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- Encl:
- (1) Ship's description
 - (2) Ship's history and combat experience
 - (3) Commanding Officer's biography
 - (4) Executive Officer's biography
 - (5) Chronology of major operations for CY 1989
 - (6) List of awards presented for CY 1989
 - (7) COMNAVSURFPAC San Diego Ca 020020Z Jul 89
 - (8) COMJTF-AK ELMENDORF AFB AK 131400Z Jul 89
 - (9) COMNAVBEACHGRU ONE San Diego Ca 181906Z Aug 89
 - (10) COMNAVSURFPAC San Diego Ca 172020Z Sep 89
 - (11) COMPHIBRON THREE San Diego Ca
 - (12) COMFLETRAGRU San Diego Ca 202319Z Nov 89
 - (13) CINCPACFLT Pearl Harbor Hi 200147Z Dec 89
 - (14) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
 - (15) Photo of USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (15) are submitted as USS CLEVELAND's Command History for Calender Year 1989.

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USS CLEVELAND is the seventh in a series of LPD's designed to add a dimension to the Navy's troop and vehicle lift capability.

Designated a Amphibious Transport Dock, the new vessel is a direct descendant of the Landing Ship Dock (LSD) of WORLD WAR TWO. Included in the ship's specification are features of the APA (ATTACK TRANSPORT), the AKA (ATTACK CARGO SHIP), and the LPH (AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT HELICOPTER). The CLEVELAND boasts a flight deck (LPH), well deck (LSD), troop carrying ability (APA), and cargo handling capability (AKA). In addition to these standard features, the ship is flag configured and provides spaces for an amphibious commander and an assault troop commander.

CLEVELAND's assault forces can be disembarked via helicopter or landing craft carried in the well deck. Intrinsicly a part of the well deck operation is the ballasting system, which makes possible a maximum depth of twelve of feet of water in the after portion of the deck and five feet in the forward section. An accessory to the well deck operation is an overhead monorail crane system which permits rapid loading and unloading of palletized cargo at almost every point in the well deck and upper vehicle storage area.

The late 1980's saw CLEVELAND become Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable (MEUSOC). MEUSOC operations include Navy Seal Team and Marine Reconnaissance Team insertions. These insertions are carried out with small Rigid Raider Craft (RRC) and Combat Rubber Raider Craft (CRRC). The RRC's are inserted into the water with launch and recovery devices (LRD's) which are assembled and mounted on the sterngate in the well deck. The CRRC's are hand carried to the sterngate and inserted by lowering the sterngate into the water. Additionally, CLEVELAND has been fitted to carry two additional small boats, increasing it capability to four boats on deck.

Although not specifically designed for helicopter transportation, CLEVELAND's flight deck is large enough to permit simultaneous operation of two medium sized helicopters and can land a helicopter as large as the CH-53E. Other features include limited repair and maintenance for helicopters, a telescoping hangar, refueling rigs for aviation fuels, troop debarkation stations from the second deck troop stations to the catwalks, and primary debarkation control, which provides a centralized location for coordination and control of the offloading of men and material ashore.

USS CLEVELAND is 561 feet long, has a maximum beam of 113 feet, and has a navigation draft of 24 feet, six inches. Full load displacement is 16,500 tons. The ship is armed with two twin 3-inch/50 caliber rapid fire mounts.

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The CLEVELAND's allowance consists of 34 officers and 400 enlisted men. In addition, the ship can carry approximately 850 combat troops and 118 officers in the assault and flag force.



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USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7) was commissioned in April 1967 at Norfolk, Virginia. CLEVELAND is the third ship to be named after the City of Cleveland, Ohio. The first was a Protected Cruiser (C-19) from 1903-1929 and the second a Light Cruiser (CL-55) from 1942-1947.

Subsequent to commission, CLEVELAND changed homeport to San Diego, California where she became a member of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Forces. CLEVELAND has divided her time between local operations in the Eastern Pacific and extended deployments to the Western Pacific. CLEVELAND was usually assigned as part of the Marine Amphibious Ready Group and, with her embarked Marines, acted as an integral part of the United States military effort in Southeast Asia. In addition to participating in numerous amphibious and combat support operations, the ship served as Flagship for Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet.

Deploying on her fourth WESTPAC Cruise in July 1972, CLEVELAND continued to demonstrate her versatility. In August, AH-1J "Cobra" attack helicopters were embarked for amphibious operations off North Vietnam. In early December, the ship sailed to Okinawa, disembarked the Cobra detachment and embarked elements of Marine Battalion Landing Team 1/9. During this period, CLEVELAND served as Flagship for Amphibious Ready Group Commander.

Upon the Vietnam cease-fire in January 1973, CLEVELAND joined Task Force 78 in the mine-clearing effort of Haiphong Harbor, Operation End Sweep, followed by return to San Diego on 28 April 1973. CLEVELAND's next Western Pacific Deployments were from April to November of 1974, April to November 1976, March to October 1978 and January to July 1980.

From April to October 1982, CLEVELAND again deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans for her ninth overseas deployment. During this deployment, CLEVELAND participated in RIMPAC '82 with units of the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Navy of New Zealand and Canada, and the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force. In addition, CLEVELAND participated in READEX 82 and COBRA Gold '82, a joint operation with the Royal Thai Navy.

CLEVELAND completed two more overseas deployments from September 1983 to March 1984 and August 1985 to December 1985.

CLEVELAND completed an extensive 9 month overhaul period in Long Beach and returned to San Diego in December 1986. CLEVELAND then assumed duties as Flagship for Commander THIRD Fleet in January 1988 and served until November 1988. Upon completion of Flagship duties, CLEVELAND completed a three month Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) at Southwest Marine in San Diego. Two weeks after completion of PMA, CLEVELAND left for a two month assignment to Prince William Sound, Alaska in support of Exxon oil spill cleanup efforts. Since completion of CLEVELAND's assignment to oil spill cleanup efforts, the ship has been actively involved in preparations for an early January 1990 Western Pacific Deployment.

CLEVELAND's 22 years of distinguished service has earned her two Meritorious Unit Citations, two Battle Efficiency Awards, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the Combat Action Ribbon.

ENCLOSURE(2)

CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATIONS, USS CLEVELAND 1989

1-8 JAN Inport San Diego, Ca.

9-12 JAN ISE, Conducted ECC Drills in Southern California Operations Area

13-16 JAN Inport San Diego, Ca.

17-20 JAN ISE, Conducted ECC Drills in Southern California Operations Area

21-23 JAN Inport San Diego, Ca.

24-25 JAN ISE, Successfully completed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination in Southern California Operations Area

26 JAN - 3 MAY Inport San Diego, Ca.

6 FEB - 5 MAY Planned Maintenance Availability

15 FEB - 3 MAY Moored at Pier 3, Southwest Marine Shipyard, San Diego, Ca. for Planned Maintenance Availability

4 - 5 MAY ISE, Sea Trials in Southern California Operations Area

6 - 7 MAY Inport San Diego, Ca.

8 - 10 MAY ISE, Southern California Operations Area

11 - 14 MAY Inport San Diego, Ca.

15 - 16 MAY ISE, Southern California Operations Area

17 - 24 MAY Inport San Diego, Ca.

22 MAY - 8 JUN Midshipmen Cruise

25 - 30 MAY Enroute Prince William Sound, Alaska. Embarked HMM 164 CH-46 Helicopter Squadron

31 MAY - 8 JUL Anchored Prince William Sound, Alaska. Assisted Exxon Corporation in Oil Spill Clean-up Operations

6 JUL Awarded U.S. Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon for Oil Spill Clean-up Operations

9 - 13 JUL Enroute San Francisco, Ca.

14 - 16 JUL Port Call San Francisco, Ca. Ship Tours

17 - 18 JUL Enroute San Diego, Ca.

19 - 30 JUL Inport San Diego, Ca.

ENCLOSURE(5)

31 JUL - 1 AUG Anchored off Coronado, Ca. Conducted ammunition transfer with USS Denver

2 - 3 AUG Anchored San Diego Bay, Training Readiness Evaluation

4 - 6 AUG Inport San Diego, Ca.

7 - 11 AUG ISE, Amphibious Refresher Training, Southern California Operations Area

12 - 13 AUG Inport San Diego, Ca.

14 - 18 AUG ISE, Amphibious Refresher Training, Southern California Operations Area

19 AUG - 4 SEP Inport San Diego, Ca.

28 AUG - 1 SEP Embarked MEU Service Support Group 15, Seal Team 1 for Kernel Usher 89-3

5 - 14 SEP Kernel Usher 89-3, Southern California Operations Area

15 - 17 SEP Inport San Diego, Ca.

15 SEP Air Readiness Evaluation

17 SEP Awarded Two Battle Efficiency E's for JAN 1988 - JUN 1989 Competitive Cycle

18 SEP- 14 OCT PACEX 89-3, Kernel Potlatch, Aleutian Islands Operations Area

15 - 29 OCT Inport San Diego, Ca. Formal 3M Inspection

23 OCT Medical Readiness Evaluation

30 OCT - 3 NOV ISE, Refresher Training, Southern California Operations Area

4 - 5 NOV Inport San Diego, Ca.

6 - 9 NOV ISE, Refresher Training, Southern California Operations Area

10 - 12 NOV Inport San Diego, Ca. Embark MEU Service Support Group 15, Seal Team 1 for SOCEX

13 - 20 NOV SOCEX 89, Southern California Operations Area

21 - 27 NOV Inport San Diego, Ca. Nuclear Weapons Assessment Team onboard for formal training

28 - 29 NOV ISE, Commander Amphibious Squadron Nine Engineering
Readiness Assessment, Southern California Operations
Area

30 NOV- 31 DEC Inport San Diego, Ca.

5 - 22 DEC POM Availability

12 DEC Formal Industrial Hygiene Survey

12 DEC Dental Readiness Evaluation

18 DEC Formal CMS Inspection

20 DEC CLEVELAND receives Golden Anchor Award for Retention
Excellence

AWARDS PRESENTED DURING 1989

The following personnel were promoted under the Command Advancement Program:

DT1 (SW) [REDACTED] ABH2 (AW) [REDACTED]
YN2 (SW) [REDACTED] ABH3 [REDACTED]

The following personnel were awarded a Flag Letter of Commendation:

HMC [REDACTED]	GMC (SW) [REDACTED]	BMC (SW) [REDACTED]
ET1 (SW) [REDACTED]	MR1 (SW) [REDACTED]	OS1 (SW) [REDACTED]
AG1 [REDACTED]	HM1 [REDACTED]	MM1 (SW) [REDACTED]
MM2 [REDACTED]	MM2 [REDACTED]	MS1 [REDACTED]
MR2 [REDACTED]	MS2 [REDACTED]	EM3 [REDACTED]
SH3 [REDACTED]	BM3 [REDACTED]	MM3 [REDACTED]
MS3 [REDACTED]	BM3 [REDACTED]	BM3 [REDACTED]
DC3 [REDACTED]	DC3 [REDACTED]	HT3 [REDACTED]
FA [REDACTED]	HM2 [REDACTED]	MS3 [REDACTED]

The following personnel were awarded the Navy Achievement Medal:

LT [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]	ENS [REDACTED]	DCC (SW) [REDACTED]
QMC (SW) [REDACTED]	PNCS (SW) [REDACTED]	MM1 [REDACTED]
BT1 [REDACTED]	ABH1 (AW) [REDACTED]	GYSGT [REDACTED]
ABF1 [REDACTED]	ABFC (AW) [REDACTED]	DT1 (SW) [REDACTED]
HT2 (SW) [REDACTED]	MS2 [REDACTED]	MS3 [REDACTED]
YN2 (SW) [REDACTED]	ABH2 [REDACTED]	MR2 [REDACTED]
HMC [REDACTED]	MMC (SW) [REDACTED]	

The following personnel were awarded the Navy Commendation Medal:

LCDR [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]	YN1 (SW) [REDACTED]	

The following people were awarded the Legion of Merit:

Captain Richard S. Cloward

The following people were selected as USS CLEVELAND's Sailors of the Quarter:

SENIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

MM1 (SW) [REDACTED]
SK1 (SW) [REDACTED]
ET1 (SW) [REDACTED]
OS1 (SW) [REDACTED]

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

HM3 [REDACTED]
MM3 (SW) [REDACTED]
BM2 (SW) [REDACTED]
DT2 (SW) [REDACTED]

JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

AN [REDACTED]
DN [REDACTED]
BTFN [REDACTED]
MMFN [REDACTED]

DT1 (SW) [REDACTED] was selected as USS CLEVELAND's Sailor of the Year for 1989.

ENCLOSURE(6)