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From: Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Washington DC
Subj: USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2001
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) GENADMIN COMSIXTHFLT DTG 170512Z0CT01
(2) Biography of Dennis T. Stokowski, Commanding Officer
(3) Photograph of Dennis T. Stokowski, Commanding Officer
(4) 3.5-inch Disk, File Name: GETTYSBURG COMMAND HISTORY 2001

1. Per reference (a), the following is the USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) command history for 2001.

2. Command Composition and Organization

a. Command Title: USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)

b. Unit Identification Code: 21624

c. USS GETTYSBURG is a multi-warfare Aegis guided missile cruiser. Primary warfare missions are Air Warfare, Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare and Undersea Warfare.

d. Organizational Structure: GETTYSBURG's Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) is Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve, Rear Admiral John F. Morgan.

e. Commanding Officer 01JAN01 to 01FEB01: Captain David C. Beam
Commanding Officer 01FEB01 to 31DEC01: Captain Dennis T. Stokowski

f. Homeport: Mayport, Florida

3. Chronology

17 JAN to 01 FEB	Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) Phase One, Gulf of Mexico Operating Area
01 FEB to 01 FEB	Captain Dennis T. Stokowski relieves Captain David C. Beam as Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG
27 FEB to 16 MAR	Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) Phase Two, Puerto Rican Operating Area
16 MAR to 27 MAR	Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 01-2, Cherry Point Operating Area

24 MAR to 24 MAR	Visit by Rear Admiral Brandt, Commander Belgium Netherlands Task Group
28 MAR to 20 APR	Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Leave Period
21 APR to 21 APR	Family Day Cruise, Jacksonville Operating Area
25 APR to 24 OCT	Deployment, Mediterranean Sea
29 APR to 30 APR	Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS), Vieques, Puerto Rico en route to Mediterranean Sea
10 MAY to 13 MAY	Port Visit Mahon, Menorca
12 MAY to 12 MAY	Visit by Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations
24 MAY to 24 MAY	Visit by Vice Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, Commander Sixth Fleet, en route Civitavecchia, Italy
25 MAY to 29 MAY	Port Visit Civitavecchia, Italy
06 JUN to 09 JUN	Port Visit Malaga, Spain
10 JUN to 11 JUN	Port Visit Rota, Spain
11 JUN to 21 JUN	Spanish Lead TAPON Exercise, Alboran Sea
22 JUN to 22 JUN	Port Visit Rota, Spain
03 JUL to 09 JUL	Port Visit Marseille, France
04 JUL to 04 JUL	Visit by Rear Admiral Harry G. Ulrich, Commander ENTERPRISE Battle Group, and United States Consul General, Mr. Sam Brucker
23 JUL to 27 JUL	Port Visit Split, Croatia
01 AUG to 06 AUG	Port Visit Valletta, Malta
13 AUG to 17 AUG	Port Visit Rhodes, Greece
22 AUG to 27 AUG	Port Visit Aksaz, Turkey
03 SEP to 09 SEP	Fleet Maintenance Availability (FMAV), La Maddalena, Italy
10 SEP to 10 SEP	PASSEX with Russian Navy cruiser MOSKVA, Ionian Sea
11 OCT to 14 OCT	Port Visit Gibraltar, United Kingdom
24 OCT to 27 NOV	Post-Deployment Leave and Upkeep Period
27 NOV to 28 NOV	Weapons Offload with USS VICKSBURG (CG 69), Mayport, Florida

30 NOV to 30 NOV Visit by Ms. Laura A. Faught, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics Systems Management

03 DEC to 15 FEB 02 Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA), Mayport, Florida

18 DEC to 07 JAN 02 Christmas Holiday Leave Period

4. Narrative

a. On the 17th of January, GETTYSBURG began its intermediate phase of the Interdeployment Training Cycle (IDTC), departing Mayport for Phase One of its Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) to be conducted with ENTERPRISE Battle Group in the Gulf of Mexico. During this phase of the training cycle, GETTYSBURG, in company with ENTERPRISE Battle Group, conducted multi-warfare training exercises that developed command and control relationships and honed GETTYSBURG's air, surface, subsurface, and strike warfare skills.

b. Prior to GETTYSBURG's return from the extended training period, a change of command was held at anchor off the Florida coast on the 1st of February, where Captain Dennis T. Stokowski relieved Captain David C. Beam as Commanding Officer.

c. On the 27th of February, GETTYSBURG departed Mayport to conduct Phase B of its Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). Focus for the exercises was to fine tune ENTERPRISE Battle Group's ability to conduct sustained combat operations at sea and prepare GETTYSBURG for joint/combined task force operations during the follow-on Joint Task Force Exercises (JTFEX) 01-2. During this exercise, GETTYSBURG successfully fired four Standard Missile Block IIIs against aerial targets as part of a US, Dutch, and German live firing missile exercise in the Puerto Rico Operating Area (PROA).

d. Beginning March 16th, GETTYSBURG assumed duties as Green Crown for the duration of its Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX). During this advanced or graduated exercise, GETTYSBURG operated in support of KEARSARGE Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) and the Belgium Netherlands Task Group (BNLTG) led by Dutch Rear Admiral Brandt.

e. On the 21st of April, only days before departing for her Mediterranean deployment, GETTYSBURG boarded more than 350 visitors for a brief day at sea. Crewmembers provided tours for family and friends and the command set up an aggressive schedule of events showcasing ship's mobility, small arms capabilities, and damage control procedures. GETTYSBURG's embarked helicopter squadron provided an aerial display followed by a twenty round firing exercise of both five-inch .54 caliber gun mounts.

f. GETTYSBURG departed for its Mediterranean deployment on the 25th of April. Before heading to the Mediterranean Sea, GETTYSBURG transited to the Puerto Rico Operating Area (PROA) where it conducted a Naval Surface Fire Support Exercise (NSFS) off the coast of Vieques from the 29th to the 30th of April. Expending ninety-nine 5"/54 rounds from its forward and aft gunmounts, GETTYSBURG received a high score of 93.6%, the best recorded score of any ship since the reopening of Vieques.

g. During its port visit to Menorca, Spain, GETTYSBURG was visited by Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, and the United States Ambassador to Spain, for a reception in commemoration of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut. The Chief of Naval Operations presided as the guest speaker at a wreath laying ceremony at the American Naval Cemetery on the 12th of May, which followed a clean up and restoration project spearheaded by GETTYSBURG crewmembers.

h. From the 11th to the 21st of June, GETTYSBURG participated in a joint allied exercise as part of a cooperative effort of nine NATO countries, including Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Greece, Morocco, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Designed to emulate a real world situational conflict, the exercise included both allied and opposing forces (OPFOR) simulated by various participating units. Allied forces challenged OPFOR actions and eventually simulated the neutralization of the threat. Throughout the exercise, GETTYSBURG conducted a multitude of mock engagements against OPFOR, including anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine warfare, allowing for live submarine contact time and live gunnery exercises. TAPON also provided an excellent venue to establish an improved operational familiarity among allied forces. GETTYSBURG hosted five Spanish Naval Officers to observe AEGIS operations and received praise from Vice Admiral Johnson for GETTYSBURG's efforts to support interoperability.

i. During GETTYSBURG's stay in Marseille, France, GETTYSBURG hosted a Fourth of July celebration attended by Admiral Harry G. Ulrich, Commander ENTERPRISE Battle Group, and United States Consul General, Mr. Sam Brucker, as well as over 130 local Navy League members from the Provence area. The evening consisted of a traditional bell ringing ceremony in honor of the thirteen original colonies of the United States and celebrated the historical ties between France and the United States, promoting and deepening relations between the two allied countries.

j. From the 3rd to the 9th of September GETTYSBURG moored alongside USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39) in La Maddalena, Italy, for the completion of a Fleet Maintenance Availability (FMAV) period. Throughout its stay, the Sailors of EMORY S. LAND corrected 220 of the 300 discrepancies listed in GETTYSBURG's Coordinated Ship's Maintenance Plan.

k. On the 10th of September, while transiting the Ionian Sea, GETTYSBURG conducted a brief Passing Exercise (PASSEX) with the Russian Slava-class cruiser, RS MOSKVA (CG 121). Its first coordinated exercise with the Russian Navy, the two vessels established communications and proceeded to carry out various flaghoist drills and tactical maneuvering exercises. Closing to within three hundred yards from MOSKVA's beam allowed GETTYSBURG's embarked helicopter, CUTLASS 474, to complete a photo shoot. Crews then crowded the weather decks of their respective ships to exchange greetings.

l. Following the events of September 11th, GETTYSBURG was charged with providing multi-warfare Force Protection of the KEARSARGE Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) and various Commander, Task Force Sixty Three logistics assets until departing the Mediterranean Sea on the 15th of October. GETTYSBURG safely returned home from her sixth deployment on the 24th of October.

m. USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) conducted a weapons cross-deck with USS VICKSBURG (CG 69) from the 27th to the 28th of November while inport Mayport, Florida. The evolution supported USS VICKSBURG's upcoming deployment through the relinquishing of all ammunitions held onboard USS GETTYSBURG.

n. On the 30th of November, USS GETTYSBURG received a brief visit from the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Logistics Systems Management, Ms. Laura A. Faught. The visit was conducted as part of Ms. Faught's tour to Jacksonville in order to familiarize herself with the Atlantic Fleet Naval Forces. During her time onboard, Ms. Faught toured the major centers of ship's operation, including Sonar Control, Combat Information Center, and the Pilothouse.

o. USS GETTYSBURG conducted an extensive Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA) period from the 3rd of December to the 15th of February. GETTYSBURG saw the completion of over three hundred jobs, including a habitability upgrade and installation of the Advanced Tomahawk Weapon Control System.

5. Supporting Documents. Enclosures (1) through (3) are supporting documents requested per reference (a). Specifically, the enclosures are:

a. Enclosure (1) is GENADMIN Message DTG 170512Z OCT 01 from Vice Admiral Grog Johnson.

b. Enclosure (2) is the biography of Captain Dennis T. Stokowski, Commanding Officer from 01 FEB through 2001.

c. Enclosure (3) is the required soft copy of the Command History submission. The file name is "GETTYSBURG COMMAND HISTORY 2001."


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