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USS JUNEAU Command Composition and Organization

Mission: To land marines and their equipment either by landing craft carried in the well deck and launched through the stern gate, or by helicopters operating from our flight deck.

Organizational structure: COMPHIBRON NINE - (immediate senior command)

Commanding Officers: Captain Theodore A. Willandt, U. S. Navy 31 October - 31 December. Captain Eugene R. Bailey, U. S. Navy, 1 January - 31 October.

Home Port. San Diego, California

Enclosure (1)

Chronology of Events for 1987

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 Jan - 18 Jan	Inport San Diego: Post deployment leave and upkeep
19 Jan - 20 Jan	Inport San Diego: Upkeep
21 Jan - 22 Jan	Underway SOCAL OPAREA: Sea trial
23 Jan - 26 Jan	Inport San Diego
27 Jan - 05 Feb	Underway SOCAL OPAREA: Training anchorage (27 Jan), KERNAL BLITZ 87-1 at Camp Pendelton (28 Jan - 5 Feb)
06 Feb - 09 Feb	Inport San Diego
10 Feb - 11 Feb	Inport San Diego: Surprise Operational Propulsion Plant Recertification Examination (OPPRE)
12 Feb - 10 Mar	Inport San Diego: Upkeep, selected reserves training (16-17 Mar), Supply Management Inspection (01 - 03 Mar) Fast Cruise (06-07 March)
11 Mar - 13 Mar	Underway SOCAL OPAREA: OPPRE preparation
14 Mar - 29 Mar	Inport San Diego: Aviation Readiness Examination (23 Mar)
30 Mar - 31 Mar	Underway/inport Seal Beach: Ammo off-load
01 Apr - 02 Apr	Underway/inport La Playa Pier: Mogas off-load NASNI (01 Apr), underway SOCAL for OPPRE preparations
03 Apr - 05 Apr	Inport San Diego: Voyage repairs
06 Apr - 09 Apr	Underway SOCAL OPAREA: OPPRE preparation
10 Apr - 13 Apr	Inport San Diego
14 Apr - 16 Apr	Inport/underway SOCAL: Operational Propulsion Plant Recertification Examination (OPPRE)
17 Apr - 31 May	Inport San Diego: Upkeep, Number 1 and 2 Diesel Inspection (21-23 Apr), Number 2 Boiler Inspection (29 Apr - 05 May), CMS Assist Visit (01 May), Elevator Tech Assist (11-22 May), Selected Reserve Training USS DENVER Det 918 (16-17 May), RAVIR Training (19 May), Derat Certification (27 May), Environmental Health Survey (28 May)
01 Jun - 03 Jun	Inport San Diego: Surface Warfare Training
04 Jun - 19 Jun	Inport San Diego: Dockside Unrep Simulator Training (08-09 Jun), 3M Assist Visit (08-12 Jun), NWAT (10-11 Jun), Sneak Swimmer Attack (17 Jun)
20 Jun - 21 Jun	Inport San Diego: Broadway Pier Visit Ship
22 Jun - 30 Jun	Underway: Enroute JUNEAU, Alaska; Midshipman Training Squadron (PACTRAMID II)
01 Jul - 05 Jul	Inport Juneau, Alaska: PACTRAMID II
06 Jul - 10 Jul	Underway: Enroute San Francisco (10 Jul) at anchorage
11 Jul - 12 Jul	Underway: Enroute San Diego
13 Jul - 19 Jul	Inport San Diego: 3M Inspection (13-17 Jul), Combat Systems Team Training (15-17 Jul)
20 Jul - 23 Oct	Inport San Diego: Drydock Phased Maintenance Availability, Southwest Marine Shipyard, Command Inspection (03-04 Aug), Drydock (10 Aug - 24 Sep), CMS Inspection (11 Aug), Sea Trials (17-18 Oct)
24 Oct - 27 Oct	Inport San Diego: Training Readiness Evaluation (24 Oct), Combat Systems Readiness Test (26-30 Oct)
28 Oct - 29 Oct	Underway SOCAL OPAREA
30 Oct - 01 Nov	Inport San Diego: Broadway Pier Visit Ship, Change of Command Ceremony (31 Oct)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
02 Nov - 04 Nov	Underway/inport: Load Mogas La Playa Pier (02 Nov), Load Ammo Seal Beach (03-04 Nov)
05 Nov - 08 Nov	Inport San Diego
09 Nov - 22 Nov	Underway SOCIAL OPAREA: Exercise KERNAL USHER 87-1
07 Dec	Underway SOCIAL OPAREA: ISIC Engineering Readiness Assessment (IERA)
08 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport San Diego: Pre-overseas Movement Upkeep and Leave Period; start LCAC Modification (08 Dec)

BASIC NARRATIVE

JUNEAU began 1987 with a post overseas movement (POM) leave and upkeep period at U. S. Naval Station, 32nd Street, San Diego, California.

The leave and upkeep period was followed by two days of sea trials and exercise KERNAL BLITZ 87-1 off MCB Camp Pendleton, California. The exercise was very successful with JUNEAU as primary control ship. Other ships in company were USS TARAWA (LHA-1), USS FRESNO (LST-1182), and USS RACINE (LST-1191).

Upon completion of KERNAL BLITZ, JUNEAU was given a surprise Operational Propulsion Plant Recertification Examination (OPPRE). The OPPRE was not completed due to the failure of number 2A and 2B main feed pumps during the exam. An Operational Propulsion Plant Recertification Examination (OPPRE) was scheduled for 14 April 1987. During the two months in between examinations JUNEAU was in a continuous upkeep/availability period. Inport upkeep was interrupted only for OPPRE underway preparations which included a PHIBRON NINE Readiness Assessment and a Mobile Training Team (MTT) Assist Visit. The OPPRE was conducted from 14 April to 16 April with satisfactory results.

During the period between 17 April and 31 May JUNEAU had three successive availability periods with USS JASON and SIMA, San Diego. The objective of these availabilities was to complete as much maintenance and repair as possible prior to JUNEAU's Drydock Phased Maintenance Availability (DPMA) scheduled to begin in July. JUNEAU spent this entire period inport and was successful in the completion of inspections on numbers 1 and 2 emergency diesel generators and number 2 boiler. JUNEAU also completed an Environmental Health Survey and a Derat Certification during this time frame. On 20 and 21 June, JUNEAU held an open house at Broadway Pier, San Diego, California. The ship was visited by thousands during the weekend. Special guests included the Chief of Naval Operations for the Argentine Navy, Commander, Naval Base San Diego, RADM Boland, and Commander Amphibious Squadron NINE, Captain P. F. Hedley.

The next eight days were spent in transit to Juneau, Alaska. JUNEAU embarked over 200 marines, 46 first and third class midshipmen, 10 U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, and over 41 relatives and friends of the crew for the trip. Along with the USS FRESNO (LST-1182), USS BARBOUR COUNTY (LST-1195), and USS BRONSTEIN (FF-1037). JUNEAU was a member of the Midshipmen Training Squadron with COMPHRON ONE, Captain Knutson, embarked as the OTC.

JUNEAU spent the first five days of July in Juneau, Alaska and participated in many community programs. Among them were helicopter flights for VIPs and the press, providing drivers and judges for the fourth of July parade, and most significantly, a memorial dedication to USS JUNEAU (CL-52), in which five surviving members of the CL-52 crew were present.

JUNEAU stopped in San Francisco on the transit home to off-load ammo and debark the midshipmen.

From 13 through 17 July a 3M Inspection was conducted onboard JUNEAU. JUNEAU exceeded the fleet average with a 95.8% recorded accomplishment rate, a 97.6% confidence factor and an overall grade of 94%.

Enclosure (3)

JUNEAU entered a three month "Drydock Phased Maintenance Availability" (DPMA) on 20 July at Southwest Marine Shipyard San Diego. Although much work was accomplished, the most significant jobs were the removal and installation of four new high capacity fire fighting systems, the replacement of a majority of the air deballast piping, and the replacement of both boiler economizers. From 3 through 14 August a successful command inspection was conducted by COMPHIBRON NINE. JUNEAU was in drydock from 10 August to 24 September. During this period the hull was sand blasted, inspected and repainted, all line shaft bearings were inspected, shaft alignment was checked, and the stern tube and strut bearings were replaced. Sea trails were conducted from 17 through 18 October.

JUNEAU returned to Broadway Pier on 30 October for open house and change of command on 31 October. Several hundred visitors came onboard, but the main event of the weekend was the change of command in which Captain T. A. Willandt relieved Captain E. R. Bailey as Commanding Officer, USS JUNEAU. Commander Amphibious Group THREE, RADM Donovan was the guest of honor.

KERNAL USHER 88-1 was conducted from 9-22 November off San Clemente Island, California. In company with JUNEAU were USS PELELIU (LHA-5), USS FORT FISHER (LSD-40), USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST-1098), and USS CLEVELAND (LPD-10). Embarked in JUNEAU were MSSG-11, BLT 1/1 Bravo Company, Tacron 11 Det Two, BMU ONE Beach Party Delta, ACU ONE, Boat Group Three Team Two (LCU 1666) and SBU TWELVE Det E. JUNEAU was PCS for this exercise and COMPHIBRON ONE was OTC.

From 30 November to 06 December JUNEAU had a successful ISIC Engineering Readiness Assessment (IERA) conducted by PHIBRON NINE and Mobile Training Team (MTT).

After IERA JUNEAU commenced her preoverseas movement period. Approximately 50% of the crew took holiday leave during this period. Also during this period the LCAC ship alteration commenced, the result of which will be that JUNEAU is capable of conducting LCAC operations in her well.