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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY, JAN 1998 - DEC 1998

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents [IN CLASS FILE]

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: To operate with aircraft carrier battle group in extreme threat environments, providing primary anti-air protection for the Fleet. To detect, classify, and track hundreds of potential targets simultaneously in the air, on the surface, and under the sea. To destroy hostile targets using a variety of weapons: surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, ship and air-launched torpedoes and deck guns, rapid fire close-in-weapons, and electronic jammers and decoys.

ISIC: Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT

### COMMANDING OFFICER:

14 NOV 96 - 10 APR 98

CAPT Charles S. Vogan, Jr., USN,

10 APR 98 - 31 DEC 98

CAPT Raymond P. Donahue, Jr., USN,

**USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55)**  
**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**  
**FOR 1998**

LEYTE GULF started 1998 in Holiday Leave and stand down in Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

JAN 01 Inport Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 10-1.

JAN 05 AVCERT Tech Assist.

JAN 08 End AVCERT Tech Assist.

JAN 12-16 HORSE Visit.

JAN 12 CCG 8 Women-At-Sea Certification.

JAN 21 TACAN Certification.

FEB 02-06 Aviation Certification.

FEB 05 SLAMEX Phase 1 PLUS.

FEB 05 U.S. Army War College Visit/Tour.

FEB 09-13 CART II.

FEB 10 Embarked first female MSC(SW) Marilyn A. Stigall, USN,

FEB 17 Depart Naval Station Norfolk enroute VACAPES/Yorktown.

FEB 18 Arrive Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, EHF Wharf.

FEB 19 Depart Naval Weapons Station Yorktown enroute Norfolk, VA.

FEB 19 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-2.

FEB 23-27 TSTA1/ETG.

FEB 25 Depart Naval Station Norfolk enroute VACAPES TSTA1/ETG.

FEB 26 SLAMEX 18-98 PHASE II.

FEB 27 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-2.

FEB 28 Embarked first female Officer, LT Valerie N. Shoot, USN,

MAR 03 USNA Class of '55 Leadership Award presented to LT Kurt A. Mondlak, USN, |

MAR 03 Atlanta GA Educators' and Recruiters' Tour.

MAR 05 SLAMEX PHASE ONE-PLUS.

MAR 09 FTG/CSTG In-brief

MAR 10 Depart Naval Station Norfolk enroute VACAPES/Boston, MA TSTA1/FTG/CSTG.

MAR 13 Port visit Boston, MA Pier 5.

MAR 13 Tour and Reenlistments onboard USS CONSTITUTION.

MAR 15 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

MAR 16 Depart Boston, MA enroute VACAPES/Newport RI/TSTA1/FTG.

MAR 18 RAS W/USS DETROIT.

MAR 24 RAS W/USNS KANAWHA.

MAR 26 Port visit Newport, RI Pier 2 berth 211 North.

MAR 27 Naval War College Ship Tours.

APR 01 Clooney School 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders and escorts Visit and Tour.

APR 02 PCO Arrives: Capt Raymond P. Donahue, Jr., USN,

APR 02 Depart Newport, RI enroute Norfolk, VA.

APR 03 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-2.

APR 06 PXO arrive: Lcdr Russell E. Haas, USN,

APR 07 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute VACAPES TSTA1/FTG/CSTG.

APR 09 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-2.

APR 10 Change of Command: Capt Charles S. Vogan, Jr. is relieved by Capt Raymond P. Donahue, Jr.

APR 13 Ordnance Handling Safety Assistance Team In-brief.

APR 13 CAPSTONE Course visit and tour.

APR 14 PQS Assist Visit.

APR 15 Ship's Signal Exploitation Equipment Phase II.

APR 16 SLAMEX Phase I.

APR 17 Lcdr John J. Costello, USN, departs as XO.

APR 21 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute VACAPES TSTA2/ETG.

APR 22 RAS W/USN DETROIT.

APR 23 SLAMEX Phase I PLUS.

APR 24 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-2.

APR 27-01 Personnel Administrative Training Group Visit.

APR 27 IMAV W/SIMA Norfolk.

APR 27 Ship's Signal Exploitation Equipment Phase II Installation.

APR 27 NSFS Team Certification.

MAY 04 AVCERT S/C Installation.

MAY 07 SLAMEX Phase II.

MAY 08 Surface Warfare Development Group Change of Command onboard LEYTE GULF. Capt David R. Shaw relieved Capt Carl I. Lundquist.

MAY 12 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute VACAPES TNGEX.

MAY 14 RAS W/USNS KANAWHA.

MAY 14 SLAMEX Phase II.

MAY 14 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-6.

MAY 15 Surface to Air Training Missile Onload.

MAY 15 WSAT arrival conference Damneck VA.

MAY 15 AWC Mini-Conference Damneck VA.

MAY 19 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute VACAPES  
TSTA2/ETG.

MAY 20 RAS W/USS DETROIT.

MAY 21 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 10-5.

MAY 22 Safety Standdown.

MAY 26-29 Logistic Management Assist Visit.

MAY 26 Combat System Ship Qualification Trial (CSSQT) Meeting.

MAY 29 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute PROA/Roosevelt  
Roads PR for CSSQT.

MAY 30 Ship's Signal Exploitation Equipment Phase II Testing.

JUN 04 SLAMEX Phase I PLUS.

JUN 05 Naval Gunfire Support Qualification.

JUN 05 Port visit Roosevelt Roads, PR Pier 3-4.

JUN 08 Depart Roosevelt Roads, PR.

JUN 09 Active USW TRACKEX/MK 46 SVTT TORPEX fired 2 REXTORP  
and 1 EXTORP.

JUN 11 Active USW VLA TORPEX fired 1 vertical launch ASROC.

JUN 15 Port visit Roosevelt Roads, PR Pier 3-4.

JUN 16 Luncheon - RADM Ellison (COMSOLANT) and Capt Dunn  
(COMSOLANT COS).

JUN 17 Depart Roosevelt Roads PR enroute PROA/Port Everglades  
FL.

JUN 18 MISSILEX fired 3 missiles.

JUN 19 MISSILEX fired 3 missiles.

JUN 22 Port visit Port Everglades, FL Pier 25.

JUN 22 Reception for Broward Navy League. Adopted Silver Ridge Elementary School as USS LEYTE GULF partner.

JUN 23 Reception sponsored by Broward Navy League.

JUN 24 LEYTE GULF volunteer project in City of Fort Lauderdale and Silver Ridge Elementary School.

JUN 26 Depart Fort Everglades, FL.

JUN 28 RAS W/USNS KANAWHA.

JUN 29 Arrive Nauticus Pier Norfolk, VA.

JUL 02 Hosted Standing Naval Force Channel (SNFC) welcome Reception

JUL 04 Hosted LEYTE GULF Family Day Picnic onboard.

JUL 06 Depart Nauticus Norfolk, VA enroute Naval Station Norfolk, VA.

JUL 06 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 21-6.

JUL 06 CSTG In-brief.

JUL 09 Israeli Knessett Delegation Visit/Tour and Lunch.

JUL 13-17 Logistic Management Assist Visit.

JUL 14-17 ETG Visit.

JUL 20 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute Boston, MA.

JUL 20 Embark LEYTE GULF Tigers and guest.

JUL 22 Port Visit Boston, MA Pier 5 South in Honor of Bicentennial of USS CONSTITUTION.

JUL 23 Embark Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT.

JUL 23 International Salute/Naval Review IHO USS CONSTITUTION.

JUL 23 Hosted reception for His Royal Highness, The Prince Andrew and Distinguished Visitors IHO USS CONSTITUTION Bicentennial.

JUL 24 CO call on Mayor Menino at Parkman House.

JUL 24 CO call on Governor Cellucci at Massachusetts State House.

JUL 25 Memorial Service for RADM Robert W. Leach, USN, (Ret) (Family members).

JUL 26 Debark Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT.

JUL 27 Burial at Sea for RADM Robert W. Leach, USN, (Ret)

JUL 27 ETG In-brief.

JUL 27 Depart Boston, MA enroute VACAPES/Norfolk ETG/ECERT.

JUL 29 RAS W/USNS LARAMIE.

JUL 30 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 10-5.

AUG 10 Embark Chilean Shipriders/Battle of LEYTE GULF Veterans Riders for underway orientation.

AUG 10 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA.

AUG 12 RAS W/USS ARCTIC.

AUG 13 SLAMEX.

AUG 14 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 10-1.

AUG 25 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA for Hurricane sortie of Hurricane Bonnie.

AUG 26 RAS W/USNS PATUXENT.

AUG 29 Arrive Norfolk, VA Pier 25-1.

SEP 01 NEY Inspection.

SEP 08 FAST Cruise.

SEP 10 FAST Cruise.

SEP 14 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA

SEP 14 Security Exercise MINI - 98 PHASE I.

SEP 15 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 10-1.

SEP 21 Security Exercise MINI - 98 PHASE II.

SEP 23 LINK 11 Satellite Test.

SEP 23 Royal Saudi Naval Forces CNO, Vice Admiral Talac, and company luncheon and Tour onboard.

SEP 28-02 OCT Logistic Management Assist Visit.

SEP 28 Australian CNO, Vice Admiral Donald Chambers, luncheon and tour onboard.

OCT 05-08 Final Evaluation Period (FEP).

OCT 05 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute VACAPES/FT Lauderdale, FL./FEP

OCT 09 Port Visit FT Lauderdale, FL.

OCT 11 Broward County Sea Cadet Tour.

OCT 13 Depart FT. Lauderdale, FL enroute Norfolk, VA.

OCT 13-15 WEEK ONE WORK UPS FOR HELO, Helo Squadron 46 DET 1.

OCT 14 RAS W/USNS PATUXENT.

OCT 15 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 10-5.

OCT 16 Shipwide Physical Readiness Test (PRT).

OCT 16-9 NOV FMAV W/SIMA Norfolk, VA.

OCT 19-23 Force Air Defense Warfare Course.

OCT 26 Warfare Commander Conference (onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT).

OCT 26-29 Combat System Readiness Review/TARGET.

NOV 05 Hosted SEN Lieberman (D-CT) visit/tour.

NOV 06 Missile Onload.

NOV 10 Depart Naval Station Norfolk, VA enroute COMPTUEX 99-2/San Juan PR.

NOV 11 Fly on HSL 46 Det 1 Cutlass 477.  
NOV 18 RAS W/USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT.  
NOV 19 START COMPUTEX.  
NOV 26 Port visit San Juan PR, Pier One West.  
NOV 29 Depart San Juan PR enroute PROA COMPTUEX 99-2.  
NOV 30 RAS W/USS ARCTIC.  
DEC 02 Surface to Air MISSILEX, fired 2 missiles.  
DEC 04 RAS W/USS ARCTIC.  
DEC 04 Naval Gunfire Support Qualification Exercise.  
DEC 05 Surface to Air MISSILEX, fired 1 missile.  
DEC 11-14 START Integrated Training Availability.  
DEC 17 SLAMEX 11-99.  
DEC 18 Command Assessment complete.  
DEC 18 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk, VA Pier 2-5.

NARRATIVE

1. Aviation Facility CERT status - see enclosure (4)
2. Change of Command information - see enclosure (4)
3. Naval Gunfire Support Qualification - see enclosure (4)
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