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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with requirements set forth in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted for the period 01 January 1992 to 31 December 1992.

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R. C. CALLAS  
LCDR USN  
by Direction

## SHIP'S MISSION

The mission of USS WHIDBEY ISLAND is to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea, worldwide, in support of national policy. Designed, built and manned to carry MANEUVER WARFARE and the "over the horizon" amphibious assault, as part of an Amphibious Task Group, WHIDBEY ISLAND can carry four (4) Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC's) in its flood-able well, serve as the Primary Control Ship during an assault and provide a boat haven with docking, repair and fueling services for landing craft and boats. In short, WHIDBEY ISLAND is ideally suited to support our Navy's foremost strike asset...the U.S. Marine!

The WHIDBEY ISLAND class introduces to the fleet significant improvements with updated communications, combat systems, 20 and 60 ton cranes, expanded repair shops, two helicopter landing spots, completed medical and dental facilities, automated computer-based logistic support and an impressive engineering plant that gives WHIDBEY ISLAND an excellent capability for self sufficient operations. Equally effective in peace time as in wartime, WHIDBEY ISLAND is well suited to carry out a variety of humanitarian missions such as evacuations and disaster relief.

With primary missions of Amphibious Warfare, Mobility, Command and Control, and Anti-Air Warfare, WHIDBEY ISLAND is designed to support Special Warfare, Fleet Support Operations (refueling other ships), non-combatant operations, Ocean

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Surveillance and Electronic Warfare. Clearly a multi-mission capable ship, WHIDBEY ISLAND's crew, embarked Marines and detachments must also be, and are multi-talented. Representing almost every state in the union, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Philippines, we all are privileged and proud to serve in WHIDBEY ISLAND.

Enclosure (1)

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JANUARY

1-2 JAN            INPORT CARTAGENA, SPAIN  
3-6 JAN            PORT VISIT TOULON, FRANCE  
6-8 JAN            TRANSIT WEST MED  
6 JAN              REPLENISHMENT AT SEA  
9-16 JAN          PORT VISIT TOULON, FRANCE  
17-24 JAN         FORMATION STEAMING/TRANSIT TO EAST MEDITERRANEAN  
24 JAN             FUEL AT SEA, USNS KAISER  
25-27 JAN         PORT VISIT IRAKLION, CRETE  
28-30 JAN         UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO HAIFA, ISRAEL  
28 JAN             REPLENISHMENT AT SEA, USS CONCORD  
31 JAN-13 FEB     PORT VISIT HAIFA, ISRAEL

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FEBRUARY

31 JAN-13 FEB PORT VISIT HAIFA, ISRAEL  
3-6 FEB 3M ASSIST VISIT  
14-23 FEB UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO WEST MEDITERRANEAN  
17 FEB CIWS SHOOT  
18 FEB REPLENISHMENT AT SEA, USNS LEROY GRUMAN  
24 FEB-3 MAR PORT VISIT ROTA, SPAIN  
27-28 FEB SEMI-ANNUAL PRT

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APRIL

31 MAR-4 APR BECCES  
8 APR REPLENISHMENT AT SEA (SUPPLIES), USS SYLVANIA  
9 APR REPLENISHMENT AT SEA (FUEL), USNS JOHN LENTHALL  
11-12 APR PORT VISIT SOUDA BAY, CRETE  
13 APR TRANSIT TURKISH STRAITS  
14-15 APR UNDERWAY BLACK SEA  
16-20 APR PORT VISIT SAMSUN, TURKEY  
20 APR TRANSIT TO ROMANIA  
21-25 APR PORT VISIT CONSTANTA, ROMANIA  
26-30 APR PORT VISIT BURGAS, BULGARIA

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MARCH

24 FEB-3 MAR PORT VISIT ROTA, SPAIN  
3-7 MAR DMAT  
4-5 MAR UNDERWAY WEST MEDITERRANEAN  
4 MAR REPLENISHMENT AT SEA (S), USS CONCORD  
6-12 MAR PORT VISIT LISBON, PORTUGAL  
13 MAR UNDERWAY  
14 MAR OPERATION GALERA - MEDONHEIRA, PORTUGAL  
15-22 MAR UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO WEST MEDITERRANEAN  
31 MAR-10 APR UNDERWAY MEDITERRANEAN SEA

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**MAY**

1 MAY TRANSIT TO MEDITERRANEAN SEA  
2-20 MAY OPERATION DRAGON HAMMER  
3 MAY REPLENISHMENT AT SEA (F), USNS JOHN LENTHALL  
4 MAY EMBARK BOILERWATER FEEDWATER INSTRUCTOR  
5 MAY REPLENISHMENT AT SEA (S), USS SYLVANIA  
6 MAY EMBARK MIDSHIPMEN  
14 MAY REPLENISHMENT AT SEA (F), USNS KAISER  
15-17 MAY TYPE COMMANDER EXERCISE (TYCOMMEX)  
16 MAY EMBARK MEDIA PERSONNEL  
18 MAY BECCES/MSFD/GQ  
19 MAY ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT FOUR FAMFIRE  
20 MAY BECCES/MSFD/GQ  
21 MAY-27 JUN ASSESSMENT OF EQUIPMENT CONDITIONS  
21-23 MAY INPORT ROTA, SPAIN  
21-22 MAY WASHDOWN  
21 MAY AUDIOMETRIC TESTING  
22 MAY EMBARK RESERVES  
23 MAY DEBARK MIDSHIPMEN  
23 MAY-4 JUN TRANSIT ATLANTIC OCEAN  
26-28 MAY EMBARK REUNION TEAM  
31 MAY BLUEWATER TURNOVER

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**JULY**

29 JUN-3 JUL SEIP  
4 JUL FULL DRESS/STEEL BEACH PICNIC  
6 JUL FAST CRUISE  
7 JUL WELLDECK TRAINING LYNNHAVEN ANCHORAGE  
8-9 JUL AMMO OFFLOAD AT LYNNHAVEN ANCHORAGE  
10-12 JUL INPORT LITTLE CREEK  
13 JUL ENTER METRO-MACHINE SHIPYARDS  
13-19 JUL HOST SHIP FOR CORTRAMID 92  
13 JUL-9 OCT PMA/IMAVC SIMA LITTLE CREEK  
18-19 JUL RESERVE TRAINING  
27 JUL PROCESS ACTION TEAM MEETING  
31 JUL YN1 ■■■ RETIREMENT CEREMONY

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JUNE

21 MAY-27 JUN ASSESSMENT OF EQUIPMENT CONDITIONS  
23 MAY-4 JUN TRANSIT ATLANTIC OCEAN  
1-3 JUN OPPE  
4 JUN OFFLOAD MOOREHEAD CITY, NC  
4-5 JUN TIGER CRUISE  
5 JUN RETURN TO HOMEPORT  
5 JUN-6 JUL INPORT LITTLE CREEK, VA  
5 JUN-6 JUL IMAV LITTLE CREEK  
8 JUN SPECIAL WARFARE EQUIPMENT OFFLOAD  
15-19 JUN SURFACE WARFARE TRAINING WEEK  
15-19 JUN MATERIAL INSPECTION, HULL CLEANING LITTLE CREEK  
15-20 JUN STABILIZED GLIDE SLOPE INDICATOR ASSIST  
29 JUN-3 JUL SEIP  
29 JUN-3 JUL STABILIZED GLIDE SLOPE INDICATOR INSPECTION

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**SEPTEMBER**

13 JUL-9 OCT PMA/IMAVC SIMA LITTLE CREEK  
14-18 SEP NAVY FOOD MANAGEMENT TEAM ASSIST VISIT  
14-18 SEP LCAC SEAOPS REVIEW (ACU-4)  
15 SEP CNSL TOUR (ACQUISITION TEAM)  
15 SEP OMBUDSMAN APPRECIATION DAY  
17 SEP SHIP OF THE WEEK  
18-20 SEP RESERVE UNIT TRAINING  
19-20 SEP REDCOM SEVEN (RESERVE TRAINING)  
22 SEP LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT  
23-25 SEP EOSS VERIFICATION

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AUGUST

13 JUL-9 OCT PMA/IMAVC SIMA LITTLE CREEK  
10 AUG RADM PICOTTE, COMPHIBGRU TWO, VISIT  
11 AUG AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE TRAINING FEEDBACK MEETING  
21 AUG WHIDBEY ISLAND SUPPORT GROUP VISIT  
27 AUG VADM DONOVAN, COMMANDER MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND, VISIT  
31 AUG MAC [REDACTED] RETIREMENT CEREMONY

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OCTOBER

13 JUL-9 OCT PMA/IMAVC SIMA LITTLE CREEK  
6-7 OCT UNDERWAY/SEA TRIALS  
6 OCT IMA SHIPCHECKS/PRE-AVAILABILITY VISIT  
7-9 OCT EOSS VERIFICATION  
7 OCT RETURN TO NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, LITTLE CREEK  
9 OCT SHIP'S PICNIC  
9 OCT-1 NOV IMAVC  
13 OCT NAVY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
13 OCT-4 NOV VERTICAL PACKAGE CONVEYOR SHIP ALT  
13-21 OCT PRT  
22-23 OCT AMMO ONLOAD YORKTOWN NAVAL WEAPONS STATION  
23 OCT DEPENDENTS CRUISE  
24-25 OCT RESERVE TRAINING  
25 OCT HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN  
26 OCT TEMPEST INSPECTION  
26 OCT-6 NOV INSTALL MK4 MOD2 PROTECTIVE VOICE SYSTEM  
30 OCT SUPPORT GROUP VISIT

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NOVEMBER

10 OCT-1 NOV     IMAVC  
5-6 NOV           INSURV REHEARSAL  
7-8 NOV           RESERVE TRAINING  
9-13 NOV          HULL CLEANING  
10-11 NOV         ELECTRONIC CAL CAPABILITY EVALUATION  
12 NOV            SLAMEX JOT II/LINK-14 EXERCISE  
16-20 NOV         INSURV  
21 NOV            SHIP'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
21-22 NOV         RESERVE TRAINING  
23 NOV            ONLOAD EOD BOAT FOR LIFT TO PANAMA CITY, FL  
23-24 NOV         PHYSICAL SECURITY ASSIST VISIT  
23-29 NOV         TEST PLATFORM FOR NEW TYPE WATERTIGHT DOOR  
24 NOV            NATO SECRET CONTROL INSPECTION  
24 NOV            POSTAL ASSIST VISIT  
29 NOV            EMBARK SOSMRC  
30 NOV-10 DEC     TRANSIT TO PANAMA CITY, FL TO PICK UP NEW LCACS  
30 NOV-4 DEC      SOSMRC (DEBARK PANAMA CITY, FL)

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DECEMBER

30 NOV-10 DEC TRANSIT TO PANAMA CITY, FL TO PICK UP NEW LCACS  
2 DEC BRIEF STOP FOR CARGO MAYPORT, FL  
4 DEC SOSMRC (DEBARK PANAMA CITY, FL)  
5 DEC BRIEF STOP FOR CARGO PANAMA CITY, FL/PICK UP LCACS  
7-9 DEC DLQS WITH US ARMY H-60 HELICOPTERS  
10 DEC ARRIVE LITTLE CREEK  
10 DEC COMMENCE 3 SECTION DUTY ROTATION  
10 DEC CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING/SHIP'S HOLIDAY LIGHTING  
11 DEC CMS ASSIST VISIT  
11-31 DEC UPKEEP INPORT LITTLE CREEK  
13 DEC CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN  
14 DEC INTEL OFFICER/PERSONNEL TRAINING CPG-2  
14-18 DEC SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT SURVEY  
14-18 DEC AN/VCC-2A RADIO MOD  
15-28 DEC FIRST HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD  
17 DEC CPG-2 COMMANDERS CONFERENCE  
21 DEC ENCM ██████ RETIRMENT CEREMONY  
29 DEC-11 JAN SECOND HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD

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## JANUARY

The Whidbey Island began the new year inport Cartagena, Spain, and soon after transited to Toulon, France. The ship stayed in Toulon for three days, during which time crewmembers volunteered to repaint the United Services Organization (USO) building. Some liberty attractions included skiing and mountain climbing in the French Alps. Whidbey Island transited the western Mediterranean Sea, completing an underway replenishment in the process, before returning to Toulon for a week of liberty. On 17 January, the ship got underway in company with other amphibious units of 1-92. Enroute the ship refueled at sea with USNS Henry J. Kaiser prior to entering port at Iraklion, Crete. Pulling into Iraklion, control of the ship was given to Assault Craft Unit Four Command Master Chief BMCM (SW) Hamilton, who brought the ship into the pier. During the stay in Iraklion, the Superbowl was played at the Air Force Base, and Whidbey Island sailors were bused over to watch. After three days in Crete, Whidbey Island was replenished at sea by USS Concord while transiting to Haifa, Israel, for a port visit.

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## FEBRUARY

Whidbey Island stayed in Haifa for two weeks, during which time she received a 3M assist visit, designed to improve the ship's maintenance capabilities. The ship also conducted an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV). Despite the heavy work schedule, Whidbey Island sailors still managed to find time to adopt a local orphanage, and refurbish the building. Children from the orphanage came aboard the ship for a party, and had a chance to meet the ship's mascot, Whidbey the Gator. Some liberty attractions in Israel included tours to Jerusalem and other sights of the Holy Land. One sailor even went so far as to visit Egypt. On the 14th, the ship departed Haifa for another transit to the western Mediterranean, conducting a Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) Towed Drone Unit (TDU) shoot en route. Whidbey Island was the last of four ships to fire at the target, and the only one to hit it. The ship also conducted an underway replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman during the transit. On the 24th, Whidbey Island pulled into Rota, Spain, for an eight-day port visit. While there, ship's company took their semi-annual Physical Readiness Test (PRT), and also received in-town liberty, a rarity for that port, and got to join in a carnival celebrating a Spanish holiday. During the stay in Rota, Whidbey also participated in a MARG-wide sports competition, and took home first place in football, basketball, and the overall competition.

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After departing Rota, Spain on the 3rd of March, Whidbey Island underwent a Diesel Mobile Training Team (DMTT) during a transit back into the western Mediterranean. She also performed an underway replenishment with USS Concord during the return trip to the Atlantic before pulling in for a week's liberty in Lisbon, Portugal. In Lisbon, 'Team Gator' ran a 5K race against four other ships, with Whidbey Island's EM3 [REDACTED] taking first place. The ship also competed in the 'Conquistador Cup,' a MARG-wide competition hosted by local North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) officials, involving softball, soccer, volleyball, and basketball. Whidbey Island again took home the trophy. Upon completion of the port visit, the ship then proceeded south to Medonheira, Portugal, to participate in a combined U.S.-Portuguese amphibious assault exercise, called Operation Galera 92. Portuguese and U.S. Naval forces trained together along with U.S. Navy SEALs, U.S.M.C. Force Recon and Portuguese Fuzilheiros (Special Forces). Upon completion of amphibious operations, the ship proceeded to Cannes, France. During the transit, Whidbey Island was tasked with U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Operations (LEO) in support of drug interdictions. The ship stopped briefly in Rota to embark a U.S.C.G. LEO detachment and a CH-46 Helo Det from the USS Inchon.

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After steaming southwest for three days at full speed, the tasking was then cancelled, and the ship returned to Rota.

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## APRIL

After receiving 217 pallets of stores from USS Sylvania, and 170,000 gallons of fuel from USNS John Lenthall, Whidbey Island detached from the Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) and proceeded independently enroute to the Black Sea. On the 13th of April, the ship passed through the Dardanelles, Sea of Marmara, and the Bosphorus Straits, becoming the first U.S. amphibious ship to transit to the Black Sea. On this history-making expedition, Whidbey Island made port first in Samsun, Turkey. While inport, the crew received Hazardous Duty pay for the month of April, because an American building had been destroyed by terrorists ten miles from Samsun. Here the Inchon Band, embarked on Whidbey Island for the Black Sea Operations, played an outdoor concert for Turkish citizens and Whidbey Island sailors played a soccer match against a Turkish team. From Samsun the ship sailed to Constanta, Romania, where they delivered medical supplies to the American Embassy. Sailors also adopted a school in Constanta, and Whidbey Island HAM Radio Operators met with Romanian Operators. Many sailors took the opportunity to visit Dracula's Castle on a bus tour to Transylvania. With just five days in each city, Whidbey Island hosted thousands of visitors both in Constanta and their next port, Burgas, Bulgaria. Here, the Inchon Band again played for the local citizens, and the Whidbey

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Island soccer team squared off against a Bulgarian team. In leaving Burgas, a Bulgarian tug lost one of the ship's lines, which wrapped around one of her screws, which was later removed during a brief stop in Rota. The Whidbey Island became the first amphibious vessel to enter the Black Sea, the first vessel to operate Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC), the first U.S. Navy ship ever to visit Burgas, and the first U.S. Navy ship to visit Samsun in 70 years.

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## MAY

Whidbey Island spent the first half of May preparing for and participating in Operation "Dragon Hammer." Prior to the exercise's commencement, members of all ships involved gathered on the British HMS Fearless for a reception, featuring the Inchon Band and Royal Navy band. Dragon Hammer is a major NATO exercise in support of maritime, amphibious, and land based air and ground forces from over sixty ships from the U.S., U.K., Spain, Turkey and Greece. During this time the ship replenished at sea with USNS John Lenthall, USS Sylvania, and USNS Kaiser; embarked a Boilerwater/Feedwater Instructor, four Midshipmen First Class and engaged in a Communications Type Commander Exercise (TYCOMMEX). Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCEs) and Main Space Fire Drills were conducted as well as a famfire by Assault Craft Unit (ACU) Four. Whidbey Island returned to Rota, Spain for three days in preparation for outchop. During this time the ship conducted a wash down of U.S. Marine Corps equipment. Reserves were embarked as Midshipmen debarked for the return to the United States. Whidbey Island then transited the Atlantic Ocean from May 23 to June 4, embarking the reunion team in preparation for the ship's return home. During the transit a turnover was conducted with the inchopping MARG. On June 1 the ship turned out a highly successful Operational Propulsion Plant

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Examination. Throughout Whidbey Island's transit home, members of the crew participated in a "Run Across the Atlantic," jogging around the flight deck, well deck, or weather decks in 15-minute 'watches' all the way across the Atlantic.

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## **JUNE**

On the 4th of June, embarked Marines were offloaded at Morehead City, North Carolina, and family members were embarked for a Tiger Cruise for the return to homeport. Whidbey Island pulled into Little Creek June 5, and immediately went into Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) and a four-week stand-down period. Special Warfare Equipment was off-loaded June 8. During the period of June 15-20, Whidbey Island underwent Material Inspection and Hull Cleaning, honored Surface Warfare Training Week, and received a Stabilized Glide Slope Indicator assist.

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## JULY

Whidbey Island was dressed out on the Fourth of July, and a steel beach picnic was held on the flight deck for crew and family. On July 6, a fast cruise was conducted in preparation for an ammunition offload at Lynnhaven Anchorage. Whidbey Island entered Metro-Machine shipyards July 13 for a three-month Planned Maintenance Availability. The first week she was there, she also hosted Cortramid 92, a week-long Midshipman summer training evolution whereby future officers learn about shiphandling. Whidbey Island held reserve training July 18 and 19, and a Process Action Team meeting was held the 27th. On July 31, Whidbey Island said goodbye to YN1 (SW) [REDACTED] in a retirement ceremony on the flight deck.

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## AUGUST

August of 1992 was a busy month for the crew of Whidbey Island, engaged in the day-to-day tasks of a shipyard PMA. Commander, Amphibious Group Two, Rear Admiral Leonard Picotte, and Commander, Military Sea Lift Command Vice Admiral Francis R. Donovan visited the ship during this period. The Whidbey Island also said goodbye to another retired shipmate - MAC (SW) [REDACTED].

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## SEPTEMBER

Still in Metro Machine Shipyard, the Whidbey Island received a Navy Food Management Team (NFMT) assist, designed to evaluate the ship's food service capabilities and suggest ways to improve, an LCAC Sea Operations Review, and CNSL tour. The ship celebrated Ombudsman Day September 15, honoring [REDACTED], and was Commander, Amphibious Squadron TEN Ship of the Week. The last half of September, the ship hosted Reserve Unit Training, and completed a light-off assessment and an EOSS verification.

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## OCTOBER

October was a very busy month for the Whidbey Island. The ship conducted sea trials and Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) shipchecks/pre-availability visit on October 6 and 7, returning to Little Creek on the 7th. The ship underwent an EOSS verification October 7-9. A ship's picnic was held on the 9th just after returning to Little Creek. Whidbey Island celebrated the Navy's Birthday on the 13th, spending the day with students from her "adopt-a-school," Bayside Middle School. Fall PRTs were held this month, as well as a Vertical Package Conveyor Ship Alteration. Whidbey Island conducted an Ammunition Onload at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station on October 22 and 23, and a Dependents Cruise was held on the return from Yorktown. The ship hosted reserve training October 24 and 25, with a Halloween Party for children the 25th. The last week of October, Whidbey Island underwent a TEMPEST inspection, which examines the ship's electrical safety, an MK4 MOD2 Protective Voice System was installed, and the Whidbey Island Support Group visited.

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## NOVEMBER

Whidbey Island rehearsed for the Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Team visit November 5 and 6, and hosted reserve training the 7th and 8th. Hull cleaning, an electronic calibration capability evaluation which ensures portable electronic test equipment is accurate, and a SLAMEX JOT II/LINK-14 exercise, with units from Charleston, Mayport, Norfolk, and Little Creek establishing a data link, took place during the period of November 9 to 13. November 16-20, the ship conducted INSURV. The ship's Christmas party was held on the 21st, and reserve training was conducted November 21-22. Whidbey Island onloaded an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) boat for a lift to Panama City, Florida, and underwent a physical security assist visit, NATO Secret Control inspection, and postal assist. Whidbey Island also became a test platform for a new type watertight door. On November 29, the ship embarked Senior Officer of Ships Material Readiness Course personnel, and departed November 30 for a transit to Panama City, Florida, to pick up four LCACs for transfer to Little Creek, Virginia.

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Whidbey Island made brief stops in Mayport, Florida, for cargo, and Panama City, Florida, to debark SOSMRC Prospective Commanding Officers, and pick up LCACs. December 7-9 the ship performed DLQS with U.S. Army HH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, and returned to Little Creek December 10. Also in the month of December, the ship received a ComSec Material System assist visit (provides CMS inspectors to assist CMS custodians in auditing accounts for discrepancies, thereby improving the ship's CMS program and training incoming CMS custodians), solid waste equipment survey and AN/VCC-2A Radio modification (an update to VHF circuits used primarily to communicate with Marines); hosted a Christmas party for Whidbey Island children; and, held Intelligence Officer/Personnel training with COMPHIBGRU 2. December 21, Whidbey Island's former Command Master Chief EMCM [REDACTED] returned for his retirement ceremony held on the turntable.

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