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**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

USS SALVOR (ARS-52)  
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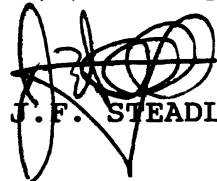
**From:** Commanding Officer, USS SALVOR (ARS 52)  
**To:** Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

**Subj:** 1989 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)

**Ref:** (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

**Encl:** (1) Command History  
(2) Biography and Photograph of Commanding Officer  
(3) Photograph of USS SALVOR (ARS 52)  
(4) Personnel Roster  
(5) Familygrams  
(6) EXXON HOUSTON SALVOPS Messages and Meritorious Unit  
Commendation  
(7) Kamalu Barge Fire SITREP, Messages and Newspaper  
Article  
(8) SOUTH PAC Port Visit Reports

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (8) are submitted.

  
J.F. STEADLEY

**Copy to:**  
COMSUPPRON 5

## COMMAND HISTORY

1. The Command History for USS SALVOR for 1989 is as follows:

a. Command Composition and Organization

(1) The mission of USS SALVOR is fourfold:

(a) Salvage of Stranded Vessels: SALVOR carries portable cutting and welding equipment, power sources, dewatering gear, machine shops, and material to effect temporary hull repairs. She carries six legs of beach gear which can be rigged to exert over 300 tons of retracting force to the stranded vessel.

(b) Rescue and Assistance. For fighting fires alongside, SALVOR is equipped with two manually operated fire monitors on the signal bridge, one remotely controlled fire monitor on the forward kingpost, and a manual portable monitor on the fo'c'sle. These monitors can be supplied with 1,000 gallons per minute of sea water or firefighting foam. SALVOR is designed for open ocean towing. The power from her main engines is sufficient to tow a Nimitz class aircraft carrier at a speed of 3-5 knots.

(c) Recovery of Submerged Objects: SALVOR is equipped with a 5 ton capacity boom forward and a 40 ton capacity boom aft. A dynamic 150 ton lift is possible over the main bow or stern rollers using deck machinery and purchase tackle or hydraulic pullers. She can make a dynamic lift of 300 tons using the main bow rollers and stern rollers in unison.

(d) Manned Diving Operations: The MK12 and MK 21 MOD 1 diving systems provide SALVOR divers the capacity of air diving to depths of 190 feet. The divers descend to depth on a diving stage lowered by a power davit. There is a hyperbaric chamber aboard for diver recompression following a dive or for the treatment of divers suffering from decompression sickness. For shallow inspections, searches, and other tasks which require mobility, there is a full complement of SCUBA equipment on board.

(2) Administrative Chain of Command:

USS SALVOR (ARS 52)  
COMSUPPRON 5  
COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC  
COMNAVSURFPAC

(3) Internal Command Organization as of 3 Dec 1989:

Commanding Officer: LCDR J.F. STEADLEY  
Executive Officer: LT M.D. KAVANAUGH

Encl (1)

Operations Officer: ENS [REDACTED]  
First Lieutenant/  
Weapons Officer: LTJG [REDACTED]  
Chief Engineer: CWO3 [REDACTED]  
Supply Officer: LT [REDACTED]

Enlisted Manpower assigned as of 31 December 1989:

Chiefs: 8 Total Enlisted: 80

(4) Home Port: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

**JANUARY**

01 - 25 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
03 DIVE OPS - HULL INSPECTION  
09 - 13 SALVAGE SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY COMSUPPRON 5  
26 - 30 PORT VISIT - KAUNAKAKAI, MOLOKAI  
30 DIVER'S AIR SAMPLE TAKEN  
31 ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR

**FEBRUARY**

01 - 13 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
13 - 03  
MAR SALVAGE TRAINING  
15 DIVE OPS - SEARCHING PROJECT  
17 DIVE OPS - HEAVY LIFT PROJECT  
21 DIVE OPS - HULL SURVEY

**MARCH**

01 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
02 DIVE OPS - HULL INSPECTION, JACKSTAY SEARCH  
02 - 03 PERSONNEL RECALL - EXXON HOUSTON AGROUND  
04 - 08 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
09 - 10 LEO OPS  
11 - 20 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
21 - 24 U/W FOR ISE  
21 SWING SHIP CONDUCTED  
22 LOST PORT TOW WIRE OVER STERN  
25 - 31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
29-31 DIVE OPS - HULL INSPECTION AND CLEANING  
SMA  
PMS INSPECTION (RECEIVED A 92)

**APRIL**

01 - 17 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
10 DIVE OPS - HULL CLEANING  
14 DIVE OPS - BOTTOM SEARCH

17-05  
MAY REFTRA  
20 - 21 BARGE FIRE - KAMALU  
24 DIVE OPS - HULL INSPECTION

MAY

06 - 10 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
11 - 12 U/W FOR EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION FOR SYNTHETIC LINE  
EXPERIMENT  
13 - 15 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
15 DIVE OPS - CLEAR FOULED TOWING BRIDLE  
16 - 20 EX - USS HECTOR TOW / SYNTHETIC LINE EXPERIMENT  
21 - 30 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
31 - 02  
JUN SUPPORT SHIP FOR MK48 TORPEDO EXERCISE

JUNE

01 - 18 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
04 DIVE OPS - SEARCHING  
08 - 09 DIVE OPS - INSTALL AND REMOVE COFFERDAM,  
INSTALL DC PLUGS  
14 DIVE OPS - REMOVE DC PLUGS  
19-28 DEPART ON SOUTH PAC, ENROUTE FUNAFUTI, TUVALU  
29 - 02  
JUL INPORT FUNAFUTI, TUVALU  
30 DIVE OPS - BOTTOM SURVEY

JULY

01 - 02 DIVE OPS - DEMO/BOTTOM SALVAGE OF ANCHOR  
03 ENROUTE APIA, WESTERN SAMOA  
04 - 08 INPORT APIA, WESTERN SAMOA  
09 ENROUTE VAVAU, TONGA  
10 - 12 INPORT VAVAU, TONGA  
13 - 17 INPORT NUKA ALOFA, TONGA  
16 DIVE OPS - BOTTOM SEARCH  
18 - 21 INPORT PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA  
22 - 25 ENROUTE PAPEETE, TAHITI  
26 - 30 INPORT PAPEETE, TAHITI  
29 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY  
31 - 01  
AUG ENROUTE RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS

AUGUST

02 - 07 INPORT RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS  
03 DIVE OPS - HULL INSPECTION  
08 - 16 ENROUTE TO PEARL HARBOR  
16 FAS WITH USS WILLAMETTE  
17 - 23 INPORT PEARL HARBOR

24 U/W TECH EVAL  
25 - 07  
SEP INPORT PEARL HARBOR

**SEPTEMBER**

08-26 U/W FOR PACEX-89 WITH TOW, RENDEZVOUS WITH USS FANNING  
26 PASSED EX - YOG 68 TO USS FANNING  
27 - 02  
OCT ENROUTE ADAK ALASKA

**OCTOBER**

03 - 07 INPORT ADAK ALASKA  
04 - 06 DIVE OPS - FLANGE PROJECT, UDATS, LIFT BAG TRAINING  
08 - 15 ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR  
16 - 20 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
16 PAINTED OUT SHIP FOR "FLIGHT OF THE INTRUDER"  
21 - 29 LEO OPS  
30 - 13  
NOV LEO OPS

**NOVEMBER**

14 - 05  
DEC INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
20 DIVE OPS - MEASURE STRUT BEARING CLEARANCES  
21 DIVE OPS - REPLACE FAIRWATERS AND ROPE GUARDS  
23 DIVE OPS - CLEAN SCREWS AND SHAFTS

**DECEMBER**

06 JUNIOR OFFICER SHIP HANDLING CONTEST/  
ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON  
07 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
08 NAVY LEAGUE/DEPENDENTS CRUISE  
09 - 15 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
16 - 23 LEO OPS  
24 - 31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR  
28 DIVE OPS - HYDROBLAST OF BOWTHRUSTER TUNNEL