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Encl: (1) USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) Command History for 1993

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SHIP'S MISSION

United States Ship COMSTOCK (LSD 45) is the fifth ship of the WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD 41) class, and the third ship of the class to serve in the Pacific Fleet.

COMSTOCK'S mission is to transport United States Marines with their combat equipment to designated areas around the world, and then to launch and support assault landing craft and helicopters during amphibious operations against hostile shores. COMSTOCK can carry four of the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC). The LCAC is an assault hovercraft with the ability to exceed 40 knots while carrying a 60 ton payload. Using this new craft, COMSTOCK forces will be able to carry out an amphibious assault against a significantly wider range of beaches and other littoral areas of the world's geography as described in the Navy White Paper, "...From the Sea".

COMSTOCK accomplishes her mission through the use of a well deck which is flooded to embark and launch assault craft. After leaving the ship, the assault craft are directed towards the shore by the ship's Combat Information Center.

To provide continuing support to the assault force, COMSTOCK is equipped with the Navy's latest advanced technology including updated communication and combat systems, 20-ton and 60-ton cranes, expanded repair facilities, two helicopter landing areas, complete medical and dental facilities and an automated computer based supply system.

IMMEDIATE SENIOR IN COMMAND

Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN

Commanding Officer, USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45)

W. L. Harris, Jr., CDR, USN/1110
(01 January - 07 October 1993)

E. W. Herbert, III, CDR, USN/1110
(07 October - 31 December 1993)

CHRONOLOGY FOR THE YEAR 1993

JAN 1 - 15

HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD.

JAN 19

UNDERWAY ENROUTE OCEANSIDE.

JAN 20

ARRIVE VIC RED BEACH, CAMP PENDLETON. EMBARK COMPHIBRON 7. SET MODIFIED CONDITION 1A FOR AAV OPS. EMBARK AAV'S.

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JAN 21

CPO ADVANCEMENT EXAM. GQ. SET FLIGHT QUARTERS: DLQ'S ENROUTE PT. LOMA.

JAN 22

ARRIVE VICINITY PT LOMA. MAIN SPACE FIRE DRILL. MOORED PIER 10.

JAN 25

AFOAT TRAINING GROUP INBRIEF. MEDICAL TRAINING, CIC TEAM TRAINING. AFLOAT TRAINING GROUP DAILY DEBRIEF.

JAN 26

INPORT EMERGENCY TRAINING: CLASS "A" FIRE W/SMOKE. SEAMANSHIP/NAVIGATION TRAINING TEAM MTG. AFLOAT TRAINING GROUP DEBRIEF.

JAN 27

INPORT EMERGENCY TRAINING: CLASS "A" FIRE W/SMOKE. NIS COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE BRIEF. ATG DEBRIEF.

JAN 28

ELECTRONIC WARFARE EXERCISE SCENARIOS 1-4.

JAN 29

IET TRNG: MULTIPLE CAUSALITIES. COMM DRILL POSTEX. CICEX POST EX. CPR-7 ARRIVES/DEPARTS.

JAN 30

ATG PERSONNEL ARRIVE. UNDERWAY TSTA II - DEGAUSSING RUN. FORM STEAM WITH USS MIDGETT OCE.

FEB 2

ATG BOAT OPS. U/W TRANSIT. GQ W/BATTLE MESSING. MAN OVERBOARD TRNG. FORM STEAM W/USS GOMPERS.

FEB 3

GQ: MULTI-CASUALTY TRAINING. UNREP W/USNS JOHN ERICSON. FORM STEAMING W/USS FREDERICK.

FEB 4

ATG BOAT OPS. U/W TRANSIT. GQ: MULTI-CASUALTY TRAINING W/BATTLE MESSING.

FEB 5

ATG BOAT OPS. U/W TRANSIT. PRECISION ANCHORING. ATG BOAT OFFLOAD. MOORED TO PIER 10.

FEB 8

UNDERWAY FOR TSTA II/DEGAUSSING RUN. GQ - MSFD. FORM STEAM W/USS ARKANSAS.

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FEB 9

RECEIVE ATG BOAT OPS. UNDERWAY TRANSIT. GQ. NIGHT UNREP W/USNS GUADALUPE.

FEB 10

GQ WITH BATTLE MESSING. FLIGHT QUARTERS: DLQ'S. NIGHT STEAM W/ARKANSAS.

FEB 12

MOOR SAN DIEGO PIER 10.

FEB 16 - 18

UNDERWAY SOCAL. SET CONDITION 1A FOR AMPHIB EXERCISE. SET CONDITION 1A FOR CARGO HANDLING.

FEB 19

GQ: MSFD. MOORED PIER 10.

FEB 25

INPORT EXERCISE (COMM/CIC/EW/VIS).

MAR 2

UNDERWAY TO CAMP PENDLETON. SET CONDITION 1A FOR WELLDECK OPS.

MAR 3

GUN FIRING EX. CIWS SHOOT. TACTICAL MANEUVERING EX.

MAR 4

SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS. GQ: MSFD.

MAR 5

ROE EX. DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE. UNREP AND CLOSE-IN REFUELING W/ NEW ORLEANS. SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC/LCU OPS.

MAR 6

SIMULATED SOH TRANSIT. GQ: BATTLE PROBLEM/ABANDON SHIP. PLANE GUARD. INTEL EX. SET 1A. INCSEA EX.

MAR 7

FLIGHT QUARTERS. PHIBRON ONE ARRIVES/DEPARTS. SET 1A FOR LCAC OPS.

MAR 9

ANCHOR VICINITY SILVER STRAND. PO1 EXAM. FRESH WATER WASHDOWN. UNDERWAY. MOOR PIER 10.

MAR 10 - 14

INPORT SAN DIEGO.

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MAR 15 - 19

INPORT SAN DIEGO/TSTA III. HULL CLEANING.

MAR 20 - 21

INPORT SAN DIEGO.

MAR 22 - 25

UNDERWAY SOCIAL FOR TSTA III. EMBARK RESERVISTS FROM SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI UNIT.

MAR 26

OPPE DISCREPANCY MEETING. MOOR NAVSTA PIER 10.

MAR 29

PRT BODY FAT MEASUREMENTS: E-6 AND BELOW. OPPE COORD MTG.

MAR 30

GUEST SHIP TOURS: NCCOSC SCIENTISTS AND PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION.

MAR 31

SAFETY STANDOWN.

APR 1

GUEST SHIP TOURS: EDUCATIONAL FIELD STUDIES GROUP FROM ALBUQUERQUE, NM. SMALL ARMS TRAINING FOR CREW AT NAS NORTH ISLAND.

APR 5

MOCK-OPPE INBRIEF. COLD AND HOT CHECKS. UNDERWAY.

APR 6

GQ: MSFD/CIC BATTLE PROBLEM

APR 9

GQ: MSFD. HAIL AND FAREWELL FOR CWO3 [REDACTED].

APR 13

OPPE INBRIEF. HOT/COLD CHECKS, HALON CHECKS, REPAIR LOCKER INVENTORY. ENGINEERING ORAL BOARDS. UNDERWAY.

APR 14

IPC MEETING FOR FLEETEX - NEW ORLEANS. GQ: NSFD, CIC BATTLE PROBLEM. MOOR PIER 10. OPPE DEBRIEF.

APR 15

AWARD'S CEREMONY AND CO'S CALL

APR 16

PRE-EMBARK CONFERENCE. GATOR CALL: USS ESSEX.

Encl (1)

APR 19

CNBG OBSERVERS ARRIVE. UNDERWAY. SET CONDITION 1A. PTRI DISCREPANCY REVIEW. AMPHIB OPS. FLIGHT QUARTERS. ANCHOR.

APR 20

LAUNCH PL. SET CONDITION 1A FOR AAV RECOVERY AND OPS. UNDERWAY AND ANCHOR REPEATEDLY.

APR 21

SET CONDITION 1A. UNDERWAY SOCIAL. LAUNCH AAV'S AND CONDUCT LCAC OPS.

APR 22

SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS. ESWs BOARD FOR ET2 [REDACTED].

APR 23

SET CONDITION 1A FOR ONLOAD OF 13TH MEU. ANCHOR/CONTINUE ONLOAD. COMMENCE FRESH WATER WASHDOWN. MARINE INDOCTRINATION.

APR 26

CNBG 1 OBSERVERS ARRIVE. UNDERWAY. TRANSIT TO CAMP PENDLETON. STREAM NIXIE. GQ: MULTIPLE BATTLE PROBLEMS. SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS.

APR 27

SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS. GQ: BATTLE PROBLEM. SET CONDITION THREE WATCH. GQ. EOOW BOARD.

APR 28

DRILL PACKAGE BRAVO. EW/INTEL DRILLS. REPORT FOR DUTY TO CPR 5. SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS. VIP TOUR/MR. CLARK SEBRAND. FLIGHT QUARTERS. CO 13TH MEU ARRIVES. SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS. RE-MAN FLT QTRS: 13TH MEU DEPARTS.

APR 29

DRILL PACKAGE C. EW/INTEL DRILLS. SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPS. FLIGHT QUARTERS. COMPLETE ADMIN OFFLOAD. INTEL EXERCISE.

APR 30

DRILL PACKAGE D. RDVU WITH USNS GUADALUPE/UNREP. MOORED NAVSTA SAN DIEGO.

MAY 1 - 6

INPORT SAN DIEGO.

MAY 7

CPR-7 CO'S CONFERENCE. SHIP TOUR FOR PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR'S ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAIRMAN. VIP LUNCHEON.

Encl (1)

MAY 10

INPORT DRILL PRE-BRIEFS. BRIEF WITH ATG. CIC WATCH OFFICER
MURDER BOARD FOR LTJG [REDACTED].

MAY 12

INPORT DRILL COMM CHECKS. COMMAND PRT. STORES ONLOAD. NIS
PREDEPLOYMENT SECURITY BRIEF.

MAY 13

INPORT EXERCISES. XO'S INQUIRY. CAPTAIN'S MAST. NARCOTIC BULK
INVENTORY.

MAY 14

INPORT DRILL POSTEX DEBRIEFS. CO DEPARTS FOR RENO.

MAY 17

CNBG OBSERVERS ARRIVE. UNDERWAY/SMALL BOAT ATTACKS. ANCHOR
SILVER STRAND. SET CONDITION 1A FOR LCU AND CONVENTIONAL BOAT
OPS.

MAY 18

EMBARK SPRINGFIELD, MO RESERVISTS AND WOMEN-AT-SEA GUESTS.
UNDERWAY. SET CONDITION 1A TO RECOVER LCM-8 BOATS. CO MEETS W/
RESERVISTS/WOMEN-AT-SEA GUESTS.

MAY 19

SET CONDITION 1A FOR CONVENTIONAL BOAT OPERATIONS. GQ: BATTLE
MESSING. ABANDON SHIP DRILL. MAN OVERBOARD DRILL/BOAT RECOVERY.
REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR EN1 [REDACTED]. MOOR NAVSTA SAN DIEGO.

MAY 21

ESWS BOARD FOR EM2 [REDACTED].

MAY 24

GQ. COMMODORE ARRIVES. ATG ARRIVES. FEP IN-BRIEF. FEP
EXERCISE. CO MEETING WITH NAVY LEAGUE. UNDERWAY.

MAY 25 - 27

FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM.

MAY 28

SURFACE LINE WEEK BEGINS. NAVY LEAGUE DEPARTS. USS DENVER
CHANGE OF COMMAND.

JUN 1

SMALL ARMS TRAINING - SHOTGUNS NAS NORTH ISLAND.

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RE-ENLISTMENT FOR IC3 [REDACTED] JUN 2
BY CWO3 [REDACTED].

CO ATTENDS CNO BRIEF. JUN 3

REENLISTMENT FOR HTCS [REDACTED] JUN 4
AND MSCS [REDACTED].

INPORT SAN DIEGO. JUN 5 - 15

BERTH SHIFT TO PIER 6. JUN 16
MARINE ONLOAD: EMBARKED MSSG-13 FOR
FLEETEX 93.

FLEET EXERCISE WITH NEW ORLEANS ARG. JUN 18 - 30

MOORED NAVSTA SAN DIEGO PIER 10. JUL 1

DEPENDENT'S FAIR JUL 7

REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR DC1 [REDACTED] JUL 15

REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR ICC [REDACTED] JUL 16

CPR SEVEN ARRIVES. UNDERWAY. JUL 19
MASS CONFLAG DRILL. AMMO ONLOAD.
ENROUTE TO CAMP PENDLETON.

DRILL PACKAGE ALPHA. JUL 20

DRILL PACKAGE BRAVO. UNREP WITH USNS TIPPECANOE. JUL 21

SMALL ARMS SHOOT. GQ: MSFD. JUL 22
FLIGHT OPS.

MOOR NAVSTA SAN DIEGO PIER 10. JUL 23

COMMENCE FIRST POM PERIOD. JUL 26

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JUL 29
CO ATTENDS THE USS CLEVELAND CHANGE OF COMMAND.

AUG 9
FIRST POM PERIOD ENDS. SECOND POM PERIOD BEGINS.

AUG 16
INSTALL INMARSAT ANTENNA. REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR MS3 [REDACTED].

AUG 17
ACU-5 DET ALPHA PRE-DEPLOYMENT ONLOAD.

AUG 19
REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR HT1 [REDACTED].

AUG 23
SECOND POM PERIOD EXPIRES. REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR FN [REDACTED].

AUG 24
REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR SK3 [REDACTED].

AUG 25
FAST CRUISE. RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR NCC [REDACTED].

AUG 26
UNDERWAY. MOOR TO BUOY 19 FOR PRACTICE, THEN UNDERWAY OVERNIGHT FOR TRAINING.

AUG 27
DEPENDENT'S CRUISE. AWARDS CEREMONY ON THE FLIGHT DECK: LTJG [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED] AND LTJG [REDACTED] FROCKED TO LT. MOOR PIER 6.

SEP 3
BRIGADIER GENERAL DELONG VISITS SHIP. UNDERWAY FOR WESTPAC.

SEP 4
RETARD CLOCKS TO CONFORM TO W/+9V.

SEP 6
DRILL PACKAGE ALPHA. FLIGHT OPS. RETARD CLOCKS TO CONFORM W/+10W.

SEP 8
DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE. FLIGHT OPS. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/+11X. PIZZA NIGHT.

SEP 10
REENLISTMENT CEREMONY FOR SK3 [REDACTED]. ARG FLIGHT OPS. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/+12Y. NAVCENT BATTLE DRILL.

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SEP 11
EMERGENCY DEFENSE OF THE AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE EXERCISE. GQ:
MSFD. ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

SEP 13
SKIP ONE DAY TO CONFORM W/-12M.

SEP 14
E-5 EXAM. BURIAL AT SEA. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM
W/-11L. FLIGHT OPS.

SEP 16
INCHOP SEVENTH FLEET. DRILL PACKAGE DELTA. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR
TO CONFORM W/-10K.

SEP 18
RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/-9I. NIGHT LIVE-FIRE EX.

SEP 19
UNREP WITH USNS ERICKSON. STEEL BEACH PICNIC.

SEP 20
VERTREP WITH USNS MARS.

SEP 21
MOOR WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA, JAPAN TO CONDUCT ARG-WIDE MARINE
VEHICLE OFFLOAD AND WASHDOWN FOR AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION BY
AUSTRALIANS.

SEP 25
UNDERWAY FOR HONG KONG.

SEP 27
SAFETY STANDDOWN FOR ALL HANDS.

SEP 28
ENTER PORT OF HONG KONG. MAN THE RAILS. MOOR TO BUOY 50, HONG
KONG, BCC.

SEP 28 - OCT 2
INPORT HONG KONG.

OCT 3
UNDERWAY FOR SINGAPORE.

OCT 5
LEAPFROGS. FLIGHT OPS.

OCT 6
LIVE FIRE EXERCISE. CROSSDECK LAAD TEAMS.

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OCT 7

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY ON THE FLIGHT DECK: CDR W. L. HARRIS, JR., THE SHIP'S SECOND COMMANDING OFFICER, IS RELIEVED BY CDR E. W. HERBERT, III. PERSONNEL INSPECTION. FLIGHT OPS. CO'S MAST. VBSS TRAINING. DRILL PACKAGE B, EW PUBEX. REROUTE TO SOMALIA

OCT 8

TRANSIT SINGAPORE STRAIT AND STRAIT OF MALACCA. DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE/EW PUBEX.

OCT 9

FAMFIRE: MARINES. VERTREP FOR STORES. CO MEETS W/ALL OFFICERS. CO MEETS W/CPO'S. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/-6F.

OCT 10

FLIGHT QUARTERS. UNREP.

OCT 11

DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE/EW PUBEX. LIVE FIRE EXERCISE. CO MEETS W/NAV/ADMIN. SN, FN MILITARY LEADERSHIP EXAM. FLIGHT OPS FOR PMC/ORD. CROSSDECK MEDREG TEAMS. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/-5E.

OCT 12

DRILL PACKAGE D. CROSSING THE LINE CEREMONY. COMMODORE ARRIVES. LIVE FIRE EXERCISE. STARFIRE. FLIGHT OPS FOR ORDNANCE.

OCT 13

DRILL PACKAGE ALFA. LIVE FIRE. GQ: HIT A/B. FLIGHT QUARTERS. FLYING SQUAD DRILL.

OCT 14

DRILL PACKAGE B. CPA DIEGO GARCIA. LIVE FIRE. CO MEETS W/DECK DEPT. FLIGHT OPERATIONS. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/-4D.

OCT 15

DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE/EW PUBEX. FLIGHT OPS. COMMODORE, CO DENVER, CO CAYUGA, AND 13TH MEU ARRIVE. MASS CASUALTY DRILL: HELO DELIVERY.

OCT 16

DRILL PACKAGE D. CHOP TO COMUSNAVCENT. LIVE FIRE. GQ: MSFD. FLIGHT OPS FOR MAINTENANCE. CO MEETS WITH OPERATIONS AND DECK. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/-3C.

OCT 17

DRILL PACKAGE A. LIVE FIRE. UNREP W/USS WILLAMETTE. FLIGHT OPS. SET CONDITION III.

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OCT 18

DRILL PACKAGE BRAVO. LIVE FIRE. SET CONDITION 1A.
HELOCAST/RECOVERY. FLIGHT OPS. CO MEETS WITH FIRST CLASS MESS.

OCT 19

VERTREP WITH USS WHITE PLAINS. SET CONDITION 1A.

OCT 20

SET CONDITION 1A. CICWO MURDER BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED]. HAZMAT
TRAINING ON SITE TV. GQ: HIT A/B.

OCT 21

CO'S PERSONNEL INSPECTION W/M DIVISION. SET CONDITION 1A.
FLIGHT QUARTERS. OOD BOARD FOR LT [REDACTED]. CO MEETS WITH
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. CO'S MAST.

OCT 23

FLIGHT QUARTERS. GQ: MSFD. HAZMAT TRAINING ON SITE TV.
RENDEZVOUS WITH ASHLAND/SEAL OPS.

OCT 24

FLIGHT QUARTERS. SET CONDITION 1A. VERTREP - AMMO ONLOAD.

OCT 25

LIVE FIRE. FLIGHT QUARTERS. NACOTICS AUDIT. ECC DRILLS.

OCT 26

FLIGHT QUARTERS. VERTREP. SET CONDITION 1A. UNREP W/USS
WILLAMETTE. ARG BATTLE PROBLEM: DATF VS RHIBs.

OCT 27

ECC DRILLS. DRILL PACKAGE B. LIVE FIRE. MAN DOWN DRILL. SET
CONDITION 1A/NEW ORLEANS FLY-BY. FLIGHT OPS.

OCT 28

DRILL PACKAGE C. LIVE FIRE. CO'S PERSONNEL INSPECTION WITH 1ST
DIVISION. FLIGHT OPS.

OCT 29

DRILL PACKAGE D. FLIGHT QUARTERS. MEDIA ARRIVES (CNN). SET
CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. VBSS TRAINING. CO'S MAST. ECC
DRILLS.

OCT 30

DRILL PACKAGE ALPHA. LIVE FIRE. GQ: MSFD. FLIGHT OPS.

OCT 31

HOLIDAY ROUTINE. STEEL BEACH PICNIC. TALENT SHOW ON FLIGHT
DECK.

Encl (1)

NOV 1
BOAT OPS. SET CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. ECC DRILLS.

NOV 2
SET CONDITION 1A. GQ: HIT A/B. FLIGHT OPS. VBSS TRAINING.
VERTREP W/MOUNT HOOD.

NOV 3
SET CONDITION 1A. BOAT OPS.

NOV 4
ECC DRILLS. LIVE FIRE. CO'S PERSONNEL INSPECTION WITH OC DIV.

NOV 5
BOAT OPS. CO'S MAST. COMARFORSOMALIA ARRIVES. OOD MURDER BOARD
FOR ENS [REDACTED]. VERTREP W/MOUNT HOOD. ECC DRILLS. LIVE FIRE
EXERCISE.

NOV 6
AWARDS CEREMONY/CO'S CALL. CICWO BOARD: ENS [REDACTED]. FLIGHT
QUARTERS. COMSTOCK BINGO NIGHT SPONSORED BY WELFARE & REC
COMMITTEE.

NOV 7
FLIGHT QUARTERS. HOLIDAY ROUTINE.

NOV 8
DRILL PACKAGE C. UNREP W/USS SAVANNAH. SET CONDITION 1A. CO'S
MAST. FLIGHT OPS. OOD MURDER BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED].

NOV 9
DRILL PACKAGE D. BOAT OPS. FLIGHT QUARTERS. VBSS TRAINING.
SET CONDITION 1A.

NOV 10
DRILL PACKAGE A. FLIGHT QUARTERS. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
CEREMONY. FLIGHT OPS. SET CONDITION 1A. MEDIA ARRIVES. PIZZA
NIGHT.

NOV 11
DRILL PACKAGE B. FLIGHT QUARTERS. SET 1A. H-HOUR: BLUE BEACH.
VERTREP W/WHITE PLAINS.

NOV 12
DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE. FLIGHT OPS. ARG PHOTO EXERCISE. BOAT
OPS. VBSS TRAINING. ECC DRILLS.

NOV 13
DRILL PACKAGE DELTA. FLIGHT QUARTERS. SET 1A. DIP PERSONNEL
INSPECTION WITH S-2. LIVE FIRE.

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NOV 14
COMM MAINTENANCE PERIOD. SET 1A. MARINE BACKLOAD.

NOV 15
DRILL PACKAGE ALPHA. UNREP W/USS SAVANNAH. SET 1A. BOAT OPS.
VERTREP WITH USS WHITE PLAINS. ECC DRILLS.

NOV 16
DRILL PACKAGE BRAVO. SET 1A. OOD MURDER BOARD: ENS [REDACTED]

NOV 17
DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE. HOLIDAY ROUTINE. STEEL BEACH PICNIC.

NOV 18
DRILL PACKAGE DELTA. CO'S INSPECTION WITH OI DIV. BOAT OPS.
SET 1A. ESWS BOARD FOR SM1 [REDACTED]

NOV 19
DRILL PACKAGE ALPHA. LIVE FIRE. BOAT OPS. SET 1A. VBSS
TRAINING.

NOV 20
CMC VISIT PREPS. DRILL PACKAGE DELTA. BOAT OPS. SET 1A.
MERITORIOUS MAST. VERTREP WITH USS SAVANNAH.

NOV 21
COMM MAINTENANCE PERIOD. FLIGHT QUARTERS. COMMANDANT OF THE
MARINE CORPS ARRIVES. VERTREP WITH THE USNS MARS.

NOV 22
DRILL PACKAGE BRAVO. BOAT OPS. FLIGHT QUARTERS. SET 1A FOR
INSERT.

NOV 23
DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE. LIVE FIRE. GQ: HIT A/B. SET 1A. BOAT
OPS. FLIGHT OPS. OOD MURDER BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED] VBSS
TRAINING.

NOV 24
DRILL PACKAGE D. XO1. FLIGHT OPS. SET CONDITION 1A. ECC
DRILLS.

NOV 25
DRILL PACKAGE A. ECC DRILLS. HOLIDAY ROUTINE. HAPPY
THANKSGIVING.

NOV 26
DRILL PACKAGE B. SET CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. UNREP/VERTREP
W/USS SAVANNAH. VBSS TRAINING. MAN DOWN DRILL.

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NOV 27

DRILL PACKAGE C. CO'S PERSONNEL INSPECTION WITH 2ND DIV. BOAT OPS. FLIGHT OPS. GQ: MSFD. OOD BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED]. SEAL INSERTION.

NOV 28

DRILL PACKAGE D. COMM MAINTENANCE PERIOD. SEAL INSERTION. SET CONDITION 1A FOR BACKLOAD. FLIGHT QUARTERS.

NOV 29

DRILL PACKAGE A. SET CONDITION 1A. CO'S MAST. FLIGHT OPS. BOAT OPS.

NOV 30

DRILL PACKAGE B. BOAT OPS. SET CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. RETIREMENT CEREMONY FOR QM1 [REDACTED].

DEC 1

DRILL PACKAGE C. SET CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. VERTREP WITH USS SAVANNAH. ECC DRILLS.

DEC 2

DRILL PACKAGE D. SET CONDITION 1A. HAIL AND FAREWELL FOR LCDR [REDACTED] AND LT [REDACTED]. RETARD CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/- 2B.

DEC 3

DRILL PACKAGE D. CO'S INSPECTION WITH MED/DEN/NAV/X. CO'S MAST. VBSS TRAINING.

DEC 4

DRILL PACKAGE B. SET CONDITION 1A FOR BACKLOAD. FLIGHT QUARTERS. DEPART FOR SEYCHELLES.

DEC 5

HOLIDAY ROUTINE.

DEC 6

MAN THE RAILS. MOOR SEYCHELLES.

DEC 7 - 9

INPORT SEYCHELLES.

DEC 10

MAN THE RAILS. UNDERWAY. ADVANCE CLOCKS 1 HOUR TO CONFORM W/-3C.

DEC 11

FIELD DAY.

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DEC 12
ANCHOR VICINITY MOGADISHU. BOAT OPS.

DEC 13
DRILL PACKAGE A. SET CONDITION 1A. BOAT OPS. FLIGHT OPS. WORK
DEFINITION CONFERENCE WITH THE USS ACADIA. VERTREP W/USNS MARS.

DEC 14
DRILL PACKAGE B. FLIGHT QUARTERS. WDC ON USS ACADIA CONTINUES.
GQ: HIT A/B. FLIGHT OPS. UNDERWAY FOR HOUSEKEEPING.

DEC 15
DRILL PACKAGE C. ANCHOR VICINITY MOGADISHU. RECEIVE USS ACADIA
SMALL BOAT. SWO MURDER BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED]. FLIGHT QUARTERS.
COMPHIBRON FIVE ARRIVES. COMPHIBRON FIVE DEPARTS.

DEC 16
DRILL PACKAGE D. SET CONDITION 1A. H-HOUR: INSERT C-1/11.
BOAT OPS. FLIGHT QUARTERS. ADPSSO MEETING.

DEC 17
DRILL PACKAGE A. ECC DRILLS. BOAT OPS. CO'S MAST. FLIGHT OPS.
CICWO MURDER BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED]. CO MEETS WITH CPO'S. CO
MEETS WITH FIRST CLASS. UNDERWAY FOR HOUSEKEEPING.

DEC 18
DRILL PACKAGE B. ANCHOR VICINITY MOGADISHU. RECEIVE ACADIA
BOAT. PXO ARRIVES. GQ: MSFD.

DEC 19
HOLIDAY ROUTINE. STEEL BEACH PICNIC. FLIGHT OPS.

DEC 20
DRILL PACKAGE C. SET CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. SIDBOY
REHEARSAL. SWO BOARD FOR ENS [REDACTED]. UNDERWAY FOR
HOUSEKEEPING.

DEC 21
DRILL PACKAGE D. ECC DRILLS. ANCHOR VICINITY MOGADISHU. FLIGHT
QUARTERS. CNO ARRIVES. FROCKING AND RE-ENLISTMENT CEREMONY.
CNO HAS LUNCH IN CPO MESS. FLIGHT QUARTERS. CNO DEPARTS. SWO
MURDER BOARD: LTJG [REDACTED].

DEC 22
DRILL PACKAGE A. UNREP W/ USNS JOHN ERICKSON. ANCHOR VICINITY
MOGADISHU. VERTREP WITH JOHN ERICKSON. USS ACADIA CHOIR
PERFORMS.

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DEC 23

DRILL PACKAGE B. SET CONDITION 1A. ACADIA BOAT OPS. EXTRACT
RLA/C-BATTERY/COUNTER MECH. QA TRAINING. FLIGHT QUARTERS. VBSS
TRAINING. FLIGHT QUARTERS. UNDERWAY FOR HOUSEKEEPING.

DEC 24

SAFETY STANDOWN. DRILL PACKAGE CHARLIE. ANCHORED VIC MOG.
PERSONNEL INSPECTION FOR E DIV. ACADIA CHOIR PERFORMS. FLIGHT
OPS.

DEC 25

DRILL PACKAGE C. COMM MAINTENANCE PERIOD. FLIGHT QUARTERS.
MERRY CHRISTMAS.

DEC 26

HOLIDAY ROUTINE. ACADIA BOAT OPS. UNDERWAY FOR HOUSEKEEPING.

DEC 27

ANCHORED VICINITY MOGADISHU. DRILL PACKAGE B. ACADIA BOAT OPS.
SET CONDITION 1A. FLIGHT OPS. GES WERK CONCERT. UNDERWAY FOR
HOUSEKEEPING.

DEC 28

DRILL PACKAGE C. FLIGHT OPS. GQ: HIT A/B. CICWO BOARD FOR ENS
[REDACTED]. VBSS TRAINING. MAN DOWN DRILL.

DEC 29

DRILL PACKAGE D. FLIGHT OPS. ADPSSO MEETING. OSCM [REDACTED]
RETIREMENT RECEPTION MESSDECKS. VBSS TRAINING. XOI.

DEC 30

DRILL PACKAGE A. BOAT OPS. FLIGHT OPS. OOD BOARD FOR ENS
[REDACTED].

DEC 31

SET CONDITION 1A.

NARRATIVE

DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY COMSTOCK ENJOYED A
BRIEF LAPSE FROM THE RIGOROUS PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING CYCLE.
UPON ARRIVAL NEAR CAMP PENDLETON'S RED BEACH, SHE CONDUCTED AAV
OPERATIONS AND DECK LANDING QUALIFICATIONS. COMSTOCK THEN
RETURNED TO PIER 10 TO CONTINUE IET TRAINING. WITH THE START OF
TSTA-II AT THE END OF JANUARY, COMSTOCK'S DEPLOYMENT TRAINING
BEGAN IN EARNEST.

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TSTA-II CONTINUED INTO EARLY FEBRUARY WITH FORMATION STEAMING WITH OTHER SHIPS IN THE SOCAL AREA. THIS PHASE ALSO INCLUDED GQ'S WITH BATTLE MESSING, UNREPS DURING BOTH NIGHT AND DAY, PRECISION ANCHORING, FLIGHT QUARTERS AND AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES. THE LATTER HALF OF THE MONTH WAS THE IN-PORT PORTION OF TSTA-2 AND COMSTOCK FINISHED THIS PHASE JUST AFTER THE FIRST WEEK IN MARCH.

THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH WAS AN IN-PORT PERIOD USED TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR TSTA-III. THAT PHASE OF THE PRE-DEPLOYMENT TRAINING WENT EXTREMELY WELL, AND THE ENGINEERS IMMEDIATELY TURNED THEIR FULL ATTENTION TO PREPARATIONS FOR OPPE. ALL THE HARD WORK AND TRAINING PAID OFF WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE OPPE WERE PUBLISHED. COMSTOCK WAS GRADED SATISFACTORY IN ALL AREAS WITH A VERBAL GRADE OF GOOD. COMMODORE KRAFT STATED THAT THIS WAS THE BEST OPPE HE HAD WITNESSED DURING HIS TENURE AS COMMODORE.

AFTER ONLY A THREE DAY WEEKEND FOR REWARD, LIBERTY EXPIRED EARLY MONDAY MORNING TO GET UNDERWAY FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS WITH THE 13TH MEU BASED AT CAMP PENDLETON. THE COMSTOCK BROUGHT ON THE MEU'S EQUIPMENT VIA LCAC AND COMMENCED A FRESH WATER WASHDOWN AS THE VEHICLES HAD BEEN IN THE FIELD FOR QUITE SOME TIME. COLONEL OUTLAW, CO OF THE 13TH MEU, COMPLETED A VIP TOUR AND INSPECTION COMPLIMENTING THE TEAMWORK HE SAW ON COMSTOCK. AFTER THAT, A COMPLETE BACKLOAD RETURNED THE MARINES ASHORE AND COMSTOCK RETURNED TO PORT.

THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY WAS SPENT PREPARING FOR THE FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM AND HOSTING SEVERAL GROUPS FOR VISIT SHIP. THE PEARL HARBOR ASSOCIATION WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH THEIR TOUR OF A SHIP TYPE THEY WILL SPONSOR. SO MUCH SO, THEY INVITED THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN TO VISIT, WHICH HE DID A FEW WEEKS LATER. IN-PORT AND UNDERWAY EXERCISES TOOK COMSTOCK THROUGH THE SECOND AND THIRD WEEKS PREPARING FOR THE FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM OFF OF THE SILVER STRAND. THESE PREPARATIONS INCLUDED MOCK SMALL BOAT ATTACKS, LCU OPERATIONS, AND CONVENTIONAL BOAT OPERATIONS. THE FINAL EVALUATION PROBLEM WAS THE LAST WEEK OF MAY. THE GRUELING EVALUATION WAS WITNESS BY BOTH THE COMMODORE AND MEMBERS OF THE RENO NAVY LEAGUE, BOTH OF WHOM WERE VERY IMPRESSED.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF JUNE WAS SPENT GEARING UP FOR FLEETEX 93. COMSTOCK UNLOADED MSSG-13 AND OTHER UNITS AT PIER SIX ON THE 16TH AND WAS UNDERWAY THE FOLLOWING MONDAY FOR THE NEW ORLEANS ARG'S INTEROPERABILITY TRAINING. IN THE BEGINNING OF JULY, THE COMSTOCK HOSTED A VERY SUCCESSFUL DEPENDENT'S FAIR. FAMILY PREPARATIONS FOR DEPLOYMENT SUCH AS WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND DEPENDENT INFORMATION UPDATES WERE THE FOCUS OF THE WORK, WHILE COOKING OUT AND SOCIALIZING MADE IT ENJOYABLE.

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THE SHIP WAS UNDERWAY AGAIN ON JULY 19TH FOR AN AMMO ONLOAD BEFORE PROCEEDING ON TO CAMP PENDLETON. IT WAS A BUSY TRANSIT TIME THAT INCLUDED A MASS CONFLAG DRILL, AN UNREP WITH THE USNS TIPPECANOE, SMALL ARMS SHOOTING AND NUMEROUS FLIGHT OPERATIONS.

THE FOCUS WAS BACK ON THE FAMILY AS THE FIRST POM LEAVE PERIOD COMMENCED IN EARLY JULY. ON AUGUST 9TH THE FIRST POM PERIOD ENDED AND THE SECOND BEGAN. THOSE NOT ON LEAVE CONTINUED TO FINISH NEEDED MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP, AS WELL AS DEPLOYMENT PREPARATIONS SUCH AS THE ACU-5 EQUIPMENT LOADOUT. ON AUGUST 23RD THE POM PERIOD OFFICIALLY ENDED AND THE IMMINENT WESTPAC WAS ON EVERYONE'S MIND. ONE FINAL UNDERWAY FOR MOORING TO A BUOY PRACTICE AND OTHER TRAINING WAS NECESSARY BEFORE LEAVING FOR SIX MONTHS. THE NEXT DAY COMSTOCK ANCHORED NEAR THE ATG LANDING TO TAKE ON DEPENDENTS FOR A ONE-DAY CRUISE. THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEIR FAVORITE SAILORS AT WORK, AND IT WAS A PLEASANT BUT POIGNANT TIME FOR ALL.

AFTER ALL THE PREPARATIONS, THE TIME HAD ARRIVED. BRIGADIER GENERAL DELONG ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILIES CAME OUT TO WISH THE COMSTOCK AND HER CREW "FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS" AS SHE SET OUT FOR HER SECOND WESTPAC. THE TRANSIT TO OKINAWA WAS MARKED BY GOOD WEATHER AND A BUSY TRAINING SCHEDULE. THE TRANSIT ALSO INCLUDED A NAVCENT BATTLE PROBLEM AND A BURIAL AT SEA FOR FOUR FORMER SERVICEMEN. THERE WAS ALSO A SMALL CEREMONY ONBOARD AS COMSTOCK SAILED PAST THE SITE OF ONE OF THE MARINE CORPS BLOODIEST BATTLES: IWO JIMA. ON SEPTEMBER 21, THE SHIP MOORED AT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA, JAPAN TO CONDUCT AN ARG-WIDE MARINE VEHICLE OFF LOAD AND WASHDOWN FOR AN AGRICULTURAL INSPECTION BY THE AUSTRALIANS. ONCE COMPLETE, THE SHIP WAS UNDERWAY FOR HONG KONG ARRIVING ON SEPTEMBER 25TH. FOR MANY SAILORS ON COMSTOCK IT WAS THEIR FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG AND EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE A GOOD TIME.

ON OCTOBER 3RD COMSTOCK SET SAIL FOR SINGAPORE. IT WAS A DAY EARLIER THAN PLANNED, BUT A TYPHOON WAS HEADING TOWARDS HONG KONG AND THE ARG COULD NOT AFFORD TO GET PINNED IN BETWEEN THE WEATHER AND MAINLAND CHINA. IN MID-TRANSIT, THE SHIP RECEIVED EMERGENT TASKING TO MAKE BEST SPEED TO SOMALIA. THE FRONT PAGES CARRIED THE HEADLINES OF 12 U.S. ARMY SOLDIERS KILLED IN MOGADISHU AND THE RISING TENSIONS DEMANDED COMSTOCK'S PRESENCE. THE CHANGE OF COMMAND WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SINGAPORE WAS CANCELLED MUCH TO THE DISMAY OF THE FAMILIES AND RENO NAVY LEAGUERS WHO HAD ALREADY MADE THE TRIP TO SINGAPORE TO ATTEND. THE CHANGE OF COMMAND WAS INSTEAD PERFORMED AT SEA ON VERY SHORT NOTICE. COMMANDER HARRIS TOOK A HELICOPTER BACK TO SINGAPORE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY AND COMMANDER HERBERT SET ABOUT THE TASKS AT HAND. THE FIRST TRIAL WAS TRANSITTING THE STRAIT OF SINGAPORE AND MALLACA STRAITS WHICH WENT EXCEPTIONALLY WELL.

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ONCE COMSTOCK ARRIVED ON STATION NEAR MOGADISHU, SOMALIA THINGS BECAME VERY ROUTINE. FLIGHT OPS, BOAT OPS AND CONDITION THREE STEAMING BECAME AN EVERYDAY OCCURRENCE. ON NOVEMBER 5TH, THE COMMANDER MARINE FORCE SOMALIA CAME BY FOR A BRIEF ON THE CURRENT SITUATION. MEDIA ATTENTION WAS VERY HIGH IN THESE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF COMSTOCK'S PRESENCE. COMSTOCK'S LCAC WERE VIRTUALLY THE SOLE MEANS OF HEAVY LIFT SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT AS THE LCU WAS SEVERELY LIMITED BY THE SOMALIA COASTLINE. THIS KEPT THE OPERATIONAL TEMPO HIGH, BUT ALLOWED COMSTOCK AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW VISITORS HOW AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD, COMSTOCK HOSTED A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. PRINCIPAL AMONG THEM WERE THE COMMANDANT OF MARINE CORPS AND THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. COMSTOCK ALSO PROVED TO BE A MAJOR PLAYER DURING THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS THAT THE NEW ORLEANS ARG WAS CALLED UPON TO CONDUCT. THE OPERATIONS INCLUDED OPERATIONS SHOW CARE AND MORE CARE WHICH WERE BOTH MEDICAL AND DENTAL CIVILIAN ACTION PROGRAMS.

A RESPITE FROM THE ROUTINE WAS THE BRIEF PORT VISIT TO VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES. IN ADDITION TO LIBERTY AFTER OVER 60 DAYS AT SEA, COMSTOCK DISTINGUISHED HERSELF BY HOSTING VISITORS EVERY FULL DAY SPENT IN PORT. AFTER RETURNING TO OUR "BOX CHARLIE" OFF SOMALIA ON DECEMBER 12TH THINGS QUICKLY RETURNED TO NORMAL AND TWO THINGS OCCUPIED MOST PEOPLES' MIND: THE USS ACADIA AVAILABILITY AND CHRISTMAS. THE ACADIA ADDED TO EVERYONE'S SPIRIT WITH HER TRAVELING CHOIR, AND COMSTOCK MADE THE DAY WITH THE MARINES ASHORE BY SENDING IN 60 CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR EVERYONE VIA LCAC. CHRISTMAS IN MOGADISHU ISN'T QUITE LIKE BEING WITH YOUR FAMILY BUT GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER.

THE END OF 1993 FOUND USS COMSTOCK DOING WHAT SHE WAS BUILT TO DO. EVEN ON DECEMBER 31ST, NEW YEAR'S EVE, COMSTOCK WAS ON STATION OFF THE SHORE OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S HOT SPOTS LIKE SHE WAS MEANT TO BE: AT CONDITION 1A FOR LCAC OPERATIONS.

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