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0100 COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

A. Mission: The mission of USS BOXER (LHD 4) is to load, transport and land troops and their equipment.

B. Organizational Structure: USS BOXER (LHD 4) is directly responsible to Commander Amphibious Group Three. There are no tenant commands under BOXER's administrative or operational control.

C. Commanding Officer: Captain Robert E. Annis (see Appendix A)

D. Permanent Duty Station: 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego, California (see Appendix B)

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0200 CHRONOLOGY

A. The following is a chronological list of key events relevant to USS BOXER (LHD 4):

April 8, 1991: BOXER keel laid.

December 1992: BOXER's pre-outfitted hull modules are integrated at Ingalls Shipyard, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

August 9, 1993: BOXER begins her translation to Ingalls' floating dry-dock.

August 13, 1993: BOXER is launched.

August 28, 1993: BOXER christened by the ships sponsor Mrs. Becky Miller. (see Appendix C)

November 21, 1994: The officers and crew of BOXER begin to move on board. First religious service conducted on board.

November 22, 1994: Medical Department opens its doors for Sick Call.

December 1994: BOXER's library is opened to the crew.

December 3, 1994: NISE East begins electromagnetic pulse testing on all HF equipment.

December 5, 1994: BOXER begins PLOE I.

December 8, 1994: BOXER completes PLOE I.

December 18, 1994: NISE East concludes electromagnetic testing.

January 4, 1995: TACINTEL II install upgrades for TAC-3 terminal and COTS/GOTS compatibility.

January 9, 1995: BOXER begins PLOE II.

January 12, 1995: BOXER's Medical Department receives a technical assist visit.

January 13, 1995: BOXER completes PLOE II.

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January 17, 1995: TACINTEL II upgrades complete.

January 20, 1995: Medical Department completes DERAT #1.

January 31, 1995: LOE begins.

February 2, 1995: BOXER completes LOE.

February 7, 1995: Crew Certification begins.

February 8, 1995: Crew Certification ends. First LCAC is embarked.

February 9, 1995: First aircraft lands on BOXER (Marine Corps CH-53 Sea Stallion from HMH-461).

February 11, 1995: BOXER is commissioned. Distinguished guests included the Honorable Trent Lott, U.S. Senator of Mississippi; Admiral Jeremy Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations; General John Sheehan, U.S. Marine Corps; Mrs. Becky Miller, BOXER's sponsor. (see Appendix C)

February 17, 1995: BOXER begins its Industrial Hygiene Survey. Begin replacement of TACINTEL KG-36 with KG-84A.

February 20, 1995: Ship begins Sea Trials and sail around to San Diego, California from Pascagoula, Mississippi.

February 21, 1995: TACINTEL replacement complete. BOXER transits Caribbean Sea and is assigned to the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force East in support of counter narcotic operations. BOXER flight deck personnel qualify for flight deck pay prior to the ship entering the U. S. Pacific Fleet.

February 22, 1995: Embarked three LCACs at Panama City Florida for transport to ACU-5.

February 26, 1995: Anchored in Balboa, Panama.

February 27, 1995: Transit of the Panama Canal.

February 28, 1995: First joint air operations conducted. BOXER lands Army UH-60 Blackhawks from Fort Clayton's Aviation Brigade 128 after BOXER transits Panama Canal.

March 2, 1995: BOXER crosses the equator and conducts a crossing the line ceremony.

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March 8, 1995: BOXER conducts a port visit in Mazatlan, Mexico.

March 11, 1995: Conclusion of port visit in Mazatlan. Chaplain Division initiates collection of spare pesos for donation to Casa de Los Pobres in Tijuana, Mexico.

March 15, 1995: LCACs delivered to ACU-5. BOXER arrives in San Diego, California. BOXER completes Industrial Hygiene Survey.

March 17, 1995: Beginning of AN/SRS-1 Combat DF TAC-3 upgrade.

March 26, 1995: FOA begins. (see Appendix E)

April 21, 1995: AN/SRS-1 Combat DF TAC-3 upgrade completed.

May 1995: HAZMAT reuse trailer unloaded as part of the NAVSUP Hazardous Material Control and Management Program.

May 16, 1995: Aviation Assist Visit conducted and upgraded to a full Aviation Readiness Exam.

May 23, 1995: BOXER completes Radiation Health Survey #1.

June 2, 1995: FOA ends.

June 12, 1995: Commenced UNREP SQT in SOCAL.

June 16, 1995: Completed UNREP SQT.

June 19, 1995: CSSQT begins. (see Appendix E)

July 12, 1995: Medical Department completes Mass Casualty Exercise #1.

July 14, 1995: CSSQT ends.

July 26, 1995: FCT begins.

July 27, 1995: FCT ends.

July 31, 1995: Beginning of CART I.

August 1995: Flight deck is resurfaced.

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August 4, 1995: BOXER completes CART I.

August 7, 1995: Beginning of CART II.

August 11, 1995: BOXER completes CART II.

September 1, 1995: Beginning of TSTA I.

September 19, 1995: BOXER conducts its first AV-8B Harrier day operations.

September 22, 1995: BOXER completes TSTA I.

October 31, 1995: RAV begins. First stern gate marriage with an LCU.

November 1995: Renovations begin on BOXER's mess deck and berthing areas as part of RAV. The crew and officers move off the ship. (see Appendix G)

November 27, 1995: Beginning of PLOA I.

December 1, 1995: Conclusion of PLOA I.