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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology of Events for Calendar Year 1998
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents

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

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D. G. FULLER
By direction

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission:

a. Primary mission - To provide fast transport of combat troops and rapid landing ashore by vertical envelopment and by waterborne assault.

b. Secondary mission - Evacuation and civilian disaster relief.

2. Organization:

a. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Amphibious Group TWO.

b. Immediate Operational Commander: Commander, Amphibious Squadron TWO from Jan 98 through Jun 98.

c. Commanding Officer: Captain Michael R. Groothousen

d. Executive Officer: LCDR Frake/LCDR Fuller

e. Department Heads: Operations Officer LCDR Bossert
Chief Engineer LT Mania
Air Boss LCDR Sicard
Supply Officer LT Frierhood
First Lieutenant LT Smith
Medical Officer LCDR Graf/LT Kelton
Dental Officer LT Engel

CHRONOLOGY 1998

January

22-30 Inport Valencia Spain
 30 Zone Inspection Deck Dept

February

01-03 Inport Valencia Spain
 03 Underway
 04 ENS Appleget CICWO Board
 UAV Operations
 BECCES/Main Space Fire Drill
 05 BECCES
 General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
 07 Advanced Clocks One Hour to -2B
 UNREP with USNS LARAMIE
 08 Anchored Port Said
 09 Underway Transit Suez Canal
 10 ENS Appleget OOD Board
 ENS Bickel CICWO Board
 11 General Quarters-Mass Conflag Drill
 12 Advance Clocks One Hour to -3C
 Annual Heat Stress Training
 13 CBR Drill
 General Quarters
 14 25MM/.50 Cal Pacfire
 15 UNREP with USNS WALTER S.
 DIEHL
 16 Xsit Strait of Hormuz
 Captain's Mast
 18 LCU Operations
 Moored Bahrain
 19 Awards Ceremony
 20 Underway
 22 General Quarters
 23 UNREP with USS SEATTLE
 UAV Operations
 Rhib Operations
 24 UAV Operations
 Flight Operations
 Rhib Operations/SVBSS Drill
 25 BECCES
 26 Flight Operations
 General Quarters-Battle Problem
 27 Moored Kuwait
 28 COMGWBATGRU, RADM Mullen,
 Visit

March

01 Flight Operations
 MM3 Carter Reenlistment
 RM3 Garcia Reenlistment
 RM3 Peterson Reenlistment

March cont.

US Ambassador to Kuwait, Honorable
 Mr. Larocco, Visit
 02 ENS Appleget SWO Board
 MJRGEN Bolden, Commanding
 General I MEF FWD Visit
 ENS Ulmer CICWO Board
 03 E-4 Exam
 04 COMFIFTHFLT, VADM Fargo, Visit
 05 Underway from Kuwait
 E-5 Exam
 LTJG Nefflen OOD Board
 06 General Quarters/MSFD
 Customs Inspection
 07 UNREP USNS WALTER S. DIEHL
 VERTREP
 PXO LCDR Fuller Reported
 08 Transit Western Traffic Separation
 Scheme
 Transit Strait of Hormuz
 09 Flight Operations
 UAV Operations
 10 E-6 Exam
 12 RM3 Dawson Reenlistment
 13 ESWS Pining Ceremony
 Zone Inspection Operations Dept.
 14 Steel Beach Picnic
 Small Boat Operations
 15 Anchor Port Suez
 Man Overboard Port Suez
 17 Underway Transit Suez Canal
 Shipwide Saltwater Washdown
 LT Sicard CDO Board
 OS2 Williams CICWO Board
 19 UNREP USNS BIG HORN
 20 Freshwater Washdown
 Zone Inspection - Troop Spaces
 21 LT Friermood CDO Board
 22 Transit Strait of Gibraltar
 23 UNREP USS MERRIMACK
 LTJG Corso CDO Board
 MMC Reyes EOOW Board
 24-26 Safety Standdown
 24 LT Mania CDO Board
 25 3 Section Duty DC Training
 LT Stone, LT Engel, LT Graf Medical
 SWO Board
 SOQ Board
 26 Engineering Evolutions/BECCES
 29 Awards Ceremony
 30 ENS Ulmer OOD Board
 UNREP
 Retard Clocks to +5 R
 31 Arrive Morehead City

Shipwide Zone Inspection
24 MEU Offload

April

01 Tigers Arrive
Underway
02 Arrive Norfolk, VA
Homecoming
02-18 First Leave Period
19-31 Second Leave Period

May

01-04 Second Leave Period (cont.)
04-07 PATG Visit
06 Light Off/Steam Testing
07 Fast Cruise
08 Work Definition Conference
11-19 TCAT
AAV Operations
Flight Operations
LCU Operations
Small Boat Operations
11 Underway from Norfolk VA
13 Swing Ship
16 BECCES
General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
Rehearsal H-Hour
17 Assault H-Hour
Offload
Administrative General Quarters
18 Awards Ceremony
BECCES
Main Space Fire Drill
19 Moor NAVSTA Norfolk
UAV Onload
20 General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
21 General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
UAV Onload
22 Promotion Ceremony for ENS Smith,
ENS Ulmer
Frocking Ceremony for FTCS Clements
25-29 PLOT I
25 Midshipmen Embark LANTRAMID I
29 Ammo Offload
AS2 Stroede Reenlistment Ceremony
WPIC

June

01-04 Ammo Offload
01 Underway
Arrive Yorktown VA
04 Underway
Arrive Norfolk VA

June cont.

05 Onload SBU 22 / 2nd RECON BN /
VC-6
DPMA Pre-Arrival Conference
08-21 Exercise MARCOT/UNIFIED SPIRIT
UAV Ops
Flight Ops
Rhib Ops
LCU Ops
Man Overboard Drills
08 Underway
MSFD
10 Advance Clocks to +3P
At Sea Fire Drill
Safety Standdown
EN2 Watt Reenlistment
11 Arrive Halifax, Nova Scotia
HDU Launch Rehearsal
Underway
14 UNREP USS WHIRLWIND /
USS TEMPEST
16 Awards Ceremony
Moor Halifax Nova Scotia
18 Midshipmen Debark
19 Underway
OOD Board ENS Bickel
20 Stream Nixie
Retard Clocks to +4 Q
21 Family Day Cruise
Moor Norfolk VA
22 Defuel
Crane Inspection
NATO Secret Control Inspection
Offload RATO
GSE Offload
UAV Offload
24 Underway
Moor Metro Machine Shipyard
25 Shipyard Arrival Conference
26 ESWS Pinning Ceremony
Ship Offload
27 MOGAS Tank Cleaning
29-30 Stores Offload
July
01-02 Stores Offload
01 SWO Board LTJG Ulmer
04 CPG2 RADM Holder Visit
07-10 PLOT II
08 SK1 Erie Reenlistment
10 Awards Ceremony
14 EM3 Santiago Reenlistment
HMC Degroff Reenlistment
16 CAP Ceremony

17 Frocking Ceremony
 OMBUDSMAN Meeting with CO
 21 Intel Oversight Inspection
 23 LDO Board MM1 Santos
 27 Awards Ceremony
 28 Sponsor TRENTON Homecoming
 30 CCO Frocking Ceremony
 CPG2 RADM Holder Visit

August

03-14 Snapshot Inspection
 05 CO's CPG2 Meeting
 12 OMBUDSMAN Luncheon
 14 ABFC(AW) Johnson Retires
 YN1(SW) Cousan Reenlistment
 Safety Stand Down
 20 Prevent Training
 31 Prevent Training

September

01-02 Prevent Training
 Hail and Farewell CPO/Officer Bowl
 Off
 02 DPMA Fifty Percent Conference
 SM2(SW) Miles Reenlistment
 08-18 Indoc
 09 XO Command Qual Board
 10 E4 Advancement Exam
 SIMA Mid-availability Conference
 11 LTJG Ulmer CDO Board
 14 ENS Bickel SWO Board
 15 E5 Advancement Exam
 PMS Reduction Brief
 16 OSSN Kolasa Advancement Ceremony
 16-18 Shiphandling Complex MSI
 17 E6 Advancement Exam
 18 SK2 Durham Reenlistment
 BM2 Byrne Reenlistment
 21 ET2 Moore Reenlistment
 22 CO's Flight Physical
 23 Golden Anchor Inspection
 COMPHIBGRU TWO Visit
 28 Crew Photo in Drydock
 30 APL Movement
 Pizza Night

October

01 Exit Drydock
 02 Awards Ceremony
 05 Refuel DFM
 FAADCLANT Surprise Inspection
 06 Refuel DFM/JP-5
 SOQ Board
 07 E6 and Below Stores Movement

October cont.

C4I Symposium
 08-09 Class A School Detailer Visit
 09 Awards Ceremony
 12 E6 and Below Dry Stores Movement
 15 LT Kutyba CDO Board
 19-23 Pre LOA Assist Visit
 21 MSSN Gonzales Reenlistment
 23 RM2 McClean Reenlistment
 25 Retard clocks to +5R
 26 Crew move back aboard
 CPG-2 RADM Holder Visit
 Mess Decks Grand Opening
 27-30 Light Off Assessment
 30 Light Off

November

01-06 Steam Testing
 02 MM3 Brooks Reenlistment
 03 Awards Board
 LTJG Powell SWSCO Board
 04 Shipwide Zone Inspection
 05 Navigation Brief
 06 Dock Trials
 Fast Cruise
 09 Navigation Brief
 Sea and Anchor
 ULM Run
 AFFF Shoot
 Full Power Run
 Anchor Drop Test
 Ballast Operations
 Swing Ship
 10 BECCES/MSFD
 Sea and Anchor
 Moored Norfolk VA
 AVCERT
 12 RM2 Middleton Reenlistment
 16-20 HORSE
 16 Awards Board
 18 Pre Arrival Conference Yorktown
 19 General Medical Officer's Conference
 TCAT Planning Conference
 20 SK3 Denson Reenlistment
 24 SN Blake Reenlistment
 SIMA IMAV Outbrief
 30 Navigation Brief
 Sea and Anchor
 Moored Yorktown Naval Weapons
 Station
 Ammo Onload
 ITT Drill

December

01-03 Ammo Onload
ITT Drill
03 Sea and Anchor
Moored Norfolk VA
04 BECCES/MSFD
SH3 Robinson Reenlistment
07-11 CART II
ITT Drill
08 CO visit CPG-2
10 BECCES/MSFD
Navigation Brief
11 Sea and Anchor
Underway VACAPES
ECERT
ABH3 Loesch Reenlistment
Moored Norfolk VA
12 Holiday Children's Party
14 ITT Drill
CART II Outbrief
COMNAVSTA Norfolk Visit
15-17 TSTA I CSTG
ARE
17 Ship Holiday Party
18-28 First Leave Period
28-31 Second Leave Period

USS SHREVEPORT began 1998 with the second half of her Mediterranean deployment. During a port visit to Valencia Spain in January, SHREVEPORT was unexpectedly ordered to the Arabian Gulf to support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Fortunately, the ship's deployment was not extended and SHREVEPORT returned to Norfolk VA in the beginning of April.

After a well deserved stand-down period, the ship's next commitment included Type Commander's Amphibious Training (TCAT) in Onslow Bay, North Carolina. TCAT provided a good warm-up for Exercise MARCOT/UNIFIED SPIRIT which was held in June. SHREVEPORT filled the role of Advanced Force Command during the mock amphibious operation and assault in St. George's Bay, Canada.

Upon completion of the exercise, SHREVEPORT launched into a four month drydock maintenance availability at Metro Machine Shipyard, Norfolk VA. The ship had significant work done on both main propulsion boilers, ballast tanks, and hull preservation.

After the availability, the ship began in earnest the inspection cycle leading into the basic phase of training. From November through the first half of December, SHREVEPORT successfully completed Light Off Assessment (LOA), Aviation Certification (AVCERT), HORSE, Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART II), Engineering Certification (ECERT), and ARE. The ship finished out the year with an outstanding holiday party and a leave period.

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