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USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG 56)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG 56)

To: Director, Naval Historical Center

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY REPORT FOR CY 2002

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

Encl: (1) USS JOHN S. MCCAIN MEF 2002 Cruisebook
(2) USS JOHN S. MCCAIN Welcome Aboard pamphlet in English
(3) USS JOHN S. MCCAIN Welcome Aboard pamphlet in Japanese
(4) CD, USS JOHN S. MCCAIN, compilation of CY 2002 OPSUM/OPREP 3

1. In accordance with reference (a), JOHN S. MCCAIN is submitting her 2002 Command History.
2. Sections 1, 2 and 3: JOHN S. MCCAIN's Command composition, chronology, and historical narrative, are submitted electronically.
3. JOHN S. MCCAIN's supporting documents are included with this cover letter as enclosures (1) through (4).
4. Fortune Favors the Brave!


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USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG 56) Command Composition and Organization - Part 1

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1. Command Short Title – JOHN S. MCCAIN
2. UIC – 21686
3. Mission – Forward Deployed Naval Force
4. Immediate Senior Command – COMDESRON FIFTEEN
No subordinate units
5. Commander – Commander Kevin P. Campbell, USN, 009099-10
6. Permanent Duty Station – Yokosuka, Japan
7. No aircraft assigned.

USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG 56) Chronology - Part 2

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2002

01 – 06 JAN	UPKEEP IN YOKOSUKA
07 – 23 JAN	BEGIN WORKUPS AND UNDERWAY PREPS
24 – 25 JAN	SLAMEX INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
26 JAN – 03 FEB	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
04 – 11 FEB	UNDERWAY MISSILEX – 8 DAYS UNDERWAY FROM HOMEPORT
11 – 13 FEB	NSFS
14 FEB – 11 MAR	INPORT YOKOSUKA FOR UNDERWAY PREPS
12 MAR	UNDERWAY SEA TRIALS
13 MAR	AMMO ONLOAD
14 MAR – 03 APR	UNDERWAY FOR BATTLE GROUPS OPS WITH USS KITTY HAWK – 24 DAYS UNDERWAY FROM HOMEPORT
04 – 14 APR	INPORT YOKOSUKA FOR DEPLOYMENT PREPS
15 APR	UNDERWAY FOR PERSIAN GULF DEPLOYMENT
22 – 26 APR	INPORT SINGAPORE FOR PORT VISIT
03 MAY	INCHOP 5 TH FLEET AOR FOR MIO OPERATIONS
25 – 28 MAY	INPORT BAHRAIN FOR PORT VISIT
29 – 31 MAY	MIO OPERATIONS NAG
01 – 03 JUL	INPORT BAHRAIN FOR PORT VISIT
15 JUL	INPORT JEBEL ALI FOR EXERCISE IRON SIREN BRIEF
15 – 21 JUL	EXERCISE IRON SIREN WITH UAE AND UK NAVIES
26 JUL	OUTCHOP 5 TH FLEET TO RETURN TO YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
02 – 06 AUG	INPORT PHUKET, THAILAND FOR PORT VISIT
10 – 14 AUG	INPORT BALI, INDONESIA FOR PORT VISIT
20 – 21 AUG	INPORT GUAM TO PICK UP TIGERS FOR TIGER CRUISE

22 – 23 AUG	TRANSIT TO YOKOSUKA, JAPAN (TIGER CRUISE)
24 AUG	RETURN TO HOMEPORT (YOKOSUKA, JAPAN) 132 DAYS UNDERWAY FROM HOMEPORT
25 AUG	LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD
27 SEP	UNDERWAY ENROUTE CHINHAE, SOUTH KOREA
30 – 31 SEP	INPORT CHINHAE, SOUTH KOREA FOR SHAREM 142 CONFERENCE
01 – 10 OCT	UNDERWAY TO CONDUCT SHAREM 142 EXERCISE WITH ROKN
11 – 13 OCT	INPORT CHINHAE, SOUTH KOREA FOR PORT VISIT
14 OCT	UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN – 20 DAYS UNDERWAY FROM HOMEPORT
16 OCT - 04 NOV	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
05 NOV	AMMO ONLOAD
06 – 16 NOV	UNDERWAY FOR ANNUALEX 14G WITH JMSDF AND KHK BG
17 NOV	DETACH KHK BG TO CONDUCT CSOFEX 03-1 WITH ROKN
18 NOV	INPORT POHANG, SOUTH KOREA FOR CSOFEX CONFERENCE
19 – 23 NOV	UNDERWAY TO CONDUCT CSOFEX 03-1 WITH ROKN AND 6 TH CAV
25 NOV	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN – 22 DAYS UNDERWAY FROM HOMEPORT
03 – 04 DEC	UNDERWAY FOR PRE-INSURV CHECKS – 1.5 DAYS UNDERWAY
09 – 13 DEC	INSURV
16 DEC – 31 DEC	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND STANDDOWN PERIOD

USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG-56) 2002 Narrative – Part 3

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JAN-FEB

JOHN S. MCCAIN began the year with a MISSILEX and a NSFS shoot in the Okinawa operations area. During the MISSILEX, she shot 2 SM-2's completing a successful kill of a BQM-74. She completed an NSFS event with a grade of 97.6%. JSM was commended by the Commanding Officer, Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific as "perform[ing] better overall – both in timeliness and accuracy – than any ship graded in recent memory." She was underway for approximately one month and returned for an emergent dry-dock to fix rudders that were damaged.

MAR-03 APR

JOHN S. MCCAIN completed the dry-dock in March and began Battle Group Operations with USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) until April 10. During BG OPS, she conducted several TORPEX's, and ASW events.

04 APR-30 APR

JOHN S. MCCAIN was in port for one week before getting underway for her Persian Gulf deployment. She had a brief stop for liberty and last minute supplies, fuel and mail in Singapore before completing her transit to the Arabian Gulf.

MAY

JOHN S. MCCAIN in-chopped into the 5th Fleet AOR on 03 May 2002, spending one week in the Gulf of Oman and then transiting to the Northern Arabian Gulf to conduct Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO). JSM acted as both a COMISKEY Guard ship and a boarding ship in the NAG. Her Visit, Board, Search, and Seisure (VBSS) teams stopped numerous merchants and dhows in accordance with UN directives. JSM successfully participated in MIO Surge 02-4 and 02-5. JSM made a brief stop in Manama, Bahrain at the end of May to allow for stores restock and liberty.

JUNE - JULY

For the whole month of June and the better part of July, JOHN S. MCCAIN conducted MIO duties. At the completion of her MIO duties, JSM had intercepted over 500 Metric Tons of contraband oil in the Gulf. JOHN S. MCCAIN also made a port call to Bahrain and a brief stop in Jebel Ali. After a night in Jebel Ali for conference with the UK and UAE Navies, JOHN S. MCCAIN took part in Exercise IRON SIREN in the Southern Arabian Gulf. During IRON SIREN, JSM completed a RAS with the RAF BAYLEAF, and several surface engagement exercises conducted in conjunction with UAEN Patrol boats. Towards the end of July, JOHN S. MCCAIN received her orders to head back to her homeport of Yokosuka, Japan. So on July 26, JOHN S. MCCAIN out-chopped from the 5th Fleet AOR and into 7th Fleet AOR.

AUG-SEP

JOHN S. MCCAIN made many liberty calls during August, with her first stop being in Phuket, Thailand. After a non-stop action port visit in Thailand, JOHN S. MCCAIN made a more relaxed port-call to Bali, Indonesia. After departing from Bali, JOHN S. MCCAIN made a brief stop in Guam to pick up Tigers for the Tiger cruise to Yokosuka, Japan. JOHN S. MCCAIN sailors were proud to have their family and friends on board to show them their jobs and the fine ship. JOHN S. MCCAIN returned to her homeport of Yokosuka, Japan on the 24th of August, to family and friends on the pier. Once in port, JSM began a Leave and Stand down period that lasted the better part of a month.

OCT

Towards the end of September, JOHN S. MCCAIN was out again. JSM made her way to Chinhae, South Korea, to conduct SHAREM 142 with USS CURTIS WILBUR, USNS BOWDITCH, and several ROKN vessels and one ROKN submarine. After an orientation brief with all the participants, SHAREM 142 got started in the Yellow Sea, off the west coast of South Korea. During this exercise, JSM tested many new ASW techniques and equipment, including using DIFAR buoys in Distant Thunder prosecutions. In addition, she conducted 2 major practice engagements of a ROKN submarine. After the exercise, she pulled back into Chinhae for a few days, before returning to Yokosuka on the 15th of October. Once back in port, JSM was busy using what little time she had in port to prepare for an upcoming INSURV.

NOV-DEC

JOHN S. MCCAIN began the month participating in the annual JMSDF exercise, ANNUALEX. Several OTHT exercises were completed with the KHKBG and JSMDF units. Towards the end of ANNUALEX, JSM was detached to proceed to Pohang, South Korea for CSOFX 03-1. After an exercise brief, JSM was underway again with several units from the Republic of Korea Navy and U.S. Army's Airborne 6th Cavalry. JSM acted as MASOC for the exercise, and effectively coordinated combined attacks with 6th Cavalry without the use of LAWS. After completing this exercise, JSM returned to her homeport to finished preparations for her upcoming INSURV. On December 9th, John S. McCain began her INSURV and wrapped up on the 13th. Once done with this major inspection, JSM began her Holiday, Leave and Stand down period to last into the beginning of the next year.