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USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC-20)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
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(4) Commanding Officer's Biography/Photograph
(5) Command Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(6) USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) Photograph
(7) 3.5" Diskette (Microsoft Word)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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Commanding Officer: Captain David W. Prothero, USN
17 July 2001 - Present

Executive Officer: Lieutenant Commander Thomas L.
Dearborn, USN

Operations Officer: Commander William Nagy, USN

Chaplain: Commander Olric Wilkins, USN

Dental Officer: Lieutenant Commander Kenneth
Bell, USN

Medical Officer: Lieutenant Commander Thomas
Chupp, USN

Supply Officer: Lieutenant Commander Dismas
Meehan, USN

Engineering Officer: Lieutenant Commander Howard
Gubbs, USN

Administrative Officer: Lieutenant Robin Jones, USN

Communications Officer: Lieutenant Richard McIver, USN

First Lieutenant: Lieutenant Robert Trepeta, USN

Navigator: Lieutenant Junior Grade Richard
Spataro, USNR

Commander, Amphibious Group TWO is the Immediate Superior
in Command for USS MOUNT WHITNEY.

Mission: USS MOUNT WHITNEY serves as the
command ship for Commander, SECOND
FLEET. With advanced command,
control, communications, computers
and intelligence systems, USS MOUNT
WHITNEY serves as an exceptional
command platform in support of
COMSECONDFLT coordinated joint and
NATO exercises and real world
operations.

USS MOUNT WHITNEY is homeported in
Norfolk, Virginia.

Enclosure (1)

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
CHRONOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-8 JAN	Second Holiday Leave Period
9-11 JAN	Underway: Crew Training
12-14 JAN	Upkeep
16-19 JAN	3-M Maintenance Assist Visit
17-19 JAN	Marine Safety International (MSI) Trainer
18 JAN	Naval Safety Center Survey
22 JAN-9 FEB	Fleet Maintenance Availability
10-12 FEB	Upkeep
13-15 FEB	Underway: Commander, Amphibious Group TWO Pre-Inspection and Survey (Pre-INSURV)
16-28 FEB	Upkeep
20 FEB	Operational Risk Management Training
22 FEB	Navy Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) Survey
1-15 MAR	Upkeep
13 MAR	Planned Restricted Availability (PRAV) Planning Meeting
16-26 MAR	Underway: Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 01-1
27-29 MAR	Port Visit: Nassau, Bahamas
2-22 APR	Upkeep

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23-27 APR	Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Visit
27 APR-6 MAY	Upkeep
7-10 MAY	Underway: Crew Training (Limited Training Team)
11-13 MAY	Port Visit: Mayport, Fl.
14-16 MAY	Underway: Crew Training
17 MAY	Upkeep
18 MAY-24 JUN	Fleet Maintenance Availability
25-27 JUN	Underway: Enroute to Halifax, N.S.
28-29 JUN	Port Visit: Halifax, N.S.
4-12 JUL	Upkeep
13 JUL	Underway: Family Day
14-16 JUL	Upkeep/Change of Command Preps
17 JUL	Change of Command
18-25 JUL	Upkeep
26-27 JUL	Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE)/Crew Training
28 JUL-9 AUG	Upkeep
10-17 AUG	Underway: Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 01-2
18 AUG-9 SEP	Upkeep
4-6 SEP	Marine Safety International (MSI) Trainer

4-7	SEP	Diving Operations
10-14	SEP	Command Assessment of Readiness & Training (CART) 1
15-17	SEP	Upkeep
18-20	SEP	Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE)/Crew Training
19-24	SEP	Upkeep
25-27	SEP	Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE)/Crew Training
28	SEP-9 OCT	Upkeep
10	OCT-30 NOV	Planned Maintenance Availability / Fleet Maintenance Availability Norshipco
22-23	NOV	Thanksgiving Holiday
26	NOV -DEC 7	Systems and Engineering Material Assessment Team (SEMAT) 1 Assist Visit
29-30	NOV	Marine Safety International (MSI) Trainer
1-31	DEC	Planned Maintenance Availability/Fleet Maintenance Availability
14-16	DEC	Upkeep
17-19	DEC	Underway: Sea Trials
20-31	DEC	Upkeep

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)
COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

Calendar year 2001 marked the 30th anniversary of active service for USS MOUNT WHITNEY, which was commissioned January 16, 1971. Despite its age, the joint communications ship continues to prove its seaworthiness year after year.

In April, USS MOUNT WHITNEY underwent a successful inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) before participating in the first of two highly successful Joint Task Force Exercises (JTFEX). The second JTFEX took place August 10-17.

Both exercises saw MOUNT WHITNEY and the embarked Second Fleet staff get underway for two weeks, joining more than 24,000 U.S. joint service members as well as personnel and units from allied nations. The JTFEX replicated the emerging threats and operational challenges U.S. military forces may encounter around the world. The exercises provided the crew, staff and participating units with realistic, quality training to fully prepare our forces for joint operations when forward deployed. Participating forces used equipment and systems that incorporated the latest advances in technology.

While actively participating in these exercises, MOUNT WHITNEY's crew also got the chance for some well-deserved liberty during three port visits in 2001. The first came March 27-29 in Nassau, Bahamas, followed by Mayport, Florida, May 11-13, and Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 28-29.

The reigns of command changed hands on July 17, when CAPT David W. Prothero relieved CAPT Martin E. Jenkins III to become MOUNT WHITNEY's 18th Commanding Officer. Following a Systems and Engineering Material Assessment Team (SEMAT) visit in November, USS MOUNT WHITNEY closed out the year in the shipyards at NORSHIPCO in Norfolk, Virginia to make preparations for a very busy 2002.

Enclosure (3)