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From: Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64)
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Subj: USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002
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1. Per reference (a), the following is the USS GETTYSBURG (CG 64) command history for 2002.

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 Jim Stavridis.
- e. Commanding Officer 01JAN01 to 17SEP02: Captain Dennis T. Stokowski
Commanding Officer 18SEP02 to 31DEC02: Captain Edward S. Hebner
- f. Homeport: Mayport, Florida

3. Chronology

01 JAN to 15 FEB Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA), Mayport, Florida
20 FEB to 22 FEB Sea Trials, Jacksonville Operating Area
04 MAR to 08 MAR Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area
16 MAR to 19 MAR Port Visit, Port Canaveral, Florida
16 MAR to 16 MAR Ballistic Missile Test Shoot Observation Vessel,
Naval Ordnance Test Unit, Port Canaveral, Florida
05 APR to 05 APR USS GETTYSBURG Command Picnic, Mayport, Florida
08 APR to 12 APR Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area
22 APR to 26 APR Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area
02 MAY to 02 MAY Visit by Mr. Jeffery G. Orner, Executive Director of Naval
Supply Systems Command, Mayport, Florida

13 MAY to 16 MAY Supply Management Inspection Assist Visit, Mayport, Florida

13 MAY to 16 MAY Material Maintenance Management Program Inspection, Assist Visit, Mayport, Florida

16 MAY to 18 MAY Underway, En Route Puerto Rican Operating Area

19 MAY to 20 MAY Port Visit, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico

20 MAY to 24 MAY Prospective Commanding Officer Operations, Puerto Rican Operating Area

24 MAY to 27 MAY Port Visit, St. Maarten, United States Virgin Islands

28 MAY to 31 MAY Underway, En Route Mayport, Florida

03 JUN to 07 JUN Aviation Certification, Mayport, Florida

10 JUN to 13 Jun Underway, En Route Baltimore, Maryland

13 JUN to 17 JUN Port Visit, Baltimore, Maryland

18 JUN to 20 JUN Tiger Cruise, En Route Mayport, Florida

08 JUL to 12 JUL Command Assessment of Readiness and Training, Mayport, Florida

15 JUL to 19 JUL Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area

30 JUL to 01 AUG Engineering Initial Assessment, Mayport, Florida

05 AUG to 08 AUG Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area

09 AUG to 09 AUG Family Day Cruise, Jacksonville Operating Area

26 AUG to 30 AUG Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area

11 SEP to 16 SEP Underway, En Route Newport, Rhode Island

16 SEP to 22 SEP Port Visit, Newport, Rhode Island

17 SEP to 17 SEP Captain Edward S. Hebner relieves Captain Dennis T. Stokowski as Commanding Officer, USS GETTYSBURG

23 SEP to 26 SEP Underway, En Route Mayport, Florida

07 OCT to 11 OCT Surface Navy Olympics Week, Mayport, Florida

15 OCT to 18 OCT Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area

22 OCT to 23 OCT Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, Mayport, Florida

28 OCT to 30 OCT Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area

04 NOV to 07 NOV Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area

13 NOV to 13 NOV Communications Readiness Certification, Mayport, Florida
25 NOV to 26 NOV Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area
03 DEC to 03 DEC Underway, Jacksonville Operating Area
04 DEC to 04 DEC Underway Demonstration, Jacksonville Operating Area
17 DEC to 18 DEC Final Evaluation Period, Jacksonville Operating Area
20 DEC to 31 DEC Holiday Leave Period, Mayport, Florida

4. Narrative

a. 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.

b. After completion of the Ship's Restricted Availability period, GETTYSBURG underwent Sea Trials in the Jacksonville Operating Area, successfully completing all planned evolutions.

c. From the 16th to the 19th of March, GETTYSBURG visited Port Canaveral, Florida. The main highlight of the stay included participation as a key player in the Naval Ordnance Test Unit's Ballistic Missile Shoot. Along with the USS Jacksonville, GETTYSBURG was an integral part in accomplishing the successful launch. GETTYSBURG also served as an observation platform for over thirty ship riders selected by the Naval Ordnance Test Unit to observe the missile launch.

d. GETTYSBURG's Supply Department underwent the extensive Supply Management Inspection Assist Visit from the 13th to the 16th of May. The Supply Management Inspection Assist Visit assessed every detail of Supply Department's responsibilities including sanitation, food preparation, and ship's services. Scoring a 93.3 in storekeeping, a 95.1 in food service, and a 95.5 in retail sales enabled GETTYSBURG to upgrade the assist visit to an inspection, fulfilling the biannual inspection requirement of the Supply Management Inspection, and also qualified GETTYSBURG for the prestigious NEY Award in Supply.

e. From the 13th to the 16th of May, GETTYSBURG also underwent the Material Maintenance Management system inspection (3M Inspection), proving proficiency in all areas of preventive maintenance and administration. With an overall score of 96.7% in the Preventive Maintenance System and 100% Spot Check completion, GETTYSBURG was again able to upgrade an assist visit to a satisfactorily completed inspection.

f. On the 19th of May, GETTYSBURG visited Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to conduct a weapons onload of three MK 46 torpedoes and three MK 50 torpedoes in preparation for the upcoming Prospective Commanding Officer Operations (PCO Operations). After completing the weapons onload, GETTYSBURG transited the Puerto Rican Operating Area to commence participation in PCO Operations from the 20th to the 24th of May. During this time, GETTYSBURG, in conjunction with USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699), USS HARTFORD (SSN 768), and USS MCFAUL (DDG 74), took part in numerous integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare battle scenarios. Throughout the four-day event, GETTYSBURG conducted over

fifty active submarine prosecutions, launched four training torpedoes, and conducted various simulated torpedo evasion maneuvers, thus gaining valuable training in all areas of Anti-Submarine Warfare.

g. GETTYSBURG's Aviation Certification was conducted the 3rd through the 7th of June resulting in qualification as an air-capable platform, as well as certification of Search and Rescues Swimmers.

h. From the 13th to the 17th of June, GETTYSBURG visited Baltimore, Maryland, maintaining the close connection between history and namesake. During the five-day stay, nearly 230 crewmembers traveled to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for tours of the battlefield at Gettysburg National Military Park. Officers and crew also attended various events sponsored by The Gettysburg Society including numerous crew picnics, lunch with the Mayor of Gettysburg, and a live radio talk show broadcast from onboard GETTYSBURG. A Flag Day Ceremony was held at Fort McHenry where Commanding Officer, Dennis T. Stokowski, gave the keynote address.

i. On the return trip from Baltimore, Maryland to Mayport, Florida GETTYSBURG boarded fifteen extra passengers to support a two day Tiger Cruise, providing friends and family the opportunity to experience Navy life. Guests participated in various static displays, a Steel Beach picnic, live firing exercises, simulated man overboard drills, and a fly-by of the ship by GETTYSBURG's air detachment, HSL-46 Detachment 5.

j. Afloat Training Group Mayport visited GETTYSBURG from the 8th to the 12th of July to conduct Phase Two of GETTYSBURG's Command Assessment of Readiness and Training. Assist visit inspectors evaluated all aspects of GETTYSBURG's training program and effectiveness of training teams, including the Damage Control Training Team and the Engineering Training Team, as well as two Condition Three watchteams. GETTYSBURG completed the CART inspection and was authorized to continue in the Inter Deployment Training Cycle.

k. On the 30th of July and 1st of August, GETTYSBURG underwent her Engineering Initial Assessment. Inspectors evaluated all aspects of GETTYSBURG's engineering plant during both cold and hot checks, certifying her to continue in the Inter Deployment Training Cycle.

l. Before getting underway on the 11th of September, GETTYSBURG held a memorial service in commemoration of the attack on the World Trade Center. GETTYSBURG Sailors were joined by Commander, ENTERPRISE Battle Group, Rear Admiral Jim Stavridis, for a special bell ringing ceremony. GETTYSBURG then hoisted the First Navy Jack in lieu of the Union Jack to serve as a reminder of the war on terrorism.

m. GETTYSBURG visited Newport, Rhode Island from the 16th to the 22nd of September to serve as the school ship for students attending Surface Warfare Officer School. During the week, the ship provided numerous tours for SWOS attendants as well as Warfare College and Department Head school students. Officers and crew took advantage of the time inport to tour the town of Newport as well as the surrounding areas of Boston and New York.

n. Prior to returning to Mayport, Florida a change of command ceremony was held in Newport, Rhode Island where Captain Edward S. Hebner relieved Captain Dennis T. Stokowski as Commanding Officer of USS GETTYSBURG.

o. From the 7th to the 11th of October GETTYSBURG participated in numerous events during the first annual Surface Navy Olympic Week at Mayport Naval Station. The event was sponsored by the Mayport/Jacksonville Chapter of the Surface Navy Association and tested Sailors in a series of nautical events. Proving their outstanding seagoing skills to the judges from Afloat Training Group Mayport, GETTYSBURG Sailors took home the first place trophy for the Mayport Basin.

p. GETTYSBURG successfully completed its Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification from the 22nd to the 23rd of October. Evaluated by Afloat Training Group Mayport and Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Twelve, GETTYSBURG watchteams level of proficiency and skill were highly noted by inspectors.

q. On the 13th of November Radio watchteams and Signalmen personnel scored an overall score of 93.7 percent on the Communications Readiness Certification, qualifying the ship to conduct radio and visual communications.

r. The Engineering Plant was certified to steam during Underway Demonstration on the 4th of December. Engineering Department personnel demonstrated proficiency in all areas from propulsion to damage control.

s. GETTYSBURG successfully completed the Final Evaluation Period on the 17th and 18th of December, concluding the Basic Phase of the Inter Deployment Training Cycle. Satisfactorily demonstrating proficiency in various areas of seamanship and damage control, GETTYSBURG moved into the Intermediate Phase following completion.

5. **Supporting Documents.** Enclosure (1) is the required soft copy of the Command History submission. The file name is "GETTYSBURG COMMAND HISTORY 2002."



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