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1. Per reference (a), USS ANTIETAM (CG-54) Command History is enclosed.


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Command History

USS ANTIETAM (CG-54)

2000

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1. Command Composition and Organization: As of 31 December 2000

MISSION: AIR WARFARE
SURFACE WARFARE
UNDERSEA WARFARE
STRIKE WARFARE

Organizational Structure: Commander Carrier Group THREE

COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPT Leo J. Quilici, II

Executive Officer

LCDR Brian A. Solo
LCDR Marc H. Dalton

Combat Systems Officer

LCDR Dave T. Glenister

Engineering Officer

LCDR Francis R. Gutierrez
LCDR Michael V. Wiczorek

Operations Officer

LCDR Phillip H. Turner
LCDR Daniel W. Bryan II

Supply Officer

LCDR Barry J. Dowell
LCDR Richard A. Smiley

Weapons Officer

LT Jeffrey A. Bennett II

Homeport: San Diego, CA

Aircraft Assigned: HSL 47 Saberhawks

Officer in Charge: LCDR Matthew Zolla

Aircraft: Two SH-60B Seahawk Helicopters

Engineering Department

MP Division: Main Propulsion- LTJG Troy A. Fendrick
MP1: Main Propulsion 1- ENS Isaac P. Henry
MP2: Main Propulsion 2- ENS Theodore W. Pierce Jr.
ENS Matthew A. Wiens
EA Division: Auxiliaries- ENS Al Siegrist
EE Division: Electrical- LTJG Jesse S. Moreno
ENS Matt Tucker
ER Division: Repair/Damage Control- ENS John H. Heller

Operations Department

OC Division: Communications- ENS Timothy C. Kim
OD Division: Deck- LTJG Christopher Williams
ENS Danny Cerezo
OE Division: Electronic Warfare/Crypto- CWO2 Christopher C. Price
CWO2 Raymond G. Fredricks
OI Division: Combat Information Center- ENS Darin E. Marvin

Combat System Department

CA Division: Undersea Warfare Division- ENS James J. VonStPaul
CE Division: Electronic Repair- CWO2 Floyd N. Pinkney
CG Division: Gunnery- ENS Brian G. Guernsey
CM Division: Fire Control- LT Michael A. Reed
CS Division: Systems Division- ENS Drew W. Martinez
CT Division: Tomahawk- ENS Nathan W. Sherry

Supply Department

S-1 Division: Supply Parts- LTJG James E. Dorff
S-2 Division: Food Service- LTJG James E. Jensen
S-3 Division: Ship's Store- LTJG James E. Jensen
S-4 Division: Disbursing- LTJG James E. Dorff

Navigation/Administration Department

NX Division: Navigation/Administration- LT Gabriel A. Varela
LTJG Marc Brandt
Chaplain: LT Philip D. King

1. Chronology:

Holiday leave and upkeep period: 1 January - 7 January 2000

Engineering LTT:	11 January - 14 January 2000
Inport TSTA A:	19 January - 21 January 2000
Underway SOCAL TSTA A:	24 January - 28 January 2000
Inport TSTA A:	24 January - 28 January 2000
C4I/ SIMA Availability FTSCPAC Magazine Inspection Gas Turbine Readiness Review Engineering 3-M Inspection Assessment of Engineering Equipment Condition	7 February - 9 February 2000
Supply Management Assist 3-M Assist	14 February - 16 February 2000
Underway SOCAL TSTA B	28 February - 6 March 2000
FEP	4 March - 6 March 2000
Inport San Diego, CA	7 March -14 March 2000
Inport TSTA B	10 March - 14 March 2000
Underway SOCAL EQUAL	15 March - 17 March 2000
Inport San Diego, CA	18 March - 19 March 2000
Underway SOCAL TSTA B Missile Exercise	20 March - 24 March 2000
Inport San Diego, CA	25 March - 3 April 2000
Underway WSAT	4 April - 7 April 2000
Inport San Diego, CA	8 April - 9 April 2000
Underway SOCAL FEP	10 April - 14 April 2000
Inport San Diego, CA	15 April - 12 May 2000
Underway Demonstration	20 April 2000
Inport San Diego, CA Pre-Overseas Movement	

Standdown and Upkeep Period	13 May - 30 May 2000
Underway SOCAL TYT	31 May - 2 June 2000
Inport San Diego, CA	3 June - 4 June 2000
Underway Transit to Portland Rose Festival	5 June - 8 June 2000
Inport Portland, OR	9 June - 11 June 2000
Underway- Counter Narcotics Operations	12 June - 14 June 2000
Inport Seal Beach, CA Ammo Onload	15 June 2000
Underway- Counter Narcotics Operations	16 June -28 June 2000
Inport Acapulco, Mexico	29 June - 31 June 2000
Underway- Counter Narcotics Operations	1 July - 17July 2000
Safety Stand Down	18 July - 22 July 2000
Inport Mazatlan, Mexico	29 July - 30 July 2000
Underway- Counter Narcotics Operations	31 July - 1 August 2000
Brief Stop for Fuel Manzanillo, Mexico	2 August 2000
Underway- Counter Narcotics Operations	3 August - 22 August 2000
Brief Stop for Fuel Puerto Quetzal	23 August - 29 August 2000
Inport Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	30 August - 31 August 2000
Underway- Counter Narcotics Operations	1 September - 15 August 2000
Brief Stop for Fuel Puerto Quetzal	16 September - 18 August 2000

Inport Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 19 September - 21 September 2000
Underway-Embark Tigers 21 September - 22 September 2000
Inport San Diego, CA
Stand Down and Upkeep Period 23 September - 9 October 2000
Underway Transit to Sitka, AK 10 October - 13 October 2000
Inport Sitka, AK 14 October - 18 October 2000
Underway 19 October - 26 October 2000
Inport San Diego, CA 27 October - 2 November 2000
Emergent Dry Dock 3 November - 15 December 2000
Inport San Diego, CA 16 December - 31 December 2000

Deployments:

Counter Narcotics Deployment 12 June - 23 September 2000

Exercises and Operations: None

Change of Command: None

Major changes to Organization, name, Mission or function: None

New Weapons systems Or major equipment: None

Major physical Alterations: None

Logistic Support: None

Major command awards: Green "H" Safety Award

Major Command Problems: None

Major units embarked or disembarked: None

Major conferences: None

Ship/station/area to which deployed: Eastern Pacific Ocean
12 June - 23 September 2000

Changes in operational command: None

Major accidents involving Loss of life or equipment: None

3. **Narrative:** Equipped with the AN/SPY 1A phased array radar, the AEGIS Combat System, and the MK41 Vertical Launch System firing the SM-2 missile, ANTIETAM is the Navy's premier Air Warfare platform. These systems, combined with the AEGIS display System, a vast array of communication systems including JTIDS Link 16, automatic status boards, and seventeen NTDS consoles, make her Command and Control capabilities second to none in supporting a Battle Group Warfare Commander. ANTIETAM is also equipped with the AN/SQS-53A sonar, AN/SQS-19 towed array sonar, and the LAMPS Mk III helicopter giving her unmatched ability to perform both long and short range Undersea Warfare. Two 5"54 caliber MK 45 guns guided by the MK 86 Gun Fire Control System provide a powerful Naval Gun Fire Support capability and augment the Harpoon Weapon System in the role of Surface Warfare. Finally, the Tomahawk Weapon System provides Strike Warfare capabilities allowing ANTIETAM to engage both land and sea targets "over the horizon" with deadly accuracy.

2000

The year 2000 found the officers and crew of ANTIETAM continuing the training cycle and participating in a highly effective Counter Narcotics Deployment. Much of the early part of the year was spent in completing the Tailored Ship Training Assessment (TSTA). All areas were considered effective and as a result the recommendation was made that ANTIETAM was ready to participate in the Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). ANTIETAM completed the Final Evaluation Problem ahead of schedule and was certified ready for independent operations in all mission areas.

Now available for mission tasking, ANTIETAM was assigned a critical South Pacific Counter Drug Deployment in support of Joint Inter-Agency Task Force West. ANTIETAM's highly successful Counter Drug Deployment began with the transit to Portland, Oregon in early June where the officers and crew participated in the annual Rose Festival. Upon leaving Portland, ANTIETAM began her counter narcotics mission in earnest. The deployment was targeted at stemming the flow of illegal drugs into the United States. With the assistance of a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment, ANTIETAM searched more than twenty suspect vessels, seized over ten metric tons of cocaine and captured 10 drug traffickers, setting a new standard for counter narcotics effectiveness. While carrying out this important mission, the crew was provided with liberty in Mazatlan, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Upon returning to San Diego, the crew began a well-deserved leave and upkeep period. After this brief stand down, ANTIETAM was once again underway to participate in Alaska Days in Sitka, AK. On the return trip, the ship suffered a ruptured sonar dome rubber window. This casualty impacted the planned port visit to Vancouver, Canada and resulted in ANTIETAM's return to San Diego. Once back in homeport, ANTIETAM was moved to a North American Steel and Shipbuilding Company dry dock where emergent repairs were completed on the sonar dome rubber window. ANTIETAM then returned to Naval Station San Diego for the Christmas holiday leave and upkeep period.