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

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COMPOSITION & ORGANIZATION

The mission of USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41) is conducting prompt, sustained combat operations at sea, worldwide, in support of national policy.

Designated, built and manned to carry maneuver warfare vehicles as well as “over-the-horizon” amphibious assault vehicles, WHIDBEY ISLAND – homeported at Little Creek, Virginia, and under the command of Commander, Amphibious Group TWO – can carry four Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCAC) or thirty-six Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV) in its flood-able well.

During assaults WHIDBEY ISLAND serves as the Primary Control Ship and provides a boat haven with docking, repair and refueling services to 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, complete medical and dental facilities, automated computer-based logistics support and an impressive engineering plant; giving WHIDBEY ISLAND an excellent capability for self-sufficient operations. Equally as effective in peacetime 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 surveillance and electronic warfare. Clearly a multi-mission capable ship, WHIDBEY ISLAND’s crew, embarked Marines and detachments must be, and are multi-talented. Representing almost every state in the Union, Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, and the Philippines, everyone aboard is privileged and proud to serve in USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41).

JANUARY 2001

28 DEC – 08 JAN HOLIDAY STANDDOWN (SECOND PERIOD)

04 JAN CREW GAS MASK FITTINGS
PLAN OF ACTIONS & MILESTONES MEETING

09 JAN 50 CAL WEAPONS TRAINING
FLIGHT DECK CREW TRAINING
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
STT TRAINING
FLIGHT DECK CRASH DRILL
CSTT DRILL
PRT WEIGH-IN (MAKE-UP)
STT/ETT/ITT/CSTT/MTT/DCTT BRIEFS
MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS

10 JAN COMMAND PT
FUEL ONLOAD
CDO/SECTION LEADER MEETING
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
LAY LEADER MEETING
STT/ETT/ITT/CSTT/MTT/DCTT BRIEFS
MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS

11 JAN 50 CAL TRAINING
CART II EXAMINATIONS
DCTT TRAINING
FLIGHT DECK CREW TRAINING
FLIGHT DECK CRASH DRILL
MASS CASUALTY DRILL
LUBE OIL ONLOAD
EHF INSTALL STATUS MEETING
STT/ETT/ITT/CSTT/MTT/DCTT BRIEFS
SESSEF

12 JAN COMMAND PT
CART II EXAMINATIONS
ALL HANDS FIELD DAY

16 JAN CART II INBRIEF
CART II CHECKS

17 JAN CART II CHECKS
MTT/ATT/DCTT BRIEFS

17 JAN SIMULATE FLIGHT QUARTERS
HELO CRASH & MASS CASUALTY DRILL
INPORT FIRE DRILL SCENARIOS

18 JAN CART CHECKS
STT/ETT/ITT/DCTT/CSST BRIEFS
MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS
ITT DRILL

19 JAN CART II DCPO TRAINING
DCTT/DCPO YOKE CHECKS
CART II OUTBRIEF

22 JAN COMMAND PT
I DIVISION

23 JAN SMALL BOAT OPERATIONS TRAINING
WELLDECK OPERATIONS TRAINING
I DIVISION
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (M)

24 JAN MAKE-UP PRT
COMMAND PT
I DIVISION
NTCSS OUTBRIEF
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (M)
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

25 JAN 50 CAL TRAINING
FLIGHT DECK TRAINING
DCPO TRAINING
I DIVISION
PRE-AVCERT TECH ASSIST INBRIEF
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (M)
CO'S PMS SPOT CHECK (EA04)
XO'S PMS SPOT CHECK (OC01)

26 JAN MAKE-UP PRT
COMMAND PT
I DIVISION

28 JAN BOY SCOUT TROOP VISIT & TOUR

29 JAN FAST CRUISE

29 JAN NAVIGATION BRIEF
 WELLDECK OPERATIONS BRIEF
 SCHEDULE OF EVENS BRIEF

30 JAN WELLDECK TRAINING
 STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
 50 CAL TRAINING
 NAVIGATION BRIEF

31 JAN STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 UNDERWAY
 ANCHORED – LYNNHAVEN ANCHORAGE
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCU OPERATIONS
 PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
 SET NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 UNDERWAY
 MAIN PROPULSION DIESEL ENGINE GROOM

FEBRUARY 2001

01 FEB UNDERWAY
 NAVIGATION DETAIL
 CONDITION "1A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL
 MAIN SPACE DRILL

02 FEB STATION SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA
 CONDITION "A" FOR LCU/AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 SHIP FAMILIARIZATION BRIEF
 SAR PROFIENCY DRILL
 MAN OVERBOARD DRILL
 TTY DRILL
 DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILL

03 FEB ENGINEERING EVOLUTIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 CONDITION "1A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 STATIC AAV LAUNCH & RECOVERY
 HOLY HELO (CATHOLIC)
 TTY DRILL
 EMCON DRILL (WBI – OCE)

04 FEB STATION SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 UNDERWAY EN ROUTE VCOA
 CONDITION "A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS

05 FEB MAN DIVTACS TEAM
 LEAP FROGS
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 CONDITION "1A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 STATION SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL

06 FEB MAN DIVTACS TEAM
 GMT (EEBD: CARE OF & DONNING PROCEDURES)
 STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
 LEAP FROGS
 ALL HANDS FIELD DAY
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL

Enclosure (2)

06 FEB ECC DRILL
MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL

7 FEB STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
Q-ROUTE TRANSIT
CONDITION "1A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
"H" & "L" HOUR REHEARSALS
ECC DRILLS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

8 FEB STATION SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
CONDITION "1A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
GMT: EEBD – CARE OF & DONNING PROCEDURES)
CONDITION "1A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
DETACH EN ROUTE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
ALL HANDS FIELD DAY
ECC DRILLS

9 FEB WHIDBEY ISLAND'S 16TH BIRTHDAY CEREMONY
FRESH WATER WASHDOWN
ULM-4/TACAN RANGE OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

12 FEB PROMOTION: ENS [REDACTED] TO LTJG
ENGINEERING EVOLUTIONS
ETT/DCTT BRIEF
SAFETY WALK THROUGH
MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL (UNDERWAY SCENARIO)

13 FEB 50 CAL TRAINING
LOOKOUT TRAINING
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
DCTT BRIEF
MAN UNDERWAY WATCHSTATIONS

14 FEB MAN UNDERWAY WATCHSTATIONS
DCTT BRIEF
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

15 FEB GMT: EEBD – CARE OF & DONNING PROCEDURES)
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TRAINING
LOOKOUT TRAINING

15 FEB DCPO TRAINING
DCTT BRIEF
NJROTC TOUR
MAN UNDERWAY WATCHSTATIONS
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
CO'S PMS SPOTCHECK
XO'S PMS SPOTCHECK
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

16 FEB COMMAND PT
AWARDS CEREMONY
CAPTAIN'S CALL

20 FEB ENGINEERING INITIAL ASSESSMENT INBRIEF
COMMENCE MATERIAL CHECKS
ETT BRIEF

21 FEB ENGINEERING INITIAL ASSESSEMENT CHECKS
ETT/DCTT BRIEF
ECC DRILL SET #1

22 FEB SSDG HOT CHECKS
ETT BRIEF
MAN UNDERWAY WATCHSTATIONS
IA DRILL SET #1
IA DRILL SET #2

23 FEB FAREWELL DINNER: LTJG [REDACTED]

26 FEB COMMAND PT
CSOSS INBRIEF

27 FEB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS REVIEW
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (NAV-ADMIN)

28 FEB HULL CLEANING
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (NAV-ADMIN)
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 2001

01 MAR STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (NAV-ADMIN)
SMA OUTBRIEF

02 MAR COMMAND PT
GMT: ANTI-TERRORISM & FORCE PROTECTION
CROSS OUTBRIEF
COMPHIBGRU EIGHT VISIT

05 MAR COMMAND PT
ETT/DCTT BRIEF
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

06 MAR E-6 ADVANCEMENT EXAMS
LTT INBRIEF
RIG UNREP STATION
ADVANCEMENT: SN [REDACTED] TO RP3
MAN CONDITION II WATCHSTATIONS
AW SCENARIO
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL

07 MAR MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS
DCTT BRIEF
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
RIG UNREP STATION
SAR SWIMMER TRAINING

08 MAR DCTT/ETT/CSTT BRIEFS
ECC DRILLS AND EVOLUTIONS
GENERAL QUARTERS DRILL
MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS
CSTT SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT

09 MAR RETIREMENT: LCDR [REDACTED]
AMMO ONLOAD BRIEF

11 MAR NROTC CADET TOURS

12 MAR COMMAND PT
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

13 MAR E-5 ADVANCEMENT EXAMS
LOOKOUT TRAINING

13 MAR 50 CAL TRAINING
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

14 MAR COMMAND PT
TROOP HABITABILITY INSPECTION
FSG SANDWICH & BAKE SALE
SEMAT INBRIEF

15 MAR ENGINEERING INITIAL ASSESSMENT INBRIEF
IA CHECKS
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

16 MAR CPG2 TEAM ARRIVAL
MATERIAL CHECKS
SAFETY WALK-THROUGH
IA DRILL SET #1
IA DRILL SET #2

19 MAR FAST CRUISE
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MAN CONDITION IV WATCHSTATIONS
FUEL ONLOAD
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
NAVIGATION BRIEF
OPERATIONS BRIEF

20 MAR E-4 EXAMINATIONS
GMT: ANTI-TERRORISM & FORCE PROTECTION
50 CAL TRAINING
OFFICER'S TRAINING
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (1ST)

21 MAR COMMAND PT
NAVIGATION BRIEF
OPERATIONS BRIEF
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (1ST)

22 MAR STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY EN ROUTE VACAPES & PROA
MAN OVERBOARD DRILL
ITT SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT
TRACKEX (AV-8B)
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

23 MAR ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

Enclosure (2)

23 MAR TRACKEX (AV-8B)
EMCON DRILLS

24 MAR JUNIOR OFFICER SHIPHANDLING
CIWS PACFIRE
TRACKEX (AV-8B)
EMCON DRILLS
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
PUBEX

25 MAR TRACKEX (AV-8B)
STEEL BEACH PICNIC
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
PUBEX

26 MAR ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (+4Q)
UNREP APPROACHES
TRACKEX (AV-8B)
STT/CSTT/DCTT/ETT/MTT BRIEFS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
EMCON DRILLS
PUBEX

27 MAR STATION NAVIGATION DETAIL
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (A)
TRACKEX (AV-8B)

28 MAR TRACKEX
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – NAVAL STATION ROOSEVELT ROADS, PR
RANGE BRIEF

29 MAR STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY

30 MAR SURFACE TO AIR MISSILEX
BACK-UP MISSILEX
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS

31 MAR ANCHORED – ST. MAARTEN, NETHERLAND ANTILLES

APRIL 2001

01 APR ANCHORED – ST. MAARTEN, NETHERLAND ANTILLES

02 APR STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY EN ROUTE HOMEPORT

03 APR LEAP FROGS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
NEO EXERCISE
MWR MEETING
PLANE GUARD
ECC DRILL & EVOLUTIONS
PUBEX

04 APR LEAP FROGS
AFF SHOOT
FULL POWER RUN
SAILOR & JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER BOARDS
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
SMALL BOAT ATTACK SCENARIO
FLIGHT QUARTERS
DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILLS
PUBEX

05 APR DIVTACS
FULL POWER TRIAL DEMONSTRATION
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (A)
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
FLASHING LIGHT DRILLS
PUBEX

06 APR FLIGHT QUARTERS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAILS
MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGININA

09 APR COMMAND PT
SEMAT II INBRIEF

13 APR – 20 APR COMPUTER NETWORK VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS
PRC DECK WORK

17 APR SWIM PRT
DCTT BRIEF
CBR DRILL

Enclosure (2)

18 APR ITT FEP PACKAGE REVIEW
COLOR GUARD TRAINING
COMMAND PT

19 APR FMAV WPIC
TRAINING TEAM BRIEFS
MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS
ITT DRILL

20 APR FEP DAY 1 REHEARSALS
AWARDS CEREMONY
CAPTAIN'S CALL
PRT

23 APR FEP INBRIEF
TRAINING TEAM BRIEFS
NEO DRILL
PMINT PRE-SAIL CONFERENCE
COMMAND PT

24 APR STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY ISO FEP

25 APR STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
ANCHORED
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
NEO DRILL
UNDERWAY

26 APR UNREP WITH PATUXENT
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS

27 APR CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
PRE-INSURV CHECKS
EN ROUTE ONSLOW BAY

28 APR STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC/AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
UNDERWAY EN ROUTE FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
FLIGHT QUARTERS
ANTI-TERRORISM/FORCE PROTECTION BRIEF
NAVIGATION & OPERATIONS BRIEFS

29 APR FLAG HOIST DRILL

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29 APR

PHOTOEX

30 APR

STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA
CLOSE-IN REFUELING TRAINING
OFFICIAL SHIP GREETING
ALL HANDS RECEPTION AT RIVERFRONT

Enclosure (2)

MAY 2001

01 MAY MOORED – PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA
WWII VETERAN’S GRADUATION CEREMONY
SAILOR & JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON
OPEN TOURS OF WBI
CARDINALS VS. MARLINS BASEBALL GAME

02 MAY STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILLS

03 MAY FLIGHT QUARTERS
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
UNREP W/ PATUXENT
CO’S PMS SPOTCHECK
XO’S PMS SPOTCHECK

04 MAY CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
26 MEU(SOC) ONLOAD

05 MAY CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONTINUE 26 MEU(SOC) ONLOAD
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
FLIGHT QUARTERS

06 MAY USMC SHIP ORIENTATION
MAN OVERBOARD DRILL
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
FLIGHT QUARTERS
FAST ROPE EXERCISES

07 MAY PUBEX
TRACKEX
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS

07 MAY STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL

08 MAY CLOSE-IN REFUELING
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
FLIGHT QUARTERS
H-HOUR REHEARSAL
PRE-ASSAULT BRIEF
PUBEX

09 MAY CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
COMMENCE H-HOUR ASSAULT TRACKS
ANCHORED
26 MEU(SOC) OFFLOAD
FLIGHT QUARTERS

10 MAY SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
ENGINEERING DRILLS
COUNTERMEASURE WASHDOWN CHECK
FRESHWATER WASHDOWN
SATVUL EXERCISE

11 MAY CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

14 MAY RAM OFFLOAD
SMI & INSURV BRIEFS
COMMAND PT
CSOSS INBRIEF
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS

15 MAY CSOSS TRAINING
DCPO TRAINING
COMMAND PT
GMT: ANNUAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY

17 MAY SMI OUTBRIEF
COMMAND PT

17 MAY PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
CO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (EA05)
XO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (OW02)

18 MAY MCJROTC VISIT & TOUR
RE-ENLISTMENT: IT2 [REDACTED] & EN3 [REDACTED]

21 MAY COMMAND PT
NAVIGATION BRIEF
SMALL BOAT OPERATIONS TRAINING
ETT BRIEF

22 MAY STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
GMT: HEAT STRESS PREVENTION
BECCES
OFFICER'S TRAINING
JUNIOR OFFICER SHIPHANDLING
STT BRIEF

23 MAY JUNIOR OFFICER SHIPHANDLING
DECK TRAINING
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
BECCES
ITT DRILLS
FLIGHT DECK WASHDOWN

24 MAY JUNIOR OFFICER SHIPHANDLING
DECK TRAINING
ETT BRIEF
BECCES
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
MWR MEETING
NAVIGATION BRIEF

25 MAY STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

29 MAY TRAINING TEAM BRIEFS
PRT WEIGH-INS
INTEL BRIEF

30 MAY FUEL OIL ONLOAD
CRANE OPERATIONS
PRT WEIGH-INS (MAKE-UP)

Enclosure (2)

30 MAY **DCTT/DCPO MODIFIED ZEBRA CHECKS**
CIC WATCHSTANDERS TRAINING
GUN CREW TRAINING
SPRING PRT (MAKE-UP)
MAN OVERBOARD TRAINING
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING

31 MAY **MAN CONDITION III WATCHSTATIONS**
GUN CREW TRAINING
SPRING PRT (MAKE-UP)
GMT: SIGHT CONSERVATION
OFFICER'S TRAINING
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
CO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (EM01)
XO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (ER03)

JUNE 2001

04 JUN NAVIGATION BRIEF
COMMAND PT

05 JUN STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
EMCON DRILL
BILGE PRESSURE WASH
ETT BRIEF
TACAN/SLQ 32 CALIBRATION

06 JUN ETT DRILLS
ESWS BOARD: ITSN [REDACTED]
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
EMCON DRILLS

07 JUN CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPS
UNDERWAY DEMO INBRIEF
ENGINEERING UNDERWAY DEMONSTRATION

08 JUN STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

09 JUN MSI SHIPHANDLING TRAINER
PETTY OFFICER INDOC
CHrimp INBRIEF
COMMAND PT

12 JUN PETTY OFFICER INDOC
MSI SHIPHANDLING TRAINER
CARGO ELEVATOR OPERATIONS
COMMAND PT
GMT: NAVAL HISTORY
FMAV INBRIEF

13 JUN PETTY OFFICER INDOC
MSI SHIPHANDLING TRAINER
CRANE OPERATIONS
COMMAND PT
FSG PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEF (SINGLE SAILORS)
FSG PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEF (MARRIED SAILORS)

Enclosure (2)

14 JUN DCPO TRAINING
R DIVISION AWARDS CEREMONY
RE-ENSLITMENT: DC2 [REDACTED], DC2 [REDACTED]
& MS3 [REDACTED]
COMMAND PT
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS

15 JUN RETIREMENT: ET1 [REDACTED]
COMMAND PT

18 JUN AWARDS & FROCKING CEREMONY
COMMAND PT

19 JUN I DIVISION
SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
PACE COURSE SCREENING
COMMAND PT

20 JUN PACE COURSE SCREENING
CPG-2 VISIT
COMMAND PT
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
CHRIMPS OUTBRIEF
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS

21 JUN CINCLANTFLT DISBURSING AUDIT
DCPO TRAINING
XO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (NN01)
COMMAND PT

22 JUN RETIREMENT: MSCS [REDACTED]

25 JUN PCO ARRIVAL
EXECUTIVE OFFIER'S MEETING W/ PCO
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (S1)

26 JUN MED-DEN OFFICER'S MEETING W/ PCO
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (S1)
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
COMMAND PT
GMT: FRATERNIZATION
SUPPLY OFFICER'S MEETING W/ PCO
NAVAL SEA CADET TOUR

27 JUN

CHIEF ENGINEER'S MEETING W/ PCO
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (S1)
AMMO BRIEF
COMMAND PT
FAST CRUISE

29 JUN

COMMAND PT
COMMISSIONING: MIDN [REDACTED] TO ENS
CO'S HAIL & FAREWELL DINNER

Enclosure (2)

JULY 2000

02 JUL RIG UP & OVERS
OPERATIONS OFFICER'S MEETING W/ PCO
BATTE FORCE E-MAIL/SINGCARS/EHF SOVT OUTBRIEFS
COMMAND PT
FIRST LIEUTENANT'S MEETING W/ PCO

03 JUL ONLOAD CHANGE OF COMMAND EQUIPMENT
NAVIGATOR'S MEETING W/ PCO
CHANGE OF COMMAND WALK THROUGH
COMMAND PT
GMT: LEVEL ONE FORCE PROTECTION
STRETCHER BEARER TRAINING

05 JUL CAPTAIN'S CALL
CSOSS IMPLEMENTATION
CHANGE OF COMMAND REHEARSAL
COMMAND PT

06 JUL CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

09 JUL MEUEX PRE-SAIL CONFERENCE (BATAAN)

10 JUL STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
ANCHORED – LYNNHAVEN ANCHORAGE
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
UNDERWAY
USN SMALL ARMS SHOOT

11 JUL STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
UNDERWAY
ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION "A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS

12 JUL UNREP WITH KANAWHA
DIVTACS
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
CAPTAIN'S CALL FOR E-5 & E-6
MAN OVERBOARD DRILLS

13 JUL CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (R)
MWR OFFICER’S MEETING WITH CO
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
NACHO NIGHT

14 JUL CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS

15 JUL CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
NEO DRILL
USN/USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT

16 JUL USN/USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
MENU REVIEW BOARD
MWR MEETING

17 JUL CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
GMT: ESWS PROGRAM
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (S2)

18 JUL CAPTAIN’S CALL
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
DITS: OUTBRIEFS (S1 & R)
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

19 JUL CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (2ND)
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS
OFFICER’S TRAINING
CAT TEAM MEETING
UNREP WITH KANAHWA

20 JUL CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL

20 JUL DEBARK LCACS
SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

24 JUL CRANE OPERATIONS
COMMAND PT
GMT: FORCE PROTECTION
NAVIGATION BRIEF

25 JUL STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
BERTH SHIFT
AMMO ONLOAD
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (OC)
PLANNING BOARD FOR READINESS

26 JUL DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (OC)
NAVIGATION BRIEF
CO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (MH01)
XO'S PMS SPOTCHECK (EA04)
COMNAVSURFLANT VISIT
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
BERTH SHIFT

27 JUL SNOOPY TEAM TRAINING
MATRESS ONLOAD
SEMAT III INBRIEF
NAVIGATION BRIEF
COMMAND PT

30 JUL STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
EMBARK LCACS
ANCHOR DROP TEST
MACHINE GUN FAMILIARIZATION FIRE

31 JUL CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
26 MEU(SOC)(SOC) ONLOAD
NAVIGATION BRIEF
UNDERWAY
CONDITION "A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA
PUBEX

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AUGUST 2000

01 AUG UNDERWAY EN ROUTE JTFX

03 AUG USN/USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
 CSTT DRILL
 DCTT MEETING
 50 CAL TRAINING
 PUBEX
 STATION NAVIGATION DETAIL
 TRANSIT VIRGIN PASSAGE

04 AUG CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 H-HOUR REHEARSAL FOR ASSAULT ON VIEQUES, PR
 PUBEX

05 AUG PACFIRE
 EW TRACKEX
 TDU SHOOT
 UNREP WITH PATUXENT

06 AUG CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 H-HOUR ASSAULT ON VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO
 RECOVER LCACS & AAVS
 STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 LAUNCH LCACS & AAVS FOR AGRICULTURAL INSP
 MOORED – NSRR, PUERTO RICO
 OFFLOAD USMC VEHICLES FOR WASHDOWN

08 AUG ANTI-TERRORISM/FORCE PROTECTION SCENARIOS

09 AUG USMC VEHICLE BACKLOAD
 PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 STORES ONLOAD

10 AUG NAVIGATION BRIEF
 STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 UNDERWAY FOR SOCEX

10 AUG FLIGHT QUARTERS
 ARG RENDEZVOUS
 DEVIL DOGS SOCIAL NIGHT
 PUBEX (WBI OCE)

13 AUG ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA

15 AUG CPO INDOC
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
 LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 ADM NATTER VISIT
 ADMIRAL’S CALL
 PUBEX (BAT OCE)

16 AUG STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 UNDERWAY
 MOORED – MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
 CONTINUE OFFLOAD 26 MEU(SOC)
 UNDERWAY

19 AUG STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 DEBARK LCACS
 MOORED – NAB LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA

20 AUG – 01 SEP PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT STANDDOWN PERIOD I

23 AUG PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
 IN PORT OOD TRAINING

24 AUG PACE COURSE SIGN-UPS
 IN PORT OOD TRAINING

27 AUG SMALL ARMS QUALIFICATIONS
 PACE COURSE SIGN-UPS

30 AUG SMALL ARMS QUALIFICATIONS

SEPTEMBER 2000

20 AUG – 01 SEP PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT STANDDOWN PERIOD I

01 SEP TURNOVER DAY
AWARD'S CEREMONY
CAPTAIN'S CALL

01 SEP – 11 SEP PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT STANDDOWN PERIOD II

04 SEP AMMO ONLOAD BRIEF

06 SEP E-6 EXAMINATIONS
PACE COURSE SIGN-UPS

07 SEP STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY
BERTH SHIFT
PACE COURSE SIGN-UPS

10 SEP AMMO ONLOAD
STORES ONLOAD
VADM DAWSON VISIT
ADMIRAL'S CALL

11 SEP TERRORIST ATTACKS ON WTC & PENTAGON
SHIP'S COMPANY RECALLED OFF POM PERIOD II

12 SEP RE-ENLISTMENT: YN3 [REDACTED]

13 SEP E-5 ADVANCEMENT EXAMINATIONS (POSTPONED)
RE-ENLISTMENT: EN2 [REDACTED]

14 SEP PACE COURSE SIGN-UPS

17 SEP FAST CRUISE
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MAN CONDITION IV WATCHSTATIONS
MAN OVERBOARD DRILL

18 SEP NAVIGATION BRIEF
CIWS & TDU FIRE BRIEF
LCAC BRIEF

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19 SEP CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS
VISITORS DEPART
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
UNDERWAY ISO DEPLOYMENT 01/02
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CIWS PACFIRE
TDU SHOOT

20 SEP CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
STATION NAVIGATION/SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
MOORED – MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA
COMMENCE ONLOAD 26 MEU(SOC)
NAVIGATION BRIEF
UNDERWAY EN ROUTE ONSLOW BAY
ANCHORED – ONSLOW BAY, NORTH CAROLINA
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
UNDERWAY
RENDEZVOUS WITH BATAANARG
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

21 SEP USN/USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
EOOW BOARD: ENC COX
FLIGHT QUARTERS
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

22 SEP DCTT BRIEF
PACE COURSE REGISTRATION
ITT DRILL
FLIGHT QUARTERS
ENCOUNTEREX
NACHO NIGHT

23 SEP ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS WINDOW
OPSECON DRILL
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

24 SEP MINE WARFARE FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING
LEAP FROGS
CSTT DRILL
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS WINDOW

25 SEP DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILL
ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (+3P)
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT

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25 SEP DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (S2)
FLIGHT QUARTERS
ITT DRILL
PUBEX (CPR OCE)

26 SEP STREAM NIXIE
EVASIVE STEERING EXERCISE
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (S2)
DIVTACS
CSTT/DCTT TRAINING
ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (+20)

27 SEP EW EXERCISES
EMCON DRILL
USN SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (S2)
SUPPLY DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

28 SEP AIR DEFENSE TRAINING
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
HISPANIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING
ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (+4N)

29 SEP ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (+1N)
FLIGHT QUARTERS
UNREP WITH DETROIT
RADM FITZGERALD ARRIVES
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT BRIEF
ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (Z)

30 SEP STEEL BEACH PICNIC
NAVIGATION BRIEF
NACHO NIGHT

OCTOBER 2001

01 OCT IN PORT: NAS ROTA, SPAIN
CORPORAL'S COURSE GRADUATION
STATION SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
ARRIVE: NAS ROTA, SPAIN
STORES ONLOAD
OFFICER VS. ENLISTED SOFTBALL GAME

02 OCT IN PORT: NAS ROTA, SPAIN
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (MEDICAL/DENTAL)
NAVIGATION BRIEF
STATION SEA & ANCHOR DETAIL
DEPART: NAS ROTA, SPAIN
BRIGHT STAR BRIEF
BURIAL AT SEA MEETING
CSTT TRAINING
TRANSIT STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

03 OCT CONT. TRANSIT STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR
USMC/USN SMALL ARMS SHOOT
FLIGHT QUARTERS
DITS ZONE INSPECTION (MEDICAL/DENTAL)
USMC FAST ROPE TRAINING
CSTT TRAINING

04 OCT E-5 ADVANCEMENT EXAMS
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (MEDICAL/DENTAL)
SSDS DOCTRINE REVIEW
LCAC MAINTENANCE TURNS
OFFICER'S TRAINING
CSTT TRAINING

05 OCT LAUNCH PL2
VBSS TRAINING EXERCISE
CORPORAL'S COURSE GRADUATION
FLIGHT QUARTERS
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT TRAINING
CSTT TRAINING

06 OCT DIVISIONAL CAREER COUNSELOR MEETING
FLIGHT QUARTERS
PUBEX

07 OCT CAPTAIN'S CALL (SITE-TV)
SAFETY STANDDOWN

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07 OCT SHIP-WIDE SAFETY INSPECTION
OFFICER'S TRAINING

08 OCT USMC M-198 TRAINING
SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
CPR 8 STAFF VISIT
MILITARY CONDITION LEVEL EXERCISE

09 OCT DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (OE)
BURIAL AT SEA
FLIGHT QUARTERS
CICWO BOARD: ENS [REDACTED] & ENS [REDACTED]
MENU REVIEW BOARD
BRIGHT STAR BRIEF

10 OCT MNATF COMM CHECKS
E-4 ADVANCEMENT EXAMS
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION COORDINATION BRIEF
LAUNCH PL1
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
EW EXERCISES

11 OCT DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (OE)
SSDS DOCTRINE REVIEW
AMPHIBIOUS PLANNING CONFERENCE
CONDITION 1 "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION 1 "A" FOR AAV OPERATION
LAUNCH PL1
SSDS DOCTRINE REVIEW

12 OCT STT BRIEF
FLIGHT QUARTERS
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
REPAIR LOCKER OFFICER/CHIEF TRAINING

13 OCT NAVY'S 228TH BIRTHDAY
CONDITION "A" FOR WET WELL OPERATIONS
WELLDECK CROSS-TRAINING W/ SPS GALICIA
GENERAL QUARTERS
CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

14 OCT CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT EXERCISE
OOD BOARD: LTJG [REDACTED] & SMCS [REDACTED]
NACHO NIGHT

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14 OCT DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILLS
EMISSION CONTROL DRILLS

15 OCT LEAP FROGS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
FLASHING LIGHT DRILLS
COMM CHECKS

16 OCT CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT
DITS PROGRAM REVIEW (S-3/S-4)
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS PLANNING CONFERENCE
SAILOR & JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER BOARDS
DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILLS
EMISSION CONTROL DRILLS

17 OCT DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (S-3/S-4)
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
ETT TRAINING

18 OCT CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
UNREP W/ GRUMMAN
VERTREP W/ SIRIUS
EOD MINE POUNCE
CSTT DRILL

19 OCT PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION "A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
COMMENCE BACKLOAD MARINE EQUIPMENT
SHIPBOARD INDOCTRINATION - EGYPTIAN EMBARKEES

20 OCT FLIGHT QUARTERS
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION "A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
H-HOUR REHEARSAL

21 OCT STATION SEA & ANCHOR/NAVIGATION DETAIL
ANCHORED
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION "A" FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
AMPHIBIOUS REHEARSAL DEBRIEF (BATAAN)

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21 OCT MNATF DIVTACS
DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILL

22 OCT AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION CONFIRMATION BRIEF
MNATF DIVTACS
RENDEVZOUS EN ROUTE AHMOS, CAIRO, EGYPT
ENCOUNTER EXERCISE
EMISSION CONTROL DRILL

23 OCT FLIGHT QUARTERS
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS
DEPARTMENT 3M COORDINATOR MEETING
AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION
COMMENCE BACKLOAD USMC EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES
CSTT DRILLS
DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILLS
EMISSION CONTROL DRILLS

24 OCT STATION SEA & ANCHOR/NAVIGATION DETAIL
ANCHORED
BACKLOAD ALL FORCES
CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAVS OPERATIONS
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (OI)
UNDERWAY EN ROUTE AZ
ETT EVOLUTIONS

25 OCT UNREP W/ GRUMMAN
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (OI)
HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING
RPPO TRAINING
ETT EVOLUTIONS
CSTT DRILLS

26 OCT STATION SEA & ANCHOR/NAVIGATION DETAIL
PILOT PICK-UP
MOORED – AKSAZ, TURKEY

31 OCT INPORT – AKSAZ, TURKEY
NAVIGATION BRIEF
STATION SEA & ANCHOR/NAVIGATION DETAIL
UNDERWAY

NOVEMBER 2001

01 NOV NATIONAL TRAINING CONTINUUM
LCAC MAINTENANCE TURNS
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
GENERAL QUARTERS TRAINING
SSDS SENSOR ALIGNMENT
CSTT DRILL

02 NOV RPPO TRAINING
SPEED LIGHTNING GUN SHOOT
REPAIR LOCKER LEADER/OFFICER TRAINING

04 NOV OOD BOARD: LTJG [REDACTED]
CICWO BOARD: LT [REDACTED] & ENS [REDACTED]
DECEPTIVE LIGHTING DRILL
PUBEX (WBI OCE)

05 NOV REPAIR LOCKER LEADER/OFFICER TRAINING
RENDEZVOUS W/ SHREVERPORT
EMCON DRILLS
ETT TRAINING
TRANSIT – STRAIT OF ONTRANO

06 NOV I DIVISION'
LCAC MAINTENANCE TURNS
USN SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (M)
NAVY OPERATIONS BRIEF (BATAAN)
CSTT TRAINING

07 NOV I DIVISION
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (M)
MWR MEETING
GENERAL QUARTERS TRAINING
ETT TRAINING

08 NOV I DIVISION
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (M)
FLIGHT QUARTERS
RPPO TRAINING
CSTT TRAINING

09 NOV I DIVISION
DIVTACS & PHOTOEX

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09 NOV UNREP & VERTREP W/ LENTHAL
CSTT TRAINING

10 NOV R2P2 ISO MEU(SOC) MISSIONS
LCAC/AAV OPERATIONS ISO MEU(SOC) MISSIONS
KILO COMPANY FORMATION ON FLT DECK
C6F VISIT (VADM FRY)
ESWS BOARD: HM1 [REDACTED] & RP1 [REDACTED]

11 NOV CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION “A” FOR AAV OPERATIONS
LAUNCH SMALL BOATS

12 NOV FLIGHT QUARTERS
VERTREP W/ SIRIUS
ALL HANDS WORKING PARTY FOR STORES ONLOAD
ESWS BOARD: EN1 [REDACTED] & QM3 [REDACTED]

13 NOV ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (-2B)
UNREP W/ GRUMMAN

14 NOV TRANSIT – SUEZ CANAL
ANCHORED – GREAT BITTER LAKE
CONTINUE TRANSIT – SUEZ CANAL

16 NOV USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
9MM TRAINING
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

17 NOV USN SMALL ARMS SHOOT (9MM)
ETT EVOLUTIONS
OOD BOARD: LTJG [REDACTED]
FLIGHT QUARTERS
FORCE PROTECTION BRIEF

18 NOV ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR (-4D)
SWO BOARD: LTJG [REDACTED] & LTJG [REDACTED]
FLIGHT QUARTERS
STATION NAVIGATION & FORCE PROTECTION DETAIL
TRANSIT – STRAIT OF BAB EL MANDEB
PUBEX (WBI OCE)

19 NOV FLIGHT QUARTERS
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT (MK19)

19 NOV DITS: OUTBRIEF (S2, S3/4, OE, MED & DEN)
LCAC MAINTENANCE TURNS
EOOW BOARD: LTJG [REDACTED]
USMC NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
ETT TRAINING
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

20 NOV DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (M)
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE PRESENTATION
THANKSGIVING DINNER
USMC NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
CSTT TRAINING
BINGO
PUBEX (SHR OCE)

21 NOV USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (M)
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
REPAIR LOCKER 3 TRAINING
HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING
USMC NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
RPPO TRAINING
ETT TRAINING
PUBEX (WBI OCE)

22 NOV THANKSGIVING
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
RPPO TRAINING
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

23 DEC FLIGHT QUARTERS
VERTREP W/ SIRIUS
100 HAND WORKING PARTY FOR STORES ONLOAD
REPAIR LOCKER 5 TRAINING
USMC NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT

24 NOV FLIGHT QUARTERS
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING

25 NOV DCTT BRIEF
DECK OFFICE RE-OPENING CEREMONY
CICWO BOARD: ENS [REDACTED] & EWC [REDACTED]
PUBEX

- 26 NOV
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DCPO TRAINING
ESWS BOARD: IT2 [REDACTED] & EN2 [REDACTED]
RE-ENLISTMENT CEREMONY: ET2 [REDACTED]
LCAC MAINTENANCE TURNS
REPAIR LOCKER 2 TRAINING
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CONDITION "A" FOR LCU OPERATIONS
ETT TRAINING
PUBEX (DBQ OCE)
- 27 NOV
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
FLIGHT QUARTERS
DCPO TRAINING
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEW (OW)
ETT TRAINING
PUBEX (PEL OCE)
- 28 NOV
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (OW)
ESWS BOARD: YN1 [REDACTED]
FLIGHT QUARTERS
REPAIR LOCKER 3 TRAINING
HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
PUBEX (PEL OCE)
- 29 NOV
FLIGHT QUARTERS
UNREP W/ GRUMMAN
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (OW)
LCAC MAINTENANCE TURNS
- 30 NOV
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
PACE COURSE SIGN-UPS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
REPAIR LOCKER 5 TRAINING

DECEMBER 2001

01 DEC DCTT DRILL
 OPERATIONS BRIEF
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 ARMY VS. NAVY FOOTBALL GAME NIGHT

02 DEC FLIGHT QUARTERS
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS

03 DEC FLIGHT QUARTERS
 I DIVISION
 PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
 REPAIR LOCKER 2 TRAINING
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS

04 DEC I DIVISION
 ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
 DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (NAV-ADMIN)
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS

05 DEC I DIVISION
 DCTT BRIEF
 DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (NAV-ADMIN)
 MWR MEETING
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 REPAIR LOCKER 3 TRAINING
 ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS

06 DEC I DIVISION
 DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (NAV-ADMIN)
 PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
 USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
 RPPO TRAINING
 CONDITION “A” FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
 CSTT TRAINING

07 DEC PEARL HARBOR DAY 60TH ANNIVERSARY
 I DIVISION
 MOMENT OF SILENCE
 MEDICAL TRAINING
 USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
 FLIGHT QUARTERS
 REPAIR LOCKER 5 TRAINING

08 DEC FLIGHT QUARTERS
VERTREP WITH SACRAMENTO & NIAGRA FALLS
EOOW BOARD: LT [REDACTED]
USMC NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
PUBEX

10 DEC I DIVISION
CPR TRAINING
DITS: OUTBRIEF (M & OI)
DCPO TRAINING
FLIGHT QUARTERS
DCTT BRIEF
REPAIR LOCKER 2 TRAINING
USMC NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
EW EXERCISE

11 DEC USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
ITT DRILL
DITS: PROGRAM REVIEWS (1ST)
CPR TRAINING
REPAIR LOCKER 3 TRAINING
FIRST AID TRAINING
CSTT TRAINING
PUBEX (SHR OCE)

13 DEC DCTT BRIEF
CPR TRAINING
USMC SMALL ARMS SHOOT
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (1ST)
RPPO TRAINING
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
CSTT TRAINING
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

14 DEC DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (1ST)
CPR TRAINING
26 MEU(SOC)(SOC) OFFLOAD ISO OPERATION ENDURING
& SWIFT FREEDOM
ESWS BOARD: OS2 [REDACTED] & ET3 [REDACTED]
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERATIONS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
REPAIR LOCKER 5 TRAINING
PUBEX (WBI OCE)
EW EXERCISES (FIWC OCE)

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15 DEC USN M14 GUN SHOOT
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
FLIGHT QUARTERS
NIGHT DLQ
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

16 DEC SHIP-WIDE FIELD DAY
PLANE GUARD
PUBEX (SHR OCE)

17 DEC UNREP WITH ERICSSON & ETNA
PETTY OFFICER INDOC
USN M14 GUN SHOOT

19 DEC PETTY OFFICER INDOC
OFFICER'S TRAINING
DITS: ZONE INSPECTION (A)
FLIGHT QUARTERS
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
PUBEX (WBI OCE)

20 DEC PETTY OFFICER INDOC
DITS: PERSONNEL INSPECTION (A)
FLIGHT QUARTERS
COMMANDANT OF USMC ARRIVES
PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
CSTT MEETING
DECK INSURV MEETING WITH CO
PUBEX (TBD OCE)

21 DEC PETTY OFFICER INDOC
FLIGHT QUARTERS
FROCKING & AWARDS CEREMONY
SUPPLY INSURV MEETING WITH CO
ESWS BOARD: OS3 [REDACTED] & OS3 [REDACTED]
PUBEX (TBD OCE)
EW EXERCISE (FIWC OCE)

22 DEC FLIGHT QUARTERS
UNREP & VERTREP WITH CONCORD & SIRIUS
NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT

23 DEC PLANNING BOARD FOR TRAINING
FLIGHT QUARTERS
PUBEX (TBD OCE)

24 DEC STEEL BEACH PICNIC
SWIM CALL
NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

25 DEC MAIL DELIVERY

26 DEC NIXIE STREAM
REPAIR LOCKER 2 TRAINING
MWR MEETING
HEALTH PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING
USN SMALL ARMS SHOOT
REPAIR LOCKER 3 TRAINING
CSTT MEETING
ECC DRILLS & EVOLUTIONS
PUBEX

27 DEC USN M14 GUN SHOOT
REPAIR LOCKER 3 TRAINING
PUBEX
EW EXERCISE (FIWC OCE)

28 DEC UNREP & VERTREP WITH ERICCCSON
PLANE GUARD
REPAIR LOCKER 5 TRAINING
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

29 DEC SAILOR OF THE YEAR BOARDS
FLIGHT QUARTERS
USN M14 GUN SHOOT
NIGHT TIME GUN SHOOT
PUBEX (WBI OCE)

30 DEC CIWS PACFIRE
GROUND ZERO FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
SMALL BOAT TRANSFER
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

31 DEC FLIGHT QUARTERS
CONDITION "A" FOR LCAC OPERAIONS
REPAIR LOCKER 2 TRAINING
ESWS BOARD: OS3 [REDACTED] & OS3 [REDACTED]
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBEX (BAT OCE)

JANUARY 2001

The year started off with New Year's Festivities and USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41)'s crew enjoying the holidays with family and friends during the holiday stand down period. January 4th gas mask fittings began and a Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) meeting was held to prepare for upcoming well deck inspections and certifications.

January 8th marked the end of holiday stand down. With the entire crew returned to work, an in-depth training cycle began January 9th to refresh ship company's fire fighting, flight deck crash, mass casualty and condition III watch standing skills.

CART II examinations were administered on the mess decks January 11th and 12th covering Rules-of-the-Road, Deck Seamanship and Amphibious Boat Control, Lookout Knowledge, Combat Information Center Operations and Navigation Team Knowledge.

January 15th WHIDBEY ISLAND observed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Yet another in a series of evaluations during WHIDBEY ISLAND's Inter-deployment Training Cycle, Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Phase Two (CART II) reviews were conducted January 16th through 19th. For the duration of CART II, assessors evaluated the ability of the ship's various training teams (including Medical, Damage Control, Combat Systems, Seamanship, Intelligence and Engineering) to properly and effectively train the crew.

Ending the month, WHIDBEY ISLAND conducted a Fast Cruise on the 29th and departed NAB Little Creek January 31st en route Lynnhaven Anchorage and Onslow Bay, North Carolina, in support of Type Commander's Amphibious Training (TCAT) and WHIDBEY ISLAND's well deck certification.

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On February 2nd, WHIDBEY ISLAND anchored at Onslow Bay off the coast of North Carolina while unloading the Marines and equipment of 2nd AAV Battalion in support of their pre-deployment Type Commander's Amphibious Training (TCAT). That evening embarked Marines attended a familiarization brief on the turntable to acquaint them with the shipboard environment and procedures. During TCAT, with assistance from the ships of the BATAANARG, 2nd AAV Battalion successfully launched three amphibious assaults on Blue Beach at Onslow Bay, North Carolina.

The final H-Hour assault on February 7th required the first wave of AAVs, and every wave sequentially thereafter, launch from WHIDBEY ISLAND and arrive at Blue Beach precisely at the designated time. In order to accomplish this feat, WHIDBEY ISLAND's Combat Information Center (CIC) took the pre-designated arrival time and calculated backwards to determine launch times for the waves taking into account predicted weather conditions, sea state, navigation time of the ship and each AAV. During the assault, CIC directed and controlled the waves using radar and radio communications to guide the AAVs to touchdown.

2nd AAV Battalion's mission and training took priority during the 10-day underway period, yet during the demanding schedule WHIDBEY ISLAND's crew found time to complete several vital re-qualifications for the ship as well. The ship conducted a precision anchorage, 31 helicopter launches and recoveries certifying the flight deck for day and night aircraft operations, along with 4 LCAC, 10 LCU and 108 AAV launches and recoveries certifying the well deck for day and night operations as well.

February 8th, after the successful completion of the H-Hour assault on Blue Beach, Marines and their equipment offloaded and WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor en route NAB Little Creek, Virginia.

In honor of WHIDBEY ISLAND's sixteenth birthday the crew enjoyed a cake-cutting ceremony on the messdecks. As tradition dictates, SKC(SW) [REDACTED] and FA [REDACTED], WHIDBEY ISLAND's oldest and youngest Sailors, sliced the first piece of cake. Later that afternoon, the ship moored at homeport, NAB Little Creek.

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ENS [REDACTED] received his promotion to Lieutenant, Junior Grade (LTJG) in a ceremony held in the ship's wardroom February 12th.

February 16th WHIDBEY ISLAND's top performers were recognized during an awards ceremony on the turntable. Unexpectedly, IT2(SW) [REDACTED] was called forward and advanced to Petty Officer First Class by Commanding Officer, CDR Brian E. Barrington, via the Command Advancement Program. Afterwards, Supply Department's S-3 Division presented the ship's MWR Fund with a check for \$14,000.00 from proceeds generated in the ship's store.

The Supply Management Assist team arrived February 26th to help the ship's Supply Department prepare for their upcoming Supply Management Inspection scheduled for May.

MARCH 2001

March 1st CAPT John A. Reed, Commander, Amphibious Squadron EIGHT, toured WHIDBEY ISLAND's spaces with CDR Barrington.

Focusing on ship-wide preservation, the crew spent an entire day painting the skin and spaces of WHIDBEY ISLAND during Command Paint Day March 5th.

All eligible Second Class Petty Officers participated in the Navy-wide E-6 advancement exams March 6th. That afternoon SN [REDACTED] received her first crow when she was frocked to Religious Programs Specialist, Third Class.

LCDR [REDACTED], COMPHIBGRU TWO's Supply Officer, retired after 26 years of naval service during a special ceremony held on WHIDBEY ISLAND's turntable March 9th.

Advancement exams for E-5 took place on the messdecks March 13th.

March 14th the Habitability Team inspected the ship's troop spaces to ensure embarked Marines would be provided with adequate berthing and lounge spaces during the fall deployment. The same afternoon WHIDBEY ISLAND's Family Support Group (FSG) sold handmade sandwiches and desserts on the messdecks.

The Initial Assessment (IA) inspectors commenced material checks on the ship's Engineering Department on March 15th. Inspectors assessed the engineering team's ability to correctly start the ship's Main Propulsion Diesel Engines as well as their ability to put out a main space fire in the event of an actual casualty. On March 16th material checks concluded and the ship ran through two drill sets, successfully completing IA.

March 20th E-4 advancement exams were administered on the messdecks.

WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor March 22nd en route a Surface-to-Air Missile Exercise off the coast of Vieques, Puerto Rico, and a port visit to St. Maarten, Netherland Antilles.

During the transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, WHIDBEY ISLAND's CIC ran tracking exercises with the assistance of the Harriers (AV-8B) aboard BATAAN. The Harriers flew over the ship's airspace a total of 45 times throughout the underway period and the combat team, using the Ship's Self Defense Systems (SSDS), acquired the targets successfully on every pass.

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March 25th the crew enjoyed a day of relaxation with a Steel Beach Picnic held on the flight deck.

The ship arrived at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, on March 28th and unloaded four Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) for the Surface-to-Air Missile exercise. Underway the following afternoon, the OW Division loaded the four missiles into their RAM Launchers.

Surface-to-Air Missile exercises commenced March 30th just south of Vieques. As the two drone flyers approached the ship's port side, the SSDS immediately engaged and flawlessly launched a missile from the aft RAM mount and a second from the forward RAM mount successfully striking both targets. WHIDBEY ISLAND was the first LSD to successfully engage both drones in a single firing run. Later that day, the Vieques range confirmed CDR Barrington's "Boula, Boula!" prediction of skin-to-skin missile engagements.

With the missile exercise successfully completed, the ship departed Puerto Rico en route a brief port visit on the island of St. Maarten.

After WHIDBEY ISLAND anchored off the coast of St. Maarten, the crew ended the month of March by taking advantage of the many tours and activities offered on the island, to include sunbathing, snorkeling tours, horseback riding, biking tours, shopping and dining.

APRIL 2001

After a memorable port visit in St. Maarten, WHIDBEY ISLAND began her transit to NAB Little Creek on April 2nd.

While en route, crewmembers utilized their time conducting in-depth training, drills and exercises. April 3rd, junior officers practiced shiphandling skills during 'Leap Frogs' with USS BATAAN (LHD 5) and USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) to improve their maneuvering techniques for underway replenishments. Later that afternoon, the crew brushed up on procedures for evacuating civilian personnel from a hostile environment during a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) Exercise. While NEO Exercises ran, CIC simultaneously conducted Emergency Defense Amphibious Task Force Drills providing protection to the evacuating civilians, crew and ship from retaliation attempts. In the evening, Engineering Casualty Control (ECC) Drills were conducted in preparation for the approaching Underway Demonstration, the final evaluation of the Engineering Department's abilities prior to deployment.

April 4th, the Senior and Junior Sailor of the Quarter board interviewed nominees from various departments in the Chiefs' Mess; selecting BM2(SW) [REDACTED] and DC3 [REDACTED] to represent WHIDBEY ISLAND in the second quarter.

WHIDBEY ISLAND ran a Full-Power Demonstration on April 5th successfully exhibiting the ship's ability to achieve and sustain a top speed of 24 knots.

The following afternoon, WHIDBEY ISLAND returned to NAB Little Creek, Virginia.

The Computer Network Vulnerability Assessment Team arrived April 9th conducting the first phase of their inspection. Primarily, their team assessed security weaknesses by attempting to hack into the ship's Local Area Network (LAN) system through crewmember's passwords. Working with the ship's Electronics' Technicians (ET) and Information Systems Technicians (IT), the team also inspected every piece of equipment on the bridge, topside, CIC and Radio Central to ensure all systems operated properly.

As the inspectors began their systems reviews, deck work also began on the mess decks, chiefs' mess, troop spaces and ship's office. While the decks received PRC

upgrades, the crew ate meals on the turntable and the ship's Administration Office relocated to the ship's library.

April 18th the crew participated in the Command Physical Readiness Test (PRT).

CDR Barrington addressed ship's company at an awards ceremony and Captain's Call on the Flight deck April 20th. Afterwards, PRT make-ups were held at the Pierside Gym.

Prior to the ARG's departure, BATAAN hosted a PHIBRON/MEU Integration (PMINT) Pre-Sail Conference on April 23rd. With PRC deck work complete, the mess decks re-opened for meals and the Administration Office returned to its location on the second deck.

The ship weighed anchor en route and began its Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) April 24th. FEP inspectors again evaluated the crew's abilities to overcome casualties such as CBR attack, missile impacts, flooding and fires. April 26th, after the successful conclusion of FEP, inspectors departed via LCACs and WHIDBEY ISLAND rendezvoused with USNS PATUXENT (T-AO 201) for fuel.

April 28th, a small detachment of 26 MEU(SOC) and their equipment embarked via LCAC before WHIDBEY ISLAND departed Onslow Bay en route Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in support of the Broward County Navy Days and Fleet Week events.

WHIDBEY ISLAND moored at Port Everglades in Hollywood/Ft Lauderdale, Florida, March 30th. After mooring, CDR Barrington, along with the captains of other naval ships in attendance, received a special reception for the ships hosted by the local Navy League Chapter. The Broward County Navy Days and Fleet Week Celebration kicked off in Downtown Hollywood with an All-Hands Reception and Banquet.

Although WHIDBEY ISLAND attended only two days of the weeklong celebration, the crew participated in some fabulous events, and ended another month enjoying a port visit.

MAY 2001

May 1st the crew of WHIDBEY ISLAND continued to enjoy their brief stay in Florida for the Broward County Navy Days events. The second day of the celebration boasted just as many events as the previous, including a graduation ceremony for World War II Veterans, public tours of the naval vessels in attendance, a luncheon in honor of command Sailors and Junior Sailors of the Year as well as a pro-baseball game between the Miami Marlins and St Louis Cardinals.

After a short, but memorable, stay in Ft Lauderdale-Hollywood, Florida, WHIDBEY ISLAND departed Florida May 2nd en route Onslow Bay, North Carolina, rendezvousing with PATUXENT the following day to take on fuel.

Friday, May 4th WHIDBEY ISLAND anchored off Onslow Bay, North Carolina, and commenced to onload the 26 Marine Expeditionary Unit, Special Operations Capable MEU(SOC) in support PHIBRON-MEU Integration (PMINT) exercises.

The ship was underway again May 6th en route Cherry Point Operations Area (CPOA). That afternoon a USMC Orientation was held on the turntable to welcome aboard the embarked Marines and familiarize them with shipboard life.

May 7th through May 9th the BATAANARG and 26 MEU(SOC) maximized underway time conducting numerous training exercises such as LCAC and AAV operations, flight quarters, electronic warfare tracking using the ship's Close-In Weapons Systems (CIWS), small boat operations, and close-in refueling techniques. PMINT exercises finished after a final H-Hour assault on Blue Beach May 9th. Following H Hour, 26 MEU(SOC) commenced their offload of personnel, vehicles and equipment.

Upon completion of the offload on May 10th, WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor en route homeport, NAB Little Creek, Virginia. During the transit, checks of the ship's countermeasure washdown system were conducted; ensuring each sprinkler in the system effectively rinse the outer hull of hazardous substances in the event of Chemical, Biological or Radiation (CBR) assault.

May 11th equipment checks continued with when the ship passed through the Hampton Roads degaussing range testing the ship's degaussing cables ability to diminish

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or “erase” the ship’s magnetic signature from sonar detection. Early that afternoon, WHIDBEY ISLAND moored at NAB Little Creek.

Implementation training of the ship’s new Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System (CSOSS) began May 15th along with Supply Department’s annual Supply Management Inspection (SMI) and Operations Department’s Computer Network Vulnerability Assessment Phase II.

May 17th SMI concluded favorably for WHIDBEY ISLAND’s Supply Department with excellent ratings across the board earning the department its fifth Blue “E” award for excellence.

Friday, May 18th IT2 [REDACTED] and EN3 [REDACTED] re-enlisted on the mess decks and forty cadets from Snow Hill Marine Corps JROTC arrived for a tour of ship’s spaces.

WHIDBEY ISLAND departed Little Creek on May 22nd for three days of underway training time in the Virginia Capes Operation Area (VCOA). During the short time underway the Junior Officers and Bridge Watch Teams honed their navigational and ship handling skills and the crew geared up for the upcoming Intermediate Training Team (ITT) Drills and Underway Demonstration. On May 25th, WHIDBEY ISLAND concluded its underway-training period and returned to homeport.

NROTC Midshipmen arrived May 29th for four weeks of hands-on training. During their time aboard first-class cadets teamed up with Department Heads and Division Officers to learned about management techniques and the naval officer’s role, while second-class cadets experienced shipboard operations as enlisted personnel.

ITT Drills were conducted May 29th through June 1st assessing the crew’s ability to react and respond to various underway situation such as Main Space Fires, General Quarters, Flight Quarters and Chemical, Biological and Radiation Attack. WHIDBEY ISLAND’s crew received outstanding scores across the board for quick response times and effectiveness.

JUNE 2001

As June began, and with Intermediate Training Cycle drills successfully complete, the crew's attention and training were directed to the pending Underway Demonstration, the final evaluation of the Engineering Department prior to the ship's deployment.

To support Underway Demonstration, WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor June 5th en route the Virginia Capes Operational Area (VCOA).

During the week underway, the ship's Tactical Air and Navigation (TACAN) and SLQ 32 antennas, necessary for flight operations and electronic warfare, received their annual re-calibration on the Shipboard Electronic Systems Evaluation Facility (SESEF) range.

The Underway Demonstration Assessment Team arrived June 7th via Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC). The inspector reviewed the Engineering Department's capabilities through numerous engineering casualty drills and scenarios. At the conclusion of the trials, assessors certified them 'ready to answer all bells' and departed WHIDBEY ISLAND later that evening. Ending a busy day for the ship, CDR Barrington announced the ship now had 24 new third class petty officers, twelve second class and three first class petty officers as a result of the March 2001 Navy-wide Advancement Exam Cycle.

Underway Demonstration was successfully completed on June 8th and WHIDBEY ISLAND returned to NAB Little Creek, Virginia. Upon mooring, ten additional NROTC Midshipmen embarked for shipboard familiarization training

June 11th – 13th WHIDBEY ISLAND's junior officers, along with members of the ship's combat, navigation and deck teams, attended ship-handling training at Naval Station Norfolk's Shiphandling Simulator Complex. Using a mock pilothouse and bridge wings, the 360-degree simulator allowed junior officers and enlisted Sailors to hone their ship handling techniques and skills without fear of damage to ship, aircraft or personnel.

An expansion of the ship's physical fitness facilities began June 12th. With \$11,000.00 from the ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds and \$24,000.00 in grants from Fleet Recreation in Norfolk. The long-unused Hydraulic Test Shop was converted into a separate weight room, while the original fitness center became an

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aerobics room stocked with three treadmills, three cross-trainers, two cycling machines and two stair steppers. The newly re-modeled workout rooms significantly enhanced the crew and embarked Marines ability to conform to the Navy's Physical Fitness Standards while underway. Battle Force E-Mail installation, an inter-ship user-to-user data transfer capability designed to improve communications between ships of the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), Battle Group (BATGRU) and Allied/NATO Forces Afloat, also began June 12th.

The ship's Dental Department received outstanding reviews from their assessors at the conclusion of the Dental Readiness Assist Visit June 13th. During the visit inspectors reviewed dental records command-wide, finding 98% of the crew maintained at the highest state of dental readiness. In addition to overall crew readiness, WHIDBEY ISLAND's dental team also received compliments on implemented dental health awareness and disease prevention programs.

The Family Service Center began a series of pre-deployment briefs on June 13th. These informative briefs, specifically designed for deploying Sailors and their families, covered topics such as financial responsibility, automotive storage, home maintenance, emergency notification procedures, obtaining a power-of-attorney and helping children deal with a parent's absence.

June 14th DC2(SW) [REDACTED], DC2(SW) [REDACTED] and MS2 [REDACTED] re-enlisted during a combined ceremony on the mess decks. Just as these three Sailors renewed their enlistment oaths, two other shipmates said good-bye to Navy life after twenty years of service. ET1(SW) [REDACTED] was piped ashore concluding her retirement ceremony June 15th, and the crew bid farewell to MSCS(SW) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a few days later on June 22nd.

June 18th Commanding Officer, CDR Brian E. Barrington, frocked the Navy's newest First, Second and Third Class Petty Officers during an awards ceremony held on the Flight Deck. Additionally, BM3(SW) [REDACTED] and BM3 [REDACTED] advanced to Second Class Petty Officers via the Command Advancement Program.

The Disbursing and Personnel Office received their annual CINCLANTFLT Audit June 18th through June 22nd. For the duration of audit, inspectors searched for possible bookkeeping discrepancies and procedural errors of crew travel claims, check-ins,

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advancements, security, pay and entitlements. The command received satisfactory grades across the board. Auditors were particularly impressed with the Disbursing Office's document tracking record of 96%; well above the Navy-wide average.

June 19th screening, testing and registration began for the Program Afloat College Education (PACE) courses that would be offered during deployment.

During a brief visit, RADM J. Kevin Moran, Commander Amphibious Group TWO, addressed ship's company on the turntable June 20th. Alluding to the bombing of USS COLE (DDG 67), RADM Moran urged Sailors to be continually on the alert and to take all training, force protection procedures and personal safety seriously at all times, especially during the upcoming deployment.

June 22nd NROTC Midshipmen concluded their time aboard the ship. The following afternoon, 80 Boy Scouts arrived for a tour of WHIDBEY ISLAND's spaces.

Modification of the ship's galley began on June 25th. The new 'buffet-style' serving line considerably cut-down man-hours by eliminating the need for three or four food servers and replacing them with a single observer/stocker.

Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO), CDR Mark R. Hoyle, arrived aboard WHIDBEY ISLAND June 26th beginning his turnover with CDR Barrington.

At the end of the month, ENS [REDACTED], one of the NROTC midshipmen embarked just weeks earlier, returned following his commission aboard the historic USS WISCONSIN (BB 64), to assume the duties as the Administration Department's new division officer on June 29th.

JULY 2001

July 1st Department Heads continued their turnover briefs and space walkthroughs with CDR Hoyle. Meanwhile, the crew continued to concentrated on deep cleaning, deck resurfacing and exterior painting projects for the Change of Command Ceremony scheduled for July 6th.

July 3rd WHIDBEY ISLAND received official notification that crewmembers aboard during the 1999-2000 Mediterranean deployment from 19 January 2000 until 18 February 2000 had been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for their support of Operation Southern Watch.

In observance of Independence Day, a picnic was held on the flight deck for duty section personnel and their families July 4th.

On July 6th ship's company gathered on the flight deck along with friends, family, former crewmembers and guests as CDR Hoyle assumed command of WHIDBEY ISLAND from CDR Barrington. Distinguished guests for the ceremony included Commodore Kenneth M. Rome, Commander Amphibious Squadron EIGHT, and guest speaker, CAPT Leon F. Mahoney, USN, Retired.

In his farewell address, CDR Barrington noted the ship's many accomplishments under his leadership and thanked the crew for their continuous hard work, diligence and loyalty. Following CDR Barrington, CDR Hoyle expressed his enthusiasm and excitement over assuming command of WHIDBEY ISLAND, thanked everyone for welcoming him aboard. He continued by stressing how much he looked forward to meeting and working with every member of the crew during approaching deployment.

July 9th CDR Hoyle and the Operations Officer, LT [REDACTED], attended a Marine Expeditionary Unit Exercise (MEUEX) Pre-Sail Conference aboard BATAAN.

WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor July 10th for MEUEX. That afternoon, crewmembers qualified with 9mm pistols on a flight deck firing range.

The ship moored pier side at Morehead City, North Carolina July 11th and began the onload of 26 MEU(SOC)'s personnel, vehicles and equipment. Upon completion, the ship transited to its Onslow Bay anchorage for Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) loading.

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For the duration of MEUEX, July 11th through July 20th, WHIDBEY ISLAND and 26 MEU(SOC) conducted daily AAV and LCAC operations. The crew used the underway time to conduct small arms qualifications, Flight Quarters, Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations training and Electronic Warfare scenarios.

The ship rendezvoused for underway replenishment with USNS KANAWHA (WLR 75407) July 12th and July 19th. The UNREPs allowed Junior Officers an opportunity to practice the ship handling skills needed for alongside replenishment.

WHIDBEY ISLAND returned to NAB Little Creek July 20th. Over the weekend, the ship welcomed visiting Boy Scouts Troops for a tour of the ship.

Prospective Executive Officer, LCDR Alan B. Gorski, began his turnover process with Executive Officer, LCDR G. Sheppard Matthesen on July 24th.

To onload ammunition for approaching September deployment, the ship berth shifted to Quay Wall West July 25th.

Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic Fleet (COMNAVSURFLANT), RADM J. B. Foley, visited the ship July 26th. After lunch with the wardroom, RADM J. B. Foley addressed the assembled ship's company and answered questions from crewmembers.

In support of Joint Task Force Exercises (JTFX), WHIDBEY ISLAND was underway at 06:00 on July 30th en route Morehead City and Onslow Bay, North Carolina, to onload 26 MEU(SOC). While transiting, weapons qualifications continued for the crew with .50 cal, 25 mm and M-60 machine gun shoots.

July 31st, after completing 26 MEU(SOC)'s onload, WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor en route Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, to participate in JTFX scenarios.

AUGUST 2001

As August began WHIDBEY ISLAND continued its transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, for Force Protection training and to take part in Joint Task Forces Exercises (JTFEX) 01-3. Including WHIDBEY ISLAND, over 23,000 joint service and allied personnel and a total of 34 ships participated in JTFEX. The exercise, conducted off the East coast, was designed to prepare forces for future forward deployed operations and also served as a final certification opportunity for the ships of the BATAAN Amphibious Ready Group (BATAANARG) and Marines of 26 MEU(SOC) prior to September's deployment.

Saturday, August 4th 26 MEU(SOC) conducted a practiced an H-Hour assault on the island of Vieques, afterwards ship's company and troops attended Force Protection Training on the turntable. Throughout the amphibious assault exercises being conducted on Vieques, WHIDBEY ISLAND and 26 MEU(SOC) received national media attention. Journalists from major news affiliates arrived on-scene to cover the protests of local Puerto Rican residents, who were calling for the immediate termination of military training exercises on and withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from the island. Despite extraneous distractions, protestors and journalists were kept at considerable distance from all evolutions and in no way inhibited WHIDBEY ISLAND or 26 MEU(SOC) from attaining mission accomplishment.

The Operational Warfare Division tested the ship's Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) during Pre-action Aimed Calibration Fire (PACFIRE), Electronic Warfare Tracking Exercises (EW TRACEX) and a Towed Drone Unit (TDU) shoot on August 5th. That evening WHIDBEY ISLAND rendezvoused with PATUXENT for fuel UNREP.

August 6th 26 MEU(SOC) launched its final H-Hour assault exercise on Vieques. During the "assault", troops of 26 MEU(SOC) landed at the designated time on a small beach, preceded through the terrain via AAVs to acquire and control a strategically advantageous hilltop area. Upon mission completion, 26 MEU(SOC) returned to WHIDBEY ISLAND only to debark again shortly after for further training and agricultural inspection of all vehicles at Roosevelt Roads.

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Prior to pulling into Roosevelt Roads, Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism (FP/AT) training continued for the entire crew to familiarize them with techniques and measure they could employ to prevent and, if necessary, contain covert hostile attacks.

August 8th Air Craft Unit FOUR (ACU 4) launched their LCACs from the well deck to join the AAVs in Agricultural Inspections. Once the LCACs departed well deck, WHIDBEY ISLAND continued into port and pre-deployment anti-terrorism exercises began. For the duration of the ship's two-day stay in Roosevelt Roads, Special Forces units attempted to compromise ship security using a variety of methods. Calling on the FP/AT training they had received, the crew was able to detect every effort to violate security.

AAVs and LCACs loaded back into WHIDBEY ISLAND's well deck following their agricultural inspection August 9th.

The final exercise on the morning of August 10th called for the ship to depart the port on short notice and as swiftly as possible with out the assistance of local tugboats, as if the simulated "host country" had suddenly turned aggressive against the presence of U. S. Forces.

After making its departure from the naval station, WHIDBEY ISLAND began her return transit up the East coast towards Onslow Bay arriving off North Carolina's coast August 13th in support of continuing JTF and Special Operations Capable Exercises.

However, due to warnings of approaching severe weather, the planned SOCEX amphibious assault on Blue Beach was cancelled. Instead, AAVs returned to Camp Legune August 15th to avoid the predicted rough seas. That evening, Commander in Charge, United States Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANTFLT), ADM Leonard Natter, embarked WHIDBEY ISLAND for a quick tour of ship's spaces and to address all hands. Before answering questions from the assembly, ADM Natter commended the crew and remaining troops for their performance throughout JTFX. He also urged Sailor and Marines, just as RADM Moran had during his June visit, to take every training exercise with the utmost seriousness and be the first line of defense against potential threats and dangers.

WHIDBEY ISLAND and crew returned to homeport a day earlier than expected on August 19th.

August 20th, after an awards ceremony and Captain's Call on the flight deck, the first-half of Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) leave stand down period began. The 11-day leave period reduced ship's company to duty section personnel only.

As the month of August drew to its close, those members of the crew who did not take first leave period continued to prepare WHIDBEY ISLAND for the approaching deployment.

SEPTEMBER 2001

September 1st the entire crew returned to WHIDBEY ISLAND for a day of turnover before the second POM period began. After each division and department passdown pertinent information and uncompleted tasks with their respective reliefs, the second half of the crew was free to begin their leave period.

Returning crewmembers continued deployment preparations and repairs. Terrazzo and Preservation Re-sealant Compound (PRC) deck upgrades continued in spaces throughout the ship, along with countless working parties to onload necessary stores and equipment.

Advancement exams for first class petty officer were administered on the mess decks September 6th.

Interested crewmembers registered for college course through the Program Afloat College Education (PACE) program on September 7th. The same afternoon measurements and weigh-ins for the Physical Readiness Test were taken in Medical.

September 11th, following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, WHIDBEY ISLAND went to THREATCON DELTA and immediately recalled ship's company. As the recall for those on leave went out, some members of the crew found themselves stranded cross-country with family and friends as airline flights were cancelled nationwide and the supply of rental cars quickly exhausted. Those who were able to return to the ship prepared to get underway as expeditiously as possible should the ship be ordered to join BATAAN and SHREVEPORT; already en route Morehead City to embark troops and proceed on to New York City for assistance in medical and rescue efforts.

The following morning WHIDBEY ISLAND received word to remain in port while repairs and weight testing of the anchor windlass continued. For the next few days WHIDBEY ISLAND and her crew remained at a heightened security alert level while completing last minute preparations prior to deploying.

Advancement exams for E-5 originally scheduled on September 13th and the E-4 exam scheduled for September 20th were postponed Navy-wide to October 4th and 11th.

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Wednesday, September 19th, crewmembers bid farewell to family and friends as WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor and began the first day of its Mediterranean 2001 deployment. During the transit to embark troops, the Operations Department programmed CIWS to fire several practice rounds while calibrating the system.

WHIDBEY ISLAND arrived at Morehead City early September 20th and commenced the onload of 26 MEU(SOC). The onload was complete in record time, and as the ship weighed anchor for transit to Onslow Bay, local residents and children arrived at the marina with signs and banners in tow wishing departing Sailors and Marines a safe voyage and thanking them for their service.

At the Onslow Bay anchorage, once 26 MEU(SOC)'s onload was complete, WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor and rendezvoused with the BATAANARG before beginning her transit across the Atlantic en route Rota, Spain.

Throughout the transatlantic voyage, WHIDBEY ISLAND took part in a number of exercises, drills and weapons qualifications.

September 21st, WHIDBEY ISLAND simulated being a hostile force within the battle group for Surface Warfare Encounter Exercises. The exercise provided hostile targeting information and practice to destroyers in the battle group and, at the same time, allowed WHIDBEY ISLAND (as the hostile) to simulate tracking and firing missile systems.

Training continued with Operational Security Condition drills and Commander SIXTH Fleet Publication Exercises (C6F PUBEX) on September 23rd. PUBEX training familiarized ships with operational techniques and requirements for the battle group while deployed in the SIXTH Fleet area.

To familiarize the crew with the danger mines present to a ship as well as mine spotting techniques and countermeasures, mine warfare training was conducted September 24th. Later in the day, the bridge and combat teams practiced their close proximity ship handling skills during Leap Frogs maneuvers with BATAAN and SHREVEPORT.

Rosetta Stone PUBEXs performed September 25th acquainted the crew with proper procedures for sending message traffic in the SIXTH Fleet operational area.

The ship conducted torpedo countermeasure procedures by streaming Nixie and using evasive steering on September 26th.

September 27th training concentrated on electronic warfare defense. Throughout the afternoon various Emission Control levels were limiting the transmissions hostile forces might use to detect and track the ship's movement.

The following day defense training shifted to air defense techniques. Using the Ship's Self-Defense System, the Combat team was able to pick-up and track air and surface contacts at considerable distances from the ship.

Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, RADM Mark Fitzgerald, embarked WHIDBEY ISLAND for a brief visit with the wardroom.

September ended with WHIDBEY ISLAND continuing her transit en route Naval Station Rota, Spain, and all hands enjoying a Sunday afternoon steel beach picnic on the flight deck.

OCTOBER 2001

After twelve days of transiting and advancing clocks a total of six hours, WHIDBEY ISLAND arrived at its first port of the deployment, Naval Station Rota, Spain. Upon completion of stores onload, ship's company and troops enjoyed an evening of on-base liberty. The highlight of the evening was the ship's softball game where the enlisted prevailed 5 to 3 over the officers.

October 2nd WHIDBEY ISLAND departed Rota en route Exercise Bright Star off the coast of Egypt. Shortly after departure the ship rendezvoused with BATAAN and SHREVEPORT in order to transit the Straits of Gibraltar together later in the evening. While in transit to the Strait of Gibraltar, KILO Battery and Company Marines received a brief on the proper and safe methods to exit a hovering helicopter via ropes. After the safety brief, troops and interested sailors practiced such a descent using a rope anchored at the 0-5 level "back porch" area down to the boat deck for Fast Rope training.

The E-5 advancement exams postponed in September were held for eligible candidates on the mess decks October 4th.

October 5th. WHIDBEY ISLAND was "invaded" by Marine Special Purpose Force (MSPF) troops during Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) training. As the exercise began, several helicopters approached and began to circle the ship. One by one helicopters took turns hovering over the ship as MSPF teams (complete with weapons and tactical gear) descended to the flight deck via ropes. Once aboard, the MSPF troops raided spaces around the ship, such as the bridge, berthings and engineering spaces to seize control of the vessel. Meanwhile, the helicopters continued to circle WHIDBEY ISLAND providing additional coverage to the MSPF teams by keeping their weapons trained on the ship for the duration of the evolution.

October 6th. KILO Company Marines assembled on the flight deck for the Corporal's Course graduation ceremony. In his address to the graduates, First Sergeant of Troops, 1st Sgt [REDACTED], challenged the new leaders to continue in their quest to be better Marines and set the example for those they purport to have charge over.

During a two-day Safety Standdown conducted October 7th and 8th the crew participated in a ship-wide safety inspection to locate, identify, document and take

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corrective action on potential hazards. Additionally, refresher courses and training were conducted on Operational Risk Management, Rules of the Road, International Association of Lighthouse Authorities and the Cardinal Buoy System.

As the ship continued its transit to the coast of Egypt the crew had the honor of laying to rest a former plankowner of WHIDBEY ISLAND, Quartermaster and Petty Officer First Class, Ret., Robert Taylor House. As part of the commissioning crew, House was the Leading Petty Officer of the Navigation Division. He died August 11, 2001 at the age of 60 and his remains were committed to the waters of the Mediterranean during a Burial at Sea Ceremony on the morning of October 9th.

The fall advancement exam cycle, rescheduled from September, began on October 10th with the E-4 exams. Later in the day, an Amphibious Coordination Brief was held aboard BATAAN in preparation for the upcoming Exercise BRIGHT STAR. Ending the day, crew and embarked troops gathered on the messdecks for an ice cream social.

Coordination planning concerning troop and vehicle movement for BRIGHT STAR continued the following day aboard the Spanish warship, SPS GALICIA.

October 13th marked the 227th birthday of the United States Navy. In honor of the occasion, the ship's oldest and youngest crewmembers, SKC(SW) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED], cut the first piece of cake during a special ceremony held on the messdecks. Throughout the morning and afternoon, Deck department conducted welldeck cross-training with the crew of GALICIA.

In preparation of troop movement ashore, ship-to-shore movement exercises were conducted October 14th. After sunset the Operations Department conducted deceptive lighting and emission control drills.

October 15th. The bridge and navigation team practiced close-in maneuvering techniques with BATAAN and SHREVEPORT during Leap Frog exercises.

The following morning embarked Marines, as well as their equipment and vehicles, began offload to the coast of Egypt via LCACs for participation in Exercise BRIGHT STAR. After lunch, the Sailor and Junior Sailor of the Quarter boards convened. When the results were announced, the Dental Department came out shining with DT2(SW) [REDACTED], named Sailor of the Quarter, and DT3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] taking Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

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October 18th. WHIDBEY ISLAND rendezvoused with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN (T-AO 195) for underway replenishment of fuel and USNS SIRIUS (T-AFS 5) for vertical replenishment for stores. Later in the evening, the boat crew assisted Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams in conducting Mine Pounce Exercises using the ship's safety boat.

October 19th. AAVs backloaded into the WHIDBEY ISLAND's welldeck. After the backload was complete, visiting members of the Egyptian military attended a shipboard indoctrination to acclimate and familiarize the embarked guests to life aboard a naval vessel during their brief stay.

While tanks and artillery troops conducted field training and prepared for the upcoming amphibious warfare demonstration, LCACs and AAVs again launched from WHIDBEY ISLAND's welldeck in an H-Hour rehearsal assault October 20th remaining overnight on the beach before returning to the welldeck the following afternoon.

With the BRIGHT STAR demonstration just days away, ship's company and troops conducted last minute inspections of vehicles and equipment while at the same time rehearsal debriefs and demonstration confirmation briefs were held aboard BATAAN in efforts to ensure full operational readiness and anticipate any last minute obstacles prior to the actual 'assault.'

October 22nd. WHIDBEY ISLAND's junior officers, bridge, combat and navigation teams (along with the Spanish, Canadian and English ships participating in BRIGHT STAR) conducted additional training in close-in ship maneuvering procedures during Multinational Amphibious Task Force Divisional Tactics (MNATF DIVTACS). Later in the evening the ship's rendezvoused en route the coast of Cairo, Egypt, to conduct encounter exercises and emission control drills.

After the events of September 11th, global interest in the multinational amphibious exercise and final demonstration was apparent with the multitude of foreign military and media representatives on hand for the 'assault.' Waves of AAVs from WHIDBEY ISLAND's welldeck along with LCACs hit the beach on October 23rd for an H-Hour assault, joining with tanks and artillery already in position for the event. Various aquatic assault vehicles arrived on station, the troops set-up static displays of their weaponry and answered questions from the assembled guests. Commandant and Sergeant Major of the

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U. S. Marine Corps, Gen Jones and Sgt Maj McMichael respectively, as well as Egyptian Military leaders, took the opportunity to address the troops at the conclusion of the demonstration, acknowledging and thanking them for their sustained hard work and outstanding performance throughout the exercise. With the demonstration complete, the backload of all vehicles and equipment commenced, continuing well into the night and following afternoon.

October 25th. WHIDBEY ISLAND again rendezvoused with GRUMMAN for an underway replenishment.

October 26th to October 30th. WHIDBEY ISLAND's Sailors and Marines enjoyed their first liberty port of the deployment, Marmaris, Turkey. While in port, ship's company and embarked Marines enjoyed local cuisine, shopping and MWR-sponsored tours to destinations such as the Temple of Ephesus and world-famous Turkish Bath Houses. Many Sailors and Marines took advantage of the opportunity to bargain with local vendors on the purchase of detailed area rugs, jewelry or leather coats.

WHIDBEY ISLAND weighed anchor again October 31st en route the National Training Continuum.

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November 2ND. WHIDBEY ISLAND aligned the Ship's Self-Defense Systems sensors for accuracy and swifter response to any potential threats. That afternoon a Speed-Lightening Gun Shoot judged the gun crew response and reaction times to possible small boat attack.

WHIDBEY ISLAND rendezvoused with fellow ARG ship, SHREVEPORT, to conduct EMCON drills November 5th. During the drills, each ship took turns becoming 'silent' of all emissions, while the combat teams of the searching ship tried to locate the silent ship. At the conclusion of the drills, WHIDBEY ISLAND began its transit of the Strait of Ontranto.

The navigation and bridge teams practiced shiphandling skills November 9th. With the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group (TRBATGRU) together for DIVTACS, Combat Camera took the opportunity to shoot panoramic aerial photographs of the ships from helicopters circling overhead.

November 10th. Commander, SIXTH Fleet, VADM Scott Fry, embarked WHIDBEY ISLAND to address the crew on pending schedule changes for the BATAANARG. The National Training Continuum in Albania as well as Operation NOBLE SHIRLEY was cancelled due to operational commitments in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. KILO Company and Battery troops, ashore when the exercises were announced postponed, used the time ashore in Albania to conduct short Special Operations Capable exercises in preparation for their pending movement into Pakistan and Afghanistan.

After backloading troops November 11th, the ship met with SIRIUS for a vertical replenishment of stores the following day.

November 13th. WHIDBEY ISLAND took on fuel from GRUMMAN via underway replenishment prior.

The ship transited of the Suez Canal en route the North Arabian Sea November 15th and the Strait of Bab el Mandel November 18th. Throughout both transits, the crew remained on heightened alert with additional watches and gun crews posted for anti-terrorism/force protection measures.

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DKC(SW/AW) [REDACTED] hosted an American-Indian Heritage presentation in the Deck Lounge. For the event, static displays of American-Indian arts and crafts decorated the room and Chief [REDACTED], an Apache of the Jicarilla tribe, entertained guests with traditional dances, songs and instrumentals. Guest speaker at the ceremony was the Commander of Troops, Capt [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. After the conclusion, Sailors and Marines joined on the messdecks for Thanksgiving Dinner (albeit two days early).

November 23rd. The ship took on additional stores in another vertical replenishment with SIRIUS.

The Deck Department held a re-opening ceremony to celebrate the renovation of their new deck office. The ceremony began with a ribbon-cutting (clipped by CDR Hoyle, SA [REDACTED] and SN [REDACTED]) and ended with refreshments at an informal reception November 25th.

ET2(SW) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] re-enlisted on the messdecks November 26th.

As November drew to a close, WHIDBEY ISLAND continued its transit towards the North Arabia Sea. Weapon shoots continued on the flight deck along with Quick Draw drills to speed the gun crew's reaction time to possible threats. The Combat Information Center teams conducted nightly publications exercises designed to increase the teams proficiency in naval warfare tactics. Meanwhile down in the engineering spaces, evening maintenance windows allowed the enginemen to combat the constant wear and tear on the ship's main propulsion diesel engines and ship's service diesel generators from the continuous demands placed upon the parts.

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As December began the ship took its position on station in the North Arabian Sea, Task Force WHIDBEY ISLAND's Sailors and Marines kept their focus on training, qualifications and the preservation of Marine vehicles and ship's spaces.

December 1st. After a long workday, the crew enjoyed some rivalry between the Armed Forces during the Army vs. Navy football game broadcast over the ship's Direct-to-Sailor Satellite programming system.

Advance elements of KILO Company and Battery were sent ashore to the support operations in progress at Pasni, Pakistan.

Ship's company paused for a moment of silence December 7th to remember those who lost their lives in terrorist attack 60 years ago at Pearl Harbor. Later in the morning, the crew learned and practiced first aid techniques during medical stations training.

December 8th. In order to give the troops ashore a pleasant break from the issued Meal-Ready-to-Eat (MRE), WHIDBEY ISLAND's galley crew cooked up a special batch of pizzas for the men ashore in Pasni. The pies were delivered to the Marines via LCACs along with their mail and supplies.

Additional ammunition, combat stores and supplies came in via helicopter during vertical replenishments with USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) and USNS NIAGRA FALLS (T-AFS 3).

December 14th. The remaining Marines of KILO Company and Battery (save a few equipment watchstanders) cross-decked to BATAAN by LCACs before continuing onto locations inside Pakistan and Afghanistan via helicopters.

With a majority of the troops ashore, ship's company continued the push on ship-wide preservation and qualifications training.

WHIDBEY ISLAND rendezvoused with USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194) and the Italian refueling ship ITS ETNA for underway replenishment.

An awards and frocking ceremony was held on the flight deck December 21st followed by a brief Captain's Call.

December 22nd. The ship conducted underway and vertical replenishments with CONCORD and SIRIUS.

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Christmas Eve ship's company relaxed and enjoyed the warm, sunny weather during a steel beach picnic on the flight deck and swim call off the stern gate. A candle light service was held that evening in the Deck Lounge.

December 25th. WHIDBEY ISLAND crew played Santa Claus by delivering mail to the other ship's of the BATAANARG using LCACs. The following day, torpedo countermeasures were practiced during NIXIE STREAM.

WHIDBEY ISLAND rendezvoused with ERICSSON for a second underway replenishment from the ship December 28th.

WHIDBEY ISLAND's Sailor of the Year 2001, SK1(SW/SS) [REDACTED], was selected December 29th. Later that evening, a special package was delivered to WHIDBEY ISLAND's deck, the Ground Zero Flag. The same flag that fire fighters raised at the scene of the Twin Towers attack was delivered to the ships of the TRBATGRU to be flown over each of the ship's forward deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

Accordingly, ship's company assembled for a flag raising ceremony on December 30th. WHIDBEY ISLAND's Executive Officer, LCDR Alan B. Gorski, gave the opening remarks for the solemn occasion. As the Ensign was passed from hand to hand of the color guard, QMCM(SW) [REDACTED] read the poem "Olde Glory." ET3 [REDACTED] played a rendition of Taps on the trumpet while the Colors flew at half-mast for those who lost their lives in the events of September 11th.

As 2001 came to a close, KILO Company and Battery troops remained on the frontlines in Afghanistan at Kabul and Kandahar or at support posts throughout Pakistan. While the troops remained on the front, WHIDBEY ISLAND continued to provide support while remaining on station off the Pakistan coastline.