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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-N09BH)

Subj: USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-53) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E
(b) NAVHISCEN ltr Ser 09BH/SH/6U505803 dtd 11 June 1996

Encl: (1) Mission Description
(2) Command Organization
(3) Chronology and Command Narrative
(4) Messages from Seniors regarding John Paul Jones' performance.
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(6) Initial Deployment Cruise Book

1. In accordance with reference (a) and as requested in reference (b), the command history for USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53) is submitted.

Peter Opsal
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USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)

COMMAND MISSION

The JOHN PAUL JONES Guided Missile Destroyer is designed to conduct prompt and sustained offensive operations at sea, operate as an element of a coordinated force or independently as the nucleus of a surface action group, and direct and coordinate anti-air, surface, undersea and strike warfare operations in support of National interests.

Enclosure (1)

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN CHAIN OF COMMAND (ISIC)

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON THREE THREE

CAPT John J. Felloney (squadron decommissioned October 1995)

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN

CAPT Thomas R. Mooney

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR Peter B. Opsal

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR Gerard P. Hueber (departed December 1995)

LCDR Brian A. Goulding

ENGINEERING OFFICER

LT Thomas I. Breed

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER

LCDR John P. Neagley (departed June 1995)

LCDR Gene F. Harr

WEAPONS OFFICER

LT Gene F. Harr (became CSO in May 1995)

LT James A. Schreiber

OPERATIONS OFFICER

LT Kerry S. Gilpin

SUPPLY OFFICER

LT Christopher S. Mosher

NAVIGATION/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

LT Henrico Nivera (departed in December 1995)

LT Kirt D. Brothers

COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE
for the
UNITED STATES SHIP
JOHN PAUL JONES
DDG 53

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9 Jan	Underway enroute for Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station
9-12 Jan	Moored--SEAL BEACH, Deployment Ammo Onload
12 Jan	Underway enroute for San Diego, Moored Pier Eight
21 Jan	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification
23 Jan - 5 Feb	Underway, SOCAL OpAreas for FLEETEX 95-1A
23 Jan	Aviation Readiness Evaluation
13 Feb	Awarded Type Commander Surface Ship Safety Award
13-23 Feb	Underway, SOCAL OpAreas for JTFEX 95-1
23 Feb	Moored--SEAL BEACH, Ammo Onload
23 Feb	Underway enroute San Diego, Moored Pier Thirteen
27 Feb -03 Mar	Logistics Management Assessment
6 Mar	Underway enroute Seal Beach, Moored Seal Beach Final Deployment Missile Onload IERA Completed Underway enroute San Diego, Small Boat Transfer
7-9 Mar	Acoustic TRIALS
9 Mar	Moored-SAN DIEGO, Pier Thirteen
10 Mar	Begin POM Period

Enclosure (3)

20 Mar	Battle Efficiency and Battle Excellence Awards Engineering/Survivability Command and Control Logistics Management Maritime Warfare (Power Projection/Sea Control)
13 Apr	Deployed WESTPAC/ARABIAN GULF
25 Apr-2 May	Starboard CRP Hub Casualty divert to Pearl Harbor, HI for repairs
3-13 May	Transit Pacific independently to Singapore
14-19 May	Anchor Singapore
19 May	Underway, Transit Straits of Malacca VADM Clemins (Commander, SEVENTH Fleet) Visit
26 May	Inchop to COMUSNAVCENT AOR
27 May	5" Gun competition with PRINCETON, MERRILL
28 May	Transit Straits of Hormuz
29 May - 08 Jun	Anchored off of Bahrain
09-17 Jun	Underway North Arabian Gulf Escort duties for RV CORY CHOUEST
09 Jun	Unrep with USNS JOHN ERICCCSON
16 Jun	Unrep with USNS JOHN ERICCCSON
18-22 Jun	Inport Jebel Ali
22-30 Jun	Underway NAG, SHAREM 110 Phase 2 (USW Exercise) INGRAHAM HSL 46 crossdecked on JOHN PAUL JONES (First embarked HSL DET onboard DDG 51 class ship)
30 Jun - 02 Jul	Inport Abu Dhabi

Enclosure (3)

03-25 Jul	Underway NAG: Duty Strike/MIO ship Longest Underway Period in Ships History (Until 06-29 September underway period)
03-06 Jul	Escort duties for RV CORY CHOUEST
04 Jul	Steel Beach BBQ, Independence Day
12 Jul	Steel Beach BBQ, Talent Show for Half-Way through Deployment Celebration
16 Jul	Conrep with SAN JOSE Unrep with SACRAMENTO Boarded MV NAYALA
17 Jul	Boarded MV AL RABIA
24 Jul	Unrep with SACRAMENTO
26 Jul -09 Aug	Inport in Jebel Ali
06 Aug	Ship's Picnic Jebel Ali Seafarer's Center
09-15 Aug	Underway, CVN escort duties in Central Arabian Gulf
16-23 Aug	Inport Dubai
23 Aug	Underway, SLOC Operations in support of Operation Vigilant Sentinel
24 Aug	Unrep PECOS Escort Duty for Pre-Positioning ships through Strait of Hormuz. CPL Lewis J. Hauge, Cape Henry, PFC James Anderson, Cape Douglas, Cape Decision, Cape Horn, 1st Lt Alex Bonneyman Jr.
27-28 Aug	Escort Duty for Austral Rainbow, 1st Lt. Baugh, PFC Eric G. Gibson, Cape Wrath and Cape Washington
04-06 Sep	Inport Muscat Oman
06-29 Sep	Underway, Begin Transit homeward after brief return to Arabian Gulf. New Record for Longest Period of Consecutive Days Underway in Ship's History

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07 Sep	VADM Redd (Commander, FIFTH Fleet) Visit
08 Sep	Unrep USNS PECOS
08 - 09 Sep	Turnover with INDEPENDENCE BG
09 Sep	0105Z Depart Straits of Hormuz
11 Sep	Inchop to COMSEVENTHFLT
18 Sep	Shellback initiation - "Crossing the Line"
20 Sep	Recover PILOT and RIO from F-14 following "fly by" explosion
25 Sep	Inchop to COMTHIRDFLT
29 Sep	Inport Pearl Harbor Embark TIGERS
03-09 Oct	Underway, TIGER cruise enroute to San Diego (87 TIGERS embarked).
09 Oct	Inport-Return from WESTPAC 95.
09 Oct - 17 Nov	Post Overseas Movement Upkeep/Training Period
12-15 Dec	ISIC Engineering Readiness Evaluation CNO Project, Dynamic Interface Testing
15 Dec - 31 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period

Enclosure (3)

COMMAND NARRATIVE

USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)

01 JANUARY 1995 to 31 DECEMBER 1995

* As part of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group, JOHN PAUL JONES participated in FLEETEX 95-1A/B and JTFEX 95-1 with the ship achieving three more successful missile shots. The ship was now fully ready for deployment in the spring of 1995.

* In February 1995, JOHN PAUL JONES scaled the last hurdle in the pursuit of its first Battle Efficiency Award by completing the Logistics Management Assessment with resounding success.

* USS JOHN PAUL JONES deployed on 13 April 1995, with the USS LINCOLN, USS PRINCETON, USS MERRILL, USS SACRAMENTO and USS PASADENA. The crew began deployment vigorously, mixing work with play in the form of numerous "Steel Beach" flight deck barbecues. After only a week and a half of transit, the ship suffered a starboard shaft hub seal casualty which obliged JOHN PAUL JONES to undergo an emergency drydock repair in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. By aiding the shipyard workers, the crew helped effect repairs to the shaft in under two weeks time enabling the ship to rendezvous with the Lincoln Battle Group in Singapore on schedule.

* The ship arrived in the Arabian Gulf on 28 May and departed 9 September 1995, for a total of 105 days. During the time in the gulf, JOHN PAUL JONES visited the following ports:

29 May - 08 Jun Bahrain
18 Jun - 22 Jun Jebel Ali, U.A.E.
30 Jun - 02 Jul Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
26 Jul - 09 Aug Jebel Ali, U.A.E.
19 Aug - 23 Aug Dubai, U.A.E.
04 Sep - 06 Sep Muscat, Oman

* On 22 June 1995, JOHN PAUL JONES embarked HSL 45 Det Alfa, cross decked from USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61), for use during the ship's participation in a multi-ship USW exercise (SHAREM 110 Phase 2). This event marks the first time a helicopter detachment has been embarked on the Arleigh Burke class destroyer. During seven days of intense USW operations, JOHN PAUL JONES conducted shallow water towed array operations and mine detection exercises, culminating in the successful launching of three exercise torpedoes.

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- * On 01 July in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., the ship competed in basketball against the U.A.E. national team and participated in the 1995 American/Canadian National Days Celebration, providing tours to American embassy staff and the local community.
- * On 16 and 17 July, the ship's Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS) team conducted its first two boardings as part of the US Navy's participation in the enforcement of United Nations economic sanctions against Iraq. The team met no resistance and discovered no contraband on neither the MV Nayala nor MV Al Rabia.
- * In late August, as a response to the Iraqi military build-up on the Iraqi-Jordanian border, JOHN PAUL JONES, along with USS MERRILL, escorted eleven military pre-positioning ships through the Strait of Hormuz. The ships included the CPL LEWIS J HAUGE, CAPE HENRY, PFC JAMES ANDERSON JR, CAPE DOUGLAS, CAPE DECISION, CAPE HORN, 1STLT ALEX BONNEYMAN JR, AUSTRAL RAINBOW, 1ST LT BAUGH, PFC ERIC G GIBSON, CAPE WRATH, and the CAPE WASHINGTON.
- * On 6 September, JOHN PAUL JONES departed Muscat, Oman, and after a brief return to the Arabian Gulf, transited the Straits of Hormuz for the last time on 9 September, en route to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Arriving in Pearl Harbor on 29 September, the ship completed the longest period of consecutive days underway in ship's history (24 days).
- * On 20 September, JOHN PAUL JONES rescued the two man crew of an F-14 that exploded in mid-air not 500 yards from the ship. The JOHN PAUL JONES' crew was quick to respond having rescue boats in the water within 8 minutes of the accident.
- * While in Hawaii, the ship embarked eighty-seven dependents and relatives for the "Tiger Cruise" back to San Diego. After a week filled with gun exercises and ship maneuvering, USS JOHN PAUL JONES returned to homeport on 9 October 1995, with the success of the first deployment complete.
- * After a post-deployment leave and upkeep period and the Christmas holiday stand-down, the ship currently prepares for the upcoming training cycle prior to the next deployment in the spring of 1997.