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Encl: (1) 2002 Command History for USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13)

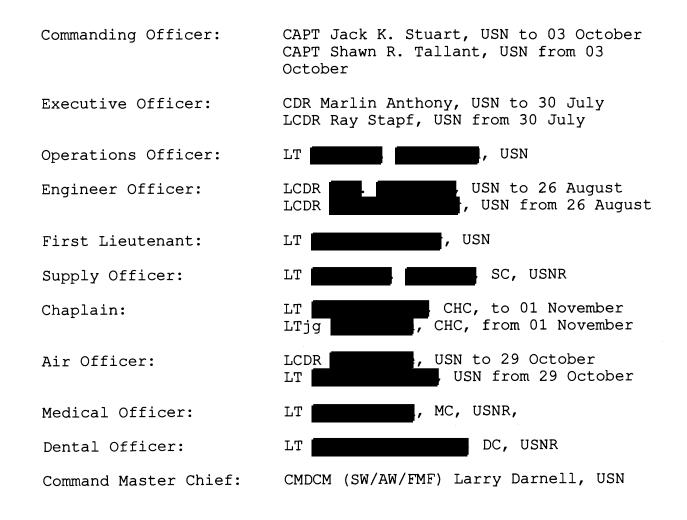
COMMAND HISTORY

2002

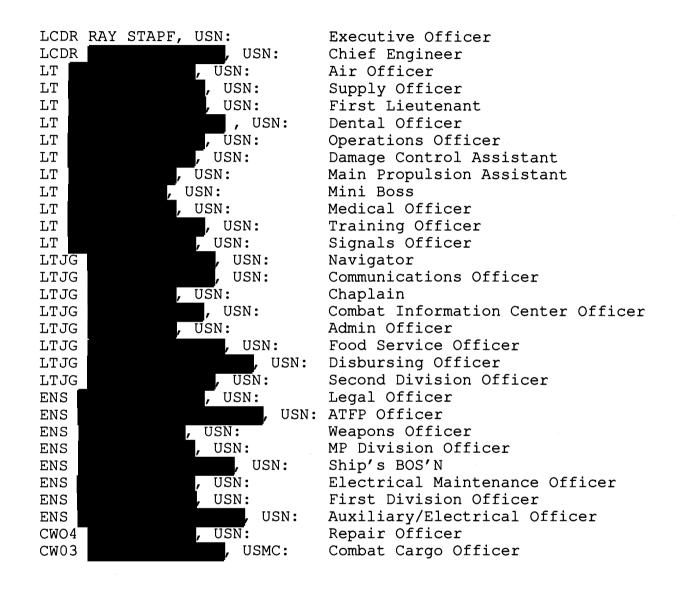
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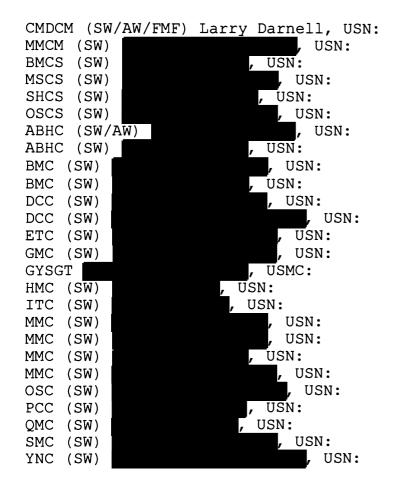
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION



WARDROOM: As of 31 DEC 2002



CHIEF'S MESS: As of 31 DEC 2002



Command Master Chief Engineering Dept LCPO Deck Department LCPO Supply Department LCPO S-2/S-3 Division LCPO Operations Dept. LCPO Air Department LCPO Air Operations LCPO 2nd Division LCPO 1st Division LCPO Damage Control LCPO Repair Division LCPO OE Division LCPO 3rd Division LCPO Combat Cargo Assistant Medical/Dental Dept LCPO Comms Division LCPO Command 3-M Coordinator Auxiliary Division LCPO Engineering Officer MP Division LCPO Combat Systems LCPO Postal / HAZMAT LCPO Navigation Division LCPO Signal Division LCPO Admin LCPO

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SENIOR COMMANDS

COMPHIBGRU TWO: RADM Nowakowski

COMPHIBRON SIX: CAPT Taylor, USN

USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) Homeport: Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, VA

SHIP'S MISSION

USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13), an Amphibious Transport Dock, is the thirteenth platform of this type in the United States Navy. NASHVILLE's primary mission is to transport landing forces ashore, utilizing helicopter and amphibious craft for any contingency and provide support to those forces for an extended period of time. NASHVILLE can support up to 1479 Navy and Marine Corps officer and enlisted personnel, 515 crew members and 964 embarked troops and all the equipment required to make the landing force ready for combat upon arrival in an objective area. With the vast array of command, control, 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 the amphibious operation.

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR 2002

DATE

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

01 JAN - 21 JAN Phased Maintenance Availability Inport: Metro Machine Shipyard 08 JAN - 15 JAN Inport: Light-off Assessment (LOA) 21 JAN - 25 JAN Underway: Sea Trials VACAPES OPAREA 26 JAN - 30 JAN Inport: Aviation Certification 31 JAN - 28 FEB Underway: New Orleans, LA Port Visit 14 FEB NASHVILLE's 32nd Birthday 01 MAR - 18 MAR Inport: Pre-INSURV, Supply Management Assessment, Well Deck Assessment 19 MAR - 22 MAR Underway: LTT VACAPES OPAREA 23 MAR - 02 APR Inport: Norfolk Naval Base 03 APR - 12 APR Underway: Annapolis, MD Port Visit Initial Assessment 12 APR - 22 APR Inport: 23 APR - 03 MAY Underway: TCAT 2-02 Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA 04 MAY - 20 MAY Norfolk Naval Base Inport: Underway: AAV Ops Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA 21 MAY - 24 MAY 25 MAY - 03 JUN Inport: 3M Assessment 04 JUN - 07 JUN Underway: FEP VACAPES OPAREA 08 JUN - 16 JUN Inport: Norfolk Naval Base 17 JUN - 19 JUL Underway: INSURV VACAPES OPAREA 20 JUL - 08 AUG Inport: C5RA, SEMAT II, Dental Readiness Assessment 08 AUG - 22 AUG Underway: PMINT Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA 23 AUG - 22 SEP Inport: FMAV Norfolk Naval Base 23 SEP - 29 SEP Underway: Ammo Onload Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA Norfolk Naval Base 30 SEP - 10 OCT Inport: Change-of-Command Ceremony 03 OCT Underway: ARGEX Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA 11 OCT - 26 OCT Underway Demostration 27 OCT - 31 OCT Inport: Norfolk Naval Base 01 NOV - 17 NOV Underway: SACEX/SOCEX Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA 18 NOV - 31 DEC Inport: Holiday Leave Standdown Norfolk Naval Base

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

January 2002 saw the continuation of NASHVILLE's Phased Maintenance Availability in Metro Machine Shipyard. On January 21st NASHVILLE left the shipyard for sea trials with repairs totaling 20 million dollars and over 200,000 man-hours expended to ensure continued ship operability. NASHVILLE also completed her Light-off Assessment in January, marking the first of many interdeployment training cycle exercises. February marked NASHVILLE's 32nd birthday and NASHVILLE celebrated in style by visiting New Orleans, LA. She transited the mighty Mississippi River and docked in downtown New Orleans, LA for a port visit during the famous Mardi Gras festival. She welcomed many Midshipman aboard during her stay in New Orleans and provided them with food, lodging and various training. In March, NASHVILLE completed a successful Well Deck Assessment, Supply Management Assessment, completed one of many Pre-INSURV exercises. and Shortly thereafter in April, she made a port call to Annapolis, Maryland to visit the U.S. Naval Academy. This exciting port visit was a great time that NASHVILLE Warriors will remember for a lifetime.

For the next six months, NASHVILLE was engaged in numerous amphibious operations with the USS IWO JIMA ARG and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejune, North Carolina. These exercises included TCAT, PMINT, ARGEX, and SACEX/SOCEX. NASHVILLE Warriors referred to these exercises as "Gator Ops". All exercises took place off the coast of North Carolina in Onslow Bay, with an occasional port visit to Morehead City for a night of liberty.

In June 2002, NASHVILLE successfully completed her five year Inspection and Survey evaluation and proudly earned one of the highest INSURV scores fleet wide for her class ship. Other successful accomplishments included Final Evaluation Period and 3M Assessment.

In September, NASHVILLE onloaded nearly 500 pallets of ammunition from Naval Weapons Station Yorktown in preparation for her upcoming 2003 deployment. On October 3rd while inport Norfolk, NASHVILLE's Commanding Officer Captain John K. Stuart, was relieved by Captain Shawn R. Tallant, in a change-of-command ceremony held on the flight deck. Captain Tallant assumed command of the USS NASHVILLE and led the NASHVILLE Warriors amphibious operations, ARGEX through her final two and After completing these final exercises, the USS SACEX/SOCEX. NASHVILLE and her crew were certified operationally capable and mission ready.

Overall, 2002 was a highly successful year for NASHVILLE. She has set the standard among her class platform and has established a reputation throughout the fleet for mission readiness; no matter how difficult the task may seem These remarkable accomplishments were a result of a year of hard work and teamwork by all NASHVILLE Warriors.

"Forever on the side of Liberty and Country."

EVENT TOTALS FOR 2002

Ballast Ops	100 evolutions
DFM transferred	2.5 million gallons
Flight Hours:	Day 110 Night 185.5 Total 295.5
Landings:	Day 396 Night 465 NVG 247 Total 1108
Passengers	224
Cargo Transferred	13 tons

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