

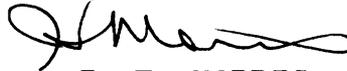


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From: Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-09BH)
Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1989
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E of 19 Jan 90
Encl: (1) USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Command History for 1989
(2) Commanding Officer and Executive Officer biographies and photographs
(3) USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) commissioning brochure
(4) Two photographs of command commissioning ceremony
(5) Two photographs of first aircraft arrested landing on board USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded for your files.


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By direction

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
Command History 1989

Enclosure (1)

1989

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. Precommissioning Unit ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) was tasked with testing, evaluating and certifying the ship's systems and crew in preparation for commissioning on November 11, 1989. After commissioning, ABRAHAM LINCOLN conducted further tests and certification to ensure readiness for a post service availability phase scheduled for the spring of 1990.

b. Organization Structure and Home Port. Captain William B. Hayden is the Commanding Officer. The Executive Officer is Captain Robert L. Peterson. Precommissioning Unit ABRAHAM LINCOLN was assigned to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Newport News, Captain C. D. Wasson, USN, commanding. After commissioning, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) was homeported in Newport News, Virginia, and assigned to Commander Naval Air Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet, under the command of Vice Admiral J. K. Ready, USN.

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN DEPARTMENT HEADS
01 January - 31 December 1989

Commanding Officer.....	CAPT William B. Hayden
Executive Officer.....	CAPT Robert L. Peterson
Chaplain	CAPT John R. Fiol
Reactor Officer.....	CAPT Ralph H. Lipfert
Navigation Officer.....	CDR John A. Cassidy
Air Officer.....	CDR John F. Williams
Operations Officer.....	CDR Charles K. Crandall
Supply Officer.....	CDR David P. Keller
Safety Officer.....	CDR Jack E. Kauffman
Medical Officer.....	CDR Myron D. Almond
Engineering Officer.....	CDR Richard L. Stuntz
Dental Officer.....	CDR Raymond G. Morin
Weapons Officer.....	CDR James J. Destafney
AIMD Officer.....	CDR August Scalia
Training Officer.....	LCDR John F. Beazle
Legal Officer.....	LCDR Eldon D. Risher
Combat Systems Officer.....	LCDR Frank R. Severance
3-M Officer.....	LCDR Harlan R. Harris/LCDR Anthony E. Dames
Communications Officer.....	LCDR Charles D. Threatt
Deck Officer.....	LCDR Richard D. Bolster
Administrative Officer.....	LT Gregory Moore
Marine Security Detachment.....	Capt. Kenneth R. Lardie, USMC

2. Chronological Listing of Significant Events.

01 JAN 89

- LINCOLN undergoing construction at Pier 1, Newport News Shipyard and Drydock Company, Newport News, VA. The crew is working out of Building 608.

21 JAN 89

- LINCOLN shifts from Pier 1 to Pier 2, Newport News Shipyard for final phase of construction.

30 JAN 89

- Commenced barcoding of supply storeroom locations for COSAL.

FEB 89

- Support equipment (yellow gear) placed in service.
- Tool control program implemented.

24 FEB 89

- Completed barcoding of supply storeroom locations for COSAL.

MAR 89

- IM4 Technical Publications Library inventoried and stood up.
- Support equipment (yellow gear) training program initiated.
- MDS implemented.

03 MAR 89

- Master at Arms Force organization functional and ready to assume full duty.

13 MAR 89

- Communications Crypto material onload completed by COMSEC Custodian.

14 MAR 89

- Catapult #2 deadload certification completed.

APR 89

- Conventional Air Launched Weapons/Consolidated Operability Test (CALW COT) completed.

04 APR 89

- Pre-Training, Readiness Evaluation (TRE) for Communications Department conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT. Satisfactory results.
- Crew Certification Phase I conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT. Satisfactory results.

07 APR 89

- Catapult #1 deadload certification completed.

17 APR 89

- Commenced crew move aboard.

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21 APR 89

- Initial CMS visit by NAVSECGRUDET with satisfactory results.

24 APR 89

- General Mess Grand Opening.
- Wardroom Mess Grand Opening.
- Commenced on board Medical Department duty section, coordinating emergency medical support with shipyard paramedics and ambulance service.

25 APR 89

- CPO Mess Grand Opening.

28 APR 89

- ABEMART Grand Opening.
- Barber Shop operational on board.
- Laundry operational on board.
- Vending Machines operational on board.

30 APR 89

- Completed crew move aboard.

MAY 89

- W Division Forward SASS on line, SASSCOT completed and crew certification complete.

01 MAY 89

- Started limited library services from Ready Room #3.
- Commence CINCLANTFLT Brig Certification assist visit.
- Ensign and Union Jack raised for the first time on board LINCOLN.

04 MAY 89

- Concluded CINCLANTFLT Brig Certification assist visit.

07 MAY 89

- Commenced limited dental services to include annual exams, X-rays and cleanings. The Dental Department is fully operational with the exception of Prosthetics.

15 MAY 89

- Communications Department assumed communications guard via landline termination with NAVCAMS LANT Norfolk, Va.

22 MAY 89

- Command Religious Ministries Department began moving aboard ship.

26 MAY 89

- Chaplain's office began operating aboard ship.

28 MAY 89

- First Divine Services held aboard ship in Ready Room #3.

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31 MAY 89

- MOTU-2 Norfolk completes EMI survey of installed antennas.

JUNE 89

- IM4 Division stood up.

10 JUN 89

- Physical Security Alert Response capability.

11 JUN 89

- Conducted Crew Certification Phase Two.

13 JUN 89

- Number two reactor first critical.

16 JUN 89

- Catapult number four deadload certification completed.

26 JUN 89

- NAVELEXCEN Charleston, S.C., commenced SATCOM System Verification and Testing (SOVT).

30 JUN 89

- Catapult number three deadload certification completed.

JUL 89

- Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) Technical Publications Library moved aboard ship from Cheatham Annex.
- AIMD Formal Support Equipment Program evaluated by NAMSU.

04 JUL 89

- Number one reactor first critical.

10 JUL 89

- Minor ammunition onload.
- NAVCAMS LANT Communications Assist Team

11 JUL 89

- Crew Certification Phase II conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT with satisfactory results.

19 JUL 89

- NAVMACS V-5 certification commences, conducted by NAVELEXCEN Charleston, S.C.

22 JUL 89

- Minor ammunition onload.

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30 JUL 89

- Conducted Incline Test

31 JUL 89

- Combat Systems Trials Rehearsal (CSTR) commences.

AUG 89

- AIMD IM5 Division stood up.

01 AUG 89

- Full library services began in crew's library.

04 AUG 89

- CSTR concludes.

07 AUG 89

- Commenced inspection of dental spaces by COMNAVAIRLANT.

- Commenced Dock Trials.

08 AUG 89

- Completed inspection of dental spaces by COMNAVAIRLANT. First time a dental department on an aircraft carrier passed an initial inspection with no major or minor discrepancies.

12 AUG 89

- Completed Dock Trials.

16 AUG 89

- Commenced Mini Fast Cruise and Crew Certification Phase 3.

17 AUG 89

- Completed Mini Fast Cruise and Crew Certification Phase 3.

18 AUG 89

- Major ammunition onload. Total number of lifts including 10 & 22 JUL 89 onloads was 291 with a cumulative weight of 265.55 tons.

23 AUG 89

- SESS SCI accreditation approved.

- COMNAVAIRLANT Physical Security Equipment (PSEE) visit.

28 AUG 89

- Underway for Builder's Sea Trials.

31 AUG 89

- Concluded Builder's Sea Trials.

SEP 89

- W Division received initial COSAL and Bomb Dummy Unit (BDU) onloads.

- Jet Engine Test Facility successfully tested during BST.

- Inductions received into AIMD production control.

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03 SEP 89

- Commenced Fast Cruise in preparation for first underway period.

08 SEP 89

- Completed Fast Cruise in preparation for first underway period.

10 SEP 89

- Underway for Builders Sea Trials in VACAPES OP Area with HS-9 embarked.

11 SEP 89

- Recovered first helicopter aboard LINCOLN from HS-9.

14 SEP 89

- Completed Builders Sea Trials. Moored at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company Pier 2.

27 SEP 89

- WIMS (Wind Measuring Indicator System), ILARTS (Integrated Launch and Recovering System), and flight deck lighting certification complete.

OCT 89

- W Division After SASS online.
- Certified 40mm gun mounts during acceptance trials.
- Weapon's Department passes INSURV.
- Ordnance Handling Safety and Assistance Team visit.
- Weapon's Department 3M/DC PMS program implemented.

01 OCT 89

- Commenced Acceptance Trials/Insurv.

2-4 OCT 89

- HS-9 embarked for Acceptance Trials underway period.

04 OCT 89

- Completed Acceptance Trials/Insurv. Moored at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company Pier 2.

13 OCT 89

- FLOLS (Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System), HUD (Heads Up Display) and MOVLAS (Manually Operated Visual Landing Aid System) certification complete.

17 OCT 89

- CMS Assist Visit conducted by NAVSECGRUDET with satisfactory results.

24 OCT 89

- CINCLANTFLT Brig Certification assist visit.

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- Awards and Presentation Dinner hosted by CO and Department Heads for Shipyard Officials.

30 OCT 89

- ABRAHAM LINCOLN delivered.
- Fourteen U.S. Marines report for duty from the Marine Detachment on USS CORAL SEA (CV 43). The Marines were transferred due to the impending decommissioning of the CORAL SEA.

31 OCT 89

- Ship's Security Badge and Access Control Station on line.

NOV 89

- W Division completed COSAL onload.
- Certified Magazine Sprinkler System.
- PME/CAL Lab operational.
- Underway, anchored at Whiskey Anchorage, underway, moored at Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

01 NOV 89

- Set the first brow and pier security watch.

03 NOV 89

- Commissioning Ball for the duty section held aboard the cruise boat "Spirit of Norfolk"; approximately 400 persons attended. Event proceeded with no major problems.

04 NOV 89

- Commissioning Ball held at Virginia Beach Pavilion, approximately 2700 in attendance. Event proceeded with no major problems.

11 NOV 89

- USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) placed in commission at Norfolk Naval Base, pier 12. The principle speakers were the Honorable Richard Cheney, Secretary of Defense, the Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett III, Secretary of the Navy, and Admiral C. A. H. Trost, Chief of Naval Operations. An estimated 18,000 guests were present.

12 NOV 89

- Ecumenical and Baptismal service held in hangar bay 2.

13 NOV 89

- Underway from Norfolk Naval Base, Pier 12, moored at deperming crib at Lambert's Point for magnetic deperming.

14 NOV 89

- Commenced Training and Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

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15 NOV 89

- Completed Training and Readiness Evaluation (TRE), minor discrepancies only, all corrected.

17 NOV 89

- Five LINCOLN sailors involved in a motor vehicle accident, two fatalities.

18 NOV 89

- Completed deperming at Lambert's Point, underway, moored at Norfolk Naval Base, Pier 12.

19 NOV 89

- Commenced inport flight deck and ACLS/PALS certification.

20 NOV 89

- Commence NAVELEXCEN San Diego assist visit for Communications Department. Installation of Total Ship's Test Program (TSTP) equipment and provide operator training for FACCON/Maintenance personnel.

22 NOV 89

- Conclude NAVELEXCEN San Diego assist visit.

28 NOV 89

- Conducted one day Fast Cruise.
- Thanksgiving religious service held.

29 NOV 89

- Underway for a 17 day Shakedown Deployment, primarily for flight deck certification.
- Ran degaussing range while departing Norfolk area.
- Conducted Antenna radiation pattern testing on SESEF range.
- Embarked 5 HS-27 SH-3's.
- First emergency MEDIVAC. A crewman was taken to Portsmouth Naval Hospital for intestinal bleeding. The evolution was successfully accomplished by HSL-17, with eventual recovery by the patient after several days in intensive care.
- Overall Combat System Operation Testing (OCSOT). OCSOT's purpose is to evaluate how the equipment, under simulated conditions, performs as a system. The testing went well overall.

01 DEC 89

- First catapult launch of fixed wing aircraft and first arrested landing of a fixed wing aircraft.

03 DEC 89

- Flight deck certified for flight deck operations.
- First Divine Services held on ship's Foc'sle.
- First Orthodox Divine Liturgy celebrated in crew's chapel.

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04 DEC 89

- Commenced HERO/HERP survey.

08 DEC 89

- Arresting gear engines 1,2,3,4 and barricade certified for operation.
- Completed HERO/HERP survey.

09 DEC 89

- Commenced Carrier Qualification Flight Operations.
- Conducted LINCOLN's first ever UNREP/VERTREP with USS SURIBACHI (AE 21) using CH-46's. Took on 250 lifts for VERTREP.
- Conducted Dynamic Interface Testing of 2 NATC SH-60 F aircraft.
- Assisted NATC in testing of E-2C upgrade 2 testing (CNO project 760).
- CATCC certified for mode 1A recoveries.
- Conducted first ever ASW Operations with HS-17 utilizing MK-38 mini-mobile ASW targets.
- Conducted SNAIAS Certification.

10 DEC 89

- Successfully completed first ever refueling at sea with USNS Leroy Grumman, taking on 527,782 gallons of JP-5.

13 DEC 89

- Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team on board.

15 DEC 89

- Completed Carrier Qualification Flight Operations.
- Completed Sea Trials, moored Pier 12, South, Norfolk Naval Base.

19 DEC 89

- Commenced contractor labeling of all Combat Systems Support Test Equipment for inventory management control using bar coding technology.
- Second annual Christmas Food Basket Drive completed.

25 DEC 89

- First Christmas Services held aboard ship.

31 DEC 89

- Total number of aircraft launches and recoveries to date: 516.

3. Narrative.

1 January 1989 found Precommissioning Unit ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) in Newport News, Virginia, undergoing construction at Pier 1. The Ship was moved to Pier 2 for the final phase of construction on 21 January.

Crew Certification Phase 1 was conducted on 4 April. The crew moved aboard the ship during the last two weeks in April. Messing facilities, Barber Shop, Laundry and Ship's Store were opened in late April.

Dental and library services began operation in early May. The Communications Department began direct landline service on 15 May. Late May found the first religious services being held temporarily in a squadron ready room .

Crew Certification Phase 2 was conducted on 11 June. An Incline Test was conducted on 11 June.

Dock Trials were held 7-12 August. A mini Fast Cruise and Crew Certification Phase 3 were held on August 16 in preparation for ABRAHAM LINCOLN's first underway period. The ship got underway for Builder's Sea Trials on 28 August and returned to Pier 2, Newport News Shipyard on 31 August.

Another Fast Cruise was held 3-8 September. The ship was underway again on 10 September in the Virginia Capes area with HS-9 embarked. The first aircraft to land on the ship was an SH-3 from HS-9 on 11 September. The ship returned to Newport News Shipyard and Drydock Company Pier 2 on 14 September.

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) was commissioned at a ceremony held at Norfolk Naval Base, Pier 12 on Saturday, 11 November 1989 at 1100. The honorable Dick Cheney, Secretary of Defense, was the principal speaker. Other speakers included Admiral Carlisle A.H. Trost, Chief of Naval Operations, and The Honorable James R. Thompson, Governor of Illinois. Also attending were JoAnn Krukar Webb, the Ship's Sponsor, Jayne Carr Thompson and Donna Krukar Woody, Matrons of Honor; Amy Loraine Webb, Julia Ann Web and Sarah Catherine Webb, Maids of Honor, and a host of other dignitaries. An estimated 18,000 guests were present. The following day, an Ecumenical and Baptismal service was held in hangar bay two.

On 13 November, the ship got underway and moored the same day at Lambert's Point, Virginia, for magnetic deperming. On 14 and 15 November a Training and Readiness Evaluation was held with no significant discrepancies found.

Two LINCOLN sailors died in a motor vehicle accident on 17 November.

The ship departed Lambert's Point on 18 November and moored the same day at Norfolk Naval Base, Pier 12.

A one-day Fast Cruise was conducted on 28 November in preparation for a 17-day underway period. ABRAHAM LINCOLN got underway on 29 November with five HS-17 SH-3's embarked. The ship ran the degaussing range while departing the Norfolk area and conducted antenna radiation pattern testing. The underway period was primarily for flight deck certification. During this time,

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN's first emergency medical evacuation was held. A crewman was taken to Portsmouth Naval Hospital for intestinal bleeding. The evolution was successfully accomplished by HSL-17, with the patient eventually recovering after several days in intensive care.

Also during this underway period, Overall Combat System Testing was held. The testing evaluated how combat system equipment, under simulated conditions, performed as a system. The testing went well overall.

On 1 December ABRAHAM LINCOLN's first catapult launch of a fixed wing aircraft and first arrested landing of a fixed wing aircraft were accomplished. An FA-18 Hornet from VF-84 based at Naval Air Test Center (NATC), Patuxent River, Maryland, was the first aircraft trapped aboard. Captain William B. Hayden, Commanding Officer, piloted the aircraft. Commander Charles K. Crandall, Jr., was the radar intercept officer for this first "trap" which caught the "three-wire." The flight deck was certified for flight deck operations on 3 December. Arresting gear engines 1, 2, and 3, and the barricade were certified for operation on 8 December.

LINCOLN's first ever vertical replenishment (VERTREP) was conducted with the USS SURIBACHI (AE 21) using CH-46 helicopters. Two hundred fifty lifts were conducted.

Other accomplishments during this at-sea period included conducting Dynamic Interface Testing of two NATC SH-60F aircraft. IN addition, ABRAHAM LINCOLN assisted NATC with testing of an E-2C upgrade 2 (CNO project 760). The ship was certified for mode 1A aircraft recoveries and conducted its first ever anti-submarine warfare (ASW) operations with HS-17 utilizing MK-38 mini-mobile ASW targets.

On 10 December the ship conducted its first ever refueling at sea with USNS Leroy Grumman, taking on 527,782 gallons of JP-5 fuel.

LINCOLN completed Seatrials and Carrier Qualification Flight Operations on 15 December and moored at Pier 12, South, Norfolk Naval Base.

As of 31 December, ABRAHAM LINCOLN had launched and recovered 516 aircraft.

4. Supporting Documents.

Supporting documents are included as separate enclosures.