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SHIP'S MISSION

USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13), an Amphibious Transport Dock, is the thirteenth ship of her class. It combines the capabilities of the Amphibious Dock Landing Ship (LSD) and the Helicopter Assault Ship (LPH) into one unit. NASHVILLE'S primary mission is to transport a landing force, utilizing helicopter and amphibious craft for the actual assault and provide support for an extended period of time. NASHVILLE can embark up to 850 Navy and Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel and all the equipment required to make the Marines ready for combat upon arrival in an objective area. With the vast array of electronic equipment in NASHVILLE, an embarked Amphibious Squadron of Group Commander can coordinate and control all of the air, sea and ground forces whose support is necessary to ensure the success of an amphibious operation.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer - CAPT Patrick M. Muldoon, USN

Executive Officer - (from 13 Jun 89) - CDR Thomas J. Scarpelli, USN
(to 13 June 89) - LCDR Gerald R. Brown, USN

Operations Officer - (from 10 Dec 89) - LCDR [REDACTED], USN
(to 10 Dec 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN

Engineering Officer - (from 11 Apr 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN
(to 11 Apr 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN

Chaplain - LT [REDACTED], USNR

Air Officer - (from 18 Jan 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN
(to 18 Jan 89) - LCDR [REDACTED], USN

Supply Officer - (from 27 Nov 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN
(to 27 Nov 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN

First Lieutenant - (from 1 Apr 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN
(to 1 Apr 89) - LT [REDACTED], USN

Medical Officer - LT [REDACTED], USNR

Dental Officer - LT [REDACTED], USNR

Navigator/Admin - LT [REDACTED], USN

Wardroom:

LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USNR
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
LTJG [REDACTED], USN
LTJG [REDACTED], USN
ENS [REDACTED], USNR
CW02 [REDACTED], USN
CW03 [REDACTED], USN

LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USNR
LT [REDACTED], USN
LT [REDACTED], USN
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
LTJG [REDACTED], USN
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR
ENS [REDACTED], USNR
ENS [REDACTED], USN
CW02 [REDACTED], USN
CW03 [REDACTED], USN

Senior Commands:

COMPHIBGRU TWO: RADM G.E Whisler, USN

COMPHIBRON TWELVE: CAPT T.S. Treanor, USN

COMPHIBRON FOUR: CAPT J.W. Lovell, USN

COMPHIBRON TWO: CAPT John McKay, USN

NASHVILLE Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR 1989

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SIGNIFICANT EVENTS</u>
01 JAN	Inport Toulon, France for Holiday Port Visit
02 JAN	City of Toulon, France reception for Community Relations Project Volunteers.
03 JAN	Underway from Toulon, France Division Tactics(Selected Excercise), Surface Gunnery Exercise, Chemical, Biological, Radiological Training (General Quarters)
04 JAN	Highline Transfer with USS CHARLESTON Selected Exercise
06-09 JAN	SIXTHFLT Chaplain, CAPT Perry embarks
09 JAN	Arrive Palma, Spain for port visit
12 JAN	Underway enroute Rota, Spain Chemical, Biological, Radiological Drill (General Quarters)
14 JAN	Arrive Rota, Spain
16 JAN	Awards Ceremony Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service Turn-over brief with USS AUSTIN
18 JAN	COMSIXTHFLT addresses crew
19 JAN	Underway enroute Morehead City, North Carolina
26 JAN	Return-Reunion Team from Family Service Center NAB, Little Creek arrives to present series of lectures. MARG 2-88 Passing Excercise
31 JAN	Anchor Onslow Bay, North Carolina Ammo Offload by helo Underway enroute Morehead City
01 FEB	Arrive Morehead City Embark Family and Friends for overnight Tiger Cruise to Virginia Underway Enroute Little Creek, Va.
02 FEB	Arrive Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek
13 FEB	Awards Ceremony
22 FEB	Awards Ceremony

23 FEB COMPHIBGRU TWO Reaction Cell Established Battle Force Watch onboard for exercise
28 FEB Overall Combat Systems Operability Test
09 MAR Ombudsmen luncheon
 Fast cruise
13 MAR Underway Virginia Capes Operational Area (VCOA)
14 MAR Engineering Administrative Review
17 MAR Departed Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek
 Arrive Norfolk, Virginia
18-19 MAR Naval Reserve Unit from Nashville drill
20 MAR Underway VCOA
24 MAR Arrive Norfolk, Virginia
04 APR Underway VCOA
04-7 APR Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)
10 APR Underway enroute Boston
11 APR Arrive Boston, Massachusetts
12-14 APR Inport Boston for Patriot Days Celebration
14 APR FN [REDACTED] of Engineering Department chosen as Sailor of Quarter and FC3(SW) [REDACTED] of Deck Department chosen as Petty Officer of the Quarter
15 APR Underway from Boston
15-21 APR Underway Deck Landing Qualifications
21 APR-03MAY Inport Norfolk, Virginia
21 APR Arrive Norfolk, Virginia
24-28 APR Cargo/Dumbwaiter Improvement program
25 APR Combined Inport Tactical Exercise
 Retention Assist Visit (CPR-12)
27 APR COMPHIBRON FOUR breaks Flag on NASHVILLE
02 MAY Landing Force Training Command - Ships Self Defense Force Training on board
04 MAY Underway for exercise SOLID SHIELD 89
04-24 MAY SOLID SHIELD 89
13 MAY Anchored Onslow Bay

17 MAY OS2 Wayne Sprinkle Memorial Service
20 MAY Joint Logistics Operation Transportation System Offload
22 MAY Landing Air Cushion Vehicle Operations
Career Information and Program Management Training
23 MAY Underway to Anchorage
24 MAY Anchor Ammunition Anchorage
25-26 MAY Ammo offload, "W" Anchorage
29 MAY MIDSHIPMEN Arrive
05-09 JUN Underway DLQ'S
06-08 JUN "I" Division
09 JUN Combat Systems Assessment Team arrives
10 JUN Hurricane Exercise commences
12 JUN Combat System Assessment (Inport Phase)
Retention Assist Team visit
Physical Readiness Test
13 JUN Personnel Inspection
Executive Officer, LCDR Brown Retirement Ceremony
CDR T.J. Scarpelli relieves LCDR Gerry Brown as
Executive Officer
Midshipmen Depart
14 JUN Dress ship (Flag Day)
Physical Readiness Test
15JUN-12OCT Phased Maintenance Availability at Metro
Machine Corp., Norfolk, Virginia
15 JUN Arrive Metro Machine
22 JUN Physical Readiness Test
29 JUN Awards Ceremony
01 JUL Navy Relief Fund Drive ends with shipwide
contributions totaling \$10,031.19
05-07 JUL "I" Division
10 JUL Crew moves into barracks at Metro Machine
11 JUL OS2 Brad Renshaw Memorial Service
14 JUL Awards Ceremony
The team of CW03 [REDACTED] and EW2 [REDACTED] finish
second in COMPHIBGRU 2 NAVTAG tournament.

22 JUL Ship's Picnic and Pig Roast

07 AUG Department of War Bicentennial Cake Cutting

09 AUG Officers vs. CPO's Softball game

11 AUG American Red Cross Blood Drive. NASHVILLE crewmembers donate 130 pints of blood with a participation rate of 33%.

16 AUG Awards Ceremony

22 AUG Fleet Accounting and Disbursing Center Assist

23 AUG S1/S3 Assist visit

24 AUG Intel Oversight Inspection

26 AUG Ship's Picnic and Pig Roast II

28 AUG S/2 Assist visit

28AUG-01SEP Engineering Material Assessment Team Type II

30 AUG Engineering Dept. Letter of Appreciation/Iron Man Certificate Presentation

13 SEP Ombudsmen Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] are honored at luncheon on the occasion of Ombudsman Appreciation Day celebrated on the 14th of September.

15 SEP Crew moves back aboard

19-21 SEP Squadron LOE

25-29 SEP Personnel and Administration Assistance Team Atlantic Visit (Admin)

25 SEP Engineering Operational Sequence System Verification Command Diagnostic Survey

27 SEP NASHVILLE adopts Hermitage Elementary School. In official ceremony at the school, Captain Muldoon signs certificate of Adoption.

29 SEP Dock Trials

01 OCT Aviation Assist Visit

03-04 OCT Fast Cruise

05-06 OCT Sea Trials

06 OCT ABFAA [REDACTED] selected as Sailor of the Quarter
 and MS3 [REDACTED] selected as Petty Officer of the
 Quarter

12 OCT Chaplain [REDACTED] installs Student Government
 Assoc. at Hermitage Elementary School

13 OCT Navy Birthday Cake-Cutting Ceremony

16-17 OCT Underway for Type Training (VCOA) SSRNM

17 OCT Awards/Advancements Ceremony

18-19 OCT AMMO Onload (Yorktown)

23 OCT JP-5 Onload
 RAVIR Van Training
 Ships Signal Exploitation Space Assist Visit

23OCT-08NOV Intermediate Maintenance Availability with YELLOWSTONE

23 OCT COMPHIBRON TWO embarks

27 OCT NASHVILLE-Hermitage Adopt-A-School Ceremony

30OCT-03NOV Running Gear, Prop Polishing

31 OCT Birthday Meal (SEP-OCT)
 Nuclear Weapons Assist Team Formal Visit

01 NOV Flight Deck Resurfacing

02 NOV Hermitage's Students of the Month visit to
 NASHVILLE

06-09 NOV "I" Division
 COMNAVSURFLANT Chemical Hold Transfer Assist visit

06 NOV Communications Assistance Team visit
 Plant Lite Off/Main Space Fire Drill

06 NOV Hermitage Elementary Teacher's Visit

10 NOV Host Ship for USS SHREVEPORT homecoming

13-17 NOV EMAT

14-16 NOV Safety Standdown

16 NOV Advancement Ceremony

17 NOV EMAT

20-21 NOV Physical Readiness Test

20 NOV Combined Federal Campaign ends with NASHVILLE reaching 105% of monetary goal and 90% participation rate.

22 NOV Thanksgiving Food Baskets delivered to Hermitage Elementary School

22 NOV Combat Systems Maintenance Training Team Visit

27NOV-07DEC Underway in support of Special Operations (SPECOPS) Trident II Test Launching)

04 DEC COMSUBLANT Embarks for SPECOPS

07 DEC Return to Norfolk

08 DEC Children's Christmas Party

09-17DEC Underway for Special Operations

1 DEC Awards Ceremony
Battle "E" Cake Cutting Ceremony
NASHVILLE chosen as Battle Efficiency "E" as best East Coast LPD.

12 DEC COMSUBLANT/COMPHEBRON TWO Embark

14 DEC Milestone of 27,000 safe landings on NASHVILLE Flightdeck

16 DEC Advancement Ceremony
Christmas Program

18 DEC Arrive Norfolk

18DEC-07JAN Holiday Leave and Upkeep period
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NARRATIVE REPORT AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- * Completed all required selected exercises for each warfare mission area during present competitive cycle. As a result NASHVILLE was awarded the Battle "E" in November 1989.
- * Expertly performed duties as Primary Control Ship for every major exercise while deployed with MARG 2-88 (AUG 88 - Feb 89).
- * Thorough execution of CONVEX 89-1 Flagship duties in January 89.
- * Extensive work with USMC Rigid Raiding Craft, developing standard operating and refueling procedures thereby enhancing the Navy/Marine corps amphibious warfare capabilities.
- * Redesigned Rigid Raiding Craft cradles and handling systems to ensure quicker and safer operations.
- * Excellent 3-M Inspection in January 89 with a final grade of 90%, highest score in Sixth Fleet since new grading criteria established.
- * "Supply Superstar" recognition from MATCONOFFSIXTHFLT for continually providing support to other units during MARG 2-88 deployment.
- * Vastly improved ship's store and laundry services, improving daily shipboard life and adding to the morale of NASHVILLE Sailors and embarked Marines.
- * While assigned as COMPHIBGRU TWO's flagship for WINTEX-CIMEX 89, received a "Well Done" for "outstanding communications support."
- * Provided unparalleled performance as COMPHIBRON FOUR Flagship during SOLID Shield 89.
- * Served as Primary Control Ship for the highly successful simultaneous LCAC and boated waves assault during SOLID SHIELD 89.
- * Primary Control Ship for complex (JLOTS) Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore operations during SOLID SHIELD 89.
- * Executed LACV-30 operations with U.S. Army, safely conducting untried refueling evolutions without difficulty during SOLID SHIELD 89.
- * During SOLID SHIELD 89, flawlessly conducted close-in rig refueling of destroyers.

- * Named COMPHIBGRU TWO's "Top Operator" for SOLID SHIELD 89.
- * Passed OPPE in April 89 with overall grade of "above average". Firefighting capabilities were evaluated as "best seen on an LPD East or West Coast."
- * Received "BZ's" from COMNAVSURFLANT and COMPHIBGRU TWO for outstanding preparations for April 89 OPPE.
- * Conducted successful MH-53 and MH-53E operations with HM-14 and associated towed sled equipment both at anchor and underway in June 1989.
- * Safely conducted unique JSOC operations in April and June 1989.
- * All combat systems in support of CSA tested SAT by SESEF June 1989.
- * 100% supply support for CSA June 1989.
- * Conducted 2741 accident-free flight deck landings for competitive cycle.
- * Maintained 100% fight deck availability rate for competitive cycle.
- * Distributed 197,000 gallons of JP-5 over 18 months without incident while maintaining 100% fuel accountability.
- * Received Letter of Commendation from COMPHIBRON TWELVE for being the model example of JP-5 and MOGAS pump-room condition, state of readiness and integrity of fuel systems subsequent to a February 89 walk-through inspection.
- * Achieved a second place finish in COMPHIBGRU TWO's first NAVTAG Tournament.
- * Provided outstanding dental, medical and Chaplain support for other commands during MARG 2-88 deployment and June - September 89 PMA.
- * Completed a squadron level LOE in September 89 with no restrictive discrepancies. The inspectors noted the excellent appearance of the spaces, the flawless performance in the DC area, the aggressive repair of discrepancies and the vast level of knowledge of the watchstanders.
- * Ongoing highly successful Professional Development Board for the purpose of advising, evaluating and counseling enlisted personnel on all aspects of their professional growth.

- * Turned over \$90,000 to Welfare and Recreation Fund from ship's store operation during 18 month cycle.
- * Zero obese crewmembers. Running a pro-active Physical Readiness Program, NASHVILLE achieved 100% success rate in December 88 PRT, and 99% in June 89.
- * Zero qualifications delinquents for 3M General and General Damage Control.
- * Instituted a comprehensive 4 day Indoctrination Division for newly reporting personnel.
- * Received a "BZ" from OINC of CINCLANTFLT Post Office for being one of a small number of ships which routinely submit flawless monthly reports.
- * PAO provided numerous articles to "Soundings" and other local newspapers over the competitive cycle.
- * Maintained a highly effective Ombudsman program.
- * Held two well attended and highly successful family picnics in July and August 1989.
- * Contributed 130% of goal for Navy Relief Fund Drive 1989.
- * Received "Bravo Zulu" from COMPHIGRU TWO for 100% participation during 1989 Navy Relief Fund Drive.
- * Highly successful Red Cross Blood Drive in August 1989: 128 donors/pints, 106% of goal, in a one day drive. 35% of crew donated (according to Red Cross statistics, 20% is average). So many personnel signed-up that AMCROSS was forced to turn the excess away.
- * NASHVILLE adopted Hermitage Elementary School in Virginia Beach in October 89. The program NASHVILLE is conducting, according to the local director is one of the most, if not the most effective in the area. Monthly programs at the school, Student of the Month program and individual tutoring of students on a weekly basis makes the partnership highly successful.
- * Received Virginia Little League Baseball Award in August 89 for "outstanding and dedicated interest and support of Little League Baseball." NASHVILLE was the only military command in the Hampton Roads area to sponsor a team.
- * Received Letter from CINLANTFLT noting with pleasure the overall evaluation of "above average" on NASHVILLE's April 89 OPPE.

- * Received "Bravo Zulu" from COMSIXTHFLT for outstanding cryptologic support to operations and exercises provided by NASHVILLE's Cryptologic Team during MARG 2-88.
- * Received "Bravo Zulu" from CONVEX 89-1 Commander for support provided as CONVEX 89-1 Flagship.
- * Received message from Naval Sea Combat Systems Engineering Station following June 9 CSA stating that "all combat systems tested SAT which reflects the dedication of the NASHVILLE crew."
- * Received "Bravo Zulu" from COMPHIBRON FOUR in January 89 for tactical review of stinger employment. Submitted to Surface Warfare Development Group.
- * Received recognition from SPCC as having "the best feedback reports in the fleet" concerning QDR documentation on the AN/SPS 40 Radar Output Tube. Aggressively tracked since first report in July 1988.
- * Grades for observed exercises (SELEX's) conducted during competitive cycle:

<u>Area</u>	<u>88/89 Cycle</u>
DC	95
ENG	95.7
AAW	100
ELW	94
CCC	97
AMW	97.8
SEAMANSHIP/NAV	96.3

- * NASHVILLE has a well-deserved and well-earned reputation as a "CAN DO" ship which is ready to meet any commitment. The entire ship takes pride in the fact that NASHVILLE sets the standard for the "Gators". Accomplishing everything that NASHVILLE accomplished proves that the title "The Original Top Gator" is one that we wear with pride.