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1. The attached USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) Command History of calendar year 1990 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

  
J. M. LYLE

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**COMPHIBRON TWELVE**

## 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 or 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 - (from 9 NOV 90) - CAPT John M. Lyle, USN  
(to 9 NOV 90) - CAPT Patrick M. Muldoon, USN

Executive Officer - CDR Thomas J. Scarpelli, USN

Operations Officer - LCDR [REDACTED], USN

Chaplain - LCDR [REDACTED], CHC, USNR

Engineering Officer - LT [REDACTED], USN

Air Officer - LT [REDACTED], USN

Supply Officer - LT [REDACTED] SC, USN

First Lieutenant - LT [REDACTED] USN

Medical Officer - (from 20 JUL 90) - LT [REDACTED], MC, USNR  
(to 20 JUL 90) - LCDR [REDACTED] USNR

Dental Officer - (from 15 SEP 90) - LT [REDACTED], DC, USNR  
(to 15 SEP 90) - LT [REDACTED], DC, USNR

Navigator/Admin - (from 15 MAR 90) - LT [REDACTED], USN  
(to 15 MAR 90) - LT [REDACTED], USN

### Wardroom:

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

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

### Senior Commands:

COMPHIBGRU TWO: (from JUL 90) RADM J.B LaPlante, USN  
(to JUL 90) RADM G.E Whisler, USN

COMPHIBRON TWELVE: (from 9 MAY 90) CAPT M.M. Kemple, USN  
(to 9 MAY 90) CAPT T.S. Treanor, USN

COMPHIBRON TWO: (from JUN 90) CAPT E. L. Peterson, USN  
(to JUN 90) CAPT John McKay, USN

NASHVILLE Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

## CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR 1990

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SIGNIFICANT EVENTS</u>
01 JAN	INPORT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
09 JAN	UNDERWAY FOR VCOA
10-24 JAN	CUDIX EXPANSION PROGRAM TEST
10-13 JAN	"I" DIVISION
11 JAN	INPORT, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
16-19 JAN	ENGINEERING MATERIAL ASSIST TEAM VISIT
21 JAN-11 FEB	INPORT, NORFOLK
22-23 JAN	PUBLIC AFFAIRS PIERSIDE VISIT
22 JAN-09 FEB	IMAV WITH YELLOWSTONE
22-23 JAN	TRAINING READINESS EVAL
24-25 JAN	SUPPLY MANAGEMENT INSPECTION
25 JAN	NOV/DEC STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FROM HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY ONBOARD NASHVILLE
26 JAN	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ASSEMBLY PROGRAM AT HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY
26-27 JAN	20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT LAKE WRIGHT
29-30 JAN	AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING READINESS EVAL
31 JAN	AVIATION ASSIST VISIT
01 FEB	BATTLE "E" PAINT PARTY
06-08 FEB	COMMAND INSPECTION
14-15 FEB	LCAC OPERATIONS
17-18 FEB	NAVAL RESERVE WEEKEND TRAINING
20 FEB	HEALTH FAIR AT HERMITAGE
21-25 FEB	ENROUTE GITMO
26 FEB - 22 MAR	REFRESHER TRAINING, GITMO
21-24 MAR	"I" DIVISION
22 MAR	UNDERWAY FROM GITMO

**1-13 APR** HURREX 90  
**2-15 APR** INPORT, NORFOLK, VA  
**06-08 APR** TWO SIX MEU SHIP VISIT  
**07 APR** NAVCRUITAREA 5 MEDICAL VISIT  
**09-13 APR** TYPE COMMANDERS AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING  
**16-18 APR** LCAC OPS  
**16-20 APR** DECK LANDING QUALS (VCOA)  
**21-22 APR** VISIT SHIP  
**21-29 APR** INPORT, NORFOLK, VA  
**23-24 APR** CINTEX 14-90  
**24 APR** FEB/MAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FROM HERMITAGE  
 ON NASHVILLE  
**26 APR** NAVY DAY AT HERMITAGE ELEMENTARY  
**30 APR-09 MAY** TYPE COMMANDERS AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING  
**09 MAY** INPORT, NORFOLK, VA  
**13-18 MAY** SURFACE WARFARE TRAINING WEEK  
**19-20 MAY** MOGAS ONLOAD  
**25 MAY** OMBUDSMAN INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
**29 MAY** OUTGOING OMBUDSMAN APPRECIATION LUNCH  
**29 MAY** COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT  
**31 MAY-01 JUN** AMMO ONLOAD AT YORKTOWN  
**06-28 JUN** CVBG/MARG 3-90 WORKUPS  
**06 JUL-05 AUG** PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PREPARATION PERIOD  
**06-31 AUG** TRANSIT TO ROTA, SPAIN  
**31 AUG-04 SEP** INPORT ROTA, SPAIN  
**04-12 SEP** SPANISH PHIBEX  
**13-16 SEP** INPORT BENIDORM, SPAIN  
**17-21 SEP** UNDERWAY FOR CATANIA, SICILY  
**22-30 SEP** INPORT CATANIA, SICILY

**01-21 OCT** DISPLAY DETERMINATION 90

**22 OCT-04 NOV** INPORT, NAPLES, ITALY

**05-06 NOV** UNDERWAY FOR TOULON, FRANCE

**07-11 NOV** INPORT, TOULON, FRANCE

**09 NOV** CAPTAIN JOHN M. LYLE, USN RELIEVES CAPTAIN  
PATRICK M. MULDOON AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF  
USS NASHVILLE

**12 NOV** UNDERWAY FOR BARCELONA, SPAIN

**13-16 NOV** INPORT, BARCELONA, SPAIN

**17-18 NOV** UNDERWAY FOR ROTA, SPAIN

**19-22 NOV** INPORT, ROTA, SPAIN

**23 NOV** UNDERWAY FOR OPERATION SHARP EDGE

**01 DEC** RELIEVED USS WHIDBEY ISLAND AS CTG 61.8

**02-23 DEC** UNDERWAY AT MAMBA STATION IN SUPPORT OF  
OPERATION SHARP EDGE

**16 DEC** NASHVILLE CROSSES EQUATOR, CONDUCTS SHELLBACK  
INITIATION

**24-27 DEC** INPORT, DAKAR, SENEGAL

**28 DEC-08 JAN 90** OPERATION SHARP EDGE