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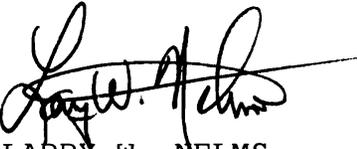
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USS CLEVELAND SHIP DESCRIPTION

USS CLEVELAND is the seventh in a series of LPDs 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 CLEVELAND's allowance consists of 27 officers and 400 enlisted men. In addition, the ship can carry approximately 850 combat troops and 118 officers in the assault and flag force.

Enclosure (1)

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.

After commissioning, CLEVELAND changed homeport to San Diego, California to become 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. CLEVELAND has participated in numerous amphibious and combat support operations, as well as functioning as a Flagship for various Fleet Commanders.

Upon the Vietnam cease-fire in January 1973, CLEVELAND joined Task Force 78 in the mine-clearing effort of Haiphong Harbor and Operation End Sweep.

CLEVELAND then began a series of seven Western Pacific Deployments commencing in the years 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983 and 1985 before entering an extensive overhaul.

In January of 1988, CLEVELAND assumed duties as Flagship for Commander THIRD Fleet and served in this capacity until November 1988. Upon completion of Flagship duties, CLEVELAND deployed to Prince William Sound, Alaska in support of oil spill cleanup efforts associated with the Exxon Valdez disaster.

CLEVELAND again deployed to the Western Pacific in 1990 and again in 1991 in support of Operation Desert Storm.

In October 1992 CLEVELAND deployed on short notice to Central America in support of Law Enforcement Operations and again in March of 1993. During these deployments, CLEVELAND played a key role in the seizure of the vessel Sea Chariot, the largest maritime cocaine bust in history as well as transiting the Panama Canal four times.

In June of 1994, CLEVELAND embarked on her fourteenth overseas deployment. Early into the deployment, CLEVELAND participated in Operation SUPPORT HOPE, the United Nations relief effort to Rwanda. Upon completion, CLEVELAND proceeded to the Arabian Gulf to conduct a repair period in Jebel Ali, UAE. The upkeep period was cut short when the TRIPOLI ARG was ordered to steam back to the East African coast to support the United States Liaison Office relocation from Mogadishu, Somalia to Nairobi, Kenya. Following the relocation efforts, CLEVELAND steamed north again to participate in two major exercises; SEA SOLDIER IX and IRON MAGIC 94-1. While completing the second exercise, CLEVELAND was ordered to steam into the North Arabian Gulf to deter the Iraqi aggression of massing troops on the Kuwait border. CLEVELAND remained stationed off of Kuwait for fourteen days in support of this operation termed VIGILANT WARRIOR before the danger had subsided and the order was given to proceed back to San Diego.

ENCLOSURE (2)

**CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATIONS
USS CLEVELAND 1994**

01 - 14 JAN	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD
15 - 17 JAN	INPORT: SAN DIEGO, CA
18 - 21 JAN	TSTA III: SOCAL
22 - 31 JAN	UPKEEP: SAN DIEGO, CA
24 JAN	AVIATION FACILITIES CERTIFICATION
01 - 13 FEB	UPKEEP: SAN DIEGO, CA
14 - 18 FEB	COMPTUEX 94-2M: SOCAL
19 - 28 FEB	INPORT: SAN DIEGO, CA
01 - 18 MAR	COMPTUEX 94-19M: SOCAL
08 - 10 MAR	OPPE
11 - 20 MAR	INPORT: SAN DIEGO, CA
21 - 23 MAR	FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM (F.E.P.)
03 - 30 MAR	FLEETEX 94-21M
31 MAR - 03 APR	INPORT: SAN DIEGO, CA
04 - 08 APR	LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT (LMA) AND COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW (CSRR)
09 - 20 APR	INPORT: SAN DIEGO, CA
21 APR - 04 MAY	FLEETEX 94-2M2
05 MAY - 03 JUN	POM: SAN DIEGO, CA
02 - 08 JUN	RFS/MEU EMBARK: SAN DIEGO, CA
09 JUN	DEPLOY - WESTPAC 1994
09 - 25 JUN	TRANSIT TO SOUTH PACIFIC
26 - 28 JUN	AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE: TINIAN ISLAND
29 JUN - 03 JUL	TRANSIT
04 - 08 JUL	PORT VISIT: HONG KONG
09 - 12 JUL	TRANSIT
13 - 18 JUL	PORT VISIT: SINGAPORE
19 - 28 JUL	TRANSIT
29 JUL - 16 AUG	OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE
29 JUL - 01 AUG	PORT VISIT: MOMBASA, KENYA
03 - 08 AUG	PORT VISIT: MOMBASA, KENYA
13 - 16 AUG	PORT VISIT: MOMBASA, KENYA
17 - 24 AUG	TRANSIT
25 AUG - 01 SEP	AVAILABILITY PERIOD: JEBEL ALI, UAE
02 - 08 SEP	TRANSIT
09 - 15 SEP	USLO RELOCATION: SOMALIA
16 - 17 SEP	TRANSIT
18 - 28 SEP	EXERCISE SEA SOLDIER IX: OMAN
29 SEP - 01 OCT	TRANSIT
02 - 07 OCT	EXERCISE IRON MAGIC: UAE
08 OCT	TRANSIT
09 - 20 OCT	OPERATION VIGILANT WARRIOR: KUWAIT
21 - 29 OCT	PORT VISIT: JEBEL ALI, UAE
30 OCT - 07 NOV	TRANSIT
08 - 12 NOV	PORT VISIT: SINGAPORE
13 - 28 NOV	TRANSIT

25 - 29 NOV
29 NOV - 01 DEC
02 - 07 DEC
08 DEC
09 DEC
09 - 31 DEC

NAVIGATION CHECKRIDE
PORT VISIT: PEARL HARBOR, HI
TRANSIT
MEU DEBARKATION: CAMP PENDLETON, CA
ARRIVAL: SAN DIEGO, CA
HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD: SAN
DIEGO, CA

List of Awards presented for Calender Year 1994

Navy Commendation Medals

YNCM(SW) James Labor Gamiao
LT Robert Joseph Fleck, JR
SM2 Anthony William Hardy
SM2 Douglas Wayne Hollins

Navy Achievement Medals

ET3 Clark Vincent Elek
HM1 Dwayne Eric Hammond
DC2(SW) Eduardo Emilio Nunez
SK2(SW) Augusto Castillo Pizarro
BTC(SW) William J. Rozokat III
FN Gregory Dale Campbell
RM1(SW) Dexter Lamar Moses
SM1 Lawrence Thomas Pickard, JR
RM3 Justin Todd Duvall
DC2 Robert Franklin Yesinski
MM2 Spencer K. Neitch
MM1 Darryl David Hemphill
FC2 Russell Charles Monegue
PNC(SW) Gerardo Mayor Misa
MS1(SW) Josefino Gonzales Blas
SK2 Antonio Gonzales Grepo
SH1(SW) Ramoncito Cajucom Hernandez
BM2 Ralph C. Fontenot
ET1(SW) Gary Lee Mckissick
GMG2(SW) Christopher Lynn Zevallos
PN3 John Gretton Willink
QM2 William Alexander King
CTR3 Kenneth Arthur Kunz II
QM2 Steven G. Hager
RM1 John Joseph Clayton
OS2 Kevin Patrick Hill
QM3 Scott T. Spykstra
PCC(SW) Russell C. Goodwin, JR

Letters of Commendation

AN Michael John Wuitschick
FN Ryan Patrick Gleason
ET1(SW) Gary Lee Mckissick
OS1(SW) Richard K. Weiss
OS1(SW) John P. Faulds
SA Joe M. Benavidez
SHSR Cipriano Brito
SA Robert Priesberger
BM2(SW) Hai D. Hoang
ET2(SW) Eric A. Lauritzen

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PN2(SW) Robert T. Atienza
OS1(SW) Michael P. Savage (2)
RM3 Justin T. Duvall
OSSN Liscon Butler
IS1(SW/AW) Robert George Stephens
FA Ryan Patrick Gleason
FN Joey Santos Lim
SA Dennis Roy Walter
DCFR Matthew W. Taylor
DCFR James D. Old
DC2 David Jacob Brown
EM2 Eric Dayrit Aquino
MM1 Charles Steven Hiley
BT3 Clifford Lee Kelsey
HT1 Jerry Gerard Batis
BT2 Christopher Martin Foerstner
BT3 Johnny Ray Moore
EN3 Juan Victor Paredes
OSSA Yohannes Awetahenge
OSSA Jason Richard Branch
EN3 Marcus Nazarquin Martinez
BT1 Jeffrey Scott Parker
MM2 Spencer Kayne Neitch
MM3 Christopher Michalek
HT1 Jerry Gerard Batis
DCFN Rafael Gonzales
ENFN Brian Scott Dick
EN2 Ronnie Lee Mcfarlin
MM1 William Patrick Abeita
MM2 Chad Parker
BT2 Neil Robert Wicai
FN Ryan Patrick Gleason
MS2 Joseph Michael Orris
MS3(SW) Angelito River Tuazon, JR
SA George Arthur Cape
OSSA Alex James Mickelson
DC3 Ruben Anthony Oneal
DCFN James David Old
DCFN Steven Charles Griffiths
EM3 Damon Charles Clevenger
EM3 Jerry William Hill
AA Louis Martin Bassett
AN Isaias Guerromontoya
ABFAA Shane Michael Freitas
AA Steven Roy Rodriguez
ABF3 Jeffrey Eugene Robinson
AN Jerry Antonio Foster
AN Jason J. Barbee
SMSN David Paul Wollerton
SMSN Malcolm Jerome Jones
SGT Stephen Batchan

SSGT Carlton Hayes	SH2(SW) Raymundo Sandoval Harina
CPL Joseph D. Hernandez	SK3 Jason Everette Holm
SGT Javier Martinez	MS2 Salvador Jalorte
SGT Ian A. Mendozavalencia	
SGT Alan M. Munoz	
FN Ryan Patrick Gleason	
CPL Christopher S. Nelson	
SGT Gerardo Rodriguez	
MM2 Spencer Kayne Neitch	
MM3 Lloyd Randolph Williams	
BT2 Neil Robert Wicai	
MMFN Rafael Magana, JR	
BT2 Charles William Kennedy	
MM3 Diego Martin Keisman	
BT3 Anthony Jordan	
MM3 Angel Armando Herrera	
MM3 Justin Wade Gullickson	
BT2(SW) Christopher Martin Foerstner	
BT3 Romeo Partido Esteban	
MSSN Manuel Uy	
SK3 Bryan Emmitt Lancaster	
FA Dale Allen Dlask	
RM1(SW) Dexter Lamar Moses	
RM1 Paul Joseph Lizo	
RM2 Pete Cloder Monceaux	
RM3 Rodney Artez Knight	
MS2 Difrell Juarez	
MS3 Steven Miller	
RM3 Jeffrey Scott Richards	
RM3 Christopher Robert Brown	
RM3 Robert L. Evans	
RM3 Patrick Duque Gacutan	
RMSA Michael Jerome Ward	
RMSA Marcus A. Coleman	
RM2 Kurtis Alan Kilponen	
SH2(SW) Mark David Frizzell	
SH2 Kevin Steven Taylor	
SHSN Frank Denard Humphries	
OS2 Devin Stewart Lile	
OS2 Octavious Ahmed Little	
OS3 Bobby Joe Ray, JR	
OS3 Anthony Stephen Barbosa	
OSSA Michael Maurice Bradford	
OSSN Ako Rasheed Johnson	
SR George Arthur Cape	
SN Francisco Arturo Garciatuscano	
SK2(SW/AW) Jose Ferdinand Tapaoan	
SH1(SW) Juan Albert Massol	
RM3 Eric Dewayne Mims	
RM3 Douglas Ryan Ruegger	