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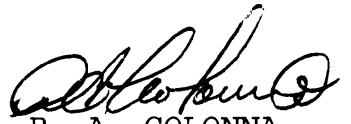
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R. A. COLONNA

**Command History**

**2001**

**USS AUSTIN (LPD 4)**

**UIC: 07175**

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**R. A. COLONNA, CDR, USNR**

A. Command Composition and Organization

1. Command Short Title: LPD 4
2. Unit Identification Code (UIC): 07175
3. Mission: Amphibious Transport Dock Ship
4. Immediate Senior Command:  
Commander Amphibious Group TWO (01 January - 31 August 2001).  
Commander Amphibious Squadron TWO (01 September - 31 December 2001)
5. Commanding Officer:  
Commander William W. Crow, USNR, (01 January - 21 March 2001)  
Commander Richard A. Colonna, USNR (22 March - 31 December 2001)
6. Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, VA

B. Chronology

January

Commanding Officer - CDR William Crow, USN  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

Holiday Leave Period  
Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

February

Commanding Officer - CDR William Crow, USN  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Hosted CNSL Luncheon
- 2 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
YN2 Preap Reenlistment  
Captain's Call
- 3 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 4 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 5 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 6 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Light-Off  
Hot and Cold Checks

- Family Association Luncheon
- 7 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 8 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 9 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 10 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 12 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida  
1400 - Underway  
1430 - Set 1A for Wet Well/Ballast Operations  
1530 - Recover Landing Craft Unit (LCU) 63  
Swing Ship
- 13 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida  
1400 - Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises  
(BECCE's)  
1430 - Supply SVCS review board  
1530 - Chaft Fire
- 14 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida  
0730 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1400 - Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises  
(BECCE's)
- 15 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida
- 16 Inport, Key West, Florida  
MM2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
1030 - Moored Key West, Florida
- 17 Inport, Key West, Florida
- 18 Inport, Key West, Florida  
Religious Services
- 19 Underway, Enroute New Orleans, LA  
0800 - Light Off  
1300 - Underway
- 20 Underway, Enroute New Orleans, LA  
0800 - CIWS PACFIRE  
0830 - Set 1A for B and A Crane Operations/Boat

## Operations

- 1430 - Familiarization Fire  
1715 - Flight Quarters
- 21 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
1700 - Moored, New Orleans, LA
- 22 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
1000 - NJROTC Tour
- 23 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
1000 - NJROTC Tour  
1300 - Commence Ship Tours  
1900 - Bridge Wing Reception
- 24 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
0930 - NJROTC Tour  
1130 - Wardroom Luncheon  
1230 - NJROTC Tour  
1300 - Commence Ship Tours  
1900 - C.O. at Commodore Lupo's for Parade Viewing
- 25 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
Religious Services  
1200 - C.O. to Sunday Sinners' Breakfast  
1200 - C.O. at Commodore Lupo's for Parade Viewing  
1900 - C.O. at Commodore Lupo's For Parade Viewing
- 26 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
1300 - Commence Ship Tours
- 27 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
0930 - C.O. at Commodore Lupo's for Parade Viewing  
1700 - C.O. at Commodore Lupo's for Parade Viewing  
2000 - Rex Ball
- 28 Inport, New Orleans, LA  
Ash Wednesday Service

## March

Commanding Officer - CDR William Crow, USN  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida  
0400 - Plant Light Off  
1000 - Underway  
1930 - Roman Catholic Rosary

- 2 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida
- 3 Underway, Enroute Key West, Florida
- 4 Inport, Key West, Florida  
Religious Services  
1130 - Moored Key West, Florida
- 5 Inport, Key West, Florida
- 6 Underway, Enroute Norfolk Naval Station  
0730 - E6 Exam  
1430 - Underway, Enroute Norfolk Naval Station
- 7 Underway, Enroute Norfolk Naval Station
- 8 Underway, Enroute Norfolk Naval Station  
Captain's Call  
1930 - Roman Catholic Rosary
- 9 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0930 - Captain's Mast  
1330 - Station Ballast Detail  
1330 - Station 1A for Wet Well Operations  
1430 - Launch Landing Craft Unit (LCU)  
1630 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station
- 10 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 12 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 13 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Accommodation Ladder Installation  
0800 - E-5 Exam  
0830 - Prospective C.O., CDR Colonna, arrives  
0900 - YP Training  
1130 - Luncheon with Captain Leupke
- 14 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0700 - Captain's Mast  
0900 - Refueling by Barge
- 15 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
BM2 [REDACTED] - Reenlistment  
MM1 [REDACTED] - Reenlistment  
0830 - Captain's Mast

0900 - YP Training  
1230 - Luncheon with Admiral Mullen  
1830 - Ship's Birthday Party, Surfside Inn,  
Virginia Beach

16 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

17 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

18 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services

19 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

20 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0830 - Ammunition Inventory  
1300 - Change of Command Rehearsal

21 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0800 - NJROTC Tour  
0930 - Change of Command Rehearsal

22 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0930 - Awards Ceremony  
1400 - Change of Command.  
CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR relieves  
CDR William W. Crow as  
Commanding Officer, USS AUSTIN (LPD 4)  
1530 - Reception at North Carolina House

23 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

24 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

25 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services

26 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Captain's Call

27 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0900 - Crypto Van Removal

28 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

29 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

30 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

Shiphandling Training, Marine Systems International  
0930 - Norfolk England Sheringham Shantyman Tour  
1100 - Awards Ceremony

31 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

April

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 2 Underway, Enroute VACAPES  
1030 - Underway  
Engineering Evolutions
- 3 Underway, VACAPES  
0800 - CIWS PAC Fire/CHAFF Shoot  
0930 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1345 - Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises  
(BECCE's)  
1700 - Flight Quarters
- 4 Underway, VACAPES  
0830 - Abandon Ship Drill  
1300 - Small Arms Shoot  
1730 - Flight Quarters
- 5 Underway, VACAPES  
0900 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1330 - Flight Quarters
- 6 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0900 - Captain's Mast  
1600 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station
- 7 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 8 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 9 Underway, VACAPES  
1030 - Underway VACAPES  
1400 - ULM 4 Range  
1630 - Anchoring Evolution  
1930 - Roman Catholic Rosary



10 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
1200 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station

11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
1100 - Captain's Mast

12 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

13 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

14 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

15 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Service

16 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

17 Underway, VACAPES  
1030 - Underway, VACAPES  
1430 - Flight Quarters

18 Underway, VACAPES  
0730 - Engineering Evolutions  
0900 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1300 - Advancement Exam  
1300 - 50 Caliber/25mm Weapons Familiarization Fire  
1500 - Flight Quarters  
1900 - Small Boat Operations

19 Underway, VACAPES  
0830 - General Quarters  
1300 - 25mm Familiarization Fire  
1500 - Flight Quarters  
1930 - Roman Catholic Rosary

20 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
1130 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station

21 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

22 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

23 Underway, VACAPES  
0500 - Light-Off  
1030 - Underway, VACAPES  
1400 - Engineering Evolutions  
1500 - Flight Quarters  
1600 - Small Boat Operations

- 24 Underway, VACAPES
  - 0730 - Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCE's)
  - 0900 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
  - 1500 - Flight Quarters
  - 1500 - Executive Officer Investigation (XOI)
  - 1600 - Small Boat Operations
  
- 25 Underway, VACAPES
  - 0900 - Leap Frogs with USS Trenton
  - 1500 - Flight Quarters
  - 1600 - Small Boat Operations
  
- 26 Underway, VACAPES
  - 0700 - Underway Replenishment with USNS Patuxent
  - 0730 - CPR Training
  - 1400 - Engineering Evolutions
  - 1500 - Flight Quarters
  - 1930 - Roman Catholic Rosary
  
- 27 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
  - 1130 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station
  
- 28 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
  
- 29 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
  - Religious Services
  
- 30 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
  - Underwater Hull Cleaning
  - 1130 - ATG Luncheon

May

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
 Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
  - Underwater hull cleaning
  
- 2 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
  - Underwater hull cleaning
  - 0800 - Health Fair
  - 1130 - ATG luncheon

- 3 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
IT3 [REDACTED] reenlistment  
Underwater hull cleaning
- 4 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Underwater hull cleaning  
1400 - Ship tour for New York High School students  
1800 - Hail and Farewell, Waterside
- 5 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 6 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious services
- 7 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 8 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
GM1 [REDACTED] - Reenlistment  
Shiphandling Training, Marine Systems International
- 9 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
ABFCS [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
Shiphandling training, Marine Systems International
- 10 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Command Picnic  
Chief/Officer softball game
- 11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
1130 - Awards Ceremony
- 12 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 13 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious services
- 14 Underway, Enroute Mayport Naval Station  
0300 - Light-Off  
0800 - Underway, VACAPES
- 15 Underway, Enroute Mayport Naval Station  
0700 - Condition 1A for Well Deck operations  
0800 - Burial at Sea
- 16 Inport, Mayport Naval Station  
0900 - Moored, Mayport Naval Station
- 17 Inport, Mayport Naval Station  
Chief/Officer softball game

- 18 Inport, Mayport Naval Station
- 19 Underway, Enroute Norfolk Naval Station
- 20 Underway, Enroute Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services  
1600 - CIWS PACFIRE, 25mm/M-14 Familiarization fire
- 21 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
0800 - Executive Officer Investigation (XOI)  
0900 - Captain's Mast  
1530 - Moored, Naval Station Norfolk
- 22 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 23 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 24 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
1200 - Captain's Call
- 25 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 26 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 27 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Religious Services
- 28 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 29 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Midshipmen Embark  
0800 - Tour for the Center of Naval Analysis
- 30 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
MS3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
0800 - Commander, Amphibious Group Two Conference
- 31 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Post-deployment Intelligence brief

June

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin W. LaPointe

- 1 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Captain's Mast
- 2 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk

- 3      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Religious Services
  
- 4      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
9MM Weapons Qualification, Oceana Naval Air Station
  
- 5      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
1000 - Ship tour for Elementary School students
  
- 6      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
1330 - Admiral Moran Brief  
1500 - Admiral's Call and Award Ceremony
  
- 7      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
  
- 8      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
1000 - Captain's Mast
  
- 9      Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
  
- 10     Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Religious Services
  
- 11     Inport, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown  
0500 - Light-Off  
0930 - Underway, Enroute Naval Weapons Station  
          Yorktown  
1400 - Moored, Yorktown
  
- 12     Inport, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown  
Ammunition Offload
  
- 13     Inport, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown  
Ammunition Offload
  
- 14     Inport, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown  
Ammunition Offload
  
- 15     Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Family Day Cruise  
AS3 (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
ABF2 (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
0745 - Awards Ceremony  
0900 - Underway  
1100 - Steel Beach Picnic  
1430 - Moored, Naval Station Norfolk
  
- 16     Inport, Naval Station Norfolk

- 17 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Religious Services
- 18 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Refueling
- 19 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 20 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
General Military Training (GMT) for all hands
- 21 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 22 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
All day Safety Standown for all hands  
1130 - Captain's Call  
1300 - Sea Cadet Tour
- 23 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk
- 24 Inport, Naval Station Norfolk  
Religious Services
- 25 Inport, Metro Machine  
0900 - Underway, Enroute Metro Machine Shipyard  
1030 - Moored, Metro Machine
- 26 Inport, Metro Machine
- 27 Inport, Metro Machine  
Medical training for all hands
- 28 Inport, Metro Machine
- 29 Inport, Metro Machine
- 30 Inport, Metro Machine

July

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin W. LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 2 Inport, Metro Machine

- 3 Inport, Metro Machine  
OS3 ██████████ Reenlistment  
SKCS ██████████ - Reenlistment  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 4 Inport, Metro Machine
- 5 Inport, Metro Machine  
ET2 ██████████ Reenlistment
- 6 Inport, Metro Machine  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 7 Inport, Metro Machine
- 8 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 9 Inport, Metro Machine  
Phase One Search and Rescue (SAR) Evaluation
- 10 Inport, Metro Machine
- 11 Inport, Metro Machine  
Phase One Search and Rescue (SAR) Evaluation  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 12 Inport, Metro Machine
- 13 Inport, Metro Machine
- 14 Inport, Metro Machine
- 15 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 16 Inport, Metro Machine
- 17 Inport, Metro Machine
- 18 Inport, Metro Machine
- 19 Inport, Metro Machine  
Engineering Training Group (ETG) Visit  
1400 - Captain's Mast

- 20 Inport, Metro Machine  
ETG Visit  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
- 21 Inport, Metro Machine  
0800 - Underway, Berth Shift
- 22 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 23 Inport, Metro Machine  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 24 Inport, Metro Machine  
Culture Workshop for all hands
- 25 Inport, Metro Machine
- 26 Inport, Metro Machine
- 27 Inport, Metro Machine  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 28 Inport, Metro Machine
- 29 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 30 Inport, Metro Machine
- 31 Inport, Metro Machine

August

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Metro Machine  
Immunizations for all hands  
Commanding Officer's Retention Brief  
CWO2 [REDACTED] promotion ceremony
- 2 Inport, Metro Machine  
Grand reopening of ship's store and first class mess
- 3 Inport, Metro Machine  
YN3 [REDACTED] - Reenlistment  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)



4 Inport, Metro Machine

5 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services

6 Inport, Metro Machine

7 Inport, Metro Machine

8 Inport, Metro Machine

9 Inport, Metro Machine

10 Inport, Metro Machine  
0900 - Executive Officer's Investigation (XOI)  
1030 - Captain's Mast

11 Inport, Metro Machine

12 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services

13 Inport, Metro Machine

14 Inport, Metro Machine  
1030 - Captain's Mast

15 Inport, Metro Machine  
ERAT  
0605 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)

16 Inport, Metro Machine  
ERAT

17 Inport, Metro Machine

18 Inport, Metro Machine

19 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services

20 Inport, Metro Machine

21 Inport, Metro Machine

22 Inport, Metro Machine  
0605 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)

- 23 Inport, Metro Machine  
YN1 (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
0730 - Captain's Mast  
0830 - Summary Court Martial (SCM)
- 24 Inport, Metro Machine  
0600 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
- 25 Inport, Metro Machine
- 26 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 27 Inport, Metro Machine  
Immunizations for all hands  
QM3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
- 28 Inport, Metro Machine
- 29 Inport, Metro Machine  
Immunization for all hands  
0605 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
0730 - B and A Crane certification
- 30 Inport, Metro Machine  
EM3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
- 31 Inport, Metro Machine  
0600 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
0900 - Captain's Mast  
1130 - Captain's Call

September

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Metro Machine  
Immediate Senior in Command shifts to COMPHIBRON TWO
- 2 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 3 Inport, Metro Machine
- 4 Inport, Metro Machine  
LCDR [REDACTED] promotion ceremony

- 5 Inport, Metro Machine
- 6 Inport, Metro Machine  
ET3 Poling Reenlistment, USS Wisconsin  
0730 - E-6 Exam
- 7 Inport, Metro Machine  
Ship Handling Training, Marine Systems International  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 8 Inport, Metro Machine
- 9 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 10 Inport, Metro Machine
- 11 Inport, Metro Machine  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1015 - Set THREATCON DELTA IRT WTC ATTACKS. THEN "C"  
THEN "B+"
- 12 Inport, Metro Machine  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
- 13 Inport, Metro Machine
- 14 Inport, Metro Machine  
Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony  
MS1 █████ Reenlistment  
1130 - Captain's Call; Twin Tower and Pentagon Prayer  
Service
- 15 Inport, Metro Machine
- 16 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 17 Inport, Metro Machine  
Crew Move Aboard  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
- 18 Inport, Metro Machine  
Crew Move Aboard  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)

- 19     Inport, Metro Machine  
Crew Move Aboard
  
- 20     Inport, Metro Machine  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
  
- 21     Inport, Metro Machine  
JP 5 Onload  
1130 - Captain's Call
  
- 22     Inport, Metro Machine
  
- 23     Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
  
- 24     Inport, Metro Machine  
Light Off Assessment (LOA)  
Postal Assist Visit  
0615 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
  
- 25     Inport, Metro Machine  
Light Off Assessment (LOA)  
Aviation Tech Assist (AVTA)
  
- 26     Inport, Metro Machine  
Aviation Tech Assist (AVTA)  
Plant Light-Off for steam test
  
- 27     Inport, Metro Machine  
Postal Assist Visit  
Aviation Tech Assist (AVTA)  
Steam Testing continues  
1000 - Executive Officer Investigation  
1400 - Captain's Mast
  
- 28     Inport, Metro Machine
  
- 29     Inport, Metro Machine
  
- 30     Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Service

October

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1     Inport, Metro Machine  
IC2 ██████████ Reenlistment

- Aviation Certification (AVCERT)
- 2 Inport, Metro Machine  
Aviation Certification (AVCERT)
- 3 Inport, Metro Machine  
Aviation Certification (AVCERT)
- 4 Inport, Metro Machine  
JP5 Onload  
0730 - E-5 Exam
- 5 Inport, Metro Machine  
Fuel Onload
- 6 Inport, Metro Machine
- 7 Inport, Metro Machine  
Religious Services
- 8 Inport, Metro Machine  
Fast Cruise  
Ship Training Team (STT) Drills  
1230 - General Quarters
- 9 Underway, VACAPES  
0830 - Underway  
1400 - Full Power run  
1800 - Swing Ship  
1900 - Ballast Operations
- 10 Underway, VACAPES  
0730 - E-4 Exam  
0745 - Set Condition 1A for Stern Gate Operations  
1000 - Flight Quarters  
1030 - Rear Admiral Moran Arrives  
1130 - Burial at Sea Ceremony  
1200 - Chief Petty Officer Luncheon with  
Rear Admiral Moran  
1330 - Rear Admiral Moran Departs  
1600 - Flight Quarters
- 11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
IT3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
MM1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
YN3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
0800 - TACAN/ULM-4 Range Run  
1830 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station

- 12 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 13 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 14 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 15 Underway, VACAPES  
0930 - Underway  
1600 - Flight Quarters  
1700 - Small Boat Operations
- 16 Underway, VACAPES  
0700 - Engineering Drills  
0700 - M-14, 9mm Familiarization Fire  
1300 - Flight Quarters  
1730 - Small Boat Operations  
2130 - Flight Quarters
- 17 Underway, VACAPES  
0730 - Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises  
(BECCE's)  
0930 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1300 - Flight Quarters  
1700 - Small Boat Operations
- 18 Underway, VACAPES  
0730 - Engineering Drills  
0730 - Familiarization Fire  
1300 - Set Condition 1A for Ballast and Wet Well Deck  
Operations  
1500 - Flight Quarters  
2000 - Small Boat Operations
- 19 Underway, VACAPES  
0700 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1300 - Engineering Drills
- 20 Underway, VACAPES  
1000 - Underway Replenishment with USNS Patuxent  
1500 - Flight Quarters
- 21 Anchored, Vicinity of Chesapeake Light  
Religious Services  
0830 - Anchored, Chesapeake Light  
1300 - Anti-Terrorism training for all hands

- 22 Underway, VACAPES  
0645 - Underway  
0700 - TACAN Range  
0800 - Engineering Drills  
1100 - Chemical, Biological, Radiological General  
Quarters Drill  
1500 - Detect to Engage Exercises
- 23 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
1100 - Moored, Norfolk Naval Station
- 24 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Commander, Amphibious Squadron TWO Embarks
- 25 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 26 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
ESSOLANT Outbrief  
0930 - Captain's Mast  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 27 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 28 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 29 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Mini Ammunition Onload
- 30 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Light Off  
Hot/Cold Checks
- 31 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

November

Commanding Officer, CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer, LCDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 2 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
MM3 █████ Reenlistment  
OBA, EEED, EGRESS Training for all hands  
0945 - Captain's Mast  
1130 - Captain's Call
- 3 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

- 4 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Service
- 5 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Command Assessment Readiness Training (CART) II
- 6 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Command Assessment Readiness Training (CART) II  
Integrated Training Team (ITT) Scenario  
Casualty Power walkthrough  
2359 - Light-Off forward plant
- 7 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Command Assessment Readiness Training (CART) II  
Light Off number two boiler  
Continue Hot/Cold checks
- 8 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Command Assessment Readiness Training (CART) II  
Engineering Training Team Drills
- 9 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Command Assessment Readiness Training (CART) II  
1300 - Captain's Call
- 10 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 12 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
2359 - Light Off number one boiler
- 13 Underway, VACAPES  
0900 Underway  
1130 - Set Ballast Detail  
1230 - Set Condition 1A for Well Deck Operations  
1300 - Engineering Drills  
1700 - USMC Birthday diner
- 14 Underway, VACAPES  
Flu shots for all hands  
0930 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1300 - Swing Ship  
1300 - Small Arms Familiarization Fire  
1300 - Engineering Evolutions
- 15 Underway, VACAPES  
MM2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment



- Flu Shots for all hands  
0730 - Small Arms Familiarization Fire  
1230 - Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises  
(BECCE's)  
1530 - Flight Quarters
- 16 Underway, VACAPES  
0730 - Ballast Detail  
0800 - Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) Operations  
1300 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
- 17 Underway, VACAPES  
Flu Shots for all hands  
0900 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)  
1400 - Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD)
- 18 Anchored, VACAPES  
Flu Shots for all hands  
0800 - Anchored  
1300 - CIWS PACFIRE
- 19 Underway, VACAPES  
0630 - Underway  
0800 - Rendezvous with USNS Laramie  
1300 - CIWS tracking exercise with Lear Jet  
1400 - General Quarters  
1500 - Fresh Water Washdown of ship  
1900 - Flight Quarters
- 20 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0830 - Moored Norfolk Naval Station  
0900 - Main Space Fire Drill
- 21 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 22 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Thanksgiving Dinner with family and friends
- 23 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Tag-Out Audit
- 24 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 25 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 26 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

- 27 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Chief Petty Officer Hail and Farewell.  
CMDMCM(SW) Gober Departs,  
CMDMCM(SS) Nemeth assumes position.
- 28 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
MAC ████████ Reenlistment  
MM3 ████████ Reenlistment  
EW2 ████████ Reenlistment  
Respiratory protection training for all hands  
Personal Fitness Assessment (PFA)
- 29 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Personal Fitness Assessment (PFA)  
Industrial hygiene visit
- 30 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Personal Fitness Assessment (PFA)  
Industrial hygiene visit  
Tag-Out audit

December

Commanding Officer - CDR Richard A. Colonna, USNR  
Executive Officer - CDR Kevin LaPointe, USN

- 1 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 2 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 3 Underway, VACAPES  
Combat Systems OCSOT  
0900 - Underway  
1300 - Engineering Drills  
1300 - Small Arms Familiarization Fire
- 4 Underway, VACAPES  
0700 - Engineering Drills  
1430 - Flight Quarters
- 5 Underway, VACAPES  
ITT Drill  
EMCON Drill  
Small Arms Familiarization Fire  
Swing Ship

- 6 Underway, VACAPES  
IT1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
OBA Training for all hands  
Abandon Ship Drill  
Countermeasure Wash Down Operational Test  
1130 - Steel Beach Picnic  
1400 - Engineering Drills
- 7 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
1030 - Moored
- 8 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 9 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 10 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Crypto Van Onload
- 11 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Pre-Insurv Inspection  
0300 - Light Off number one boiler  
0530 - 1A Stern Gate Operations
- 12 Underway, Vacapes  
Pre-Insurv Inspection  
0600 - Underway  
Anchor Drop Test  
Full Power Run  
Rudder Swing Checks
- 13 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
0830 - Moored  
1200 - Captain's Call  
1800 - Ship's Christmas Party, Surfside Inn,  
Virginia Beach
- 14 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
PC3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
- 15 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 16 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Services
- 17 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Crypto Van Onload  
3M Assist Visit  
Hull Cleaning

- 18 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
3M Assist Visit  
Hull Cleaning
- 19 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
3M Assist Visit
- 20 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
3M Assist Visit
- 21 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Tag-Out Audit  
3M Assist Visit  
Captain's Call and Awards Ceremony
- 22 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 23 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station  
Religious Ceremonies
- 24 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 25 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 26 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 27 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 28 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 29 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 30 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station
- 31 Inport, Norfolk Naval Station

C. Narrative

January. The ship returned from a Mediterranean deployment in mid-December, 2000. The crew celebrated the holidays with their families during most of the month of January. The remainder of the month was spent inport Norfolk Naval Station reacquainting the crew with the normal inport routine.

February. AUSTIN was away from homeport for most of February. She departed Norfolk 12 February and arrived Key West Florida for a brief port visit. The crew enjoyed the warm weather, but were anxious for their next port visit in New Orleans. AUSTIN arrived in time for Mardi Gras, 21 February and remained in New

Orleans until 28 February 2001. Duty sections conducted various ship tours while inport and the crew enjoyed the parties and parades of the Mardi Gras celebration.

March. AUSTIN got underway again on 1 March 2001 and returned to Key West for storm evasion and two additional days of liberty. The ship returned to Norfolk 9 March 2001. The prospective Commanding Officer, CDR Colonna, arrived to the ship on 13 March 2001. The ship's 36<sup>th</sup> birthday party was held at the Surfside Inn in Virginia Beach, on 15 March 2001. CDR Colonna assumed command on 22 March 2001.

April. The AUSTIN got underway frequently for training purposes during April. The crew proved their expertise to the Commanding Officer during various evolutions such as; Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises (BECCE's), Main Space Fire Drills, Flight Quarters, Close-In/Weapons System (CIWS) PACFIRE, ULM-4 Range, anchoring evolutions and small boat operations.

May. AUSTIN remained inport until mid-May when she got underway to conduct a Burial at Sea. AUSTIN arrived in Mayport, FL 16 May for a port visit and returned to homeport on 21 May 2001.

June. AUSTIN remained inport until 11 June 2001 when she arrived at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station for the ammunition offload. AUSTIN returned to Norfolk 15 June 2001 and conducted a Family Day Cruise on her transit from Yorktown. Friends and family were able to ride the ship and see what a typical day is like on AUSTIN. To celebrate, the ship hosted a steel beach picnic on the flight deck. AUSTIN departed Norfolk again 25 June 2001 and arrived Metro Machine Imperial Docking Company the same day, where she would remain for approximately three months for a Phased Maintenance Availability.

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AUSTIN also held a prayer service on 14 September 2001 in remembrance of the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. AUSTIN's crew sailed successfully through a Light Off Assessment (LOA) on 24 September 2001.

October. AUSTIN's Aviation Certification (AVCERT) was successfully conducted 1-3 October. The ship finally finished the yard period and departed Metro Machine 9 October 2001. AUSTIN remained at sea for two days and conducted a Burial at Sea while underway. AUSTIN got underway again 15 October 2001 and conducted various training exercises including; Flight Quarters, Small Boat Operations, Engineering Drills, M-14, 9mm familiarization fire, underway replenishment with USNS Patuxent, anti-terrorism training for all hands, TACAN Range, chemical, biological, radiological general quarters drill, and a detect to engage exercise. AUSTIN returned to Norfolk Naval Station 23 October 2001.

November. AUSTIN conducted the CART II inspection 5-9 November and returned to sea 13 November 2001. She remained at sea conducting various engineering evolutions, swing ship and Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) Operations. AUSTIN returned to homeport 20 November 2001 in time for the crew to be with their families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

December. AUSTIN conducted her pre-Insurv inspection during the first part of the month. This year's Christmas party was held at the Surfside Inn in Virginia Beach. The crew enjoyed the remainder of December celebrating the holidays with their families and friends.

D. Supporting Documents (following enclosures)