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## **USS JOHN S. McCAIN HISTORY**

JOHN S. McCAIN began her career September 26, 1992 as the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Cindy McCain, christened and launched the ship from the ways into the Kennebec river in Bath, ME. JOHN S. McCAIN was the fourth DDG 51 Arleigh Burke Class destroyer built by Bath Iron Works.

JOHN S. McCAIN continued her construction phase at Bath Iron Works (BIW) and was placed "in service, special" on May 27, 1994. The United States Navy accepted custody of JOHN S. McCAIN from BIW and her "plankowner" crew moved aboard.

JOHN S. McCAIN was placed into commission July 2, 1994. Former President George W. Bush was the principal speaker at the commissioning ceremony and guests included: Governor McKernan (Maine); Senator John S. McCain (R-Arizona); Senator Phil Graham(R-Texas); Senator William Cohen(D-Maine); U.S. Representative Anderson(R-Maine); Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations; Vice Admiral Flanagan, Commander Second Fleet; Rear Admiral William R. Retz, Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

Following commissioning, JOHN S. McCAIN began qualifications to ensure her readiness for operations. JOHN S. McCAIN successfully completed Light Off Examination 19-21 July, 1994, and was certified to operate the engineering plant.

JOHN S. McCAIN departed Bath, ME, July 27, 1994. After two days of delay due to fog and heavy weather, she sailed down the Kennebec River to start the journey to her new homeport, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

After departing Maine, JOHN S. McCAIN transited to Virginia and moored at Yorktown Naval Weapon Station to onload ammunition and missiles. Following completion of the onload, she sailed to Norfolk for a week long visit and additional training. JOHN S. McCAIN then sailed south for the Caribbean and transit of the Panama Canal. McCAIN made a brief stop for fuel in Rodman, Panama, then continued on to Acapulco, Mexico for a three day port visit. JOHN S. McCAIN continued en route to San Diego, CA for two weeks of inport training and reprovisioning. JOHN S. McCAIN was then underway in the Southern California operating area and proceeded to perform another portion of her qualification phase,

the Weapons System Accuracy Trial. JOHN S. McCAIN fired her 5”54 caliber gun in a Naval Gun Fire Support exercise, the first Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer to qualify in Naval Gunfire Support on the west coast at San Clemente Island.

JOHN S. McCAIN departed the California coast and continued on to Pearl Harbor, HI. She arrived September 26, 1994 and was greeted in Hawaiian style by friends and family with a gigantic lei for the bow and hula dancers.

After a brief standdown period, preparations began for the Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trial. These trials were completed satisfactorily with 12 missile firings against various target drones under varying operating conditions. The trials confirmed JOHN S. McCAIN’s combat system readiness. Training then continued for the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam. Following a disappointing performance during the initial inspection, the crew overcame adversity and successfully completed the exam less than a week later.

A three week holiday leave and upkeep period took the ship through the 1994 Christmas season and was immediately followed by the Final Contract Trial at the start of the new year. The Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) conducted the Final Contract Trial on JOHN S. McCAIN from 23-27 January 1995. The INSURV team recommended final settlement of the contract.

The ship then entered a Tailored Ship Training Availability preparing for the Final Evaluation Phase (FEP). FEP was conducted 21-24 February and JOHN S. McCAIN successfully demonstrated the ship’s training teams abilities as well as the abilities of the crewmembers.

JOHN S. McCAIN entered the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on February 27, 1995 for her Post-Shakedown maintenance period. Immediately following the shipyard maintenance period, JOHN S. McCAIN embarked family and friends and sailed to Kona on the big island of Hawaii. This long awaited event was hallmarked by numerous receptions and parties enjoyed by both the crew and families.

During June the ship achieved another significant milestone with the successful completion of the Logistics Management Assessment. The assessors graded all operational areas of the supply department and assigned an overall grade of satisfactory, noting that JOHN S. McCAIN was the cleanest ship on the waterfront.

JOHN S. McCAIN celebrated her first year in commission 2 July 1995, with a 1st Year of Life party at the Cannon Club on Diamond Head. During this enjoyable event remarks were made by JOHN S. McCAIN's commanding officer, Cmdr J.K. Ross, and the Commander Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Rear Admiral G. Holder. The significant events in her life were noted with praise as well as facts such as: the ship had sailed over 26,440 nautical miles; had 96 days underway; had served over 67,277 meals onboard; had shot 12 missiles and shot 491 rounds of 5 Inch-54 ammunition.

The following week, JOHN S. McCAIN hosted the change of command ceremony for Destroyer Squadron 31 and hosted the welcoming ceremony for her sister ship, USS Russell (DDG 59).

In mid-July, JOHN S. McCAIN transited to San Diego, spending several days inport training and several days in the Southern California operational area conducting exercises and firing Naval Gun Fire Support exercises.

JOHN S. McCAIN then sailed north to Monterey, CA, where she anchored in Monterey Bay and participated in the Fire Control Symposium hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School. JOHN S. McCAIN provided guests tours of the ship. On 3 August, JOHN S. McCAIN sailed home to Pearl Harbor arriving 12 August.

The following week JOHN S. McCAIN was underway in the Hawaiian OPAREA participating in multi-ship exercises designed to give practical training to prospective commanding officers of the submarine fleet as well as the anti-submarine technicians onboard JOHN S. McCAIN.

On 1 September JOHN S. McCAIN embarked Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 and sailed in a ceremony commemorating the end of World War II. Over 30 ship from several nations conducted a pass and review formation, rendering honors to the Secretary of Defense, William Perry, onboard the USS Carl Vinson, off Wakiki Beach.

From 25-29 September JOHN S. McCAIN participated in the Middle East Force Exercise Phase II with the USS Ingersoll and USS Reuben James in the Hawaiian OPAREA. The ships conducted various training evolutions, including a missile firing by JOHN S. McCAIN, designed to ensure readiness for the Middle East deployment. JOHN S. McCAIN then entered a Pre-Overseas Movement standdown which allowed crewmembers to spend time with family prior to the extended deployment.

On 10 November, JOHN S. McCAIN set sail to begin the ship's first six month deployment to the Arabian Gulf as part of Middle East Force 95-4. The first port of call was Hong Kong where JOHN S. McCAIN sailors enjoyed a 5 day liberty port visit. JOHN S. McCAIN then sailed to Singapore where she moored in Sembawang Port facility for a 4 day liberty port visit.

JOHN S. McCAIN then sailed through the Straits of Malacca, crossed the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Oman, transited the Straits of Hormuz, and entered the Arabian Gulf. She anchored off Bahrain on 18 December and conducted a turnover with the USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 53). JOHN S. McCAIN immediately began her operations, conducting Maritime Interdiction against suspected United Nations sanctions violators. JOHN S. McCAIN escorted the dhow Saheed, suspected of smuggling dates, into Dubai.

JOHN S. McCAIN spent the Christmas of '95 pierside in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. She sailed the day after Christmas in order to meet the Pelilieu ARG and provide escort into the Arabian Gulf. JOHN S. McCAIN ended the year with duties as the MODLOC protection ship, guarding Maritime Prepositioning ships against possible attack. JOHN S.

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27 May. Ship Custody Transfer. Commander J.K. Ross accepted custody of JOHN S. McCain (JSM) on behalf of the U.S. Navy. The crew moved aboard and began living in the ship that will be their home for the next few years. The galley opened and served its first meal and all other services began operation. The crew manned the quarterdeck and set the first watch. [Enclosure (1): Msg rpt of custody transfer]

28 May - 22 June. Inport Bath, ME.

23 June. Vertical Launcher System Certification. The Vertical Launch System certified to safely launch Standard and Tomahawk missiles.

24 June - 1 July. Inport Bath, ME.

2 July. JSM commissioned as an active ship in the United States Navy. The ceremony was held in Bath, Maine, at Bath Iron Works shipyard. The principal speaker was the Honorable George W. Bush, 41st President of the United States. [Enclosure (2): Commissioning book]

19 - 21 July. Light Off Exam (LOE). LOE was a major milestone for the ship and the Engineering Department. The objective of the LOE was to ensure that the ship's crewmembers could safely operate the engineering plant. LOE was conducted by members of the Propulsion Examining Board (PEB). They examined four areas: material; fire fighting; management; and level of knowledge. The ship earned an overall grade of satisfactory. Based on this evaluation, ship's company was certified to run the engineering plant. All engineering watches were henceforth manned by JSM sailors. [Enclosure (3): PEB Report of LOE]

22 - 26 July. Inport Bath, ME.

27 July. JSM sailed for the first time crewed and manned by her "plankowner" sailors.

28-31 July. Underway enroute Yorktown, Va.

1-3 August. Ammunition and missile onload at Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA. The ship's initial loadout of the ammunition required for the 5-Inch 54 Caliber Gun Mount, Close-In Weapons System, and .50 caliber machine gun.

3-5 August. Shipboard Electronic Systems Evaluation. JOHN S. McCAIN's electronic systems evaluated at the SESE Facility, Ft. Story, VA. All systems graded as Satisfactory. [Enclosure (4): Msg rpt SESEF test summary]

5-10 August. JSM conducted inport phase of Underway Replenishment qualification. Required equipment was on-hand and all stations were manned with the necessary personnel for this critical underway evolution.

10-11 August. JSM conducted underway phase of underway replenishment qualification in the Norfolk operational area. Ship's force completed a successful evolution and JSM attained the requisite qualification to conduct underway replenishments.

12-16 August. Underway enroute Rodman, Panama.

17 August. JSM transited the Panama Canal. JSM entered the Pacific Ocean, its "home waters" via the Panama Canal. Inport Rodman, Panama.

18-19 August. Underway Gulf of Panama, enroute Acapulco, Mexico.

20 August. JSM detoured to cross the Equator. Following Naval tradition all “pollywogs” became “shellbacks” after a rite of passage and ceremony marking their crossing over the line.

21-22 August. Underway enroute Acapulco, Mexico.

23-25 August. Anchored Acapulco, Mexico for a 3 day liberty port visit.

26 August - 1 September. Underway enroute San Diego, CA.

2-5 September. Inport San Diego, CA.

6-10 September. The inport phase of the Weapons Systems Accuracy Trials (WSAT) was conducted pierside San Diego Naval Station. The objective of WSAT was to ensure that the complete Anti-Submarine Warfare combat system of the ship was in satisfactory material condition and capable of performing its assigned mission. Trial results are used by COMNAVSEASCOM as a basis for certifying to the Type Commander and the Commanding Officer that the ASW combat system is in a satisfactory material readiness condition. [Enclosure (5): CSSQT ASW Final Report, Various WSAT material]

10 September. Aviation Certification. JSM certified to conduct flight operations and receive helicopters onto her flight deck. [Enclosure (6): Msg rpt of certification]

11 September. Inport San Diego.

12 September. Underway Southern California (SOCAL) operational area.



13 September. Sphere track analysis performed while underway in the SOCAL operational area. A sphere track analysis ensured the SPY-1D radar was performing to required specifications. The analysis concluded that the radar was in good working order and could support the ship's mission. [Enclosure (7): Sphere track analysis msg rpt]

13 September. Naval Gun Fire Support. JSM fired the 5-Inch 54 gun in a Naval Gun Fire Support exercise off San Clemente Island, CA. A record 111 rounds were fired and the exercise received an overall grade of excellent. [Enclosure (8): Report of exercise. Mt 51 rounds fired summary.]

14 September. Underway enroute San Clemente Acoustic Range Facility (SCARF).

15-16 September. The underway phase of the WSAT was conducted on the SCARF. [Enclosure (5): CSSQT ASW Final Report, Various WSAT material]

17-25 September. Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI.

26 September. JSM arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, her new homeport. The ship was given a celebratory greeting by friends and family, complete with hula dancers and a band.

27 September - 7 October. Inport Pearl Harbor (P.H.), HI.

8 October. Lube Oil Cooler Failure. The number two main reduction gear (MRG) lube oil system was contaminated with seawater. Investigation determined the cause to be premature failure of a tube in the lube oil cooler system which allowed seawater to flow into the MRG sump. [Enclosure (9): JAGMAN Investigation Report.]

9-16 October. Inport P. H., HI.

17-21 October. AEGIS Weapons System Alignment Certification. Combat system alignment was conducted inport Pearl Harbor, in order to verify alignment and collimation of the MK-82 directors and alignment of the AN/SPS-67; CIWS MT-21; CIWS MT-22; and MK 45 Gun Mount. [Enclosure (10): AEGIS Alignment report]

18 October. Aviation Ordnance Safety Survey. JSM certified to conduct live aviation ordnance evolutions. [Enclosure (11): Msg rpt of certification]

22-30 October. Inport P.H., HI.

31 October - 18 November. The underway portion of the Combat System Ship qualification Trial (CSSQT) was conducted in the Hawaiian operational area and the Pacific Missile Firing Range. The objective of this critical and extensive trial was to confirm the operational and material readiness of the combat system. The CSSQT was comprised of several elements: a) WSAT (Enclosure (5)); b) gunfire exercises (Enclosure (8)); c) Standard Missile firings (Enclosure (12)). JSM completed the third element from 12 - 19 November and fired 10 standard missiles over the course of 7 days. This evolution completed CSSQT and confirmed JSM's combat system readiness.

19-20 November. Inport P.H., HI.

21-23 November. Underway HI op area.

24-27 November. Inport P.H., HI.

28 November - 2 December. Underway HI op area.

3-5 December. Inport P.H., HI.

6 December. Harpoon Certification inport P.H., HI. Certification of the SWG-1A Harpoon Weapon system granted based on the ship's ability to operate, maintain, and safely employ the system. [Enclosure (13): Msg rpt of certification]

7 December. Pass and review of the Arizona Memorial. JSM conducted a pass and review of the Arizona Memorial as part of a ceremony commemorating the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor.

8-10 December. Underway in HI op area for the Operational and Propulsion Plant Exam (OPPE). Members of the Propulsion Examination Board conducted an OPPE which evaluated the ship's firefighting skills against a main engineering space fire, reviewed engineering department operational procedures and engineering departmental programs. JSM's firefighting abilities were graded unsatisfactory, terminating the OPPE.

11-15 December. Inport P.H., HI.

16-17 December. JSM conducted Re-OPPE. The ship's firefighting ability was reevaluated and graded as satisfactory. OPPE satisfactorily completed. [Enclosure (14): Reevaluation msg rpt and 9 - 10 DEC OPPE Report]

18-31 December. Inport P.H., HI. Christmas standdown leave period.

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1-8 January. Inport P.H., HI. Christmas standdown leave period.

9-13 January. Logistics CART II/B. Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific conducted a review of all areas of logistic support aboard JSM. All areas of the Supply Department were evaluated to ensure proper service standards were met.

14-16 January. Inport P.H., HI.

17-19 January. Inport Naval Magazine Lualualei. All weapons offloaded in preparation for the Post Shakedown Availability shipyard period.

20-22 January. Inport P.H., HI.

23-27 January. Final Contract Trial. The Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) conducted Final Contract Trial. INSURV determined the ship met all requirements as stated in the construction contract between the U. S. Navy and Bath Iron Works. After Final Contract Trials on JSM, INSURV recommended final settlement of the contract when all contractor responsible deficiencies were corrected and no additional contractor responsible deficiencies appeared prior to the expiration of the guarantee period. [Enclosure (15): Msg rpt of Final Contract Trial]

28-29 January. Inport P.H., HI.

30 January - 17 February. Tailored Ship Training Availability. As directed by COMNAVSURFPAC, every ship conducts repetitive training in order to sustain readiness. The Tailored Ship Training Availability cycle begins with training the ship's training teams; conducting deckplate training; and working on basic warfare skills. The next phase consists in refining these skills, integrating watch teams into an organization capable of coordinating their efforts for mission accomplishment. The final phase consists of underway practice, which is used to groom integrated operations to achieve the necessary performance to successfully complete more complex follow-on assessments. [Enclosure (16): Msg rpt of training and readiness assessment. Various evaluations of TSTA drills.]

18-20 February. Inport P.H., HI.

21-24 February. Final Evaluation Phase (FEP). FEP consisted of a stressful assessment of the ship's ability to train itself and its readiness to enter intermediate level training. FEP involved several days of Condition I/III training exercises followed by a shipwide training evolution which successfully demonstrated the ship's training teams abilities as well as the abilities of the crewmembers. [See Enclosure (16)]

25-26 February. Inport P.H., HI.

27 February - 11 May. Post Shakedown Availability (PSA). JSM entered Pearl Harbor Naval Ship Yard (PHNSY) for a major maintenance period to correct equipment deficiencies. [Enclosure (17): Memo report PSA open items]

1-5 May. SNAP III installation inport PHNSY. JSM received an installation of computer software, hardware, and optic cable which allowed the implementation of a Local Area Network.

1-2 May. Light Off Assessment (LOA) inport PHNSY. LOA was conducted onboard to determine engineering readiness for light-off and the ability to steam the plant safely. A review of material, operations, firefighting, and administration by the Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific team resulted in a grade of satisfactory for JSM. [Enclosure (18): LOA Memorandum]

3-6 May. AEGIS Weapon System Alignment Certification inport PHNSY. Combat system alignment was conducted in order to verify alignment and collimation of the MK-82 directors and alignment of the AN/SPS-67; CIWS MT-21; CIWS MT-22; and MK 45 Gun Mount. [Enclosure (19): AEGIS Alignment report]

12 May. The Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) completed, JSM exited Pearl Harbor Naval Ship Yard (PHNSY). [Enclosure (17): Memo report PSA open items]

13-18 May. Inport P.H., HI.

19-22 May. Dependent's Cruise. JSM embarked friends and family of crewmembers for a weekend trip to Kona, HI. Enroute, various presentations were made explaining the functions of different aspects of the ship. The children were invited to participate in various evolutions on the bridge, in Combat Information Center, in engineering and supply spaces. Ship anchored at Kailua-Kona anchorage.

22-24 May. JSM returned from dependent's cruise and moored at Naval Magazine Lualualei. JSM unloaded various missiles and ammunition in preparation for annual training.

25 May - 11 June. Inport P.H., HI.

12-16 June. Logistics Management Assessment inport P.H., HI. An assessment of General Stores, Food Service, and Retail Operations was conducted onboard in order to certify the ship's logistics readiness and

deployment capabilities. JSM received an overall grade of satisfactory. [Enclosure (20): Report of LMA results]

17-18 June. Inport P.H., HI.

19-23 June. AEGIS Baseline 5.0 Loadout inport P.H., HI. JSM received the latest software load for the Aegis weapons System.

24 June - 1 July. Inport P.H., HI.

2 July. JSM commemorated its 1st Year of Life with a dinner party at the Cannon Club. Friends and family gathered to reflect upon the significant accomplishments JSM had achieved the past year. Guest of Honor was Rear Admiral G. Holder, COMNAVSURFGRU-MIDPAC.

3-4 July. Inport P.H., HI.

5 July. JSM was visited by the majority Staff Director for the Senate Appropriations Committee, Mr. Steve Cortese, for lunch and a tour. [Enclosure (21): VIP after action msg]

6 July. Inport P.H., HI.

7 July. JSM served as host ship for Destroyer Squadron 31 Change of Command inport P.H., HI. JSM hosted the change of command ceremony for Destroyer Squadron 31, Commodore Prather relieving.

7 July. JSM acted as sister ship for the homeport welcoming of USS Russell (DDG 59), the second Arleigh Burke class destroyer to be homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI.

8-16 July. Inport P.H., HI.

17-23 July. Transit with USS Chosin, USS Ingersoll, and USS Reuben James enroute San Diego. The ships conducted various training scenarios and drills during the transit.

24- 25 July. Inport San Diego, CA.

25-28 July. Underway. Southern CA Op Area. JSM conducted various operational exercises and fired three Naval Gunfire Support exercises, shooting a total of 138 rounds off San Clemente Island. [Enclosure (22): Report of NGFS exercises fired]

29-30 July. Inport San Diego, CA.

31 July - 1 August. Underway enroute Monterey, CA.

1-3 August. Inport Monterey, CA. Missile Symposium. JSM participated in a Fire Control Symposium hosted by the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey CA. JSM anchored in Monterey Bay and provided symposium guests tours of the ship, giving the visitors a perspective on the latest warship fire control system.

4-11 August. Underway enroute P.H., HI, enroute with USS Chosin and USS Ingersoll.

12-13 August. Inport P.H., HI.

14-18 August. Underway PCO Operations Hawaii Op Area. JSM participated in various multi-ship exercises designed to provide practical training to prospective commanding officers of the submarine fleet



as well as the anti-submarine technicians aboard JSM. [Enclosure (23): Post-op critique and exercise review. Various exercise msgs]

19-27 August. Inport P.H., HI.

28 August. 2M Certification inport P.H., HI. JSM certified to repair electronic circuitry in the onboard workshop. The reuse of circuit cards and other electronic material resulted in significant savings.

[Enclosure (24): 2M certification ltr]

28-30 August. Shipboard Explosives Safety Inspection (SESI) conducted inport P.H., HI. Naval Ordnance Center personnel reviewed the effectiveness of the Shipboard Explosives Safety program. JSM was graded as satisfactory. [Enclosure (25): SESI ltr]

31 August. Underway in preparation for the parade of ships WW II Commemoration.

1 September. Parade of ships World War II Commemoration. JSM embarked Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 and sailed in a ceremony commemorating the end of World War II. Over 30 ships from several nations conducted a pass and review formation, rendering honors to the Secretary of Defense, William Perry, onboard the USS Carl Vinson anchored off Wakiki Beach.

2-4 September. Inport P.H., HI. JSM served as host ship for Russian ship, LST 077, during events supporting WW II commemoration.

5-7 September. JSM fired a Standard Missile at the Pacific Missile Range facility offshore Kauai, HI.

[Enclosure (26): Missile firing report]

8-11 September. Inport P.H., HI.

12-13 September. Inport NAVMAG Lualualei. JSM onloaded missile and ammunition in preparation for deployment to the Arabian Gulf.

14-20 September. Inport P.H., HI.

21 September. JSM hosted a flight deck reception for Admiral Zlatoper, CINCPACFLT, and the Young President's Organization (YPO). The reception concluded with remarks by Adm Zlatoper and tours for YPO members. [Enclosure (27): VIP after action msg]

22-24 September. Inport P.H., HI.

25-29 September. Middle East Force Exercise Phase II. JSM participated in exercises with USS Ingersoll and USS Reuben James in the Hawaiian operational area under the operational control of COMDESRON 31. The ships conducted various training evolutions designed to ensure readiness for the upcoming Middle East deployment. [Enclosure (28): Post-op critique and exercise review]

27 September - Standard Missile firing. Pacific Missile Range Facility. As a part of the Middle East Force exercise, JSM fired a Standard Missile at the Pacific Missile Range facility offshore Kauai, HI. [Enclosure (29): Missile firing report]

30 September - 9 October. Inport P. H., HI.

10 October - 10 November - Pre-Overseas Movement Standdown inport P.H., HI. JSM held a standdown period which allowed the crewmembers to take leave and spend time with family prior to the six month deployment.

31 October. JSM hosted a visit by RADM Gilbertson. He spoke on issues concerning the role of Arleigh Burke DDG class ship in the modern fleet and the historical significance of Pearl Harbor. [Enclosure (30): VIP after action msg]

1 November. JSM hosted a visit by RADM Jacoby. He inspected JSM's cryptologic space installation and received a tour of the ship. RADM Jacoby discussed the capabilities of the ship and additional capabilities brought by the cryptologic detachment. [Enclosure (31): VIP after action msg]

3 November. JSM hosted a visit by General Lopata, Chief of defense Forces and First Minister of Defense of Ukraine, escorted by RADM Long and BGEN Tedrow, USCINCPAC. Following a tour of the weather decks, Combat Information Center, the enlisted mess, and the bridge, CDR Ross presented General Lopata with a ship's ball cap and plaque in the wardroom. [Enclosure (32): VIP after action msg]

6 November. JSM hosted a visit by RADM Giambastiani, Deputy Chief of Staff Resources, Requirements, and Assessments. He received a tour of the ship followed by lunch in the wardroom. [Enclosure (33): VIP after action msg]

10 November - Deploy. Middle East Force 95-4. JSM sailed in company with USS Reuben James and USS Ingersoll. The three ships made up the Middle East Force 95-4. JSM en route to conduct a six month deployment in support of Operations Vigilant Sentinel and Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf and returned 10 May 1996.

11-23 November. Underway enroute Hong Kong.

17 November. Outchop 3rd Fleet. Inchop 7th Fleet. JSM transferred from 3rd Fleet operational control to 7th Fleet operational control.

14 November . Transit of International Dateline.

24-29 November. Inport Hong Kong. JSM anchored in Hong Kong harbor for a 5 day liberty port visit.

30 November - 3 December. Underway enroute Singapore.

4-8 December. Inport Singapore. JSM moored in Sembawang Port Facility for a 4 day liberty port visit.

On 7 December, JSM hosted a flight deck reception for the Honorable Timothy A. Chorba, U.S.

Ambassador to Singapore. Guests also included Rear Admiral Loon, Fleet Commander, Republic of Singapore Navy, and Rear Admiral Kwek, Chief of Navy, Republic of Singapore Navy. [Enclosure (34):

Reception after action msg]

8-9 December. Transit Straits of Malacca. JSM transited the Straits of Malacca and entered the Indian Ocean.

10-16 December. Underway enroute Manama, Bahrain. Transit of Indian Ocean.

14 December. Outchop 7th Fleet. Inchop 5th Fleet. JSM transferred from 7th Fleet operational control to 5th fleet control.

15 December. JSM entered the Gulf of Oman.

17 December. Transit Straits of Hormuz. JSM transited Straits of Hormuz and entered the Arabian Gulf.

18-19 December. Inport Bahrain. JSM anchored at Sitrah anchorage and conducted turnover briefing with USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 53).

19-20 December. Underway Middle East Force operations. JSM conducted Maritime Interdiction Operations against suspected United Nations sanctions violators and escorted dhow Saheed to Dubai.

21-25 December. Inport Dubai, U. A. E. Christmas '95. JSM moored in Port Rashid facility in Dubai, U.A.E., for a five day liberty port visit.

26 December. Underway enroute Straits of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman. JSM escorted Pelelieu ARG into Arabian Gulf.

27-31 December. MPS MODLOC protection ship. JSM provided protection to Maritime Prepositioning Ships in the central Arabian Gulf.

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1 - 23 January. Underway independently transiting Central Arabian Gulf area. Serving as MPS protection ship.

24 January. Enroute Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

25-31 January. Inport Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

1 -4 February. Underway independently transiting from Dubai to Fenway in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

5 February. Media reporters from a Houston, Texas television station are onboard to interview crew members from the state of Texas. USS John S. McCain (JSM) RHIB boats provided assistance to a disabled Indian dhow in the Northern Arabian Gulf taking on water through the bow.

5 - 10 February. Underway enroute to Bahrain escorting Indian dhow in the Central Arabian Gulf.

10 February. JSM earns first Navy Sea Service Ribbon.

11 February. Underway escorting an Indian dhow in the Southern Arabian Gulf.

12 February. Underway, JSM assumes custody of the Indian dhow "Baghdabi" from USS Callaghan (DDG-994). JSM escorts two dhows in the Bahraini Support Operations Area.

13 - 19 February. Underway independently in the Northern Arabian Gulf.

20 - 23 February. Underway in the Northern Arabian Gulf. JSM serves as plane guard for the USS Nimitz (CVN-68).

24 -28 February. Inport Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

28 -29 February. Underway independently transiting to Anaheim Operations Area/Northern Arabian Gulf.

01 March. JSM visited by Admiral Bien, Commander Carrier Group Seven.

01 - 16 March. Underway in the Northern Arabian Gulf. JSM serving as plane guard for USS Nimitz (CVN-68).

16 - 18 March. Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates.

18 - 21 March. Underway independently transiting from Jebel Ali to MPS MODLOC.

21 March. JSM relieved as MPS MODLOC protection ship by USS Thach (FFG-43).

22 -23 March. Underway independently transiting Straits of Hormuz enroute Cochin, India. Transit manned by an all enlisted watch team.

24 March. Underway transit with USS Ingersoll (DD-990) enroute to Cochin, India to conduct MALABAR 96.

25 March. Arrive Cochin, India.

26 March. Exercise MALABAR 96 commences with USS John S. McCain, USS Ingersoll, USS Birmingham, USNS Pecos, INS Gomati, INS Godavari, and INS Ranvijay as active participants. Indian Navy hosts reception for MALABAR 96 participants.

27 March. JSM hosts luncheon and ship tour for Rear Admiral DeSilva, Fleet Commander-- responsible for the Western Fleet, Indian Navy as well as various Indian naval officers.

28 - 29 March. Underway for MALABAR 96.

30 March. Exercise MALABAR 96 completed. JSM enroute to Fremantle, Australia with USS Ingersoll.

01 April. JSM crosses the equator and international date line. Pollywog ceremonies are held for all prospective Shell Backs.

02 - 08 April. Enroute Fremantle, Australia.

09 April. Arrive Fremantle, Australia.

09 April. JSM hosts reception for the Australian American Association and provides ship tours for the general public.

12 April. CDR Michael C. Vitale arrives to begin turnover with CDR John K. Ross.

13 - 17 April. Underway enroute Newcastle, Australia.

18 April. Arrive Newcastle, Australia.

18 April. CDR Michael C. Vitale relieves CDR John K. Ross as Commanding Officer. JSM hosts reception for the Newcastle Australian American Association.

19 - 25 April. Inport Newcastle, Australia.

25 April. JSM sailors march in Newcastle's annual ANZAC Day parade. Crew members attend a barbecue picnic hosted by the Newcastle City Council and Tourism Board and the Australian American Association.

26 - 30 April. Underway enroute Suva, Fiji.

01 May. Arrive Suva, Fiji. JSM embarked several dependents for a Tiger cruise to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

02 May. JSM hosts luncheon and tour for Ambassador Gevirtz, U.S. Ambassador to Fiji.

03 - 09 May. JSM Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI.

10 May - 08 June. Arrive Pearl Harbor, HI. Post deployment stand down and leave period commences..

09 - 16 June. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

17 - 18 June. Inport Naval Magazine Lualeualei for weapons off-load.

18 -21 June. Underway Hawaiian Operations Area.

22 -24 June. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

25 - 26 June. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. Film production crew from Double Image Productions to film scenes for upcoming production.

26 June - 05 July. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

05 July - 21 July. Underway from CNO Special Project TCMP 23.



22 July - 23 August. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

06 August. Senator John S. McCain (R-Arizona) and Mrs McCain visit JSM for a luncheon and brief tour of the ship. The crew assembled on the forecandle for a word of thanks from Senator McCain.

07 August. JSM hosts VADM Krekich, COMNAVSURFPAC, RADM Holder, COMNAVSURFGRUMIDPAC, and various waterfront commanders for a luncheon and ship tour.

16 August. JSM hosts a luncheon and tour for Major General Silvasy, Deputy Commander U.S. Army Forces Pacific.

23 -26 August. JSM conducts a dependents cruise to Lahaina, Maui. JSM hosts over 150 dependents and Navy League members.

27 August - 08 September. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

27 August. JSM visited by RADM Vichol, Director General, Naval Intelligence Department, Royal Thai Navy. RADM Vichol was accompanied by several other Thai naval officers and CINCPACFLT representatives.

09 September. Underway for NAVMAG Lualualei for ammunition offload.

10 - 12 September. Underway Hawaiian Operations Area.

13 - 16 September. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

17 September. JSM enters drydock Naval Shipyard Pearl Harbor, HI.

18 September - 17 December. Inport Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

07 October. FY 97 Selective Restricted Availability commences.

15 October. Work begins on installation of Plastic Waste Processor.

21 October. Pre Light-Off Assessment (PLOA) Phase I begins.

28 October. LCDR Michael Jacobsen, prospective Executive Officer reports aboard.

01 November. LCDR Scott Robinson departs. LCDR Michael Jacobsen assumes duties as JSM's Executive Officer.

04 November. JSM hosts a luncheon and tour for CAPT Hart, COMDESRON Five.

06 November. JSM earns MIDPAC's USWIT Ship of the Month for October 1996.

08 November. JSM is awarded the coveted Vampire Cup by having eighty percent of the crew donate blood in support of MIDPAC's Q-4 blood drive.

14 November. RADM Holder, COMNAVSURFGRUMIDPAC visits JSM for a tour and gift presentation.

20 November. Pre Light-Off Assessment Phase II commences.

05 December. RADM Porter, COMNAVSEASYS COM visits JSM.

13 December. AAV upgraded to ARE.

18 December. Underway Hawaiian Operations Area.

19 December. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. FY 97 SRA complete.

20 - 31 December. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. Holiday standdown and leave period commences.

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1-5 January. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI. Holiday standdown and leave period.

6 - 7 January. Underway for Naval Magazine Lualualei for ammunition onload.

8-12 January. Inport Naval Station Pearl Harbor, HI.

13-17 January. Underway Hawaiian operational area conducting various shipboard exercises in preparation for Command Assessment Readiness Training (CART).

18 Jan-17 Feb. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

22 January. COMDESRON 5 is established aboard JSM. JSM is tasked as duty ship giving guided tours to the general public.

24 January. American Bar Association Military Support Group along with Deputy Commissioner of the CIA Thomas Conroy tour JSM.

27 January. Command Assessment Readiness Training II commences. ( CART II )

28 January. JSM is toured by the editor and reporters of the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

29 January. JSM is toured by a group National Football League All Stars. The All Stars were in Hawaii to participate in the annual National Football League Pro Bowl. A photograph and autograph session was held on the flight deck following the tours.

3 - 7 February. Logistics Administration Training Review (LATR) was conducted to evaluate the operations of Supply Department divisions S-1, S-2, and S-3.

10 February. JSM is toured by faculty, staff and students of Pearl City High School.

10 - 28 February. Total Ships Training Assessment (TSTA) Phase One commences.

18 - 21 February. Underway Hawaii operational area.

21 - 24 February. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

21 February. The Commanding Officer conducts a CO's Call at the Naval Shipyard Auditorium. Major topics of discussion were the results of the homeport shift conference in Washington DC and plans to shift homeports to Yokosuka, Japan.

25 - 28 February. Underway Hawaiian operational area.

1 - 3 March. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

4 - 7 March. Underway Hawaiian operational area.

8 - 17 March. Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

11 - 12 March. JSM conducts a Homeport Change fair at the Naval Shipyard Auditorium. The fair included guest speakers from Naval Station Yokosuka, Japan who spoke on a wide range of topics concerning the ship's planned homeport shift effective 01 July 1997.

18 - 23 March. Underway enroute San Diego, CA.

24 - 31 March. Inport Naval Station San Diego, CA.

01 - 03 April. Underway Socal Oparea.

04 - 06 April. Inport Naval Station San Diego, Ca.

04 April. JSM hosted a tour for Captain Carter, Commander Destroyer Squadron Five.

05 April. JSM gave a guided tour for sixty prospective recruits from the surrounding Southern California area.

07 -10 April. Underway enroute San Francisco, Ca.

11 - 13 April. Inport San Francisco, Ca. Moored to pier 27 for a three day port visit. While inport JSM opened the brow and gave guided tours to the general viewing public.

14 - 20 April. Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, Hi. JSM held a tiger cruise for 24 family members and friends on its deployment back to Pearl harbor.

21 - 30 April. Inport Navsta Pearl Harbor, Hi.

23 April. JSM entered dry dock for sonar dome inspection.

24 - 25 April. Navy Food Management Team visit

28 April - 2 May. Air Compressors Semat visit.

01 May - 27 May. Inport Navsta Pearl Harbor, Hi. JSM making final preparations for the home port shift to Yokosuka, Japan.

01 May - 02 May. Cruise Missile Training Qualifications (CMTQ). Making preparations for LMA.

01 May - 23 May. RAV/IMAV Pearl Harbor, Hi.

15 May. JSM sends an advance team to Japan to start the homeport shift preparations.

23 May. JSM leaves dry dock and moors Bravo twenty two, Navsta Pearl Harbor, Hi.

27 May - 29 May. JSM underway for sea trials Hawaiian op-area.

30 May. Dependents cruise.

31 May - 01 June. Inport Navsta Pearl Harbor, Hi.

02 June - 15 June. Inport Navsta Pearl Harbor, Hi. JSM is in a standdown mode.

16 June. Depart Pearl Harbor, Hi. underway enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.

17 June - 26 June. Underway enroute to Yokosuka, Japan.

27 June. Arrive at our new homeport Yokosuka, Japan.

14 July - 15 July. SEMAT visit.

22 July. RADM Moore, COMCARGRU 5 on board for tour of ship. After the tour the crew was assembled on the flight deck for an awards ceremony . RADM Moore gave a brief speech and answered questions following .

28 June - 03 August. Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

04 - 08 August. Underway.

09 - 10 August. Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

11 August. Underway to anchorage for ammo onload.

12 - 19 August. Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

20 - 25 August. Underway for TSTA II.

25 August. Inport Okinawa.

26 August. Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan.

29 August. Inport Sasebo, Japan.

29 Aug - 05 Sept. Underway

05 -08 September. Inport Sasebo, Japan.

09-11 September. Underway. Enroute Qingdao, China. RADM Chaplin, CTF 76 onboard.

11-14 September. Inport Qingdao, China.

15-18 September. Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan.

18 September. Inport Sasebo, Japan.

18-20 September. Underway. Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

20 Sept.- 03 Oct. Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

03-10 October. Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Frank S. Cable availability.

11-13 October. Inport Yokosuka, Japan.

14-17 October. Underway enroute to Chinhae, Korea.

20 October. ROK CNO tours the ship.

18-22 October. Inport Chinhae, Korea.

23 October. Underway CSOF oparea.

23 Oct.-03 Nov. Underway enroute to Sasebo, Japan. FEP preps.

03 November. Inport Sasebo, Japan.

03 - 08 Nov. Underway enroute Hong Kong. ATG riders aboard.

05 - 07 Nov. Underway. FEP Final Evaluation Period.

08 - 12 Nov. Inport Kowloon, Hong Kong.

12 - 17 Nov. Underway enroute Yokosuka, Japan.

16 November. Arrive Yokosuka, Japan.

18 November. VADM Krekich, COMNAVSURFPAC visited the ship for lunch, and a tour. Before disembarking he held an all hands call on the flight deck.

19 Nov. - 21 Nov. Hazmat assist visit.

20 November. SLAM-EX

24 Nov. - 27 Nov. IT21 Ship Checks.

17 Nov. - 01 Dec. Inport Yokosuka, Japan. Change of Command preparations.

01 Dec. - 08 Dec. FITCPAC (AEC) visit.

03 Dec. - 04 Dec. Underway with CDR Wise (Prospective Commanding Officer) onboard.

05 December. Change of Command Rehearsal.

08 December. Change of Command. CDR James E. Wise assumes command of the John S. McCain from CDR Michael C. Vitale.

10 December. Eight civilians (O-6 equivalents) from the Japan Maritime War College toured the ship.

22 Dec. - 04 Jan. 1998. Holiday Standdown. Duty Section only.

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01-15 JAN INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA

16 JAN NOTIFIED BY COMDESRON 15 WE WERE GOING TO ARABIAN GULF WITH INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), BUNKER HILL (CG 52), USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766) ON 23 JAN.

23 JAN 0800 UNDERWAY FOR ARABIAN GULF (27 KNOTS)

28 JAN TRANSIT THRU STRAITS OF MALACCA (14 HOUR TRANSIT)

5 FEB TRANSIT THRU STRAITS OF HORMUZ

6 FEB ARRIVE IN ARABIAN GULF (4 CARRIERS IN GULF - NIMITZ/GEORGE WASHINGTON/INDEPENDENCE/HMS INVINCIBLE)

12 FEB 0815 CLASS "A" FIRE IN BOS'N STOREROOM #1 DURING UNREP

23-27 FEB INPORT BAHRAIN

16-20 MAR INPORT DUBAI, UAE

21 MAR-7 APR TAD TO USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)

5-11 APR INPORT BAHRAIN

19-23 APR INPORT BAHRAIN

2-7 MAY INPORT JEBEL ALI

16-20 MAY INPORT BAHRAIN

25 MAY DEPART ARABIAN GULF

30 MAY-3 JUN INPORT PHUKET, THAILAND

11 JUN-7 JUL INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA

7-9 UNDERWAY

9-12 JUL INPORT KURE, JA

12-13 UNDERWAY

14-19 JUL INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA

19-21 JUL UNDERWAY FOR TONGHAE, SOUTH KOREA (2 DAY NOTICE TO GET UNDERWAY, WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE 21 JUL FOR VISIT TO INCHON, SOUTH KOREA ON 24-26 JUL)

21 JUL 0800 INPORT TONGHAE, SOUTH KOREA (REFUEL/PICK-UP CDS 15)

21 JUL 1700 UNDERWAY (HELPING SOUTH KOREA LOOK FOR NORTH KOREAN SUBS ON THE BORDER)

21-28 JUL UNDERWAY

28-30 JUL INPORT PUSAN, KOREA

30 JUL-2 AUG UNDERWAY

2-6 AUG INPORT QINGDAO, CHINA (3-5 AUG VISITED BEIJING; SAW GREAT WALL/TIENAMEN SQUARE/EMPERORS PALACE/SUMMER PALACE/FORGOTTEN CITY)

6-8 AUG UNDERWAY

8-9 AUG INPORT OKINAWA (SUPPOSED TO STAY UNTIL 10 AUG AND ARRIVE YOKOSUKA)



13 AUG, BUT GOT NOTICE 8 AUG P.M. TO GET UNDERWAY 9 AUG TO SOUTH/NORTH KOREA BORDER TO TRACK MISSILE SHOT FROM NORTH KOREA)

9-16 AUG	UNDERWAY (MCA)
16 AUG	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA
16-17 AUG	ANCHORAGE (AMMO OFF-LOAD)
17 AUG-21 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA
22-23 OCT	SEA TRIALS
24-27 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA
28-29 OCT	ANCHORAGE (AMMO ON-LOAD)
30 OCT-01 NOV	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA
02 NOV-13 NOV	UNDERWAY (ANNUAL EX)
13 NOV-16 NOV	INPORT SENDAI, JAPAN
16 NOV-17 NOV	UNDERWAY
17 NOV-01 DEC	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
01 DEC-05 DEC	UNDERWAY (NSFS)
05 DEC-06 DEC	INPORT OKINAWA, JAPAN
06 DEC-10 DEC	UNDERWAY (MISSILE-EX)
10 DEC-14 DEC	INPORT HONGKONG, CHINA
14 DEC-18 DEC	UNDERWAY (TIGER CRUISE)
18 DEC-31 DEC	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN (HOLIDAY STANDOWN)