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

To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)

Subj: USS ROBERT G BRADLEY (FFG-49) COMMAND HISTORY FOR THE  
CALENDAR YEAR 2005

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G Command Histories

Encl: (1) Biography of Commanding Officer

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. The mission of USS ROBERT G BRADLEY (FFG 49), UIC 21201, is to provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against subsurface, air, and surface threats. ROBERT G BRADLEY can also contribute to carrier battle group or SAG defense. The Commanding Officer of ROBERT G BRADLEY is CDR Ed Lebron. The Immediate Superior in Command of the ROBERT G BRADLEY is COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON FOURTEEN. ROBERT G BRADLEY is homeported in Mayport, FL.

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. 2005 Chronology.

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| 27 DEC-09 JAN | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Christmas Leave Period        |
| 10 JAN-15 JAN | In port NS MAYPORT, FL                        |
| 15 JAN-21 JAN | C5RA/HERMA II (Underway - Jax Operating Area) |
| 17 JAN-21 JAN | SMA   |
| 15 FEB-17 FEB | CDOPS/LEDET (Underway - Jax Operating Area)   |
| 18 FEB        | WOWU W/ HSL 46 DET 6                          |
| 23 FEB        | CCC-11 SF                                     |
| 25 FEB-25 MAR | POM Stand Down                                |
| 28 MAR-1 APR  | SMI   |
| 04 APR-04 OCT | CD OPS Deployment                             |
| 04 APR-13 APR | At Sea (INCHOP TO CFT-40)                     |
| 14 APR-15 APR | BSF Colon, Panama                             |
| 15 APR-16 APR | Transit Panama Canal                          |

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| 16 APR-22 APR | Eastern Pacific  |
| 22 APR-23 APR | PVST Panama, City  |
| 23 APR-04 MAY | Eastern Pacific  |
| 27 APR-28 APR | Solomon Case   |
| 04 MAY-06 MAY | PVST Acajulta, El Salvador                                 |
| 06 MAY-19 MAY | Eastern Pacific  |
| 19 MAY        | Golfito, Costa Rica  |
| 19 MAY-01 JUN | Eastern Pacific  |
| 01 JUN-04 JUN | PVST Panama City, Panama                                   |
| 04 JUN-12 JUN | Eastern Pacific  |
| 12 JUN        | BSF Golfito, Costa Rica                                    |
| 12 JUN-21 JUN | Eastern Pacific  |
| 21 JUN-24 JUN | PVST Acapulco, Mexico                                      |
| 24 JUN-04 JUL | At Sea   |
| 25 JUL        | Panama Canal Transit                                       |
| 29 JUL        | BSF Key West, FL   |
| 30 JUL-31 JUL | Mid Cycle Assessment                                       |
| 01 AUG        | Navigation Check Ride/ Mayport, FL                         |
| 02 AUG-12 AUG | FMAV Mayport, FL   |
| 13 AUG-15 AUG | PVST Mayport, FL   |
| 16 AUG-18 AUG | At Sea   |
| 19 AUG-21 AUG | PVST San Juan, PR  |
| 22 AUG-31 AUG | At Sea   |
| 01 SEP        | BSF Willemstad, Curacao                                    |
| 02 SEP-04 SEP | PVST Willemstad, Curacao                                   |
| 05 SEP-06 SEP | At Sea   |
| 06 SEP        | RAS  |
| 06 SEP-13 SEP | At sea   |
| 14 SEP        | BSF Puerto Limon, CR                                       |
| 14 SEP-21 SEP | At Sea   |
| 22 SEP        | BSF Cartegena, CO  |
| 22 SEP-29 SEP | At Sea   |
| 30 SEP-02 OCT | PVST Ft. Lauderdale, FL                                    |
| 03 OCT        | Tiger Cruise   |
| 04 OCT-16 OCT | 1 <sup>st</sup> Leave Period (Post Deployment) Mayport, FL |
| 17 OCT        | Turnover, Homeport Mayport, FL                             |
| 18 OCT-31 OCT | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leave Period (Post Deployment) Mayport, FL |
| 01 NOV-08 NOV | At Sea   |
| 30 NOV-08 MAR | SRA  |
| 03 DEC        | Children Christmas Party                                   |
| 09 DEC        | Command Christmas Party                                    |
| 15 DEC-27 DEC | 1 <sup>st</sup> Holiday Leave Period                       |
| 27 DEC        | Turnover   |
| 27 DEC-09 JAN | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Holiday Leave Period                       |

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### 3. Narrative-

ROBERT G BRADLEY began the year 2005 moored at homeport, NS MAYPORT, FL, with a portion of the crew home on Holiday leave. All crew members returned on January 10th and the ship began pier-side maintenance preparations for the upcoming deployment on April 4th. The ship had two short underway periods, one on January 17<sup>th</sup> and the other on February 15th during which they practiced counter drug operation procedures. During February the command participated in a short notice SURFLANT Training Assessment. On February 25<sup>th</sup> the crew was granted POM stand-down to spend time with family before their upcoming deployment. The crew returned to the ship on March 24<sup>th</sup> and on March 28<sup>th</sup> the Supply Department decisively passed their Supply Management Inspection. The department excelled in all areas, scoring 95% and qualifying the department for the Blue E award. On April 4<sup>th</sup> the ship left Mayport, and headed toward the Eastern Pacific.

April proved to be a busy month for the RGB. On April 4th the RGB made way for a six-month deployment, with HSL 46 DET 6 on board. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the RGB with assistance from the USS DOYLE detoured a "go-fast" from making its destination to the US. On April 15th the RGB made it's first transit through the Panama Canal for the deployment, on its way to the Pacific Ocean to patrol the Eastern Pacific. For many of the crew, this was their first time through the canal. Two weeks later, the ship crossed the equator, another first for many of the crew. The equator crossing was celebrated in standard Navy fashion, with a "shell back" ceremony on the morning of April 27<sup>th</sup>. The ship had to cut the ceremony short to provide R&A assistance to a suspected drug vessel she had been covertly tracking. RGB ended up salvaging the vessel and confiscating approximately 4.6 tons of narcotics and detaining 12 drug traffickers. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July the ship headed back to Mayport for a mid-deployment maintenance period. Before pulling into Mayport, the ship stopped in Key West to turn over approximately 14 tons of narcotics to the DEA. Several ATG personnel also came aboard the ship in Key West to conduct a mid-cycle assessment and a Navigation check ride. The crew excelled in all areas.

CMAV was a welcome stop home for the crew, as they were able to spend time with their families. The Ship got underway again on August 16<sup>th</sup> and headed toward the Eastern Caribbean operating area. The ship made a scheduled port visit to Puerto Rico and then proceeded to patrol the windward islands area. Based on

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intelligence from JIATFS, the ship began tracking a suspected drug vessel and boarded her in late August. Trace amounts of narcotics were found and the case was handed over to the Trinidad and Tobago law enforcement. After an enjoyable port visit to Curacao, the ship spent a few weeks on patrol before heading to FT Lauderdale, her last stop of the deployment. The ship picked up 50 "tigers" for the one day cruise back to Mayport Naval Station. Upon returning from the deployment on October 4<sup>th</sup> the crew was given a one month post deployment stand down. During October and November, RGB executed an ISIC Assessment and prepared for the upcoming SRA. SRA began 22 November and the crew moved on to a barge for the 4 month SRA. The year ended with the RGB pier side in the middle of her SRA and with the crew making preps for the upcoming LOA and training cycle.

4. Command Award for 2005.

- a. Coast Guard District 11 Special Operations 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].