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USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

In 1994 USS Constellation (CV 64) completed workups and embarked on its first Western Pacific deployment since 1989. While deployed the ship visited Pusan in the Republic of Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore,

At the end of 1994, the ship's Commanding Officer was CAPT Marc A. Ostertag.

Constellation's operational commander was Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE, and the administrative commander was Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

CHRONOLOGY

01JAN-02FEB	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
02FEB-07FEB	U/W, Combat Systems Qualification Trials (CSSQT)
08FEB-21FEB	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
22FEB-15MAR	U/W, Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA) I-III/ Final Evaluation
	Period (FEP)
16MAR-03APR	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
04APR-15APR	U/W, TSTA IV/Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications (FRS
	CQ)
16APR-04MAY	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
05MAY-30JUN	U/W, Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPUTEX)/Intermediate
	Training Assessment (ITA)/RIMPAC
01 JUL-17JUL	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
18JUL-28JUL	U/W, TSTA IV/FRS CQ
29JUL-09AUG	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
10AUG-18AUG	U/W, Pre-Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (PRE-OPPE) /OPPE
19AUG-22AUG	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
23AUG-01SEP	U/W, Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX) A
02SEP-02SEP	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
03SEP-03SEP	U/W, Family Day Cruise
04SEP-11SEP	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
12SEP-22SEP	U/W, FLEETEX B/C
22SEP-27SEP	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
29SEP-03OCT	U/W, OPPE
04OCT-09OCT	Pierside, Pier M/N, NASNI
10NOV-13DEC	U/W, WESTPAC
14DEC-17DEC	Inport Pusan, Republic Of Korea
18DEC-22DEC	U/W, WESTPAC
23DEC-26DEC	Inport, Hong Kong
27DEC-30DEC	U/W, WESTPAC
31DEC	Inport, Singapore
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Enclosure (1)

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

AIMD completed the best COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Management Team inspection ever. This enabled the outstanding completion of RIMPAC and other fleet exercises and ensured optimum readiness of the world's most advanced carrier air wing.

IM-1 Division support included:

Total items inducted-5,771 Total items repaired- 4,067 Repair rate- 70.5%

IM-2 Division had several firsts. The oxygen shop effected this AIMD's first documented Onboard Generating Systems (OBOGS) repair.

The Composite Materials Repair Shop expeditiously repaired and returned to service severely crushed trailing edge flap and end cap of an S-3B aircraft considered beyond capability of maintenance at a replacement cost savings of over \$62,000.

The composite shop also effected repair of an extensively damaged F-14D horizontal stabilizer normally performed at depot level, saving \$26,000 in repair costs.

IM-3 Division undertook and successfully completed incorporation of the most ambitious avionics support equipment configuration change package in aircraft carrier history. Flawlessly installed, updated and verified 12 existing and 16 new major avionics support equipment systems.

IM-3 also performed over 8,000 maintenance actions on 2,000 Aircraft Armament Equipment items in support of Carrier Air Wing TWO operations.

IM-4 completed the rework and overhaul of 100 items of aircraft support equipment. IM-4 also completed the Mine Warfare Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI), receiving a grade of "outstanding" for availability and material condition of equipment. IM-4 also provided an unprecedented 93 percent support equipment availability rate throughout RIMPAC '94. IM-4 received an "outstanding" for Material Handling Equipment (MHE).

IM-5 accomplished the implementation of the Aircraft Carrier METCAL program, consolidating the ship's three calibration laboratories into one Fleet Calibration Activity (FCA) managed under the cognizance of the AIMD officer.

AIR DEPARTMENT

Air Department's five divisions developed coordination between the ship and air wing culminating in a Battle "E" score of 96.46, the highest score ever achieved by any SLEP aircraft carrier.

V-1 Division conducted 60,933 moves without a major mishap. The entire flight deck was re-surfaced, and extensive re-work of aircraft tie-down points, elevator locks and catwalks was completed during pre-deployment SRA.

V-2 Division launched and recovered 11,616 fixed-wing aircraft as well as qualifying four catapult crews and two arresting gear crews. Service changes to the flight deck included seven catapult and arresting gear modifications, four Mobile Visual Landing Aid System improvements, three Integrated Launch and Recovery Television system changes, three Fresnel Lens-Optical Landing System modifications and two Landing Signal Officer platform heads-up display changes.

V-3 Division re-surfaced Hangar Bay TWO as well as all four elevators and elevator wells. At-sea operation saw 4,578 aircraft moves and 3,798 elevator actions.

V-4 Division fueled 11,656 aircraft with 13,271,596 gallons of JP-5, with a high of 151,806 gallons pumped in one day.

V-5 Division provided administrative support for more the 500 personnel. V-5 Primary Flight Control Tower also facilitated the coordination of over 13,000 aircraft launch and recovery evolutions.

CHAPLAIN DEPARTMENT

Community Relations (COMREL) projects were sponsored by the Chaplain Department during the WESTPAC: Four projects in Pusan, Republic of Korea; two projects in Hong Kong and one in Singapore. A total of 285 ship's personnel were involved with over 700 civilians benefiting from the projects.

Fourteen "Burial at sea" services were held during RIMPAC and pre-deployment workups.

The Chaplain Department coordinated and sponsored a predeployment brief given to Constellation prior to WESTPAC.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Communications was upgraded with numerous voice and data systems including:

- -Extremely High Frequency (EHF) satellite communications
- -Super High Frequency (SHF) satellite communications
- -Quadruple Demand Assigned Multiple Access (DAMA) Multiplexers
- -Secure Telephone (Stel) Access
- -Plain Old Telephone System (POTS) Access
- -Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System (JDISS)
- -Tactical Information Broadcast System (TIBS)
- -Contingency Theater Automated Planning System (CTAPS)
- -TESS-3 Environmental Prediction System

DECK DEPARTMENT

Deck Department took part in 10 anchoring evolutions and participated in 20 underway replenishment (UNREP) operations.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Dental Department completed COMNAVAIRPAC's dental readiness evaluation with a grade of "outstanding." Dental personnel certified over 400 crewmembers in basic life support.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Engineering Department completed Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) phases I through IV enabling the Constellation to progress to the Final Evaluation Period (FEP).

Repair Division passed the COMNAVAIRPAC Flight Deck Certification. Engineering passed Collection, Holding and Transfer (CHT) Underway Material assessment team inspection.

During RIMPAC, Engineering provided maintenance support to over 10 ships and submarines.

Engineering passed OPPE and steamed 34,974 while receiving and burning 24,084,674 gallons of diesel fuel marine.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The following awards were presented to USS Constellation crewmembers:

Legion of Merit 1
Meritorious Service Medal 5
Navy Commendation 45

Navy Achievement 29 (Group) Navy Achievement 23 (Command)

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Ninety officers reported aboard, 76 officers transferred and 28 officers separated from active duty.

The Public Affairs Office coordinated an aggressive CNAP Distinguished Visitor program and local media embarks at sea in SOCAL. 1994 VIPs to the ship included Rep. Ike Skelton, Feb. 29; CNO, July 20; and Wally Schirra, July 21.

In port San Diego, PAO coordinated more than 9,300 daily and weekend general public ship tours.

PAO coordinated extensive international media coverage of CV64 during RIMPAC '94 in May and June. Deployed to WESTPAC for the last seven weeks of the year, PAO coordinated the at-sea visits of 95 Distinguished Visitors and news media from the Republic of Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore. In port, WESTPAC, more than 2,200 people toured the carrier.

PAO journalists published 142 editions of the ship's newspaper, The Starscope. The staff incorporated the SALTS-received New York TimesFax into the daily at-sea newspaper. The ship's SITE-500 system broadcast more than 12,500 hours of AFRTS and NMPS movies and television programming over three channels. In October, Navy Broadcast Service, Det. San Diego, installed a Sony 8mm videotape playback and production unit. A 3-meter TVRO satellite dish was installed in October allowing the crew to watch limited satellite TV news and sports at sea. PAO participation in the Fleet Hometown News program generated more than 6,000 news releases about Connie sailors.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Legal provided wills, power of attorney and other legal assistance prior to deployment. Other activities included:

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-Captain's Masts:	338
-Summary Courts-martial:	64
-Special Courts-martial:	22
-Administrative separations:	229
-JAG Manual Investigations:	28
-Legal Assistance Clients:	812

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

As Battle Group Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BGIMA), the Maintenance Department completed 75 emergent work items from ships in the battle group.

Habitability Division conducted renovations of five enlisted berthing compartments, four officer staterooms, 14 sanitary spaces and 17 office spaces.

The Maintenance Support Center (MSC) made 729 configuration changes and validated 993 systems.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Medical Department completed TYCOM Medical Readiness Evaluation with an "outstanding." Medical completed the following services:

-Medevacs:	54
-OutPatient Visits:	15,163
-Physical Exams	7,336
-Inpatient Admissions	129

-Surgical Cases	178
-Pharmacy Units	15,150
-Laboratory Tests	21,257
-X-Ray Exposures	3,771
-Immunizations	9,991
-Audiograms	2,805
-Spectacles Ordered	863

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Operations Department played an instrumental role in Constellation's completion of Combat Systems Qualification Trials, Tailored Ship Training Availability I, II, III, IV, Final Evaluation Phase, Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications, Composite Unit Training Exercise, Intermediate Training Assessment, Exercise Pacific Rim and Fleet Exercises A, B and C.

Over 30,000 sorties were accomplished without a controller mishap. Meteorological and Oceanography provided up-to-date weather in support of air crew and flag-level weather briefings.

Intelligence provided near-real-time data to air crews and the entire battle group.

These efforts resulted in Operations Department being awarded the TYCOM "Battle E."

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Constellation and embarked air wing experienced no loss of life. There was one Class A flight mishap when an aircraft was lost at sea following a long bolter. The pilot successfully ejected.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Security Department recorded 953 Incident Complaint Reports, which was an increase of more than 25 percent from 1993. Larceny incidents (secured and unsecured) were the most prevalent complaints, followed by the following:

Alcohol related: 168
Drug related: 63
Unauthorized absence:100
Desertion incidents: 20

The urinalysis program resulted in 4,023 samples collected. By the end of the year, 59 service members had been incarcerated in the Brig.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

- S-1 Division managed over 1,560 open purchase requisitions valued at more than \$3.7 million and over 17,000 CASREP/high priority requisitions. The Post Office sold over \$1.5 million in postage stamps and money orders as well as processing over 218 tons of mail.
 - S-2 was selected as the Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award West Coast winner.
- S-2 Division re-tiled all decks, reefers were overhauled, and the mess lines and serving lines were completely redesigned. Sculleries were remodeled and new doors with portholes were added throughout the general mess. S-2 received "outstanding" in all areas during a Supply Management Assessment (SMA). S-2 served 67,320 dozen eggs, 75,512 gallons of milk, 324,512 pounds of beef, 618,560 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables and 83,672 pounds of chicken.
- S-3 Division installed 15 new soda machines, six video games and a \$15,000 security alarm. S-3 enjoyed approximately \$2.5 million in sales and turned over approximately \$450,000 to MWR funds.
- S-4 Division brought on line six Automated Teller Machines (ATM's). Over 270 travel claims were processed monthly with a monthly average of \$950,000 in disbursements made.
 - S-5 Division received an overall "outstanding" during the SMA inspection.
 - S-6 Division received an overall "excellent" during the SMA inspection.
 - S-7 Division installed six Hewlett-Packard TAC III mini-computers.
- S-8 Division became the first to receive NAVSEA's prototype shipboard HAZMAT issue trailer and the latest version of the Hazardous Inventory Control System (HMIS). S-8 reduced Redistributable Assets on Board (RAB) by 15,000 line items, resulting in an inventory reduction of over \$20 million.
- S-9 Division completed a 100 percent wall-to-wall inventory of all 12 HAZMAT storerooms, resulting in 100 percent location and inventory validity.
 - S-10 Division received a grade of "outstanding" in SMA.
- S-11 Division (MWR) rebuilt ship's gymnasiums fore and aft, installing over \$60,000 of new equipment. Rebate program to sailors helped return over \$10,000 to the crew per month.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Training Department processed over 1,200 personnel through I-Division indoctrination and administered 1,400 advancement exams. Training admin obtained quotas and wrote orders for 650 crewmembers to attend shipboard firefighting and aircraft firefighting schools.

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

The first major weapons onload in over four years occurred consisting of 1,000 lifts weighing approximately 1,338 tons. The NAVSEACENPAC inspection had explosive safety, personnel qualifications and certifications, personnel training and development, ammunition storage and handling, magazine sprinkler systems, ordnance handling equipment and arms, ammunition and explosives security all lauded as discrepancy-free.

Weapons was recognized by COMNAVAIRPAC with the Black "W" efficiency award.

MARINE DETACHMENT

Commanded by Captain Thomas D. Dicken III, the Marine Detachment on board consists of 32 personnel. The detachment was involved in intense pre-deployment shipboard training, including firefighting and damage control.

The detachment recognized its outstanding Marines by presenting the following awards:

Navy Commendation Medal--1 Navy Achievement Medal----1 Good Conduct Medal-----4 Meritorious Masts------6 Letters of Commendation/Appreciation--11.