

AIR DEPARTMENT



HSL-43 DET 3, 2002.

HSL-43 DET THREE is comprised of 5 pilots, 2 air crewman, and 16 maintenance personnel. HSL-43 out of Whidbey Island, WA brings to the ship its most valued asset, the SH-60B Seahawk. This helicopter is twin engine single main rotor and can obtain a speed of up to 180 KIAS. The helo "Battle Cat 21" is an asset to the ship in its ability to extend the limits of the ships over the horizon target and tracking. It is capable of this task through the Hawklink System. This system provides voice and Data to the Ship from Battle Cat. LAMPS III is the commonly used acronym said when referring to the Helo. Light Airborne Multipurpose System, because the helo alone has eight different modes of operation at the ships disposal. The primary missions include anti-ship warfare, under-sea warfare, but can be extended to MEDEVAC, or search and rescue operations.



LEFT. LT Ort in Bali surrounded by locals.
BELOW. BattleCat 21.

