

*1971 Hist*  
USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)  
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS-1971

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- 1-3 Jan Underway from Hong Kong to Subic Bay  
3 January activated CTG 76.5 Op Order JOS-11
- 4-10 Jan Underway for Amphibious Exercise JOS-11 at  
Paluan Bay, Philippines
- 11-17 Jan Underway off Vietnam for support activities
- 18-24 Jan Inport Subic Bay
- 25-27 Jan Underway enroute Okinawa
- 28 Jan Inport Okinawa
- 29-31 Jan Underway enroute DaNang
- 1 Feb Inport DaNang
- 2-4 Feb Underway enroute Subic Bay
- 5-8 Feb Inport Subic Bay
- 9-18 Feb Underway off Vietnam for support activities  
17-18 February towed USS ASHEVILLE (PG-84) to  
Subic Bay
- 19-22 Feb Inport Subic Bay
- 23-25 Feb Underway off Vietnam for support activities
- 26 Feb-1 Mar Underway enroute Okinawa
- 2 Mar Underway enroute Keelung
- 3-9 Mar Inport Keelung
- 10-12 Mar Underway off Vietnam
- 13-17 Mar Underway enroute Guam
- 18-30 Mar Underway enroute San Diego and Long Beach
- 31 Mar-23 May Inport Long Beach  
16 April-Held NEY Award Inspection  
19-21 May-Conducted Annual Supply Inspection

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1-4 Jun Underway for Local Operations  
 5-10 Jun Inport Long Beach  
           6 June-Commenced USNA Midshipmen Training  
           (NATRON-71)  
 11-25 Jun Underway enroute New Zealand  
           17 June-Crossed Equator  
           23 June-Crossed International Date Line  
           (Lost day)  
 26-29 Jun Inport King's Wharf, Auckland, New Zealand  
 30 Jun-5 Jul Underway enroute Sydney, Australia  
 12 Jul-2 Aug Underway enroute Long Beach  
           18 July-Crossed Equator-Held Shellback  
           Initiation  
           20 July-Arrived at Bikar Atoll for  
           reconniassance detail  
           21 July-Crossed International Date Line  
           (July 21 was held for two consecutive days)  
           29 July-1000th helicopter landing aboard JUNEAU  
 3-15 Aug Inport Long Beach. Held Nuclear Technical  
           Proficiency Inspection  
 16-19 Aug Underway for Local Operations  
 20-29 Aug Inport Long Beach  
           21 August-Held General Visiting  
 30 Aug-3 Sep Underway for Juneau, Alaska  
 4-6 Sep Inport Juneau, Alaska. Held General Visiting  
 7-11 Sep Underway enroute Long Beach  
 12 Sep-19 Oct Inport Long Beach. COMPHIBPAC conducted  
           3-M Inspection  
 20 Oct-17 Nov Underway for Amchitka Nuclear Operations  
           Off Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Amchitka  
           Island, Alaska  
 18-28 Nov Inport Long Beach

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29 Nov-2 Dec Underway for Local Operations  
2 December-Inport Seal Beach to  
off-load ammunition

3-5 Dec Inport Long Beach

6 Dec Underway enroute California Shipyards,  
Long Beach, California

7-31 Dec Inport California Shipyards for  
Installation of Naval Distillate Fuel  
system

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USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)  
BASIC NARRATIVE-1971

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-One was a long and active year for USS JUNEAU (LPD-10). She saw the completion of her first WESTPAC deployment, 159 days at sea and 203 days away from her home port of Long Beach, California.

Having spent the Christmas holidays in Hong Kong, JUNEAU, on New Year's Day, was underway for Subic Bay arriving there on January 4. The opening days of 1971 were spent preparing and participating in Amphibious Exercise JOS-11 at Paluan Bay, Philippine Islands, followed by a trip off the Vietnam coast with short port calls to transfer equipment at Da Nang, Vung Tau and Song Bo De. In February JUNEAU was to escort USS ASHEVILLE (PG-84) from Vietnam to Subic Bay due to engineering problems and adverse seas. JUNEAU completed the escort by towing ASHEVILLE to increase the SOA. A major lesson learned by the operation was that towing was a feasible method to increase SOA's of escorted PG's. JUNEAU received the "Well Done" of COMSEVENTHFLT for her actions.

After more Vietnam operations, JUNEAU found herself in Okinawa, then Keelung for a little rest and liberty before the long jaunt across the Pacific and home to Long Beach. After stops in Guam and San Diego, JUNEAU reached her homeport with the usual fanfare and emotions of a welcome home. April and May were spent in post-deployment inport status with several inspections scheduled. The Ney Award Inspection for the outstanding food service for a large mess afloat held JUNEAU as the 1971 COMPHIBPAC representative. The Supply Department again celebrated as they received an excellent score of 89 on the annual Supply Inspection held May 19-21.

Two weeks of local operations prepared JUNEAU for the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen Summer-at-Sea Training (NATRON-71). On June 11, she got underway for Auckland, New Zealand, with 392 midshipmen aboard. The long underway transit was used for training the midshipmen and the crew, and the days in Auckland and Sydney, Australia, used for liberty and travel. On July 18, a Shellback initiation was held upon crossing the equator. This was the first "crossing the line" for JUNEAU. July 21 was followed the next day by July 22, a regular occurrence, as JUNEAU crossed the International Date Line for the eighth time in less than a year. The 1000th helicopter was safely landed on JUNEAU's flight deck on July 29.

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Back in Long Beach on August 3, the midshipmen departed with many stories of shipboard life on JUNEAU. Before a short local at-sea period, the Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection Team of COMPHIBRON SEVEN came aboard for their inspection. JUNEAU was found satisfactory and was noted for their "...enthusiasm, knowledge and spirit of cooperation...."

On August 30, JUNEAU left port for Juneau-----Alaska, that is. This namesake port visit was short but interesting for the crew that on the most part had never seen the 50th state. Among the guests aboard JUNEAU for a luncheon hosted by CAPT GUERTIN were Mrs. EGAN, wife of the Governor of Alaska, Lt. Gov. and Mrs. BOUCHER and Mayor and Mrs MACLEAN of Juneau. 2,146 of JUNEAU's population toured JUNEAU.

As if the trip to Juneau foreshadowed the operations schedule, JUNEAU was again underway for Alaska and the Amchitka Nuclear Operations on October 20. After a stop over in Pearl Harbor to await the final decision to activate the underground blast, JUNEAU operated between Hawaii and Alaska for nearly one month.

The end of November was spent preparing for shipyard conversion of the Engineering plant to Naval Distillate Fuel and on December 2 JUNEAU entered Anaheim Bay at Seal Beach to off load ammunition. On December 6, she entered California Shipyard after a detour around Terminal Island due to her excessive height and the Gerald Desmond Bridge's low overhang.

Tunes of "Silent Night" were heard among the sound of reconstruction of JUNEAU's fuel system and as 1971 passed into the night of December 31, USS JUNEAU was quietly sitting in Long Beach, 6,380 miles away from the beginning of the year.

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USS JUNEAU (LPD-10)

The JUNEAU is number ten of a total of fifteen amphibious transport dock ships (LPD) to be built.

She is actually a powerhouse of flexibility -- a result of wartime experience applied to the future.

JUNEAU can transport Marine troops along with their combat vehicles and combat cargo.

She can maintain her troop's combat integrity for long periods and can protect herself during amphibious operations off of enemy-held beachheads.

Delivering her troops at their destination is no problem. JUNEAU can send spearhead troops by helicopter from her large flight deck to landing zones on the enemy's flanks and rear areas. At the same time her assault troops can be on their way to the beach aboard amphibian and landing craft from her floodable boat well.

The landing force commander will be able to direct the assault from JUNEAU in a command complex which includes radar, radio and plotting rooms and control spaces until the beachhead is well established.

JUNEAU will join a world-wide amphibious force totaling some 150 ships. The JUNEAU (LPD-10) as an amphibious transport dock ship, is one of the most versatile and flexible of the amphibious assault vessels. She combines the assault helicopter capability of the LPH (amphibious assault ship), the landing craft and amphibian capability of the LSD (dock landing ship), and the troop carrying capability of the APA (attack transport).

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