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USS CLEVELAND is the seventh in a series of LPD's designed to add a new dimension to the Navy's troop and vehicle lift capability.

Designated an Amphibious Transport Dock, the new vessel is a direct descendant of the Landing Ship Dock (LSD) of World War II. Included in the ship's specifications are features of the APA (Attack Transport), the AKA (Attack Cargo Ship), and the LPH (Amphibious Assault Helicopter). The CLEVELAND boasts a flight deck (LPH), well deck (LSD), troop carrying ability (APA), and cargo handling capability (AKA). In addition to these standard features, the ship is flag configured and provides spaces for an amphibious commander and an assault troop commander.

CLEVELAND combatant personnel can be disembarked by landing craft carried in the stern well deck. Intrinsically a part of the well deck operation is the ballasting system, which makes possible a maximum depth of twelve feet of water in the after portion of the deck and five feet in the forward section. An accessory to the well deck operation is an overhead monorail crane system which permits rapid loading and unloading of palletized cargo at almost every point in the well deck and upper vehicle storage area.

Although not specifically designed for helicopter transportation, CLEVELAND's flight deck is large enough to permit simultaneous operation of two medium sized helicopters. Other features include limited repair and maintenance for helicopters, a telescoping hangar, refueling rigs for aviation fuels, troop debarkation stations from the second deck troop stations to the catwalks, and primary debarkation control, which provides a centralized location for coordination and control of the offloading of men and material ashore.

USS CLEVELAND is 561 feet long, has a maximum beam of 113 feet, and has a navigational draft of 24 feet, six inches. Full load displacement is 16,500 tons. The ship is armed with two twin 3-inch/50 caliber rapid fire mounts.

The CLEVELAND's allowance consists of 34 officers and 400 enlisted men. In addition, the ship can carry approximately 850 combat troops and 118 officers in the assault and flag force.



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SHIP'S HISTORY

USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7) was commissioned April 21, 1967 at Norfolk, Virginia. CLEVELAND is the third ship to be named after the City of Cleveland, Ohio. The first was a Protected Cruiser (C-19) from 1903-1929 and the second a Light Cruiser (CL-55) from 1942-1947.

Subsequent to commission, CLEVELAND changed homeport to San Diego, California where she became a member of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Forces. CLEVELAND has divided her time between local operations in the Eastern Pacific and extended deployments to the Western Pacific. CLEVELAND was usually assigned as part of the Marine Amphibious Ready Group and, with her embarked Marines, acted as an integral part of the United States military effort in Southeast Asia. In addition to participating in numerous amphibious and combat support operations, the ship served as the Flagship for Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet.

Deploying on her fourth WESTPAC Cruise in July 1972, CLEVELAND continued to demonstrate her versatility. In August, AH-1J "Cobra" attack helicopters were embarked for amphibious operations off North Vietnam. In early December, the ship sailed to Okinawa, disembarked the Cobra detachment and embarked elements of Marine Battalion Landing Team 1/9. During this period, CLEVELAND served as Flagship for Commander, Amphibious Ready Group.

Upon the Vietnam cease-fire in January 1973, CLEVELAND joined Task Force 78 in the mine-clearing effort of Haiphong Harbor, Operation End Sweep, then returned to San Diego on 28 April 1973. CLEVELAND's next Western Pacific Deployments were from April to November 1974, April to November 1976, March to October 1978 and January to July 1980.

From April to October 1982, CLEVELAND again deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans for her ninth overseas deployment. During this deployment, CLEVELAND participated in RIMPAC '82 with units of the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Navy of New Zealand, the Royal Navy of Canada, and Japanese Maritime Defense Force. In addition, CLEVELAND participated in READEX 82 and COBRA Gold '82, a joint operation with the Royal Thai Navy.

CLEVELAND completed two more overseas deployments from September 1983 to March 1984 and August 1985 to December 1985.

CLEVELAND completed an extensive 9 month overhaul period in Long Beach and returned to San Diego in December 1986. CLEVELAND then assumed duties as Flagship for Commander THIRD Fleet in January 1988 and served until November 1988. Upon completion of Flagship duties, CLEVELAND completed a three month Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) at Southwest Marine in San Diego. Two weeks after completion of the PMA, CLEVELAND left for a two month assignment to Prince William Sound, Alaska in support of the Exxon oil spill cleanup efforts. Since completion of CLEVELAND's assignment to oil spill cleanup efforts, CLEVELAND deployed to the Western Pacific 12 January 1990 to 12 July 1990. After completing a five month Docking Phased Maintenance Availability (PMA) at Southwest Marine, CLEVELAND commenced a condensed work-up schedule in preparation for deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Storm. USS CLEVELAND deployed to the Persian Gulf 01 June 1991 to 27 November 1991.

CLEVELAND's 25 years of distinguished service has earned her a Combat Action Ribbon, a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, three Meritorious Unit Citations, two Battle Efficiency Awards, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATIONS, USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7)

01-05 JAN Inport San Diego, CA.

06-10 JAN ISE, conducted ECC Drills in SOCAL operations area

11-12 JAN Inport San Diego, CA.

13-17 JAN ISE, conducted MTT Phase II in SOCAL operations area

18-26 JAN Inport San Diego, CA.

27-31 JAN ISE, conducted ECC Drills in SOCAL operations area

01-02 FEB Inport San Diego, CA.

03-07 FEB MTT Phase II

08 FEB - 02 MAR Inport San Diego, CA. for Restricted Maintenance
Availability

03-05 MAR ISE, conducted Operational Propulsion Plant Examination in
SOCAL operations area

06-18 MAR Inport San Diego, CA.

18 MAR Change of Command aboard USS CLEVELAND

19-30 MAR Inport San Diego, CA.

31 MAR ISE, conducted UMI in SOCAL operations area

01-05 APR Inport San Diego, CA.

06 APR Inport San Diego, CA. for Inspection and Survey Team
(INSURV)

07-10 APR ISE, conducted underway portion of Inspection and Survey Team visit

11 APR - 10 MAY Inport San Diego, CA.

11-15 MAY ISE in SOCAL operations area

16-17 MAY Inport San Diego, CA.

18-22 MAY ISE in SOCAL operations area

23-25 MAY Inport San Diego, CA.

26 MAY - 02 JUN Underway for Portland, Oregon

03-08 JUN Port visit, Portland Rose Festival

09-11 JUN Underway for San Diego, CA.

12-15 JUN Inport San Diego, CA.

16-19 JUN Underway for Seal Beach, CA. ammunition offload

20-21 JUN Inport San Diego, CA.

22 JUN - 20 SEP Planned Maintenance Availability, Southwest Marine Shipyard, San Diego, CA.

21-22 SEP ISE in SOCAL operations area for Sea Trials

23-25 SEP ISE in SOCAL operations area

26 SEP - 19 OCT Inport San Diego

20-21 OCT ISE for ammunition onload at Camp Pendleton, CA.

22-23 OCT ISE in SOCAL operations area

24-29 OCT Inport San Diego, CA. for general upkeep

30 OCT - 16 NOV Underway for South Pacific Law Enforcement Operations

17-18 NOV Inport Rodman Naval Base, Panama

18 NOV Transit Panama Canal

19 NOV - 03 DEC Underway in Carribbean Sea for Law Enforcement Operations

04-07 DEC Port visit Curacao, Netherland Antilles

08 DEC Underway in Carribbean Sea for Law Enforcement Operations

09 DEC Transit Panama Canal

10-17 DEC Underway South Pacific Ocean for San Diego, CA.

18-31 DEC Inport San Diego, CA for leave and general upkeep

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1992:

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS

BTCS(SW) ROMANDO O. REYES
HT2 BRIAN P. GALLAGHER
HM2 NOLAN M. SCHAFF
BM1 KEN M. FUKUCHI
LT MICHAEL J. TARTAL
LT MICHAEL R. MILLER
DK1 CRISANTO U. FLORES
ETCM(SW) JESUS S. JUGO
HM2 MARK A. WATSON
BTC(SW) ARNOLD E. DALTON
DT3 EMMANUEL G. BERNAL
DT1 MICHAEL O. MALLORCA
LTJG DOUGLAS P. SULLIVAN
DC2 SELDON GABBARD
HM3 JEROME C. HIGGINS
RM1(SW/AW) AL T. NESMITH
LT MILTON K. GUZMAN
MM2 STEVEN C. STROVERS
ABF3 SALVADOR L. ROSARIO
EN2 RONNIE L. MCFARLIN
PC1 JAMES L. HESS
IS1(AW) THOMAS R. WALLENTA
MM1(SW) JAMES FIFE
RM1 TERRENCE D. WATKINS
RM3 MARK S. KLINGER
LT NATHAN R. MCCLELLAN
YN1 RONALD R. TAYLOR
LT EMILIO C. TOZZI
QM2 STEVEN G. HAGER
AS2(AW) RICHARD C. STURGEON
HT3 TONY I. BONILLA
SM1 LAWRENCE T. PICKARD
DCCS(SW) GARY D. FORINASH
LT COREY D. KRAMER

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS

RMCM(SW/AW) TROY D. WYATT
LT WILLIAM R. BRAY
SKCS(SW/AW) EMILIANO B. ANDAYA
ENC(SW) ENRICO C. LAYUG
GMC(SW) JOHN A. BACON
BMC(SW) WAYNE A. ROBERGE
SHCS(SW/AW) ROLANDO M. CARANDANG
LT KURT B. KNOBLOCH
ETC(SW/AW) WILLIAM C. RHOADES
ETCM MICHAEL P. FINLEY
CWO2 ROGER D. DASHIELL
LCDR MICHAEL A. LACEY
LT DAVID R. GOLDSTEIN
LT JAMES D. OAKES
LT WILLIAM C. MURPHY

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

ABF1(SW/AW) TROY S. GRIFFIN
RM3 TYRON TATE
SN RALPH C. FONTENOT
QM1(SW/AW) TED L. FISHER
RM1(SW/AW) AL T. NESMITH
SN ROSALIO CARO
SK3(SW) JOSE-FERDINAND TAPAOAN
MM3(SW) TIMOTHY E. KILEY
EN3 MICHAEL S. MATHEWS
SN ARON P. BRACKEEN
MM1 EDWIN L. TAYGON
SK2(SW) JEREMY J. HAWKS
SN TEODORO L. SUMERA
BT2(SW) VICTOR SERVIAN
MM1(SW) LORENZO E. MOORE

FLAG LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

BM2 BARRY D. TORBERT
YN3 WILLIE KEYS
BM1(SW) RONALD MOORE
BM2(SW) DONALD L. MORRISON
QM2 DONEL JOHNSON
EMFN RYAN STEPHEN C. PICATOSTE
RMSN JOEL S. TORIAN
MSSA ERWIN EARL P. MORENO
MMFA RAYMOND J. PATAROZZI
RMSN ROBERT L. EVANS
MSCS(SW) JOEY F. MORALES
MS2 HOLLIS T. ROGERS
MS3 EDUARDO C. GUEVARRA
MS1 RONALD E. NICHOLS
MS1 JOSEFINO G. BLAS
MS2 JESS C. FULGENCIO
MS3 FERNANDO REYES-MEDINA
MS1 EDUARDO A. CUSTODIO
GMG1(SW) WILLIAM G. SMITH
GMG1 LEO JACK
QM3 GARLAND W. REED
BM3 GEOFFREY J. GUSSY
BM3 TEODORO L. SUMERA
PC1 JAMES L. HESS
RM3 MARK S. KLINGER
MM3(SW) TIMOTHY E. KILEY
ABH1(AW) PRESTON L. LAIR
DT1 MICHAEL O. MALLORCA
ABF3 JAMES S. MARQUEZ
BT1 ROMEO A. MANZANA
SK3 JASON E. HOLM
RMSN JUSTIN T. DUVALL
BMCS(SW) PETER M. KLONOWSKI
YN2 DWAIN C. DANIELS

BT3 WILLIAM J. SHELLEY
YN2 ROGER N. SHORES
MM2 STEVEN C. STROVERS
MS2 JAMIE C. SUGGS
PN3 TOUA THAO
BT3 PHILLIP D. VACHA
MS1(SW/AW) JERRY J. HOLLEY
SH1 JUAN A. MASSOL
MMCS(SW/AW) WILLIAM C. PARTINGTON
MM2 JAMES H. BURNETT
MM3 CARL H. BJORK
MM2 SEAN T. BENNETT
FN CHRISTOPHER T. BARCUS
MM3 JEFFREY L. WOODRING
MM3 JAMES W. PARKS II
FN LUIGI E. GINORI
MM3 TERENCE E. JOHNSON
SN DAMON E. CRAWFORD
ET3 ERIK A. LAURITZEN
SK1(SW) NOLI G. BOADO
OS3 VINCENT A. GARCIA
MM1 DAVID A. LEICHT
IS1(AW) THOMAS R. WALLENTA
OS1(SW) CESAR SANTA A. ALMANON
IC1(SW) STEPHEN A. FONTENOT
BT1 KURT A. BAUSCH
YN3 CHRISTOPHER D. THOMAS
MM1(SW) CHARLES S. HILEY
LT HAYWOOD WELLS
BM3 CHRISTOPHER A. BEYER
MSSN CLIFTON D. CARR
MS2 LUIS R. MCLEOD
MSSN KENTRY L. BURRIS