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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)
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Subj: USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

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Encl: (1) Mission Description
(2) Command Organization
(3) Chronology and Command Narrative
(4) Messages from seniors regarding JOHN PAUL JONES'S Performance
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

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

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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 air, surface, undersea, and strike warfare operations in support of National interests.

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN CHAIN OF COMMAND (ISIC)
COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN
CAPT David M. Ryan

COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR J. Bruce Hamilton (departed April 1998)
CDR Edward L. Brownlee

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR Phillip C. Pardue (departed June 1998)
LCDR Jeffrey Kortz

ENGINEERING OFFICER
LT John F. Gosebrink

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER
LT James A. Schreiber (departed January 1998)
LT Andrew L. Feinberg

WEAPONS OFFICER
LT Andrew L. Feinberg
LT Kevin Johnson (arrived June 1998)

OPERATIONS OFFICER
LT Phillip H. Turner (departed June 1998)
LT Bill Guarini

SUPPLY OFFICER
LT Mark A. Harris

NAVIGATION/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
LT Travis B. Done (departed May 1998)
LTJG Vernon Stanfield

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

1998

8 Jan	Holiday leave period ends
14 Jan	Drydock in USS Steadfast (AFDM-14) - Commence DSRA '98
02 Mar	Aegis Light Off
10 Mar	Undocking from USS Steadfast. Move to Southwest Marine Shipyard - continue DSRA '98
18 Mar	Pierside ship trials - engineering plant testing
19 Mar	Fast Cruise
20 Mar	Sea Trials-move to NAVSTA Pier 7
27 Mar	Family Day Cruise
28 Mar	Wardroom Dining Out
02 Apr	Change of Command
03 Apr	Admiral's Call
06-30 Apr	Upkeep/Training
04 May	Ammunition Onload
04-07 May	U/W STV-98-3-113 (SLC)
08-17 May	Upkeep/Training
18-21 May	U/W SOCAL: FIREX 1 - San Clemente Island Spotter SVCS 3-58 Spotter SVCS 3-59
22-30 May	INPT San Diego
26-29 May	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) II
01 Jun	Underway for Monterey, California

02-04 Jun	Inport Monterey. Host ship for Multi-National Conference on Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD)
05 Jun	Underway for San Francisco, California
05-07 Jun	Inport, PVST San Francisco
08-09 Jun	Transit to San Diego, California
10-16 Jun	INPT San Diego
17 Jun	Underway for Seal Beach, California
18-19 Jun	Ammunition Onload
19 Jun	Arrive San Diego
24-25 Jun	U/W CORTRAMID
26-27 Jun	Joint Civilian Orientation Conference
29 Jun-10 Jul	Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) I - Engineering/Damage Control
06 Jul	Celebrated JOHN PAUL JONES' Birthday
07-10 Jul	U/W TSTA I (ENG), host ship for COMNAVSURFAC Leaders to Sea program
11-13 Jul	INPT San Diego
14-17 Jul	TSTA I - Combat Systems
15-16 Jul	Missilex 1998
18-20 Jul	INPT San Diego
21-24 Jul	U/W TSTA I Combat Systems and Damage Control
25 Jul-05 Aug	Upkeep/Training
04-05 Aug	Visit Ship, BMD conference
06-07 Aug	U/W FIREX I - San Clemente Island
08-17 Aug	INPT San Diego, TSTA II
13-16 Aug	Visit Ship, San Diego Fleet Week (Broadway Pier)
18-21 Aug	U/W TSTA II Engineering EWEX (REWS) SESEF Range

22-24 Aug	INPT San Diego
24-28 Aug	U/W TSTA II Combat Systems/Damage Control TDU/DTE, SOAR, REWS, SURF GUNEX, UNREP, ANCHORAGE
29-30 Aug	INPT San Diego
31 Aug-03 Sep	U/W TSTA II, ECERT, TORPEX
04-29 Sep	INPT San Diego, Upkeep/Training
30 Sep-02 Oct	U/W, TSTA III, BSA Bravo Pier, AAW-24-SF
03-04 Oct	INPT San Diego
05-07 Oct	U/W, TYT SOCAL
08-19 Oct	INPT San Diego
14-15 Oct	CMTQ
19-23 Oct	INSURV
20 Oct	U/W, INSURV UMI
24 Oct-02 Nov	INPT San Diego
03-05 Nov	U/W, TYT SOCAL
06-09 Nov	INPT San Diego
10-12 Nov	U/W SOCAL, Constellation Ops
13-15 Nov	INPT San Diego
13 Nov	CMTQ
16-19 Nov	U/W SOCAL, ECERT
20-22 Nov	INPT San Diego
23-25 Nov	U/W, CDS7 TYT FIREX II 99-1-203 Spotter SVCS 99-1-202
26-29 Nov	INPT San Diego
20 Nov-02 Dec	U/W SOCAL, FEP
03-06 Dec	INPT San Diego
07-09 Dec	U/W SOCAL, TYT, Navy Guest Cruise

10-14 Dec	INPT San Diego
15 Dec	Family Day Cruise
16 Dec-31 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep
28 Dec	Battle of the Bands

COMMAND NARRATIVE

USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)

01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1998

14 Jan - DSRA. JOHN PAUL JONES continued preparations for the upcoming Dry-Docking Selected Restrictive Availability (DSRA). This CNO availability, centered around the installation of a plastic waste processor, included machinery alterations and configuration changes to equipment belonging to all departments.

27 Mar - Family Day Cruise. One day underway to show approximately 230 guests and family members the ship and sailors working at sea.

02 Apr - Change of Command. Commander Bruce Hamilton was relieved by Commander Edward L. Brownlee. Captain David Ryan, COMDESRON SEVEN was the guest speaker.

03 Apr - Rear Admiral Lafleur, COMCRUDESGRU ONE conducted an Admiral's call and visit onboard JOHN PAUL JONES.

02-04 Jun - TBMD. Acted as host ship for a Multi-National conference on Theater Ballistic Missile Defense. Admiral Hutching, USN, and Lieutenant General Lyes, USAF Ballistic Missile Defense Office, were onboard. Tours were given for many foreign dignitaries and officials.

26-27 Jun - Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. JOHN PAUL JONES hosted fifty nine guests of Secretary of Defense Cohen. Many of these influential people had very positive comments concerning the sailors they met, many were impressed by the 20 year old sailors that are manning our ships today. A Bravo Zulu message was received from the honorable Mr. John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy.

15-16 Jul - MISSILEX 1998. Conducted two standard missile firing tests as part of TSTA I at Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division, Point Mugu, California. USS CHANDLER (DDG 996) also participated. Stream raid target with 50ft presentation altitude. Lead target was hit, trail target was missed due to missile failure.

04-05 Aug - Ballistic Missile Defense Conference. Ship conducted more tours for dignitaries and demonstration of the TBMD system.

06-07 Aug - FIREX I. Completed FIREX I at San Clemente Island. Exercise was scored in accordance with FXP-5. Final exercise grade was 96.7%, "OUTSTANDING."

13-16 Aug - Fleet Week. Ship moored to Broadway Pier San Diego, CA. Four days of tours, hosted nearly 7,000 visitors including the author Tom Clancy.

10-12 Nov - Conducted an underway replenishment with the USS CONSTELLATION.

13 Nov - CMTQ. Ship was recommended for cruise missile qualification having completed the qualification and certification program. Three of three areas assessed as satisfactory.

16-19 Nov - ECERT. Propulsion Examining Board assessed USS JOHN PAUL JONES, certified for unrestricted operations and integrated training, ready to operate. 9 of 11 programs were evaluated as effective.

20 Nov-02 Dec - FEP. Completed FEP 02 Dec. All training and watch teams met FEP readiness standards except AW and STK, both were evaluated as TSTA III. Training teams determined to be capable of achieving and maintaining FEP levels of performance in all mission areas.

23-25 Nov - FIREX II. Completed at San Clemente Island. Scored in accordance with FXP-5. Final overall grade was 91.2%. Final exercise grade assigned was "EXCELLENT." JOHN PAUL JONES received "Q" qualification.

08 Dec - Ship was granted Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification certification.

15 Dec - Family Day Cruise. One day underway to show approximately 230 guests and family members the ship and sailors working at sea.

28 Dec - Battle of the Bands. USS JOHN PAUL JONES participated in the "Battle of the Bands" between the University of Arizona and University of Nebraska's marching bands. The two Holiday bowl bands played their fight songs back and forth from the flight decks of USS JOHN PAUL JONES and USS ELLIOT. During the festivities, Wilma Wildcat from the University of Arizona tripped on a cement barrier along the pier, and fell 20 feet to the water below. Fortunately she was quickly rescued from the water, suffering only minor bumps and bruises. Both ships provided tours and refreshments for the bands, and the band members further toured San Diego before participating in the Holiday Bowl game.