



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS AUSTIN (LPD-4)

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1981

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following command history of the USS AUSTIN (LPD-4) from 1 January 1981 to 31 December 1981 is submitted:

01-11 JAN 81 Leave/Upkeep/POM
12-16 JAN 81 Local OPS (deployment workups)
17-31 JAN 81 Inport Norfolk/POM
01-02 FEB 81 Inport Norfolk/POM
03 FEB 81 Transit
04-07 FEB 81 Onload Morehead City, NC/Anchor (USS GUAM had engineering problems which delayed deployment)
07-28 FEB 81 COLDEX/FLOTEX/COLD WINTER 81
01-31 MAR 81 COLDEX/FLOTEX/COLD WINTER 81
01-15 APR 81 COLDEX/FLOTEX/COLD WINTER 81
16 APR 81 Offload Morehead City, NC
17-30 APR 81 Inport Norfolk
01-14 MAY 81 Solid Shield 81
15-17 MAY 81 Inport Norfolk
18-31 MAY 81 IMAV (USS VULCAN)
01-14 JUN 81 IMAV (USS VULCAN)
15-17 JUN 81 Inport Norfolk
18-21 JUN 81 Transit/Guest of the Navy Cruise
22-26 JUN 81 CNO Project (JEFF)/Inport/Anchor Panama City, FL
26-28 JUN 81 Transit
28-30 JUN 81 Port Visit Ft. Lauderdale, FL
01 JUL 81 Port Visit Ft. Lauderdale, FL
01-02 JUL 81 Transit
02-05 JUL 81 Port Visit Nassau, Bahamas
06-08 JUL 81 Transit
08-14 JUL 81 Inport Norfolk
15-23 JUL 81 RESPHIBLEX 1-81
23-31 JUL 81 Inport Norfolk
01-02 AUG 81 Inport Norfolk
03-21 AUG 81 OCEAN VENTURE 81 PHASE II
21-25 AUG 81 Inport Norfolk
26-27 AUG 81 Ammo Offload/Anchorage
28-30 AUG 81 Inport Norfolk
31 AUG 81 Fuel Offload Craney Island
01 SEP 81 Commence ROH NORSHIPCO

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2. The USS AUSTIN has traveled through numerous Norwegian Fjords, sailed many oceans and passed through many straits since the beginning of 1981. Total mileage covered by AUSTIN this year was 26,905 miles. AUSTIN successfully completed fourteen (14) Underway Replenishments in 1981. Being an amphibious vessel, AUSTIN also carried the First Battalion Sixth Marines during COLDEX-81 and the first Battalion Second Marines in addition to Reserve Marines during Operation RESPHIBLEX 81. AUSTIN carried/landed over eleven hundred (1100) marines this year along with several thousand tons of vehicles and equipment. USS AUSTIN is also credited with 1143 helicopter take-offs and landings and approximately 1500 personnel transfers were effected via helicopter. Upon crossing the Arctic Circle, ceremonies were conducted wherein AUSTIN crewmembers were initiated into the Realm of the Royal Order of the Blue Nose. Finally, during calendar year 1981 AUSTIN visited some exotic and interesting ports such as Trondheim and Harstad, Norway; Portsmouth, England; Panama City, Florida; Ft Lauderdale, Florida and Nassau, the Bahamas.


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