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Encl: (1) USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) Command History for 1992
(2) USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) ltr 3500 Ser C0001 of 24
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(3) Biography of Commanding Officer
(4) Biography of Executive Officer
(5) Biography of Command Master Chief

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded for your files.

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**USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)
Command History 1992**

Enclosure (1)

1992

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. To support and operate Naval tactical and support aircraft at sea, maintain open sea lanes for maritime traffic, project power both at sea and ashore, and provide a formidable strike option in response to national tasking. ABRAHAM LINCOLN also serves as a command and control platform, able to direct and support full battle group operations. Wherever it goes, ABRAHAM LINCOLN serves as a symbol of U.S. resolve to provide a sea-based deterrent to threats of national interest.

b. Organization Structure. Throughout calendar year 1992, ABRAHAM LINCOLN was homeported in Alameda, California. Captain James O. Ellis, Jr., was the Commanding Officer. At the end of the year, the Executive Officer was Captain John T. Morris. AFCEM (AW) George H. Watson served as Command Master Chief. The ship operated under the following chain of command as of 31 December 1992:

Commander in Chief	President George Bush
Secretary of Defense	The Honorable Dick Cheney
Secretary of the Navy (Acting)	The Honorable Sean O'Keefe
Chief of Naval Operations	ADM Frank B. Kelso
CINCPACFLT	ADM Robert Kelley
COMNAVAIRPAC	VADM Edwin R. Kohn, Jr.
COMCARGRU THREE	RADM Joseph J. Dantone, Jr.

Department heads serving aboard ABRAHAM LINCOLN as of 31 December 1992 were as follows:

Air Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
AIMD Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Administrative Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Command Chaplain	CAPT	[REDACTED]
Communications Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Combat Systems Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Dental Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Engineer Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
First Lieutenant	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Legal Officer	LT	[REDACTED]
CO, Marine Detachment	CAPT	[REDACTED]
Navigator	CDR	[REDACTED]
Senior Medical Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Operations Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Reactor Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Safety Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Supply Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]
Training Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
3-M Officer	LCDR	[REDACTED]
Weapons Officer	CDR	[REDACTED]

2. Chronological Listing of Significant Events

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
JAN 92	Security Division transfers from Administrative Department to Legal Department.
1-14 JAN 92	Inport Alameda, CA
4 JAN 92	Bay area Boy Scouts tour ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
5 JAN 92	Assumed net control of bi-weekly Bay Area communications drills for COMCARGRU 3.
6 JAN 92	Conducted Command Safety Standdown
15 JAN 92	Conducted world wide SHF STU-III conference call through USCINCPAC switchboard with 7 flagships underway in four ocean areas.
15-16 JAN 92	Underway SOCAL OPAREA for CVW-11 Refresher.
15 JAN 92	Ammunition offload with USS MAUNA KEA (AE 22)
17-20 JAN 92	Inport Long Beach, CA
18-19 JAN 92	Ship conducts open house for general public in Long Beach, hosting over 20,000 visitors.
20 JAN 92	"Sunset Review" conducted by Marine Detachment Silent Drill Team while inport Long Beach, CA.
21 JAN 92	First two Stress Management Facilitators qualified, regular classes commence on board
21-24 JAN 92	9013 Inspection, achieved outstanding on A&I drill.
21-29 JAN 92	Underway SOCAL OPAREA for FRS CQ.
26 JAN 92	Completed annual Command Assessment, the first under the direction of the Command Equal Opportunity Program Specialists. Increased membership on the Command Assessment Team from 9 to 20.
26 JAN 92	Ammunition offload with USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29)
27 JAN 92	Ship hosts 34 diplomats and military officials, all members of the Foreign Service Institute Senior Seminar.
30 JAN-1 MAR 92	Inport Alameda, CA

FEB 92 Ship celebrates Black History Month with various events, including essay contest and library display.

FEB 92 IM3 off-loaded 2000 Aircraft Armament Equipment pool items.

FEB 92 Supply Department creates Integrated Service Branch consisting of 169 (E-3 and below) personnel to fill 90-day TAD assignments as Food Service Attendants, laundry man, and stateroom cleaners. New branch places all new E-3 and below arrivals into a common pool, ensuring that junior personnel do not participate in more than one such TAD period.

8 FEB 92 Ship hosts regional meeting of Navy League in Hangar Bay #2. 300 people attend.

11 FEB 92 Ship hosted a dinner and awards ceremony for 125 Eagle Scouts in Hangar Bay #2 and in Wardroom #3.

14 FEB 92 Abraham Lincoln Birthday Party at the Oakland Convention Center for the crew.

27 FEB 92 Fast cruise.

MAR 92 Naval Ammunition Inventory Accuracy Inspection (NAIA) conducted by COMNAVSEASYSKOM

MAR 92 Resurfaced 50,000 square feet of nonskid on flight deck landing area.

MAR 92 Chapel begins Protestant Daily Devotions.

MAR 92 Over 35 crewmembers volunteer to help at Alameda County Special Olympics by establishing and running the power lifting competition.

1 MAR-4 APR 92 Marines represent command at the Marine Corps Western Division Rifle/Pistol Competition at Camp Pendleton, CA.

2-5 MAR 92 Underway NOCAL OPAREA

4 MAR 92 Ammunition offload with USS KISKA (AE 35)

4 MAR 92 Burial at sea.

5 MAR 92 Ammunition offload with USS KISKA (AE 35)

6 MAR-7 SEP 92 Inport Alameda, CA

6 MAR 92 AWSE placed over 2,600 pieces of gear in preservation for SRA-92

9 MAR 92 SRA Department formed with CDR [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (normally the ship's Air Operations Officer) as temporary Department Head. The 350-man temporary department is manned by TAD personnel drawn from other departments. Purpose of the SRA Department is to administer and coordinate all aspects of upcoming SRA, including a 150-man self-help berthing rehab. project, a 100-man firewatch division, and a Ship's Force Organizational Maintenance Systems (SFOMS) division. All ship's force, contractor, and shipyard work packages will be administered by the SRA Department.

9 MAR 92 IM4 off-loaded 422 items of AIMD's support equipment in three-days for rework.

10 MAR 92 Conducted HF-SHF-HF full duplex traffic relay with USS ARKANSAS and NCTAMS EASTPAC, Honolulu, HI. Test was first of its kind Navy wide.

11 MAR 92 SRA-92 arrival conference, hosted by SUPSHIPS San Francisco on board ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Introduces key personnel from contractors, outlines scope of work package and procedures for the SRA.

12 MAR 92 Ship officially adopts Manzanita Elementary School in Oakland as part of Personal Excellence Partnerships Program. Volunteer tutors begin visiting the school twice a week to help teachers with classroom duties.

13 MAR 92 MARDET celebrates it first Mess Night at the Marine Memorial Club in San Francisco. Guest of Honor is LTGEN Martin L. Brandtner, USMC, Director of Operations, J-3, the Joint Staff.

15 MAR 92 IM4 implemented the operational phase of reworking 422 items of support equipment at COMNAVAIRPAC Rework Facility, NAS Alameda, CA.

16 MAR 92 First group of 14 Command Advancement Program (CAP) selectees are promoted (1 E-6, 3 E-5, 10 E-4).

16 MAR 92 SRA work began on ship's forward CHT system, berthing rehabilitation project, ship's ventilation system cleaning and upgrade, and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) major shipalt to reactor compartment ventilation system.

26 MAR 92 Official start date for SRA-92.

30 MAR 92 Ship hosts Alameda Rotary Club for luncheon in Wardroom #3. 125 people attend.

APR 92 Resurfaced 50,000 square feet of nonskid on the fantail.

APR 92 Ship conducts its first "Alameda FOD Walkdown" (trash pick-up along Atlantic Blvd.), which becomes an ongoing volunteer program.

1 APR 92 Brig closed for modification.

8 APR 92 RADM Milton C. Clegg, Chief of Navy Dental Corps, visits ship.

13 APR 92 Commence first two PACE classes of the year (Psychology and Government).

14 APR 92 Ship hosts San Francisco Bond Club for luncheon in Wardroom #3. 120 people attend.

15 APR 92 Continued testing of HF-SHF-HF full duplex traffic relay with USS KANSAS CITY.

24 APR 92 COMCARGRU THREE Change of Command in Hangar Bay 2. RADM Dantone relieves RADM Wright.

27 APR 92 Start of SRA Phased Renovation and Repair Program (PRRP), involving renovation and upgrading of the wardrooms, disbursing office, galleys, and laundry.

MAY 92 Resurfaced 30,000 square feet of nonskid on the bow.

MAY 92 Huntron Tracker 5100ds/RP388 was added to the IM3 VAST Work Center with repair capabilities for over 200 CCAs.

MAY 92 Ship is commended by the Mayor of Oakland for lengthy volunteer work in support of Summer Jobs Program, aiding a telethon to find summer employment for Oakland youths.

MAY 92 Over 35 crewmembers volunteer to help at San Mateo County Special Olympics by establishing and running the power lifting competition.

1 MAY 92 First permanently assigned Industrial Hygienist reported aboard

18 MAY 92 INMARSAT System upgrade.

23 MAY-25 JUN 92 Weapons Detachment to NAS Fallon, NV, in support of VA-304

29 MAY 92 IM4 performed Annual Weight Certification on AS32A-35 Crash Crane.

1 JUN 92 Forward CHT system repair completed as part of SRA. Entire crew moves to forward berthing in order to begin aft CHT system repairs.

1 JUN 92 Ship hosts members of Alameda County Soviet Exchange Studies Program for tour. 25 people, half of them Russian, attend.

4 JUN 92 Commence Sociology PACE course.

8 JUN 92 SRA repairs begin on aft CHT system. Self-help berthing rehabilitation project for enlisted berthing completed. Rehab. includes complete removal of 500 E-6 and below bunks in 10 compartments and replacement with new modular berthing. Each compartment completely renovated with new lounge areas, lighting, and tile.

8-12 JUN 92 Conducted Command Safety Standdown week

12 JUN 92 SRA 50% review conference, hosted by SUPSHIPS San Francisco on board ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Attended by VADM Kohn, COMNAVAIRPAC.

15-19 JUN 92 AMSEC groom high capacity fog foam system.

15 JUN 92 SRA Self-help rehab. project for 350 CPO bunks in 11 CPO berthing compartments begins.

16 JUN 92 Commence Business and Government PACE courses.

24 JUN 92 Marine Detachment Change of Command.

JUL 92 Medical Department turned over its Authorized Medical Allowance List (AMAL), associated storerooms, and a full-time Corpsman to Supply Department in a COMNAVAIRPAC-directed move designed to more efficiently manage medical supplies.

JUL 92 Resurfaced 40,000 square feet of nonskid on the landing area angle deck.

JUL 92 AIMD (IM3 Division) milestones: MA-2 generator test stand reworked. NAVFLIR cooling cart

installed for F/A-18 support. Installed shock mounts for two AN/ASM-608 IMUTS Test Stations.

JUL 92 Personnel office begins computer bar-coding of service records and identification cards for automated tracking purposes. Project completed by the end of the year.

JUL 92 MK70 switchboard ORDALT, which allowed for an increase in the selection capability of separate peripherals.

6 JUL 92 Ship begins Total Quality Leadership (TQL) training for all officers and CPO's with a senior officer basic course. Courses continue over the ensuing month.

7 JUL 92 During SRA, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard completes major shipalt for reactor compartment ventilation six weeks ahead of schedule and \$3.3 million under budget.

16 JUL 92 Began promotions of 451 sailors to E-4/5/6.

19 JUL 92 ABRAHAM LINCOLN Day at Marine World (MWR sponsored event)

20-24 JUL 92 AMSEC groom of watertight doors.

30 JUL 92 Conducted CNO-directed Command Sexual Harassment Standdown for over 3,000 personnel.

30 JUL 92 ABRAHAM LINCOLN Night at San Francisco Giants game in Candlestick Park. CAPT Ellis threw out first pitch.

31 JUL 92 Completed accreditation inspection to fully establish a certified CAAC and DAPA program on board.

1 AUG 92 Brig recertified as operational.

3-6 AUG 92 ATG-administered Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART) finds preparations outstanding in Damage Control.

12 AUG 92 SRA-92 PRRP program finishes on time. Aft CHT system repairs completed.

14 AUG 92 Ship conducts awards ceremony and reception for Manzanita Elementary School students on hangar deck as part of Personal Excellence Partnership Program.

20 AUG 92 Official end of SRA-92. CPO berthing rehab. project completed. Ship's ventilation system cleaning and upgrading project finished.

24 AUG-12 SEP 92 SNAIAS certification.

27 AUG 92 Fast cruise to operationally test SRA-92 work package.

28 AUG 92 Command Party on the pier.

28 AUG 92 IM4 on-loaded 422 items of support equipment in two days prior to sea trails.

31 AUG-4 SEP 92 EMI certification.

SEP 92 Resurfaced 80,000 square feet of nonskid on the hangar deck.

SEP 92 AIMD milestones: (IM2 Division) - Recertified NOAP Lab within 30 days of completion of major SRA rework. Oil lab returned to full-mission-capable status in minimal time. Successfully accomplished the complete rehabilitation and calibration of the jet engine test cell facility, allowing for improved troubleshooting and repair capabilities for air wing assets. (IM3 Division) - Reworked constant speed drive test stand (CSD/S). AN/APM-457 transmitter bench modified for S-3B support. Additional Hybrid Test Station (HTS) Test Program Sets (TPS) increased F-14A and S-3B support.

SEP 92 Due to downsizing and new deckload, the ship's updated AVCAL resulted in 20,100 line items of excess stock material worth \$61.1 million. By the end of the year, 15,600 of these line items worth \$46.8 million had been offloaded.

SEP 92 Post Office selected as test platform for the Integrated Retail Terminals (IRT) by COMNAVCOMTELCOM Washington, D.C. The IRT is a computerized scale system used by the U.S. Postal Service. Shipboard test of feasibility for further use by afloat units began immediately.

SEP 92 ACDS operational program update, which allowed for a more diversified interface between separate combat systems.

1 SEP 92 Brig remodification completed and reopened.

1 SEP 92 SRA rehabilitation of both Training Department

classrooms completed, giving the ship a valid full-time training capacity for the first time.

2-4 SEP 92 Completed inport section of flight deck recertification.

3-4 SEP 92 Fast cruise.

4 SEP 92 Ammunition onload at NAS Alameda

8-11 SEP 92 Underway NOCAL OPAREA (sea trials)

8-9 SEP 92 U/W portion of FDC completed in record time with all 20 high capacity fog foam stations and all hose reel stations evaluated as fully operational.

10 SEP 92 Super Rapid Blooming Off Board Chaff Launching System (SRBOC) fired 48 practice rounds, and successfully completed structural test firings for certification.

11 SEP 92 UNREP with USS WICHITA (AOR 1)

11 SEP 92 Diverted to fishing vessel in distress (New Star I). Return to homeport delayed one day due to SAR efforts.

12-20 SEP 92 Inport Alameda, CA

16 SEP 92 Initiation of 14 new Chief Petty Officers. Promotion of 15 new Senior Chiefs and 7 new Master Chiefs.

16 SEP 92 Second group of Command Advancement Program (CAP) selectees promoted (1 E-6, 3 E-5, 9 E-4).

16 SEP 92 IM4 completed the rehabilitation of support equipment at COMNAVAIRPAC Rework Facility, NAS Alameda, CA.

21 SEP 92 New ship-wide smoking cessation program kicks off by making berthing compartments off-limits to smoking. Policy is designed to eliminate smoking on ship over next two years.

21-22 SEP 92 Underway SOCAL OPAREA for CVW-11 Refresher.

22 SEP 92 NATO Sea Sparrow Surface Missile System (NSSMS) completed a successful skin-to-skin firing against a Towed Dummy Unit (TDU) with system #2.

23 SEP 92 Precision anchorage, Coronado Roads

23 SEP 92 TACAN certification.

23-26 SEP 92 Inport North Island, CA

23-25 SEP 92 Major pierside JP-5 onload (2,011,000 gallons) at NAS North Island.

23-28 SEP 92 PALS certification.

27-30 SEP 92 Underway SOCAL OPAREA

27 SEP 92 Precision anchorage, Coronado Roads

OCT 92 AIMD milestones: (IM2 Division) - Designed and installed an overboard LOX vent/drain system, which significantly reduced the hazards associated with handling and maintenance of liquid oxygen system converters. System is being adopted for fleet-wide use. Instituted Emergency Reclamation Team procedures in support of embarked air wing. Efforts improved efficiency of corrosion control treatment while simultaneously ensuring timely disposition of aircraft parts and equipment during time critical phases of emergency reclamation evolutions. (IM3 Division) - Night Attack IATS AN/ASM-686 test bench was updated for SLAM and Harpoon testing capabilities. New VAST TPSS increased S-3B support.

OCT 92 Supply creates Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) workcenter to centralize the collection of all HAZMAT, with the goal of reducing the amount of HAZMAT in workspaces as well as saving money through the reissue of turned-in materials.

OCT 92 Personnel Office initiates ship-wide installation of Automated Manpower Management Program (AMMP), a computerized system of handling personnel administration at the divisional level. Full implementation completed by the end of the year.

1 OCT 92 Abandon ship drill conducted prior to return to port; Inport Alameda, CA

2 OCT 92 Family Day Cruise (Out/In NOCAL OPAREA)

3-8 OCT 92 Inport Alameda, CA

5-8 OCT 92 Satisfactorily completed first joint TYCOM Quality Assurance Audit.

9 OCT 92 Underway NOCAL OPAREA

10 OCT 92 Participated in Fleet Week Parade of Ships; Returned to homeport at Alameda, CA

11 OCT 92 Ship coordinates Day in the Park picnic at Golden Gate Park for all Fleet Week participants. Over 3,000 people attend.

11-12 OCT Ship conducts open house for general public as part of Fleet Week. Over 10,000 visitors treated to static displays, tour of ship.

12 OCT 92 Ship hosts members of foreign military attache corps from the Pentagon for tour and reception. 60 members of corps attend.

14 OCT-13 NOV 92 Underway NOCAL OPAREA/SOCAL OPAREA

14 OCT 92 Ammunition onload from USS KISKA (AE 35)

14-21 OCT FRS CQ

22 OCT 92 Anchored, Coronado Roads; FRS/ATG and CVW-11 VOD off/on.

22 OCT-13 NOV 92 TSTA 1B/2/3/FEP; 69 of 71 DC drills completed for an average of 90.2 percent. Final Evaluation Period (FEP) (7-10 NOV 92) finds all areas of DC satisfactory.

24 OCT 92 Anchored, Coronado Roads

27 OCT 92 Close In Weapons System (CIWS) Mount 23 and 24 completed a successful firing against a Towed Dummy Unit (TDU).

29 OCT 92 UNREP with USS WICHITA (AOR 1). The ship received its 30 millionth gallon of JP-5 during this UNREP.

NOV 92 In preparation for deployment, Medical Department tested over 1800 members for HIV and tuberculosis.

NOV 92 Resurfaced 80,000 square feet of nonskid on the hangar deck.

NOV 92 All IM3 Division Linkless Ammunition Loading System (LALS) were reworked by Teleflex Incorporation.

NOV 92 Ship received 20 new reprographic copiers for installation in various workcenters.

NOV 92 Relocated LS-654 from CDC to CATCC.

2 NOV 92 Close In Weapons System (CIWS) Mount 21 and 22 completed a successful firing against a Towed Dummy Unit (TDU).

4 NOV 92 Ammunition onload from Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook

5 NOV 92 UNREP with USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194)

5 NOV 92 Completed final School of the Ship Class.

19 NOV 92 Commenced the ship's first two I-Division pilot courses for newly reported personnel (52 sailors attended).

10 NOV 92 Marine Corps 217th Birthday celebration in Hangar Bay #2.

11 NOV 92 Ammunition onload with USS KISKA (AE 35)

12 NOV 92 Ammunition onload with USS KISKA (AE 35)

12-13 NOV 92 Ship holds flight deck formation involving approximately 1,000 crewmembers to spell out "BEAT ARMY" for upcoming Army-Navy football game.

13 NOV-7 DEC 92 Inport Alameda, CA

19-20 NOV 92 COMNAVAIRPAC Weapons Safety Assistance Team (WSAT) visit

28 NOV-18 DEC 92 Weapons Detachment to NAS Fallon, NV in support of CVW-11

DEC 92 Entire crew immunized against influenza by Medical Department.

DEC 92 IM2 Division spearheaded the complete overhaul, repair, and establishment of baseline load test criteria for the 3-ton overhead maintenance hoist used in shipboard helicopter maintenance. Efforts significantly enhanced safety during SH-60 maintenance evolutions.

DEC 92 CSO milestones: AN/UGC-49 teletype removed, AN/UGC-143A Navy Standard Teletype (NST) installed and TIMMS tap added to AN/UYK-43 computers, increasing the speed of record response time as well as increasing the space available for future system installations. NTCS-A program software update. Received two Digital Memory Units (DMU) to replace the

existing Digital Magnetic Transport Units (DMTU). Upgrade of C-Diteg (2 monitor interface cards).

- 1 DEC 92 Established first SHF to NAVCOMPARS full duplex termination from an underway ship.
- 5 DEC 92 First underway unit to access CNO Flag Officer E-mail system via cellular phone and INMARSAT.
- 7 DEC 92 Ship hosts Pearl Harbor Day ceremony on hangar deck in conjunction with Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Over 300 people attend.
- 7-11 DEC 92 COMNAVAIRPAC 3-M Assistance visit.
- 8-15 DEC 92 Underway SOCAL OPAREA for FRS CQ.
- 9 DEC 92 U.S. Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming visited ship.
- 10 DEC 92 Catapult #1 logged its 14,000th shot.
- 12 DEC 92 Arresting gear engine #3 logged its 11,000th arrested landing.
- 13-14 DEC 92 Media members from A&E television network visit ship to film footage for upcoming TV series "Air Combat II."
- 14 DEC 92 Catapult #2 logged its 7,000th shot. ABRAHAM LINCOLN as a whole logged its 28,000th arrested landing.
- 16-31 DEC Inport Alameda, CA
- 16 DEC Conducted Command DUI Safety Standdown
- 22 DEC 92 Ammunition onload at Pier 3, NAS Alameda

3. Narrative

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) is a member of the Nimitz class of aircraft carriers, which are the world's largest warships. Displacing nearly 100,000 tons, she is home to more than 5,500 sailors and Marines while underway, as well as approximately 80 combat and support aircraft. The ship was named in honor of the nation's sixteenth and, arguably, its greatest president, Abraham Lincoln, and is the second ship of the line to bear the name. ABRAHAM LINCOLN is the Navy's fifth Nimitz class carrier and was built at a cost of \$3 billion.

1 January 1992 found USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) in its homeport of Alameda, California, having recently returned from its maiden deployment. The ship was not destined to remain idle for very long, as she conducted a port visit to Long Beach, California, 17-20 January. During this visit, the ship hosted over 20,000 guests for general visiting. After the port visit, the ship conducted carrier qualifications for fleet replacement squadrons (FRS) in the Southern California operating area (SOCAL OPAREA) from 21-29 January.

The period 30 January - 1 March found ABRAHAM LINCOLN once again in homeport preparing for the most significant event of 1992, a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). After a brief underway period 2-5 March in the Northern California operating area (NOCAL OPAREA), the ship slipped back into her pier at NAS Alameda on 6 March. She would remain in homeport through 7 September while SRA-92 unfolded.

SRA officially began on 26 March. During this time, a temporary 350-man SRA Department was formed to administer and coordinate all projects associated with the availability, including extensive self-help projects, firewatch responsibilities, contractor work throughout the ship, and shipyard work packages. Over the next five months of SRA, impressive maintenance projects were completed, including the following: rehabilitation of the ship's CHT systems; major self-help berthing renovations; upgrading and cleaning of the ship's ventilation system; a major shipalt to reactor compartment ventilation; renovation of the wardrooms, disbursing office, dental facilities, Medical Department spaces, galleys, and Laundry; remodification of the brig; changing 300 hydraulic hoses and rewiring of brake solenoid coils, knurled rollers, and guide rollers on all nine weapons elevators; repair, maintenance, or shipalts for 87 aircraft maintenance shops and spaces; complete rehabilitation of the ship's training facilities; and many others too numerous to list.

Completing these comprehensive projects obviously required some temporary sacrifices in services. The rehabilitation of berthing compartments, for instance, required the moving of a large portion of the crew into other berthing areas. Even sickcall had to be held on the pier, as Medical Department moved into two trailers just off the brow while medical spaces underwent extensive renovation and potable water and CHT services were suspended in sickbay.

Upon completion of SRA, ABRAHAM LINCOLN set out to test her

new repairs and renovations. Sea trials were conducted 8-11 September in NOCAL OPAREA. During this underway period, the ship responded to a search and rescue effort for a fishing vessel in distress, which delayed return to homeport by one day. After a brief stay at NAS Alameda 12-20 September, the ship got down to the real business of aircraft carriers by embarking Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN for refresher training 21-22 September. A short port visit to NAS North Island 23-26 September was followed by operations in SOCAL OPAREA 27-30 September.

After returning to homeport on 1 October, ABRAHAM LINCOLN hosted a Family Day Cruise on 2 October, during which thousands of dependents and friends were treated to a day aboard the ship while underway in the NOCAL OPAREA. This "show and tell" spirit was continued just a week later as the ship participated in Fleet Week, San Francisco's annual salute to the sea services. Leaving port on 9 October, the ship returned the following day to lead the Parade of Ships under the Golden Gate Bridge for the tens of thousands of onlookers. As part of Fleet Week festivities, the ship conducted general visiting at NAS Alameda on 11-12 October, hosting over 10,000 guests for tours and a look at static displays.

14 October - 13 November found the ship once again at sea in the NOCAL and SOCAL OPAREA's. During this month at sea, FRS CQ was conducted, as well as a major evaluation of the ship's damage control capabilities. As is her norm, the ship accomplished both in superb fashion.

Following a stay in homeport 13 November - 7 December, the ship continued FRS CQ in SOCAL OPAREA once again, during which Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming was hosted for a one-day visit. Having successfully conducted CQ, the ship slipped back into Alameda on 16 December to begin holiday leave periods and close out the year.

Despite the lengthy inport period due to SRA, the ship managed to ring up impressive statistics and pass a few milestones along the way. Looking back at the accomplishments of the ship's largest department, Air Department managed to conduct 1,792 aircraft elevator runs and 1,135 aircraft moves. In the process of conducting flight operations, the ship received its 30 millionth gallon of JP-5 during an underway replenishment. In addition, catapult #1 logged its 14,000 shot, catapult #2 logged its 7,000th shot, and arresting gear engine #3 logged its 11,000th trap. As these milestones pass, it is becoming more difficult to call the ship "brand new."

At the other end of the spectrum, one of the ship's smallest departments, Dental Department, illustrated how busy everyone stays on board ABRAHAM LINCOLN, regardless of deployment schedule. During the year, Dental managed to perform 11,048 exams, 3526 x-rays, 3,727 cavity fillings, 109 root canals, 1017 cleanings, and remove 1772 teeth!

ABRAHAM LINCOLN continues to establish her reputation in the fleet as a standards setter. As her legend continues, she will serve proudly and faithfully for many years to come. Shall Not Perish.