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1. In compliance with reference (a), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) for the period of 01 January 1983 through 31 December 1983 is hereby submitted.

2. Basic History

a. Command Organization

1. During this period, USS DUBUQUE (LPD 8) served as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE from 01 January 1983 to 31 March 1983, and Amphibious Squadron FIVE from 01 April to 31 December 1983. The ship was commanded by Captain Jefferson R. Dennis, USN, from 01 January 1983 to 16 July 1983, and by Captain Robert B. McManis, USN, from 16 July 1983 to 31 December 1983.

2. Designation of units assigned. Elements of the following units were embarked on DUBUQUE (LPD 8):

- a. Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN
05 May - 20 May
- b. Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE
30 June - 06 July
08 Sept - 17 Sept
17 Oct - 26 Oct
- c. MIUW 1519, MIUW 12, SBU-11
20 July - 14 Aug
- d. MSSG 37, BLT 3/4
06 Dec - 12 Dec

HISTORICAL NARRATION

On 01 January 1983, DUBUQUE, as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE, was Moored to Pier #9, Naval Station, San Diego, California. DUBUQUE was in a Regular Overhaul with ArcWell Corporation as prime contractor. The crew messing and berthing

facilities were on board APL-4, moored to the quaywall astern of the ship. On 04 February, DUBUQUE took on fuel from 40202 in preparation for first light off. On 03-04 March, DUBUQUE successfully passed Light Off Examination for Number One Main Machinery Room. On 01 March, crew's messing and berthing facilities were moved on board DUBUQUE, and APL-4 turned back to the custody of SUPSHIP San Diego. On 17 March, DUBUQUE successfully passed the Light Off Examination for Number Two Main Machinery Room. DUBUQUE was moved, cold iron, to Pier #5, Naval Station, San Diego, on 29 March to continue overhaul. On 01 April, DUBUQUE shifted from Commander, Amphibious Squadron ONE to Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE. A bomb threat was communicated by telephone to the quarterdeck of DUBUQUE on 10 April, causing all personnel to be mustered and a search of the ship to be conducted, but no bomb was found. On April 11, ArcWell Corporation was relieved as prime contractor and asked to leave the ship. Overhaul was suspended pending action by SUPSHIP San Diego. On 15 April, Southwest Marine Corporation was awarded the contract to complete the regularly scheduled overhaul of DUBUQUE. Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN and Staff embarked DUBUQUE on 05 May, remaining on board until 20 May. On 19 May, DUBUQUE conducted a fast cruise in preparation for sea trials. On 23 May, DUBUQUE departed San Diego for sea trials, returning to Pier #5, Naval Station, San Diego on 25 May. DUBUQUE shifted berths to Pier #11 on 23 June. Underway for continued sea trials on 23 June, DUBUQUE anchored in the Coronado Roads, weighed anchor, and returned to Pier #11 on the same day. On 29 June, DUBUQUE got underway for engineering trials in the SOCAL operations areas, returning to Pier #11 on 30 June. Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE and Staff embarked on 30 June, remaining on board until 06 July, when DUBUQUE shifted berths to Pier #8. On 13 July, DUBUQUE was underway for local operations, the PCO on board, conducted swing ship, and anchored in the Coronado Roads, Underway on 14 July, DUBUQUE returned to Pier #4, Naval Station, San Diego. At 1029, 16 July, with Commander, Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific; Commander, Amphibious Squadron THREE; Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE; Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN; SBS-1 and various commanding officers in attendances, Captain Robert B. McManis relieved Captain Jefferson R. Dennis as Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE. On 20 July DUBUQUE departed San Diego for Mare Island, California in support of Spectre Strike 83-3. On 22 July, DUBUQUE anchored in the vicinity of Mare Island for backload of equipment, departing on 23 July to continue on to the Puget Sound area. On 26 July, DUBUQUE anchored in Discovery Bay, Puget Sound, Washington, remaining until 27 July, when she continued on to anchorage in the vicinity of Port Townsend, Washington. Underway on 28 July, DUBUQUE anchored in Mutiny Bay, Puget Sound. On 29 July, DUBUQUE weighed anchor, proceeded to Manchester Fuel Depot to take on fuel, and returned to Mutiny Bay the same day. On 31 July, DUBUQUE returned to the Port Townsend area for backload of personnel and equipment, remaining

at anchor overnight. 01 August, marked the completion of Spectre Strike 83-3, and DUBUQUE departed for Seattle, Washington, mooring at Pier #48 on the same day. Conducting open house daily, DUBUQUE remained in Seattle until 07 August, active participants in the Seattle Sea Fair festivities. Underway on 07 August for Mare Island, DUBUQUE arrived on 10 August, off-loaded personnel and equipment, and proceeded to Pier #45, San Francisco, California the same day. DUBUQUE conducted visit ship in San Francisco until her departure for San Diego on 13 August, arriving at Pier #11, Naval Station, San Diego on the evening of 14 August. Underway on 17 August, DUBUQUE arrived the same day at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach for LFORM onload, remaining until 19 August. and returned to Pier #10, Naval Station, San Diego. On 22 August, DUBUQUE departed San Diego for operations underway and at anchor in the vicinity of Camp Pendleton, California for Amphibious Refresher Training Operations. On 25 August, DUBUQUE hosted U.S. Senator Pete Wilson and Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet to observe Amphibious operations. On 26 August, DUBUQUE returned to San Diego, mooring at Broadway Pier as open house ship for the weekend. Underway on 29 August, DUBUQUE operated underway and at anchor in the vicinity of Coronado Roads for Amphibious Refresher Training, returning upon satisfactory completion of training to Pier #3, Naval Station, San Diego on 02 September. Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE and Staff embarked on 8 September, remaining on board until 17 September. On 19 September DUBUQUE got underway for Refresher Training, operating underway and anchored in the SOCAL operations areas and San Diego, returning to Pier #10, Naval Station, San Diego on 23 September. In the interim, DUBUQUE conducted a surface gunnery shoot on 20 September and an underway replenishment with USNS KIWISHIWI. On 26 September DUBUQUE returned to sea continuing Refresher Training, operating underway and at anchor in the SOCAL operations areas and San Diego, returning to Pier #10, Naval Station, San Diego on 30 September. DUBUQUE conducted an underway fuel replenishment with USNS KIWISHIWI on 28 September. Again underway on 03 October for Refresher Training, operating underway and at anchor in the SOCAL operations areas and San Diego, DUBUQUE embarked Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE on 07 October to observe the ship's satisfactory completion of the final battle problem. DUBUQUE moored the same day at Pier #10, Naval Station,, San Diego and debarked Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE. On 11 October DUBUQUE departed San Diego for Southern California Operation Areas for MTT Phase II, returning to Pier #10, Naval Station, San Diego on 14 October. Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE and Staff embarked DUBUQUE on 17 October and remained on board until 26 October. On 03 November, while driving a high reach machine from the Flight Deck to Upper Vehicle, BMC [REDACTED], was seriously injured when the machine slipped off the ramp and fell to upper vehicle. He was evacuated to Balboa Regional Medical Center for treatment. DUBUQUE was underway 17 November for

engineering trials, returning to Pier #10 the same day. Underway on 21 November for MTT Phase II, DUBUQUE operated in the SOCAL operations areas until 23 November, returning to Pier #10, Naval Station, San Diego. Underway again on 30 November for MTT Phase II, DUBUQUE remained at sea until 02 December, returning to Pier 6 San Diego. After unloading Marines and equipment, DUBUQUE departed San Diego on 06 December for operations in the SOCAL operations areas and Camp Pendleton in support of KERNEL USHER 84-1. Also on 06 December, DUBUQUE conducted an underway fuel replenishment with USS KANSAS CITY. On 10 December, DUBUQUE received an official visit at sea from COMCARGRU 3 and COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC. Upon completion of KERNEL USHER 84-1 on 12 December, DUBUQUE returned to San Diego, mooring Pier #12. On 15 December, DUBUQUE with Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE embarked, departed San Diego for sea and OPPE, returning to San Diego, Pier #12 upon successful completion of OPPE on 16 December. Commander, Amphibious Squadron FIVE departed DUBUQUE upon mooring. DUBUQUE commenced the holiday leave period on 16 December, and closed out the year at Pier #12, Naval Station, San Diego.



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