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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 1990
  - (6) List of awards presented for CY 1990
  - (7) CINCPACFLT Pearl Harbor HI 100009Z FEB 90
  - (8) CTG SEVEN SIX PT THREE 110558Z FEB 90
  - (9) COMPHIBRON NINE 212211Z FEB 90
  - (10) USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI 270434Z FEB 90
  - (11) US Navy and Marine Corps Fire Protection Association Letter
  - (12) COMSEVENTHFLT 171556Z MAR 90
  - (13) CTF SEVEN SIX 200131Z MAR 90
  - (14) COMJSOC FT BRAGG NC 202225Z MAR 90
  - (15) MV BRAVADO 261200Z MAR 90
  - (16) COMPHIBRON THREE 240811Z MAY 90
  - (17) COMNAVSURFPAC SAN DIEGO CA 160240Z JUN 90
  - (18) COMPHIBRON THREE NAVGRAM 131705 JUL 90
  - (19) COMNAVSURFPAC SAN DIEGO CA 200140Z SEP 90
  - (20) COMPHIBRON NINE NAVGRAM N1/057 29 JAN 91
  - (21) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
  - (22) Photo of USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (22) are submitted as USS CLEVELAND's Command History for Calendar Year 1990.

  
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USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7)

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

Designated an 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 boats 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 combatant personnel can be disembarked by landing craft carried in the stern well deck. Intrinsicly a part of the well deck operation is the ballasting system, which makes possible a maximum depth of twelve 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.

Although not specifically designed for helicopter transportation, CLEVELAND's flight deck is large enough to permit simultaneous operation of two medium sized helicopters. 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.

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.

**ENCLOSURE(1)**



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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 commissioning, 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, READIEX 82 and COBRA Gold '82, a joint operation with the Royal Thai Navy.

CLEVELAND completed two more overseas deployment 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 at Southwest Marine in San Diego. After completion of PMA, CLEVELAND assisted in the Exxon Oil Spill cleanup efforts and prepared for her 12th WESTPAC, which commenced in January 1990.

During WESTPAC 90, CLEVELAND participated in Team Spirit 90, a joint/combined operation with the Republic of Korea's military. CLEVELAND also participated in Operation Fringe Keeper in the Gulf of Thailand. CLEVELAND's final exercise of the Deployment was Cobra Gold 90, a joint/combined exercise with the military of Thailand.

**ENCLOSURE(2)**

Upon completion of WESTPAC 90, CLEVELAND underwent an extensive Docked Planned Maintenance Availability (DPMA) at Southwest Marine in San Diego. CLEVELAND will complete its DPMA in February 1991 and is preparing for a Light-Off Examination (LOE) in January 1991.

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

CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATIONS, USS CLEVELAND 1990

1-11 JAN Inport San Diego, Ca.

3 JAN PCO CAPT Thomas Hopson reported aboard

4 JAN Dependents cruise

5 JAN Change of Command Ceremony. CAPT Hopson relieves CAPT Cloward

12 JAN Onload Del Mar Boat Basin. Deploy to Western Pacific with elements of 15th MEU including MSSG 15, Bravo and Charlie Co BLT 1/1, Seal Team One Platoon Alfa, SBU 12, ACU One and BMU One.

12-30 JAN MULTISAIL Iwo Jima, Japan

31-01 FEB VALIANT USHER 90-3 Iwo Jima, Japan

02-04 FEB MULTISAIL Okinawa, Japan

05 FEB Inport Okinawa, Japan

05-07 FEB MULTISAIL Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

08-10 FEB VALIANT USHER 90-5

11-12 FEB Inport Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Offload. Onload for Spec Ops.

13-17 FEB ISE. Enroute Gulf of Thailand

18-21 FEB Exercise Fringe Keeper 90

22-24 FEB ISE. Enroute Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

25-28 FEB Upkeep Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

01-05 MAR Transit Pohang, Republic of Korea

05-06 MAR Upkeep. Onload AAV's/LARC's/A Co.. PRESAIL. Pohang, Republic of Korea

07-23 MAR Exercise Team Spirit 90, Korean Opareas

24-26 MAR MODLOC Korean Opareas

27-29 MAR Port visit Pusan, Korea

30-31 MAR MULTISAIL Okinawa, Japan

01 APR Cross decked AAV's/LARC's/A Co. to Fresno

**ENCLOSURE(5)**

02-03 APR MULTISAIL Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

04-05 APR RRC/CRRC/SEAL Raids Subic Opareas Local Ops  
with HMAS PARRAMETTA / HMAS DERUENT

06 APR NGFS Exercise Tabonnes

06-28 APR Upkeep Subic Bay Republic of the Philippines

29-30 APR VALIANT USHER 90-6 San Miguel

01-15 MAY Upkeep Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

16-20 MAY ISE. Transit Cobra Gold, Gulf of Thailand

21MAY - 02JUN COBRA GOLD 90

03-07 JUN Port visit Pattaya, Thailand

08-12 JUN MULTISAIL Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

13-16 JUN Upkeep Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines

17JUN - 01JUL MULTISAIL Pearl Harbor HI

02-03 JUL Inport Pearl Harbor HI

03-11 JUL MULTISAIL Del Mar Boat Basin

06-09 JUL ISIC Engineering Readiness Assessment (IERA)

12 JUL Arrive San Diego, Ca.

12-27 JUL Inport San Diego, Ca.

20 AUG ISE SEAL Beach

21-22 AUG Ammunition Offload SEAL Beach

23 AUG ISE San Diego, Ca.

01-09 SEP Inport San Diego, Ca.

04-14 SEP Supply Management Assessment (SMA)

10 SEP Entered Dry Dock, Southwest Marine San Diego, Ca.

10SEP - 31DEC Docked Planned Maintenance Availability (DPMA)  
Southwest Marine San Diego, Ca.

13 NOV Exited Dry Dock. Moored Pier three Southwest  
Marine San Diego, Ca.

13-16 NOV PLOE Phase I by EASTPAC MTT

**ENCLOSURE(5)**

AWARDS PRESENTED DURING 1990

The following personnel were promoted under the Command Advancement Program:

PN2 [REDACTED] DT3 [REDACTED]  
EW2 [REDACTED] DT1 [REDACTED]

The following personnel were awarded a Flag Letter of Commendation:

OS2 [REDACTED]	HT1 [REDACTED]	MS1 [REDACTED]
OS1(SW) [REDACTED]	HT2 [REDACTED]	MS1 [REDACTED]
OS3 [REDACTED]	ABH2 [REDACTED]	MSSA [REDACTED]
ET2 [REDACTED]	ABF2 [REDACTED]	BT1 [REDACTED]
ET3 [REDACTED]	ABH3 [REDACTED]	BT2 [REDACTED]
SHSN [REDACTED]	MM2(SW) [REDACTED]	SM3 [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]	MM1 [REDACTED]	SH3 [REDACTED]
GMM2 [REDACTED]	MMC [REDACTED]	SM3 [REDACTED]
BMC(SW) [REDACTED]	MMC(SW) [REDACTED]	BT2 [REDACTED]
BM1(SW) [REDACTED]	EM3(SW) [REDACTED]	HM2 [REDACTED]
BM2(SW) [REDACTED]	MM2 [REDACTED]	EN3 [REDACTED]
DC2 [REDACTED]	MS1 [REDACTED]	HM1 [REDACTED]

The following personnel were awarded the Navy Achievement Medal:

*MMC(SW) [REDACTED]	SK1(SW) [REDACTED]	BM2 [REDACTED]
MMC(SW) [REDACTED]	ETC(SW) [REDACTED]	LTJG [REDACTED]
PNCS(SW) [REDACTED]	OS1(SW) [REDACTED]	BM2(SW) [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]	OS2(SW) [REDACTED]	SH1 [REDACTED]
*YNI [REDACTED]	BT1(SW) [REDACTED]	RM2 [REDACTED]
*BT2 [REDACTED]	EM1(SW) [REDACTED]	LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]	IC2(SW) [REDACTED]	MS1 [REDACTED]
DN3 [REDACTED]	EN2(SW) [REDACTED]	GMG2 [REDACTED]
HM2 [REDACTED]	MS2 [REDACTED]	SHC [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]	MS2 [REDACTED]	RM2 [REDACTED]
DCCS(SW) [REDACTED]	RM1 [REDACTED]	*EMC(SW) [REDACTED]
GYSGT [REDACTED]	SM1 [REDACTED]	*OSC(SW) [REDACTED]
MM1 [REDACTED]	ABH1(AW) [REDACTED]	*IS1 [REDACTED]
DC2 [REDACTED]	ABF2 [REDACTED]	NCC [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]	AN [REDACTED]	RMCM(SW) [REDACTED]
SN [REDACTED]	DCC(SW) [REDACTED]	*ETCM [REDACTED]
QM1(SW) [REDACTED]	LI2 [REDACTED]	*YN2 [REDACTED]
AS2 [REDACTED]	HM1 [REDACTED]	*MS1 [REDACTED]

\*From Another Command

The following personnel were awarded the Navy Commendation Medal:

*MAC [REDACTED]	*MMC(SW) [REDACTED]	OSC(SW) [REDACTED]
EN1 [REDACTED]	*LT [REDACTED]	1STLT [REDACTED]
MM1(SW) [REDACTED]	LCDR [REDACTED]	IC2(SW) [REDACTED]
MSC [REDACTED]	BTCM(SW) [REDACTED]	*LT [REDACTED]
BMC [REDACTED]	EW1 [REDACTED]	

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

SENIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

ABH1(AW) [REDACTED]  
OS1(SW) [REDACTED]  
GMG1 [REDACTED]  
SK1(SW) [REDACTED]

EN2 [REDACTED] (2)  
MM3(SW) [REDACTED]  
BM2(SW) [REDACTED]

JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

SMSN [REDACTED]  
FN [REDACTED]  
SA [REDACTED]  
FA [REDACTED]

ABH1(AW) [REDACTED] was selected as USS CLEVELAND's Sailor of the Year for 1990.

**ENCLOSURE(6)**