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From: Commanding Officer, USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3)
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(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documentation

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USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3)
UIC 21700
Command History
Calendar Year 2005

Command Composition and Organization

Mission: USS KEARSARGE's principal mission is the embarkation, deployment, landing and support of a Marine landing force anywhere in the world. Serving as an Expeditionary Strike Group flagship, KEARSARGE commands and supports elements of a Marine Expeditionary Unit, in an assault by air and sea as well as command and support of all ships and submarines of the Expeditionary Strike Group.

ISIC: Commander, Amphibious Group TWO

Commanding Officer

Captain Luke R. Parent (January 1 – June 24, 2005)
Captain Joseph Sensi, Jr. (June 24 – December 31, 2005)

Executive Officer

Commander Neil R. Parrott (January 1 – February 23, 2005)
Captain James Gregorski (February 23 – December 31, 2005)

Command Master Chief

CMDCM(SW/AW) Joseph V. Schnurbusch

Ship's Homeport: Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia

Chronological History 2005

January

- 7 Second Leave Period Ends
- 9 Embark MEU Marines
- 10 Underway for ESGEX
- 11 Onload Marines at Onslow Bay
- 12 Complete onload
- 16 UNREP w/USNS BIG HORN
- 20 CPO Exam on Mess Decks
- 26 Offload Marines at Onslow Bay
- 27 Complete offload
- 28 Return to Norfolk

February

- 4 COMNAVSURFLANT Change of Command held onboard
- 8 MBGIE Begins
- 9 MBGIE Media Day
MBGIE DV Day -- SURFLANT, COMSTRIKFORTRALANT visit
- 10 MBGIE concludes
- 11 Retirement Ceremony - YNC (b) (6)
- Retirement Ceremony - SHCS (b) (6)
- 14 Underway for SOCEX
Visit, Safety Brief by RADM Brooks, Commander, Naval Safety Center
- 23 CDR (b) (6) departs
- 25 Return to Norfolk, first POM period begins

March

- 3 PO1 Exam
- 5 Children's pre-deployment brief aboard ship
- 9 Turnover Day, second POM period begins
- 10 PO2 Exam
- 17 PO3 Exam
- 21 POM ends
- 25 Depart Norfolk for deployment
- 26 Onload at Onslow Bay
Visit by RADM Hamilton (PEO Ships) MG Patterson (Deputy J3, JCS) and BGen Neller (Director of Operations, HQUSMC)
- 27 Special Easter services in Hangar Bay
- 28 RAS with USNS JOHN LENTHALL
- 29 Safety Standdown

April

- 3 Burial at Sea
- 4 UNREP with USNS BIG HORN
- 5 STROG Transit Rehearsal
- 6 Transit Strait of Gibraltar
Exercise BARBARY THUNDER
- 7 Arrive Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Helo embark of Navy League president, Chief of Air Sector, Chief of Naval Sector and two local journalists for lunch and tour. Evening cocktail reception in hangar bay – 85 attendees, including local Navy League members, British Consul and sister of King of Sweden.
- 8 Courtesy Call and reception at Palma City Hall, hosted by Assistant Mayor.
- 9 Ship tours for 75+ Navy League members and families.
- 10 CO receives Sr. Tumi Bestarde, American Consular Agent for Palma
- 13 Depart Palma
- 16 MCPO Results announced – HMCM (b) (6)
- 17 Exercise CAYA GREEN with Israeli Defense Force begins
MCPO Frocking Ceremony
- 20 DV Visits – Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy and staff; multinational military attaches from various embassies
- 21 Caya Green Hot Wash
- 22 Suez Canal Transit
- 26 Range Fire Exercise in Djibouti

May

- 1 Favorite T-Shirt Day
- 1-9 Exercise EAGLE RESOLVE
- 2 Strait of Hormuz transit
- 5 Awards Ceremony – First Quarter Sailors of the Quarter announced (SH1 (b) (6) SK2 (b) (6) HT3 (b) (6) SKSN (b) (6)).
VERTREP for mail and supplies
- 6 Anchor off Bahrain – delay arrival import due to low visibility. LCDR (b) (6) goes TAD to USS KAUFFMAN
- 7 Arrive Mina Sulman Pier, Manama, Bahrain
RADM Nowakowski (Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic) and FORCM (b) (6) (SURFLANT Force Master Chief) visit
- 8 Wheelchair basketball COMREL event with Bahrain Special Olympics team
- 9 Ship tour for 50 students at DODDS School.
COMREL fence painting project at Hope Institute of Bahrain
- 10 COMREL project at Rehabilitation Institute for Active Learning, Manama.
COMREL soccer match with Isa Sports Club
- 12 CAPT Smith (CO, NSA Bahrain) and CAPT Blakeney (CSO, NAVREG SWA) visit KSG.
- 13 Depart Bahrain. UNREP with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL
- 15 Begin offload of 26 MEU at KNB for Udari sustainment training
Commodore Don McMackin, Commander, Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 33 visits
Reporters and photographers from Japanese News Service and Associated Press visit to cover offload

- 16 Commodore Steve Gilmore, Commander, Combined Task Force 58 visits
- 17 Offload complete
- 18 RDML Clingan, Commander CTF 50, makes brief visit to Kearsarge.
- 20 March 2005 E4-E6 advancement exam results announced. 112 Sailors selected for advancement (14 PO1/29 PO2/69 PO3)
- 21 Armed Forces Day 10K Team Run
SCPO results announced: ABHCS (b) (6), DCCS (b) (6), JOCS (b) (6)
- 22 MWR Fun Day: Family Feud, Free Throw contest, Big Bucks Bingo
Flight Deck Scrub
- 23 SCPO Frocking Ceremony
Wardroom Promotion Ceremony for LTJGs (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6) (b) (6)
(b) (6)
- 24 MWR 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney begins
- 27 RAS w/USNS WALTER DIEHL
VERTREP w/USNS SPICA
Petty Officer Indoc Begins
- 30 Memorial Day: MWR Events, Chili Cook-Off, Star Wars III premiere, National Moment of Remembrance
- 31 Petty Officer Frocking Ceremony

June

- 1 Midshipmen arrive aboard for summer cruise
- 3 RAS with USS CAMDEN
- 6 Port visit to Jebel Ali UAE; Media embark
- 7 COMREL project at Dubai Autism Center
- 8 COMREL project at Dubai School for Special Needs
- 9 Fifth Fleet Master Chief, CNOCM Schneider visits CPO Mess
Change of Command dinner
- 11 Depart Jebel Ali
New England Patriots Cheerleaders arrive KEARSARGE
- 12 Cheerleaders depart for ASHLAND, PONCE.
CENTCOM Media Embark – Columnist Austin Bay
- 14 Complete backload w/26 MEU
New England Patriots Cheerleaders Flight Deck Show with "1-1-7"
- 15 Cheerleaders to Camp Patriot, Kuwait
- 16 RAS w/USNS WALTER S DEIHL, VERTREP w/USNS SPICA
Patriot Cheerleaders depart for USS CARL VINSON
PCO, CAPT Joe Sensi arrives
- 17 Commandant of the Marine Corps visits. All Hands Call on flight deck.
- 18 VERTREP supplies to USS ASHLAND
- 19 Offload 250 Marines ashore for training exercise with Saudi Arabia
Happy Father's Day!
- 20 MEU receives tasking for small mission in Iraq.
- 21 KEARSARGE responds to distress call from Iranian fishing dhow with engine trouble.
Provided food and gas.
- 22 Awards Ceremony in Hangar Bay

- 23 Change of Command rehearsal; Change of Command dinner
- 24 Change of Command. CAPT Joe Sensi relieves CAPT Luke Parent
- 27 Arrive in port Bahrain
- 30 Depart Bahrain

July

- 1-28 Operation SEA HOUSE and CTF-58 support
- 4 "Celebration of Freedom" program on Mess Decks
Shift ship "day" forward two hours to accommodate night flight ops
- 10 RAS/VERTREP/CONREP with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
Captain's Call on SITE TV
- 11 MCPON Scott visits with CMCs from Second, Third and Fifth Fleet. All Hands Call in
Hanger Bay, CPO Mess and AOM.
- 18 RAS with USNS BRIDGE, USNS SAN JOSE
- 20 Backload Marines from USMTM
- 22 Marines fast rope exercise
- 23 AAV operations
- 25 RAS with USNS SAN JOSE
- 26 Operation Thin Mint -- more than 1,500 boxes of Girl Scout cookies delivered to
KEARSARGE
- 27 CPO Selection Board results announced. 28 selected for CPO
- 30 Sea Horse/Bucca Extract
Awards Ceremony in Hanger Bay
- 31 UNREP with USNS BRIDGE

August

- 1 Arrive Jebel Ali
- 5 Depart Jebel Ali
- 11 UNREP with USNS YUKON and USNS SAN JOSE
- 13 Arrive Aqaba, Jordan for Exercise INFINITE MOONLIGHT
- 19 Missile attack against KEARSARGE and USS ASHLAND pierside. Rocket missed both
ships and struck warehouse on the pier, killing a Jordanian soldier. No U.S.
servicemember injuries or casualties. After getting all hands aboard, both ships got
underway.
- 26 All Hands Awards Quarters
- 30 Suez Canal transit
- 31 Depart free mail zone. Arrive Rhodes, Greece. DV/media embark in the morning,
followed by Hangar Bay reception in the evening.

September

- 5 Depart Rhodes
- 8 RAS with USNS JOHN LENTHALL
- 9 KEARSARGE returns to Western Hemisphere; Steel Beach picnic
- 10 Arrive NAVSTA Rota, Spain. Began vehicle and equipment offload for washdown,
agricultural inspection.

- 13 Naturalization ceremony held in hangar bay. 28 KSG Sailors and 10 Sailors from NAVACT Spain receive their citizenship. U.S. Ambassador to Spain, Honorable Eduardo Aguirre is guest speaker.
- 15 Depart Rota. Post-deployment health assessments (through 20th)
- 16 CPO Pinning Ceremony
- 19 Inchop Second Fleet. Return and Reunion briefs with FFSC reps. Ammo offload with USS ARCTIC (through 21st)
- 23 Arrive Onslow Bay
- 24 Begin MEU offload
- 25 Conclude offload. Onload 700-plus tigers for Tiger Cruise
- 26 Tiger Cruise events. Tours, aerial fly-by, awards ceremony, movie night
- 27 Homecoming. First POM period begins

October

- 11 Turnover. Second POM period begins
- 24 Engineering begins defueling tanks in preparation for PMA
- 27 POM period ends. Engineering light off
- 28 Engineering light off

November

- 2 Deadstick to BAE Shipyards, begin PMA
- 21 Pre-Holiday Safety Standdown

December

- 2 CO announced to crew that KEARSARGE awarded Combat Action Ribbon for actions inport Aqaba, Jordan on 19 August
- 5-7 Petty Officer Indoc
- 8 Petty Officer Frocking Ceremonies
- 9 Holiday Party at Norfolk Waterside Marriott.
Sailors of the Year announced (AO1(AW/SW) (b) (6) and FC2(SW) (b) (6)
Command Advancement Program selectees announced (OS1 (b) (6) AO2
(b) (6) ABF2 (b) (6) ABF3 (b) (6) BM3 (b) (6)
- 11 Children's Holiday Party at Breezy Point Officers Club
- 13 RADM Hall, Commander, Amphibious Group TWO visits; meets with Wardroom, CPO Mess
- 15 First Holiday Leave Period begins
- 16 CO, XO and selected officers attend lunch/tour aboard M/V Zuiderdam
- 19 CO hosts lunch/tour for Master and officers of M/V Zuiderdam
- 28 Second Leave Period begins

NARRATIVE

KEARSARGE embarked the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (26 MEU) for Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) Exercise (ESGEX) from 10-28 January. On 4 February, KEARSARGE was the ship of choice in the Atlantic Fleet to host the Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Atlantic Change of Command. KEARSARGE completed the Multi-Battle Group Inport Exercise (MBGIE) from 8-10 February with coalition forces and the JOHN F KENNEDY Carrier Strike Group. KEARSARGE completed Certification Exercise (CERTEX) 14-25 February.

On 25 March, KEARSARGE deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Upon entering the Mediterranean, KEARSARGE participated in Exercise BARBARY THUNDER with the Moroccan Navy. KEARSARGE became the first large deck U.S. Navy ship in many years to visit Palma de Mallorca, Spain from 7-13 April. KEARSARGE also participated in Exercise COMBINED ARMS-CAYA GREEN with the Israeli Defense Force and Israeli Naval Force from 17-21 April in the Eastern Mediterranean. On 22 April, KEARSARGE transited the Suez Canal.

On 2 May, KEARSARGE transited the Strait of Hormuz and participated in Exercise EAGLE RESOLVE from 3-5 May with Qatar in preparation for the 2006 Asian Games. KEARSARGE anchored off of the Kuwait Naval Base (KNB) and offloaded 26 MEU for Udarj Sustainment Training on 15 May. KEARSARGE conducted a port call in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates from 6-11 June and returned 14 June to KNB to backload the 26 MEU.

The crew was treated to a visit by the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots Cheerleaders from 11-16 June. During the visit, the cheerleaders signed autographs for the crew and performed at an "under-the-stars" show on the flight deck. The cheerleaders also visited USS ASHLAND, USS GONZALEZ, USS CARL VINSON and Camp Patriot, Kuwait.

Gen. Michael Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps visited the 26 MEU and KEARSARGE on 17 June. KEARSARGE commenced US Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia by offloading more than 250 Marines for training exercises on 19 June. On 24 June, a Change of Command ceremony was held at sea where Captain Joseph Sensi relieved Captain Luke Parent. Following a return visit to the port of Manama, Bahrain from 27-30 June, KEARSARGE commenced Operation SEA HORSE (in Iraq) & Task Force 58 support (1-28 July). On 11 July Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott visited KEARSARGE.

On 20 July KEARSARGE began the backload of Marines from Saudi Arabia and Iraq and then made a return port call to Jebel Ali, UAE from 1-5 August. KEARSARGE then began her voyage to Aqaba, Jordan for Exercise INFINITE MOONLIGHT by transiting through the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el Mandeb.

KEARSARGE arrived in Aqaba, Jordan on 13 August and commenced the offload of 26 MEU. On 19 August KEARSARGE's initiative and robust force protection measures thwarted a terrorist missile attack while pier side Aqaba, Jordan resulting in zero casualties to Sailors and Marines. KEARSARGE continued to support Exercise INFINITE MOONLIGHT from the Bay of Aqaba and Aqaba harbor. KEARSARGE commenced the dynamic backload of 26 MEU from Aqaba, Jordan on 25 August at the conclusion of INFINITE MOONLIGHT and transited the Suez Canal on 30 August arriving in the Mediterranean Sea.

KEARSARGE made a port visit in Rhodes, Greece from 31 August-5 September. KEARSARGE hosted 300 dignitaries at a reception onboard that formed a lasting positive impression with Greece.

KEARSARGE then transited the Strait of Gibraltar on 9 September enroute to a port visit in Rota, Spain from 10-15 September for a required Agricultural Inspection prior to return to homeport. KEARSARGE was chosen as the first ship to host a Naturalization Ceremony onboard while in port Rota, Spain. Thirty-nine Sailors representing 21 different countries became U.S. citizens. The U.S. Ambassador to Spain, the Honorable Eduardo Aguirre Jr., was the guest speaker during this milestone event

KEARSARGE offloaded ammunition with USS ARCTIC from 19-21 September during her transit of the Atlantic Ocean and arrived at Onslow Bay, North Carolina on 24 September to begin 26 MEU offload.

KEARSARGE concluded the offload on 25 September and embarked more than 700 family members for a Tiger Cruise back to Norfolk. KEARSARGE returned to Naval Station, Norfolk on 27 September.

Following a post-deployment leave and upkeep period, KEARSARGE moved to BAE Shipyard in Norfolk on 2 November for her FY06 Planned Maintenance Availability.

Operational History for 2005

Superior readiness and self-sufficiency enabled KEARSARGE to deploy to the Arabian Gulf for her third deployment in two years. This accomplishment is the best example of executing the Fleet Response Plan (FRP) by a large deck amphib since FRP has been implemented.

KEARSARGE demonstrated a high state of material readiness by deploying CASREP free in March 2005. This accomplishment is particularly significant given the operational demands placed on the ship. Robust crew self sufficiency and superb execution of the maintenance plan made this possible.

KEARSARGE distinguished herself by being the first L-Class ship to conduct five simultaneous distributed Sea Based Operations in the CENTCOM AOR. The U.S. Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia included special Marine counter terrorism training mission, conducted by the USMC supported by KEARSARGE. KEARSARGE supported Marine movements to and from shore as well as provided MEDIVAC alerts and capability. Camp Bucca Security in Iraq was a USMC augment to Camp Bucca providing additional security and improving existing control points and facilities. KEARSARGE supported the Marines with ship to shore movement as well as near daily logistic runs via air and security patrols via close air support aircraft.

Operating throughout the Arabian Gulf, KEARSARGE supported the Maritime Security Operations of Operation SEA DRAGON as the North Arabian Gulf FOTC, Arabian Gulf FOTC, and conducted more than 1,000 hours of Surface Surveillance with USN and USMC aircraft. Operation SEA HORSE (Arabian Gulf and Iraq) was the USMC mission to Iraq in support of border control on the western side of the Muthanna Province.

KEARSARGE supported the USMC mission with daily logistics support, daily intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance flights, and ship to shore movement. This was a true sea-based mission, with all portions of logistics being provided from KEARSARGE in support of Marines on the ground in Iraq.

Finally, KEARSARGE supported the USMC Theater Reserve mission, maintaining the ability to reconstitute the force within 72 hours to respond to any crisis as determined by CENTCOM.

In August, prudent force protection measures employed by KEARSARGE thwarted terrorist missile attacks against KEARSARGE in Aqaba, Jordan. KEARSARGE continued Operation INFINITE MOONLIGHT with Jordanian forces by remaining visible in Aqaba Harbor conducting Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) and helicopter operations in support of 26 MEU and 1,500 Marines ashore, undeterred by the attack.

KEARSARGE participated in, or provided support to the following exercises during the 2005 deployment:

- **Exercise BARBARY THUNDER, Morocco.** Bilateral Naval Exercise with Morocco, conducted opposed strait transit of the Strait of Gibraltar (STROG) utilizing a combined Moroccan/US strike group against a Moroccan aggressor force. First Moroccan led ESG transit of the STROG under the guidance of KEARSARGE.
- **Exercise Combined Arms-Caya Green, Israel.** Bilateral Navy and Marine training exercise with the Israeli Defense Force and Israeli Naval Force (INF). KEARSARGE supported the Marines and participated in Naval maneuvers with INF.
- **Exercise EAGLE RESOLVE, Qatar.** Multi-nation exercise assisting Qatar in security preparation for Asian games. KEARSARGE provided support to the Marines and emergency MEDIVAC capability.
- **US Military Training Mission to Saudi Arabia.** Special Marine counter terrorism training, conducted by the USMC supported by KEARSARGE. KEARSARGE supported Marine movements to and from shore as well as provided MEDIVAC alerts and capability.
- **Camp Bucca Security, Iraqi.** USMC reinforced company plus to CAMP BUCCA provided additional security and improved existing control points and facilities. KEARSARGE supported the Marines with ship to shore movement as well as near daily logistic runs via air and security patrols via close air support aircraft.
- **SEA DRAGON, Arabian Gulf.** Operating throughout the Arabian Gulf, KEARSARGE supported the Maritime Security Operations of SEA DRAGON as the North Arabian Gulf FOTC, Arabian Gulf FOTC, and conducted over 1000 hours of Surface Surveillance with USN and USMC aircraft.

- **Operation SEA HORSE, Arabian Gulf & Iraq.** USMC mission to Iraq in support of border control on the western side of the Muthanna Province. KEARSARGE supported the USMC mission with daily logistics support, daily intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance flights, and ship to shore movement. True Sea Based mission, with all portions of logistics being provided from KEARSARGE in support of Marines on the ground in Iraq.
- **CTF 58 Support, CENTCOM AOR.** Provided Logistics support (cargo via LCAC/C130 and fuel), Surface Surveillance via USN and USMC helos and fixed wing aircraft, intelligence analysis and support, meteorological support, and medical support to the North Arabian Gulf Commander and supporting units. Working closely with the NAG Commander, KEARSARGE provided support while remaining the flagship of CTF 51 and CTF 52 supporting their operations.
- **Exercise INFINITE MOONLIGHT, Jordan.** Bilateral training exercise between USN/26th MEU and Jordanian Naval, Air, and Ground forces. KEARSARGE supported 26th MEU with ship to shore movement, logistics support, and MEDIVAC facilities during the multiple training events conducted by the Air Combat Element and the Ground Combat Element. Following the failed terrorist attack, KEARSARGE continued to provided unfettered support to 26th MEU from the Gulf of Aqaba, providing sea based logistics and facilities to allow 26th MEU to complete the Exercise.

Making a Difference

During the 2005 deployment, KEARSARGE participated in the following humanitarian projects:

Dubai, UAE

- Sailors worked with autistic children at the Dubai Autism Center on 7 June. 12 Sailors spent time one-on-one with children.
- Working with special needs children at the Dubai Center for Special Needs on 8 June. Thirteen Sailors and Marines worked with the school children.
- Fifteen Sailors and Marines volunteered at City of Hope Women's Shelter in July 2005. Volunteers painted interior of home and performed general maintenance work.

Bahrain

- Wheelchair basketball game against Bahrain Special Olympics Team on 8 May. 12 Sailors and Marines participated.
- Fence painting project at the Hope Institute of Bahrain on 9 May. 20 Sailors and Marines participated.
- Working with special needs children at the Rehabilitation Institute for Active Learning in Manama on 10 May. 25 Sailors and Marines read, assisted in play therapy and interacted with the children.

Palma, Spain.

- Community relations project at Project Home, a local substance abuse treatment facility at two sites in Palma and Lluçmayor in April 2005. More than 35 Sailors and Marines performed general clean-up, gardening and beautification.

Rhodes, Greece

- Sixteen Sailors and Marines visited the Orphanage of Rhodes on 1 September. Volunteers visited with children and delivered medical products from Project Handclasp and 800 pounds of school supplies, candy and toys from Good Will Hunting, a 26 MEU program.
- Fourteen Sailors and Marines visited the Haralambion Retirement Home on 3 Sept, visiting with residents and distributing medical supplies from Project Handclasp.

Rota, Spain.

- Twenty-six Sailors and Marines from KEARSARGE and USS ASHLAND visited the Lacartuja Monastery on 13 September, helping out with yard work and general maintenance and cleaning. Volunteers also dug a trench to lay a foundation for a walkway.

AWARDS

Supply Blue "E"

KEARSARGE was awarded her 11th consecutive Blue "E" for Supply Excellence and a Retail and Service Excellence Award for the quality management of the ship's store. Supply Department continued to lead the fleet by receiving an outstanding with a grade of 98 percent during the Supply Management Assessment and was awarded "Best on the Waterfront." S-9 Division received an outstanding with a grade of 97 percent on the ship's postal inspection.

Medical Green "H"

KEARSARGE's Medical Department earned the Commander, Naval Surface Force Unit Wellness "Green H" Award for the eighth consecutive year. KEARSARGE was recognized for its health promotion programs and efforts to improve command readiness by educating the crew regarding preventative health practices.

Combat Action Ribbon

KEARSARGE was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon by Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet, for for action while operating in Aquaba, Jordan on August 19, 2005. The Combat Action Ribbon is awarded to a ship's crew when the safety of the ship and crew were endangered by enemy attack, such as a ship engaged by shore fire, and the ship's crew performance is considered satisfactory. KEARSARGE's robust force protection measures thwarted a terrorist attack while pierside in Aquaba with USS ASHLAND (LSD 48) on August 19 in support of Exercise INFINITE MOONLIGHT a two-week training exercise between the Jordanian military, KEARSARGE Expeditionary Strike Group and 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Due to KEARSARGE's robust force protection measures, the attack was only attempted in an indirect manner.

DEPLOYMENT STATISTICS

General

OPTEMPO:

Fifth Fleet: 107 of 131 days (82%) underway.
Sixth Fleet: 25 of 41 days (61%) underway
Second Fleet: 14 of 14 days (100%) underway
Combined: 146 out of 186 days (78%) of deployment were underway.

For CY 2005

OPTEMPO (days underway): 49%
PERSTEMPO (nights away from homeport): 59%

Port Visits:

7-13 APR	Palma, Spain
7-13 MAY	Mina Salman, Bahrain
6-11 JUN	Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
27-30 JUN	Mina Salman, Bahrain
1-5 AUG	Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
13-19 AUG	Aqaba, Jordan
31 AUG-5 SEP	Rhodes, Greece
10-15 SEP	Rota, Spain

General Deployment Facts and Stats

Nautical Miles Traveled	28435.5
Embarked flight hours:	5100
Flight Deck Evolutions:	8100
Emails processed:	6,091,561 (approx. 40K/day)
Fuel used by ship:	8,143,803 gallons
Potable water used by ship:	19,386,140 gallons

Personnel

Promotions	125
Reenlistments	136
SRB amount	\$836,000
New citizens naturalized	28

Pace Courses

3 Terms, 10 Courses (English, History, and Psychology and various CD-ROM based courses)
295 Enrolled
885 semester hours granted

Food

Coffee Served	12,320 lbs
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Milk Served	19,861 Gallons
Fresh Eggs Served	65,211 dozen
Ground Beef used	26,530 lbs
Chicken served	96,745 lbs

Postal Services

Total Weight of Mail Received	245,989 lbs
Free mail letters sent	6,650

Ship Services

Haircuts	5,411
Laundry	41,833 lbs
Ship's Store Sales	\$1,404,435

Worship Services	235
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New Babies born while deployed	26
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