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From: Commanding Officer, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)
 To: Director of Naval History, Washington D. C.

SUBJ: COMMAND HISTORY, OPNAV 5750/I REPORTING

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

- Encl:
- (1) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Welcome Aboard Booklet
 - (2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph
 - (3) Executive Officer's Biography and Photograph
 - (4) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT NOTICE 1301 of 26 JAN 87
 - (5) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Commissioning Program Booklet
 - (6) OPREP-5 Reporting Message Traffic for 3-16 NOV 86 — *Held in AR (Confid.)*
 - (7) 081320Z JAN 87 NAVSWC Dahlgren VA
 - (8) 271700Z JAN 87 NAVSHIPWPNSYSENGSTA Port Hueneme CA — *Held in AR (Confid.)*
 - (9) OPREP-5 Reporting Message Traffic for 8-17 DEC 86 — *Held in AR (Confid.)*
 - (10) USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Operations and Training Schedule
 25 OCT 86 - 23 DEC 86
 - (11) Photograph of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)

I. Command Composition and Organization.

A. Mission. A key element of our nation's forward deployed defense strategy, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) is tasked with maintaining open sea lanes of trade and communication by projecting air superiority to all points on the globe. Maintaining her equipment and men in the highest state of readiness enables her to carry out a wide variety of missions including anti-air warfare, anti-surface warfare and electronic warfare. She also shares, with other Navy ships the mission of replenishing ships at sea and performing a variety of non-combat missions such as the rescue at sea of vessels in distress and the transport of refugees and others in need of help. Enclosure (1).

B. Organizational Structure and Home Port. Captain Paul W. Parcels, USN is the ship's first Commanding Officer. Enclosure (2) contains his biography and photograph. Commander Charles S. Abbott, USN was TR's first Executive Officer. His biography and photograph appears as enclosure (3). USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT organization, including Heads of Departments, staff members and collateral duty assignments, is shown in enclosure (4). Homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT is assigned to Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet (COMNAVAIRLANT).

C. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

EVENT:
 COMMISSIONING

DATE:
 25 OCT 86

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CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS continued.

<u>EVENT:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
UNDERWAY	3-17 NOV 86
FIRST CARRIER ARREST LANDING	3 NOV 86
FLIGHT DECK CERTIFICATION	11 NOV 86
COMBINED SHIP QUALIFICATION TRIALS (CSQT)	17 NOV - 17 DEC 86
DEPERMING	2-6 DEC 86
UNDERWAY:	8-18 DEC 86
WEAPONS SYSTEM SQT	18 DEC 86
COMNAVIAIRLANT CHANGE OF COMMAND	23 DEC 86

2. Narrative.

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) was commissioned on 25 October 1986 at Outfitting Berth Number One, Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, Virginia, enclosure (5). Per reference (a) this history commences on that date.

On 3 November USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT left Newport News Shipbuilding, as a commissioned U. S. Navy ship for the first time, to conduct Flight Deck certification in the waters of the Virginia Capes. At 1300 on 3 November a VRC-40 C-1A aircraft became the first plane to make an arrested landing on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. The following morning (4 November 86) at 0855, plane 401, an A-7 from Navy Air Test Center (NATC) Patuxent River, Maryland was the first fixed wing aircraft launched from the Flight Deck of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71). Flight Operations continued with launches and traps being made by A-7Es, A-6Es, F-14As and F/A-18s from NATC Patuxent River. On 11 November USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT passed Flight Deck certification. On 17 November the ship ended her first at sea period with fixed wing aircraft on board, pulling into her home port for the first time at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, pier 11. For additional information on this under way period see enclosure (6).

During the first week of December the ship under went deperming. The two previous weeks, some eleven miles of insulated copper cable had been laid out by the ship's crew, directed by the deperm facilities personnel. The cable was wrapped around the ship, electrical current was then passed through the cable, realigning the ship's magnetic field. The process protects the ship from magnetic mines, ensures accurate compass reading and safeguards electronic equipment on board.

From 7-19 December the ship was in the Jacksonville, Florida operational area. On 17 December, SQT was successfully completed, enclosures (7) and (8). On 14 December, seven NATO Seasparrow missiles were fired with seven hits. Total ammunition expended during calendar year 1986 was 4,000 Close In Weapons System (CIWS) rounds and seven NATO Seasparrow missiles. Flight operations were conducted with the following squadrons from Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7) taking part: VF's-142 and 143 (F-14s), VA's-46 and 72 (A-7s), VA-34 (A-6s), VAW-121 (E-2s), VS-31 (S-3's) and HS-5 (SH-3s). In 1986, there were 829 total launches made from USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT's catapults, with a total of 798 carrier arrested landings. During the year, 819.5 daytime flight-hours were logged, with 96.3 night flight-hours, for a total of 915.8 hours logged from the flight deck during 1986. Additional information on USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT's second sea period can be found in enclosure (9).

From 20 December through the end of the year USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT was at pier 12 Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. On 23 December the ship had the honor of hosting the Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Change of Command, as Vice Admiral Richard M. Dunleavy, USN relieved Vice Admiral Robert F. Dunn, USN.

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3. Supporting Documents. Enclosure (10) is forwarded as a record of daily operations and training from 25 October 1986 through 23 December 1986. The final week of 1986 USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT was in stand down. Enclosure (11) is a photograph of USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) taken by PH1 Marvin D. Merritt on 7 November 1987 when the Navy's newest nuclear carrier was in the Virginia Capes Operational area.



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