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(1) Ship's Description

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(5) Chronology of Major Operations for Calendar Year 1993

(6) List of Awards presented for Calendar Year 1993

(7) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

(8) Photograph of USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7)

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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 II. Included in the ship's specifications 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 combatant personnel can be disembarked by landing craft carried in the stern well deck. Intrinsically 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 navigational 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.



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#### SHIP'S HISTORY

USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7) was commissioned April 21, 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 deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. CLEVELAND was usually assigned as part of the Amphibious Readiness Group and, with her embarked Marines, acted as an integral part of the U.S. 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 Readiness 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, then returned to San Diego on 28 April 1973. CLEVELAND's next Western Pacific Deployments were from April to November 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 Ocean for her ninth overseas deployment. During this deployment, CLEVELAND participated in RIMPAC '82 and COBRA Gold '82, a joint operation with the Royal Thai Navy. CLEVELAND completed two more deployments from September 1983 to March 1984 and August 1985 to December 1985.

CLEVELAND then completed an extensive overhaul period in Long Beach and returned to San Diego in December 1986, assuming 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 the PMA, CLEVELAND assisted in the Exxon Oil Spill cleanup efforts and prepared for her 12th WESTPAC, which commenced in January 1990.

Upon completion of WESTPAC 90 CLEVELAND underwent an extensive five month Docking Phased Maintenance Availability (PMA) at Southwest Marine. After a compressed work-up schedule, CLEVELAND set sail on her 13th deployment on 01 June 91 in support of OPERATION DESERT STORM. During her three months in the Persian Gulf and North Arabian Sea, CLEVELAND participated as Primary Control Officer/Primary Control Ship (PCO/PCS) in one of two amphibious exercises off the coast of Oman. CLEVELAND returned from deployment in November and conducted local operations and exercises into the new year until entering a three month Planned Maintenance Availability at Southwest Marine in San Diego.

1992 saw CLEVELAND undertake a new mission while participating in Law Enforcement operations in the Southeast Pacific and Caribbean Sea from October - December. Cleveland undertook the same mission from March - June 1993. During this Counter-Narcotics operation, Cleveland participated in the arrest and seizure of M/V Sea Chariot and its crew after Coast Guard Law Enforcement officials determined it to be carry over 11,000 pounds of cocaine. Cleveland then escorted the vessel through the Panama Canal to a position off the coast of Miami, Florida before transferring control to Coast Guard personnel. This event marked the second largest maritime drug seizure in history. Additionally, Cleveland also participated in Non-Combatant Evacuation operation with the U.S. Army in Panama as well as Patrol and refueling exercises with Navy PHM's.

Cleveland has currently coupled local training and work-up operations in preparation for a June 1994 Deployment.

CLEVELAND's 25 years of distinguished service has earned her a Combat Action Ribbon, a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, three Meritorious Unit Citations, two Battle Efficiency Awards, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

## CHRONOLOGY OF OPERATIONS, USS CLEVELAND 1993

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01 - 23 JAN 24 JAN - 15 FEB 15 - 22 FEB 18 - 20 FEB 20 MAR	- HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD - INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA
24 JAN - 10 FEB	- INFURI; SAN DIEGU, CA
10 - 22 FEB	- IDE; NUCAL
18 - ZV FEB	- PORT VISIT; SAN FRANCISCO, CA
20 MAR	- DEPLOYED TO EASTERN PACIFIC AND CARRIBEAN
	IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS
20 MAR	- TRANSIT TO EAST PAC OPAREA
28 MAR	- CHOP TO JOINT TASK FORCE FOUR
05 APR	- PORT VISIT; RODMAN, PANAMA
11 APR	- CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY
13 - 16 APR	IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS  - TRANSIT TO EAST PAC OPAREA  - CHOP TO JOINT TASK FORCE FOUR  - PORT VISIT; RODMAN, PANAMA  - CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY  - PORT VISIT; MANTA, ECUADOR
22 APR - 05 MAY	- OPERATION SEA CHARIOT
22 APR	- CLEVELAND PARTICIPATES IN JOINT BOARDING OF
	M/V SEA CHARIOT WITH USS VALLEY FORGE OFF
	THE COAST OF PANAMA. VESSEL IS CONFIRMED
	TO BE CARRYING A LARGE SHIPMENT OF COCAINE
23 APR	- CLEVELAND TAKES TACON OF M/V SEA CHARIOT
	AND AWAITS "STATEMENT OF NO ORIECTION"
	VESSELS COUNTRY OF REGISTRY.
25 APR	- CLEVELAND AND M/V SEA CHARIOT UNDERWAY FOR
	PANAMA
28 APR	- "S.N.O." IS GRANTED FOR SEIZURE OF M/V SEA
and the Title Co.	CHARIOT AND CONTRABAND AND TO ARREST CREW
29 APR	FOR PROSECUTION UNDER U.S. LAW - PORT VISIT; RODMAN, PANAMA
30 APR	- CLEVELAND COMMENCED TRANSIT OF PANAMA CANAL
OV AIR	WHILE ESCORTING M/V SEA CHARIOT
O1 MAY	- CLEVELAND ESCORTS M/V SEA CHARIOT FROM
OI HAI	PANAMA TOWARDS MIAMI, FLA
05 MAY	- CLEVELAND TRANSFERS TACON OF M/V SEA
00 11111	CHARIOT TO USCGC DECISIVE AT WINDWARD
	PAGGAGE OF CUBA TO COMPLETE ECCORT DUTY
	AND TRANSPORT TO MIAMI FLA
07 - 12 MAV	AND TRANSPORT TO MIAMI, FLA  - PORT VISIT / UPKEEP; GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA  - UNDERWAY; TRANSIT TO KEY WEST, FLA  - PORT VISIT; KEY WEST, FLA
10 MAV	- INDEPMAY: TRANSIT TO KEY MEST FLA
15 - 18 MAY	- PORT VISIT; KEY WEST, FLA
19 MAY	- CLEVELAND RESCUES NINE CUBAN REFUGEES
A 11171	ADRIFT ON A FLOATING RAFT OFF THE COAST OF
	CUBA WHILE BEING CIRCLED BY CUBAN GUNBOATS
21 MAY	- CLEVELAND TRANSFERS REFUGEES TO USCGC
ZI MHY	SITKINAK FOR TRANSPORT TO MIAMI, FLA
	- TRANSIT PANAMA CANAL
24 MAY	- IRANSII PANAMA CANAL - INPORT: RODMAN. PANAMA
25 MAY	
07 JUN	- RETURNED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS;
	SAN DIEGO, CA
08 JUN - 11 JUL	- LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD; SAN DIEGO, CA
30 JUN	- TRAINING SUPPORT: COMBAT CARGO HALF DAY
	INDOC (
30 JUN	<ul> <li>TRAINING SUPPORT: LIMPETEX WITH SEAL TEAM</li> </ul>

	FIVE - SECOND ANNUAL CLEVELAND HEALTH FAIR - TRAINING SUPPORT: WELL DECK TRAINING WITH
O1 JUL	- SECOND ANNUAL CLEVELAND HEALTH FAIR
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	- CLEVELAND IS AWARDED THE ALLEN G. OGDEN AWARD FOR SUPERIOR FLIGHT DECK FIREFIGHTING IN THE SMALL SHIP AMPHIBIOUS CATEGORY FOR
07 - 08 JUL	- INPORT TRAINING: CART IIA
09 - 10 JUL	- UNDERWAY; SOCAL: CART IIA
10 JUL	- CIWS TRACKING EXERCISE
10 - 18 JUL	- INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA
12 JUL	- INPORT TRAINING: CART IIA - UNDERWAY; SOCAL: CART IIA - CIWS TRACKING EXERCISE - INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA - CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY: CAPT TOM S. FELLIN RELIEVES CAPT GEORGE V. GALDORISI - INPORT TRAINING; CART IIB - ISIC COMMAND INSPECTION - TRAINING SUPPORT: NIGHT SNEAK ATTACK
19 - 23 JUL	- INPORT TRAINING; CART IIB
19 JUL	- ISIC COMMAND INSPECTION
21 JUL	- TRAINING SUPPORT: NIGHT SNEAK ATTACK EXERCISE - DEVIL PUPS YOUTH PROGRAM SHIP VISIT - UPKEEP; SAN DIEGO - CARGO-WEAPONS ELEVATOR ASSESSMENT - RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND ORIENTATION VISIT - INPORT TRAINING; TSTA I - INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA - UNDERWAY TRAINING; SOCAL: TSTA I - INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA - UNDERWAY TRAINING; TSTA I - UPKEEP: SAN DIEGO, CA
24 JUL	- DEVIL PUPS YOUTH PROGRAM SHIP VISIT
24 JUL - 08 AUG	- UPKEEP; SAN DIEGO
26 — 30 JUL	- CARGO-WEAPONS ELEVATOR ASSESSMENT
07 AUG	- RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND ORIENTATION VISIT
09 - 13 AUG	- INPORT TRAINING; TSTA I
14 - 15 AUG	- INPURI; SAN DIEGU, CA
16 - 20 AUG	- UNDERWAY IKAINING; SUCAL: ISTA I
21 - 22 AUG 22 - 27 AUG	- INFURI; SAN DIEGU, CA - INDECHAY TRAINING, TOTA I
28 AUG - 12 SEP	- UNDERWAY TRAINING; TOTA I
20 AUG - 17 SEP	- "A" AVAILARILITY WITH USS CAPE COD
13 - 17 SEP	- INPORT TRAINING: TSTA II
20 - 24 SEP	- UNDERWAY TRAINING: SOCAL: TSTA II
25 - 26 SEP	- INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA
27 SEP - 01 OCT	- UNDERWAY TRAINING; TSTA I - UPKEEP: SAN DIEGO, CA - "A" AVAILABILITY WITH USS CAPE COD - INPORT TRAINING; TSTA II - UNDERWAY TRAINING; SOCAL: TSTA II - INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA - UNDERWAY TRAINING; SOCAL: TSTA II - UPKEEP; SAN DIEGO, CA - TRAINING SUPPORT; BOAT HOIST/LOWERING - AVIATION ORDNANCE SAFETY SURVEY
02 - 17 OCT	- UPKEEP; SAN DIEGO, CA
05 OCT	- TRAINING SUPPORT; BOAT HOIST/LOWERING
07 OCT	- AVIATION ORDNANCE SAFETY SURVEY
13 OCT	- (KAINING SUPPORT; STERNGHTE MARKINGE
10 - 24 OCT	INPORT WITH ACU-1 - INPORT TRAINING; SAN DIEGO: TSTA III
25 - 29 OCT	- UNDERWAY TRAINING; SOCAL: TSTA III
27 OCT	- DLQ'S WITH HMM-166
28 OCT	<ul> <li>TRAINING SUPPORT: CAMP PENDELTON LCU/CRRC</li> <li>OPS WITH NBG-1</li> </ul>
30 OCT - OR NOV	- INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA
	- UPKEEP: SAN DIEGO, "R" AVAILABILITY
08 NOV - 03 DEC	- GUEST SHIP VISIT
15 NOV	- LIMITED TEAM TRAINING FOR CBR DEFENSE
	- RADAR ASSISTED PILOTING TEAM TRAINER
15 - 19 NOV	- HULL CLEANING
15 - 22 NOV	- CAPDS MOD 1 UPGRADE INSTALLATION
16 NOV	- MRE INSPECTION.
18 NOV	- INPORT TRAINING; SIGS/COMM/CIC/EW EXERCISE
22 - 26 NOV 22 NOV	- AMPHIBIOUS BOAT CONTROL TEAM TRAINER - INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY

29 NOV

29 NOV - 03 DEC

04 -05 DEC

06 -07 DEC

08 -10 DEC

OB DEC

11 - 12 DEC 13 - 16 DEC

14 DEC

17 -31 DEC

- AVIATION FACILITIES TECH ASSIST

- MULTI-THREAT TEAM TRAINER

- INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA

- FASTCRÚISE; SAN DÍEGO, CA

- UNDERWAY TRAINING; SOCAL

- BSA: NASNI

- INPORT; SAN DIEGO, CA

- ISE: SOCAL LIMITED TEAM TRAINING

- AMMO ONLOAD: SEAL BEACH, CA

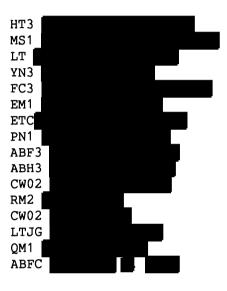
- HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP PERIOD

### LIST OF AWARDS PRESENTED FOR CALENDAR 1993

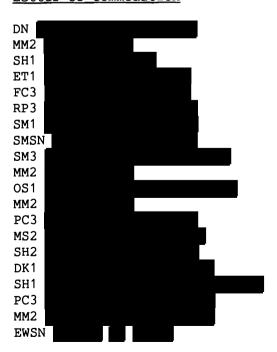
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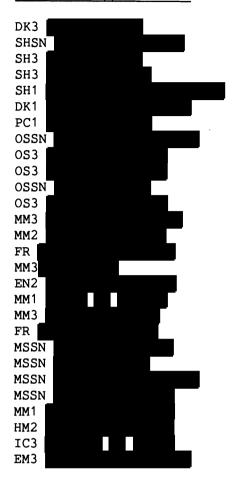
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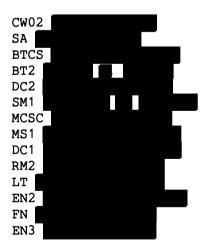
Letter of Commedation



Letter of Appreciation



Certificate of Appreciation's from Consulate General of the U.S.A. Curacao



## Letter of Recognition

