NS MAYPORT, FL

05 MAY-06 MAY Underway JAXOA IA
 06 MAY-07 MAY Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 07 MAY-13 MAY CART II
 07 MAY-10 MAY Underway Group Sail
 11 MAY-12 MAY Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 12 MAY Underway JAXOA
 12 MAY-24 MAY Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 17 MAY-21 MAY TSTA 1
 25 MAY-27 MAY Underway JAXOA ENG-3/DC-2,6,7,8
 27 MAY-07 JUN Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 02 JUN-03 JUN VIS-1/ENG-6/CCC-9,10,11
 07 JUN AIR-1
 08 JUN-10 JUN Underway JAXOA DC-2,6,7,8/NAV-1/SEA-1
 10 JUN-14 JUN Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 15 JUN-17 JUN Underway JAXOA ENG-3
 18 JUN-21 JUN Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 22 JUN-23 JUN Underway JAXOA ENG-3/USW-1/CCC-9,10,11 PCO
 School Ship
 24 JUN-28 JUN Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 28 JUN-29 JUN Underway JAXOA UD
 30 JUN-05 JUL Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 30 JUN-01 JUL VBSS-2A
 30 JUN-02 JUL CCC-1
 06 JUL-07 JUL Underway JAXOA PCO Ship Ride
 08 JUL-19 JUL Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 09 JUL CDR M. Strano relieved by CDR E. Lebron as
 Commanding Officer
 12 JUL-13 JUL INT-1
 12 JUL-14 JUL CCC-5,6
 14 JUL CCC-9,10
 13 JUL-15 JUL USW-9/VIS-1
 15 JUL SEA-1
 19 JUL-23 JUL TSTA II
 20 JUL-23 JUL Underway JAXOA
 20 JUL NAV-1/SEA-1
 20 JUL-22 JUL DC-6,9,11
 24 JUL-25 JUL Moored MAYPORT, FL
 26 JUL-30 JUL Underway VACAPES
 27 JUL RAS w/USNS LARAMIE
 27 JUL-28 JUL Night RAS w/USNS LARAMIE
 29 JUL Tow/Be towed w/USCGC DALLAS
 30 JUL-02 AUG Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 02 AUG VIS-1
 03 AUG-06 AUG Underway JAXOA TRNG-3/AIR-1
 06 AUG St. John's River Transit
 06 AUG-09 AUG Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 10 AUG-15 AUG Underway JAXOA
 10 AUG-13 AUG TSTA II
 14 AUG-15 AUG SORTIE for Hurricane Charlie
 15 AUG-17 AUG Moored NS MAYPORT, FL

16 AUG-19 AUG FEP
 18 AUG-19 AUG Underway JAXOA
 20 AUG-27 SEP Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 23 AUG-17 SEP CMAV
 01 SEP LCDR T. McNerney III relieved by LCDR S. Chien
 as Executive Officer
 08 SEP CCC-9,10
 22 SEP CCC-11
 28 SEP-30 SEP Underway JAXOA CO's Time
 01 OCT-12 OCT Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 06 OCT CCC-9,10
 13 OCT-22 OCT Underway VACAPES Group Sail DESRON 28
 23 OCT-27 OCT Moored NS NORFOLK, VA
 28 OCT-01 NOV Anchored Annapolis, MD
 02 NOV-05 NOV Underway VACAPES CO's Time
 03 NOV UNREP w/USNS JOHN LENTHALL
 06 NOV-09 NOV Underway Enroute Mobile, AL
 10 NOV-14 NOV Moored Mobile, AL Veterans Day
 11 NOV Veterans Day Parade Mobile, AL
 15 NOV-16 NOV Underway Enroute SSC AUTECH
 16 NOV-18 NOV Underway SSC AUTECH
 19 NOV Underway Enroute Mayport
 20 NOV-12 DEC Moored NS MAYPORT, FL
 23 NOV-25 NOV 3M Certification
 07 DEC Hosted DESRON 14 Change of Command
 13 DEC-14 DEC Underway JAXOA CO's Time
 15 DEC-28 DEC 1st Christmas Leave Period
 28 DEC-10 JAN 2nd Christmas Leave Period

3. Narrative. ROBERT G BRADLEY began the year 2004 moored in homeport, NS MAYPORT, Florida with a portion of the crew on Christmas leave. After the Crew returned RGB started an SRA, for much needed upkeep and modifications. During this time the Mk 13 missile launcher was removed. Following the SRA the RGB entered the training cycle beginning in earnest during the month of April.

The month of April proved busy for RGB and her crew, completing plane guard operation for USS KENNEDY on 17-18 April, BECCES/ENG with ATG, ENG LTT with DESRON-14 observing, ATFP-SF-2, MED-1, and DC-2/7/8. Additionally in April, RGB completed Initial Assessment preparations and TRNG-4/5.

During May, RGB officially began Basic Phase completing her Initial Assessment, CART II, and CDS-14 Group Sail. RGB also completed her Pre-AVCERT Tech Assist, CS TSTA I, EW-1, ENG-6, and VIS-1. Moreover, RGB completed ENG-3, DC-2/6/7/8, NAV-1, SEA-1, VBSS-1B, BGIE preparations, BGIE Exercise, ATFP-3, ENG-6, VIS-1, Air-1A and 1B.

June brought to completion RGB's successful Underway Demonstration. RGB also completed ENG-3, USW-1, CCC-1, VBSS-2A.

The training cycle continued through the summer with a brief break during July during which on July 9th Commander Edwin Lebron assumed command of RGB. Following a successful completion of FEP in August the RGB took advantage of some inport time for upkeep and repair.

October and November were busy months for ROBERT G BRADLEY. RGB sailed up to VACAPES to participate in a Group Sail with DESRON 28 and GEORGE WASHINGTON CARRIER STRIKE GROUP. Enroute to VACAPES, RGB completed Week One Work-ups with HSL 46 Det 6. Several exercises and much needed training were conducted to ensure the ship could conduct safe helicopter operations. Upon arrival in VACAPES RGB participated in: MIO Training with TSV-1 PREVAIL, Plane guard operations with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, TWO UNREPS and numerous practice approaches with USNS JOHN LENTHALL, and USW operations with GWSTRGRU.

After the completion of the DESRON 28 Group Sail, RGB pulled into Norfolk, VA. Here the ship and crew were able to take advantage of training and maintenance opportunities not available in Mayport. Following the brief stay in Norfolk, RGB transited up the Chesapeake River to the United States Naval Academy. RGB was anchored off of Annapolis, MD for the United States Naval Academy's Homecoming weekend. The crew was able to attend the Homecoming game and enjoy many of the Homecoming Weekend festivities.

Upon departure from Annapolis RGB returned to VACAPES for a more training and another UNREP with USNS JOHN LENTHALL. RGB then made its way to Mobile, AL to participate in the Veterans Day celebrations. While in Mobile, RGB hosted a breakfast for local military and civilian leaders. The crew participated in the Veterans Day Parade and a COMREL project.

After leaving Mobile, RGB proceeded to the Atlantic Underwater Tracking and Evaluation Range, Andros Island, in the Bahamas. Here, RGB participated in SSC OPS working with US submarines training prospective commanding officers and developing torpedo countermeasures. RGB also tested new torpedo evasion techniques during this training and conducted two over-the-side exercise torpedo firings.

On 7 December, RGB hosted the Change of Command for DESRON FOURTEEN where Commodore Mark Klatt was relieved by Commodore David Robertson as Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN.

Following a brief underway in the JAX OPAREA for CO's time, RGB holiday stand-down commenced.

4. Command Awards for 2004.

a. COMNAVSURFLANT Engineering Survivability Red "E" (Seventh consecutive award)

b. COMNAVSURFLANT Command, Control, Communications Excellence Green "E" (Sixth consecutive award)


c. COMNAVSURFLANT Maritime Warfare Excellence Award Black "E" (First Award)

d. COMNAVSURFLANT Supply Management Excellence Award Blue "E" (First Award)

e. COMNAVSURFLANT TYCOM Safety Award (First Award)

f. COMNAVSURFLANT Unit Wellness Green "H" Award (Fourth consecutive award)

g. COMNAVSURFLANT Ship's Store Excellence Award



E. LEBRON

COMMANDER
EDWIN LEBRON
U.S. NAVY

Commander Edwin Lebron was born in [REDACTED]. After graduating from high school in Tallahassee, FL, in 1979, he received his Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Southern New Hampshire University in 1984. He received his commission in 1986 through Officer Candidate School.

His first sea duty tour was as DCA and Weapons Officer in USS HEPBURN (FF 1055) from July 1987 to February 1990. His follow-on sea tours included Combat Systems Officer in USS WADSWORTH (FFG 9) from November 1992 to August 1994, Combat Systems Officer in COMDESRON ONE from August 1994 to July 1996, and Combat Systems Officer for COMDESRON TWENTY-FOUR from July 1996 to February 1997. His next assignment was Flag Secretary for USCOMSOLANT from February 1997 to July 1999. He then served as Executive Officer in USS LASSEN (DDG 82) from January 2000 to June 2002. His latest assignment was Surface Operations Officer in COMSIXTHFLT during Operations Iraqi Freedom and enduring Freedom.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Silver Star, and the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star.

Commander Lebron has two children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

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