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USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

COMMAND HISTORY 1998

Enclosure (1)

1998

I. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. To support and operate naval aircraft at sea, maintain open sea lanes for maritime traffic, project naval power at sea and ashore, and provide a formidable strike option in response to national tasking. ABRAHAM LINCOLN serves as a flagship command and control platform, able to direct and support full battle group and joint operations. The ship also serves as a symbol of U.S. resolve, acting as an ambassador and as a sea-based deterrent to threats to our national interest.

b. Organizational Structure. Captain Robert F. Willard served as Commanding Officer until relieved by Captain J. J. Quinn on 18 February. Captain J. A. McDonell served as Executive Officer until relieved by Commander Kendall L. Card on 01 September. EMCM(SW) Gary Weir served as Command Master Chief until relieved by YNCM(AW/SW/SS) William Nissen on 30 October.

The ship's chain of command as of 31 December 1998 was:

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| Commander in Chief | President William Clinton |
| Secretary of Defense | The Honorable William Cohen |
| Secretary of the Navy | The Honorable Richard Danzig |
| Chief of Naval Operations | ADM Jay Johnson |
| CINCPACFLT | ADM Archie Clemins |
| COMNAVAIRPAC | VADM Michael Bowman |
| COMCRUDESGRU THREE | RADM Kevin Green |

Department Heads serving aboard ABRAHAM LINCOLN as of 31 December 1998 were:

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| Administrative Officer | LT [REDACTED] |
| Air Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| AIMD Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Combat Systems Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Command Chaplain | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Dental Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Engineering Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| First Lieutenant | LCDR [REDACTED] |
| Command Judge Advocate | LCDR [REDACTED] |
| Maintenance Officer | LCDR [REDACTED] |
| Navigator | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Senior Medical Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Operations Officer | CDR [REDACTED] |
| PAO | LCDR [REDACTED] |
| Reactor Officer | CAPT [REDACTED] |

Safety Officer
 Supply Officer
 Training Officer
 Weapons Officer

CDR [REDACTED]
 CDR [REDACTED]
 CDR [REDACTED]
 CDR [REDACTED]

2. Chronological Listing of Significant Events

Date(s)	Event(s)
18 FEB	CHANGE OF COMMAND
20 FEB - 26FEB	CVW-14 CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS/AMMO ON LOAD
26 FEB - 02 MAR	VICTORIA, B.C. PORT VISIT
24 MAR - 10 MAY	FLEETEX, JTFEX, RESURFACE FLIGHT DECK, COMBAT SYSTEMS MODULE RENOVATION
11 MAY - 10 JUN	PRE OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD
11 JUN	COMMENCE WESTPAC/ARABIAN GULF DEPLOYMENT
16 JUN - 17 JUN	IN PORT NORTH ISLAND, FINAL LOAD ABOARD
25 JUN	CHOP 7TH FLEET
04 JUL - 08 JUL	HONG KONG PORT VISIT
13 JUL - 17 JUL	SINGAPORE PORT VISIT
22 JUL	CHOP 5TH FLEET
24 JUL	TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ
09 AUG - 31 AUG	ASSUMED DUTIES AS ARABIAN GULF RADDC/AADC
10 AUG - 14 AUG	JEBEL ALI, UAE PORT VISIT
19 AUG - 25 AUG	TACTICAL EVALUATION EXERCISE 98
20 AUG	NATIONAL COMMAND AUTHORITY TASKING
31 AUG - 02 SEP	ANCHORAGE VIC BAHRAIN BELL
18 SEP - 21 SEP	JEBEL ALI, UAE PORT VISIT
19 SEP - 23 SEP	EXERCISE: BEACON FLASH 98-2
02 OCT - 05 OCT	JEBEL ALI, UAE PORT VISIT
03 OCT - 14 OCT	EXERCISE: RED REEF 98
17 OCT - 20 OCT	JEBEL ALI, UAE PORT VISIT
21 OCT	TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ
26 OCT	CHOP 7TH FLEET
03 NOV - 08 NOV	PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA PORT VISIT

12 NOV - 17 NOV	HOBART, TASMANIA PORT VISIT
22 NOV - 25 NOV	OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAM
24 NOV	CHOP 3RD FLEET
24 NOV - 25 NOV	AMMO OFFLOAD
26 NOV	NEY INSPECTION/THANKSGIVING
27 NOV - 30 NOV	PEARL HARBOR PORT VISIT
01 DEC - 06 DEC	TIGER CRUISE I
07 DEC	IN PORT NORTH ISLAND, CCDG-3 CHANGE OF COMMAND, AIR WING, STAFF(S) OFF LOAD
08 DEC - 10 DEC	TIGER CRUISE II
11 DEC	RETURN TO HOMEPORT

3. Narrative

The following major accomplishments highlight ABRAHAM LINCOLN's performance in CY 1998:

- Completed 100 percent of all required competitive exercises with an overall average score of 98.8 percent.
- Departed San Diego, with CVW-14 embarked, Casualty Report (CASREP)-free and returned six months later with zero active CASREPs or Broad Arrows.
- Conducted a highly successful deployment transit. Completed the highest number of traps for any transiting carrier (1,320 day and 582 night). The first carrier to avoid targeting by subsurface units during the transit Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise conducted in the Hawaiian operational area.
- Masterfully conducted numerous high visibility public relations visits and events. Hosted Congressman John Murtha of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Commander Fifth Fleet, and Commander Naval Air Force Pacific Fleet while deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.
- Logged 12,304 landings (11,961 arrested landings: 8,161 day, 3,800 nights and 343 touch-and-go), 1,006 helo sorties (728 day, 278 night), and 17,095 total flight hours, all mishap-free.
- Served as the cornerstone of a National Command Authority (NCA) directed contingency strike operation. The Command, Control, Communications, Computers and

Information suite was pivotal to the successful mission planning, execution, and dissemination of the initial battle damage assessment of two simultaneous operations on separate continents.

- Superbly assumed the duties of Air Warfare Commander in the Arabian Gulf operational area to support the redeployment of Battle Group assets for NCA tasking.
- Provided superlative support to embarked staffs who executed the first of two Arabian Gulf Maritime Interdiction Operations surge operations. These operations required the coordinated effort of naval forces from six nations and netted almost \$500,000 of United Nations' profit while interdicting \$1 million worth of illegal oil exports.
- As Air Resources Element Coordinator, attained an impressive Operation SOUTHERN WATCH sortie completion rate of 99.8 percent (flew 3,592 hours and completed 1,855 of 1,860 sorties in 52 fly days). The total cruise sortie completion rate was 97.2 percent.
- Received an overall grade of Average with one Excellent grade for cleanliness and preservation on the Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam. Simultaneously prepared for the offload of 2,540 tons of ammunition to support the subsequent crossdeck of this ordnance to the USS CONSTELLATION.
- Led the Pacific Fleet in retention with a second consecutive Golden Anchor award.
- Underway from homeport a total of 242 days in 1998.

The ship's departments provided support in the following ways:

AIR DEPARTMENT

The ship safely completed 11,870 aircraft launches and recoveries and 317 touch-and-go landings in support of four CVW carrier qualifications periods, FLEETEX, JTFEX, and Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

V-1 and V-3 Divisions conducted over 29,328 aircraft moves on the flight and hangar decks, and executed over 1,500 elevator runs. Crash and salvage teams responded to 223 actual emergencies and manned mobile fire vehicles for over 15,360 hours. V-2 Division replaced the Number Three catapult retraction engine and rebuilt the Number Three arresting gear engine while maintaining the ship's catapults, arresting gear, and visual landing aids with an impressive 98 percent availability throughout deployment.

V-4 Division expeditiously handled over 31,462 mishap-free aircraft refueling evolutions resulting in the safe, efficient delivery of 15,378,205 gallons of aviation fuel. It received 15,774,830 gallons of aviation fuel during 14 incident-free underway

replenishment evolutions.

REACTOR DEPARTMENT

Ship's force set plant conditions and tagged out both reactor plant control consoles to support several key ship alterations and switch replacements. Reactor Electrical Division, assisted by Combat Systems' Micro-miniature Repair Shop, repaired a failed voltage regulator in the Number Three emergency diesel generator. Following a loss of lube oil to the number 4B line shaft bearing, Machinery Division, assisted by the Repair Division and the Airframes Shop of Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department, repaired damage to the Number Four shaft and replaced the wiped bearing and failed aft oil seal while underway. This job is normally performed only with depot level assistance.

Reactor Electrical and Machinery Divisions conducted repeated repairs to all four main engine throttle control systems. These included: replacement of the Number Four main engine ahead throttle synchro transmitter and receiver, a rebuild of the Number Four Main Engine ahead throttle poppet cam shaft assembly, a rebuild of a three-way gearbox in the Number Four Main Engine ahead throttle linkage, and several grooms to all four hydraulic power units. This concerted effort maximized the availability of all main engines throughout the Inter Deployment Training Cycle and deployment.

AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT (AIMD)

Through an aggressive maintenance program, AIMD increased capability and improved processes of 65 production work centers.

Over 40,000 maintenance actions were completed without major material damage or personnel injury. Over 10,000 aviation-related weapons replaceable assemblies (WRAs) were processed with a 74 percent ready-for-issue rate while supporting Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN and the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group during JTFEX/FLEETEX and in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. The total Aviation Depot Level Repairable (AVDLR) net value of the WRAs processed was in excess of \$90 million dollars. By fulfilling its commitment to "retail readiness," AIMD returned more than \$75 million dollars of these assets to service and avoided the expenditure of precious operations and maintenance funds.

AIMD managed over 5,000 line items of support equipment valued at over \$170 million while they transferred and received a total of 2,551 items with a value of over \$20 million and maintained 100 percent accuracy between local and centralized IMRL inventory records.

Fleet Calibration Activity (FCA) was responsible for the production efforts of 160 shipboard and Air Wing Calibration Petty Officers and Calibration Program management

of over 35,000 ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group precision measurement standards. In addition, the FCA managed 700 COMNAVAIRPAC calibration standards valued at over \$10 million.

AIMD was the first AN/USM-636 Consolidated Automated Support System-outfitted Pacific Fleet carrier to deploy without the benefit of backup legacy test benches. Thirty-eight engineering investigations were initiated with the supporting fleet support teams identifying deficiencies in hardware and software that prevented this system from providing its maximum benefit.

The Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BFIMA) program was the highlight of the AIMD. Recognized at the CINCPACFLT level for its superb performance, the BFIMA program managed by AIMD provided critically needed material and services to over 22 ships, 18 deployed HSL/HC/VP detachments, two successful submarine availabilities, and the Bahrain Navy.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was the centerpiece of the Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BFIMA). Over the course of the year the Battle Group logged 335 CASREPS and corrected 192. Additionally, the ship executed 1,460 maintenance actions as part of the BFIMA during the final phases of the Inter Deployment Training Cycle and Western Pacific. This amounted to a 255 percent increase over previous Battle Group accomplishment rates.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was the first carrier to extend the concept of BFIMA to provide maintenance availabilities to submarines deployed with the battle group. Availabilities were executed for both USS COLUMBIA (SSN 771) and USS JEFFERSON CITY (SSN 759) while forward deployed to the Arabian Gulf.

Catapults operated without a steam side casualty through the Inter Deployment Training Cycle and the deployment due in large part to the extensive and comprehensive valve maintenance program, which included over 500 valves.

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

100 percent of competitive exercises were completed with an average score of 97.6 percent. The Comprehensive Training Unit Exercise/Integrated Training Assessment found the ship "Fully Ready for Battle Group Operations."

The Magazine Sprinkler System was validated as Fully Operational with no major discrepancies. Shipboard Explosive Safety Inspection (SESI) was evaluated as Outstanding with no major or repeat discrepancies. The Ammunition

Requisition/Location Accountability was Outstanding – 100 percent in stock or on order for both ship and mission accounts and 100 percent accuracy in inventory and location.

The department provided outstanding support during Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. It moved 76,500 pounds of ordnance to and from the flight deck each fly day, with no missed sorties due to ordnance. It completed ship fill ordnance assets by safely cross decking 390 tons from USS MOUNT HOOD. It also safely off loaded entire mission and ship fill ordnance assets (2,540 tons) worth over \$1.2 billion during an intense, two day underway replenishment.

Weapons Department completed four ASU-18/SF graded surface engagement exercises, receiving 100 percent on each exercise. It deployed two ordnance flyaway teams to conduct critical readiness inspections on 568 guided bomb units. These inspections resulted in the completion of the directed action and a mission ready status of all guided bomb units aboard USS CAMDEN. It also completed 13 explosive ordnance disposal exercises with EOD DET 31 and EOD DET 33 onboard. Embarked the Pacific Fleet's first-ever EOD Enhanced Mobile Detachment during the six month Western Pacific deployment.

The Security Division coordinated a ship's Self Defense Force to replace the disestablished Marine Detachment.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

An April Supply Management Assessment conducted by COMNAVAIRPAC resulted in eight grades of Excellent and six grades of Outstanding, and placed the command in contention for the "Blue E" Award for Supply Excellence.

Over 20,000 demands were processed for aviation consumable requirements, 800 off-ship Not Mission Capable Supply/Partially Mission Capable Supply requirements were expedited, and 550 aviation repairable items were crossdecked to other deployed and deploying carriers. Over 8,100 items were received, and 14,500 items were issued. Over 800,000 pounds of air cargo and mail were processed through Carrier Onboard-Delivery flights.

The Food Service Division, S-2, was again nominated for the coveted Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for food service excellence. The D-3 Sales and Services Division received the prestigious Best Sales and Services Award on their first nomination. S-3 Division set command records for sales totals of over \$2.6 million during the year.

The Supply Department supported such events as the Commanding Officer's change of command reception, the change of command for Commander, Cruiser-

Destroyer Group THREE, and luncheons, receptions and formal dinners for distinguished groups from Victoria, Hong Kong, Perth and Hobart.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office became S-14 Division, and a self-service laundry was established.

COMBAT SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

The year began with the completion of the 1998 Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR). A minimum of discrepancies were noted.

An Electronic Charting and Display System was installed on the bridge. The installation of six monitors, six amplifiers and approximately 800 feet of cable required approximately 450 man-hours. Major refurbishment of the Commanding Officer's in-port and at sea cabin, the Admiral's cabin and office, CCDG3 N6 office, the Navigator's stateroom, Navigation, Bridge and Flag Bridge was required to provide state of the art computer access through installation of IT-21 and shipboard local area network drops. Improvement in the location of all communications circuits and display monitors in these spaces was also accomplished. This work consumed approximately 4,200 ship's force man-hours and saved an estimated \$300,000 in contractor costs.

Ship's force initiated and completed work on the first operational Aircraft Carrier Joint Air Operations Center and Guidance, Apportionment and Targeting Cell. Renovation of the Tactical Flag Command Center and War Room were made.

Communications (CS1) Division earned its fourth consecutive Green "C". The Completed Comprehensive Communications Assessment, was graded an unprecedented 100 percent by Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE, and earned Outstanding on the annual CMS inspection. Communications Maintenance (CS2) Division conducted maintenance on 3,300 pieces of communication equipment, which involved 6,800 hours of corrective maintenance, 11,000 hours of preventive maintenance, and response to over 2,650 trouble calls.

Automated Information Systems (CS3) Division maintained the shipwide local area network consisting of 600 unclassified and 160 classified workstations. Division technicians supervised the installation and testing of the prototype IT-21/JMCIS/GCCS-M. Their aggressive day-to-day liaison with Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command engineers ensured that this mission critical system performed reliably throughout the year up to and including deployment. During the course of the year ship's force installed an additional 7,000 feet of fiber-optic cable, installed 50 new workstations, and installed three new e-mail servers allowing system expansion to 2,000 new user accounts.

Interior Communications (CS5) Division technicians maintained over 7,000 items of navigation, telephone exchange, secure, SITE-TV, and interior communication system equipment. During the Board of Inspection and Survey technical assessment, no major discrepancies or restrictives were noted. Radar Maintenance (CS6) Division fabricated a replacement for a one-of-a-kind turnbuckle required to calibrate the AN/SPN-41 Instrument Landing System; this restored a system vital to flight safety and contributed directly to achieving over 14,500 incident-free aircraft traps. The department was recognized by COMNAVAIRPAC as the top Micro-miniature Repair Shop (2M) on the West Coast, CS76 conducted repairs on 80 pieces of electronic equipment, avoided 16 CASREPS, and saved the Navy over \$289,900 on the Western Pacific Deployment. Yearly totals are a staggering 172 electronic components repaired, 43 CASREPS averted, and \$577,885 in cost avoidance.

DECK DEPARTMENT

Deck Department completed 24 underway replenishments, receiving 13.4 million gallons of fuel (JP5), delivering 5,000 gallons of fuel (JP5), receiving 60 pallets of general cargo and ammunition, and offloaded 944 pallets of ammunition. The ship anchored nine times, including the port visits to Victoria, Hong Kong, Perth and Hobart.

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

Navigation Department spent its pre-deployment period conducting a major overhaul of the Bridge and Flag Bridge installing numerous electronic upgrades including the Raytheon/ECDIS navigation system. A renovation project which included replacing tile, painting, installing window shades and the restoration of brass equipment was also accomplished. During work-ups and an arduous deployment, Navigation Department qualified 23 Command Duty Officers (underway), 13 Officers of the Deck, 1 Conning Alongside Officer, 27 Command Duty Officers (inport), 18 Assistant Command Duty Officers (inport) and 27 Boat Officers. Three Master Helmsmen, four Quartermasters of the Watch, two Signalmen Watch Supervisors, and two Enlisted Air War Specialists were also qualified.

Operationally, the department conducted 13 precision anchorages and navigated into 11 ports and over 40,000 nautical miles trouble free. Competitively, Navigation Department completed 100 percent of required exercises scoring an impressive 99.9 percent and completed two navigation checkrides with a grade of Outstanding from Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE. Signal Division's newly established Honor Guard performed six burials at sea, one retirement ceremony, and two change of commands. They also flew 36 flags for retiring personnel.

Navigation Division received the White Wheel Award for Navigation Excellence and Signal Division was awarded the Green "C" for Outstanding Performance in Visual

Communication.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

The Training Department conducted 13 Senior and 31 Junior Basic Indoctrination Courses to approximately 1,100 new crew members. The 15 personnel of the entirely temporary assigned duty-supported Training Department also initiated and processed over 1,000 sets of cost and 2,500 sets of no-cost temporary additional duty orders that sent personnel to professional schools in preparation for deployment. Approximately 2,500 sailors were given school quotas ranging from General Shipboard Firefighting and Navy Leadership to nuclear propulsion subjects.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Department established a habitability team to enhance crew comfort and improve deck tile preservation. 133 composite vinyl deck tile renovations and 33 lagging tasks were accomplished. The team, made up of 10 sailors, ripped out and replaced approximately 23,800 square feet of tile, saving approximately \$613,400. 3M Division established an internal 3M Training Team to conduct monthly departmental 3M assessments to maintain the integrity of the ship's 3M system. Assessments were performed on 12 of the ship's 18 departments, yielding a Preventive Maintenance Schedule performance rate of 97.16 percent, a Maintenance Data Systems performance rate of 91.6 percent, and an overall 3M effectiveness rate of 94.16 percent.

CHAPLAIN DEPARTMENT

The Chaplain Department implemented a Command Religious Program with more than 70 religious programs per week totaling 1,750 Worship/Religious Education Services with 14,720 attendees, and arranged visits by the Battle Group Chaplain to the COs/XOs/Chaplains to all surface ships in the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group, including Canadian HMCS OTTAWA (FFH 341).

The Protestant program had over 50 worship services with a combined attendance of over 3,500, 60 lay lead services with a combined attendance of more than 2,300, and more than 20 Bible studies and support group ministries per week with attendance of over 3,400, with 13 lay leaders. The department provided over \$12,000 in support equipment and materials for programs throughout the deployment.

The Christian discipleship program educated over 50 sailors in an in depth course of study resulting in 20 new professions of faith and baptisms. The department participated in and assisted with support functions in a combined Easter Sunrise Service on board USS CONSTELLATION with over 600 people in attendance, and performed more than 3,000 counseling sessions. The department staff taught over 60 classes on

GMT, command indoctrination, stress management, suicide awareness, critical incident stress, grief recovery, and spiritual formation, as well as contributing to the Navy Rights and Responsibilities Course and the Career Information Training Course.

Project Handclasp/community relations: The department coordinated 16 community relations projects in Singapore, Hong Kong, Dubai and Australia involving over 400 crew members resulting in a greatly improved ship's morale and positive foreign relations in all ports visited. Coordinated and participated in a highly successful Habitat for Humanity of Seattle home building project with more than 20 crew members as participants.

The department also processed more than 1,061 American Red Cross messages, operated the ship's library which served up to 160 crewmembers per day, and implemented and operated an eight computer station Learning Multimedia Resource Center.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Public Affairs was established as a department 12 April, moving from the Administrative Department.

Crew morale was impacted dramatically by the SITE-TV system, an award-winning newspaper (recipient of the Chief of Information Merit Award), and a news program featuring ABRAHAM LINCOLN sailors that was chosen as the best shipboard-produced newscast in the Navy (1st place SITE Television Newscast, Chief of Information Merit Awards).

Maintained an aggressive news release program, resulting in weekly news stories appearing in newspapers across the country that included front page headline stories in more than six major newspapers. Created a 1,300-form file which resulted in more than 34,000 releases from the Fleet Hometown News Center and hundreds of feature stories released through the Navy Office of Information field activities.

Established the ship's web site, considered one of the best in the Navy, and garnered approximately 75,000 hits in the first six months.

The Public Affairs Officer hosted the ship's distinguished visitors, as well as coordinating social events for several high-level visits during port visits. These included hangar bay receptions for 200 dignitaries in Hong Kong and 250 guests in Australia, a state dinner for 40 dignitaries and ambassadors in Singapore, and general public tours.

-LEGAL DEPARTMENT

The Legal Department provided advice to the Commanding Officer, embarked Air Wing Staff, and 10 embarked squadrons on a myriad of command legal matters. It also provided over 1,600 wills and nearly 2,000 powers of attorney to ship's company and squadron personnel.

The Legal Department coordinated the Liberty Risk Program Overseas for the ship and embarked staff and squadrons, averaging 72 persons per port visit on deployment. Additionally, Legal adjudicated Foreign Claims, and coordinated clearing of customs upon return from deployment with no discrepancies, ensuring the ship moored on time with all duty paid.

The Legal Department processed 27 Summary Courts-Martial, 21 Special Courts-Martial, four General Courts-Martial, one Article 32, 633 nonjudicial punishments cases and 143 administrative separations

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Three distinct phases of operation characterized ABRAHAM LINCOLN's Safety Team mishap prevention efforts. From January through June, the ship was engaged in predeployment workups; from July through the beginning of December, the ship deployed to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf; and in December, the crew returned to Everett and a holiday schedule. Transitions between phases of operation are typically periods of increased risk of mishap, and emphasis was placed on increasing safety awareness and training prior to each phase. Safety Standdowns employing workcenter lectures, SITE-TV video presentations, 1mc reminders, and hangar bay static displays and training sessions were held prior to each change of operations, and at the deployment midpoint. As a result of this preparation, the ship and its crew suffered no serious injuries or material damage during the entire year. The overall ship's minor injury rate was an extremely low 1.25 per 100,000 hours worked. Over 1,000 material and practice hazards were reported through the Safety Hazard Abatement Program with an overall discrepancy correction rate of 98 percent.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Use of the Navy's Phased Dentistry guidelines helped to maintain ship's Operational Dental Readiness level at 95-97 percent. Dental records were updated with the new dental record jackets.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Medical Department saw a total of 12,584 sick call visits, 127 patients were

admitted to the ward, and 24 surgeries were performed during the calendar year. During the deployment 16 patients were transferred off the ship for more specialized care, and 30 patients were transferred aboard the ABRAHAM LINCOLN for care. Psychological and Physical therapy services were permanently added to the ABRAHAM LINCOLN and greatly improved the medical readiness of the crew. The psychologist saw an average of ten new patients a week during deployment which greatly reduced the need for medical evacuations and saved thousands of dollars for the command. The physical therapist saw over 1,200 patients and assisted with injury prevention initiatives by conducting separate back and knee injury prevention classes. An optometrist was embarked for the first time ever on an aircraft carrier for an entire deployment, providing over 1,000 eye exams and treatments. The department flawlessly executed the anthrax immunization series to all embarked crew and civilians, administering over 14,366 immunizations. The Medical Department rapidly and efficiently responded to the call of Man Overboard as two sailors were swept into the water; with outstanding medical expertise, the sailors were stabilized and transferred for more specialized treatment.