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By direction

**USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

CHRONOLOGY

01JAN	INPORT SINGAPORE
02JAN - 28JAN	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
29JAN - 03FEB	INPORT JEBEL ALI, UAE
04FEB - 15FEB	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
16FEB - 23FEB	INPORT JEBEL ALI, UAE
23FEB - 13MAR	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
14MAR- 17MAR	INPORT JEBEL ALI, UAE
18MAR- 06APR	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
07APR - 11APR	INPORT FREEMANTLE, AUSTRALIA
12APR - 17APR	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
18APR - 19APR	INPORT SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
20APR - 01MAY	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
02MAY-03MAY	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
04MAY-09MAY	UNDERWAY WESTPAC
10MAY- 18SEP	PIERSIDE, NASNI (UPK, SRA-95 20JUN-18SEP)
19SEP - 20SEP	FAST CRUISE, PIERSIDE, NASNI
21SEP - 26SEP	UNDERWAY SEA TRIALS
27SEP - 17OCT	PIERSIDE, NASNI
18OCT- 24OCT	UNDERWAY MARCOT 95, CVW-2 OPS
25OCT- 29OCT	INPORT VANCOUVER, CANADA
30OCT- 02NOV	UNDERWAY TRANSIT SAN DIEGO
03NOV	PIERSIDE NASNI (BRIEF STOP)
04NOV- 08NOV	UNDERWAY FRS CQ
09NOV - 03DEC	PIERSIDE, NASNI
04DEC - 07DEC	UNDERWAY TRANSIT MAZATLAN, MEXICO
08DEC - 10DEC	INPORT MAZATLAN, MEXICO
11DEC - 13DEC	UNDERWAY TRANSIT SOCIAL
14DEC - 31DEC	PIERSIDE, NASNI (HOLIDAY UPKEEP)

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USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

AIMD repair of nearly 14,000 assets equated to a repair rate of over 73 per cent. AIMD Quality Assurance Division implemented the new COMNAVAIRPAC Computerized Self Evaluation Checklist (CSEC), as well as the innovative Naval Aviation Maintenance Program Standard Operating Procedures (NAMPSOP).

AIMD was the first West coast carrier to utilize the new Aviators Breathing Oxygen Analyzer, which cuts testing times by nearly 95 per cent.

Avionics division's Consolidated Calibration Laboratory saw inductions jump four-fold, yet was able to increase overall shipboard calibration readiness rates from 54 per cent to an astonishing 94.7 per cent, noted by COMNAVAIRPAC as the best carrier rate on the West coast.

AIR DEPARTMENT

Air Department's five divisions operated safely and efficiently while developing and strengthening coordination between the ship/airwing team. This effort culminated in a 1995 Air Department Battle "E" score of 98.35.

V-1 division conducted 111, 546 aircraft moves without a major mishap.

V-2 division launched and recovered 8,812 fixed wing aircraft while completing over 4,028 corrective and preventative maintenance actions maintaining all catapult and arresting gear equipment in full operational status.

V-3 division repainted and refurbished the entire 140,000 sq. ft. hangar deck. In addition they completed 351 maintenance actions, 3,578 aircraft moves and 5,629 elevator runs.

V-4 division safely executed aircraft refueling evolutions involving 12,044,431 gallons of JP-5 with a high of 235,951 gallons pumped in one day.

V-5 division provided administrative support for Air Department personnel.

CHAPLAIN DEPARTMENT

The Chaplain Department hosted many projects in 1995. Among these were the February Black History Extravaganza including a fashion show and gospel singing from the Voices of Praise choir.

Community relations projects included feeding homeless in Vancouver, B. C. , Canada, San Francisco, Mazatlan, Mexico.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

During deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch, Constellation's radiomen processed over 250,000 incoming and 35,000 outgoing messages.

Successfully installed Naval Modular communications System (NAVMACS) II and its

associated fiber optic LAN.

Comm also overhauled and refurbished all HF and UHF radio antennas and associated couplers.

DECK DEPARTMENT

Deck Department was awarded the 1995 COMNAVAIRPAC Crossed Anchor/Seamanship award. Deck completed 49 underway replenishments with 11 ships and pumped over 27.7 million gallons of fuel and transferred approximately 1600 pallets of repair parts, fresh fruit and vegetables with zero personnel mishaps.

Overhauled accommodation ladder, inflatable life raft and installed heavy lift sliding padeye.

Anchored in ports of Singapore, Mazatlan, and Vancouver with no personnel mishaps.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

Dental department completed COMNAVAIRPAC's dental readiness evaluation with a grade of outstanding.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Engineering Department steamed over 41,000 miles while burning 19 million gallons of fuel. During deployment, Engineering provided intermediate maintenance support to the battle group.

DC division completed the COMNAVAIRPAC flight deck certification in record time with no major discrepancies.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The following awards were presented to USS Constellation crewmembers:

Legion of Merit	1
Meritorious Service Medal	9
Navy Commendation	49
Navy Achievement	43 (Group)
Navy Achievement	64 (Command)
Flag Letter of Commendation	120
Commanding Officer LOC	109

50 officers reported aboard, 56 officers transferred and 5 officers separated from active duty.

The Public Affairs Office hosted over 90,000 visitors during port calls to Freemantle/Perth and Sydney, Australia; Vancouver, B.C.; Mazatlan, Mexico; Singapore; Pearl Harbor, and San Diego. In a single day in Sydney, over 35,000 people visited the ship. While in

the Arabian Gulf, Connie hosted Secretary of Defense, Dr. William Perry, numerous media and distinguished visitors.

Public Affairs staff also garnered four CHINFO Merit awards.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Legal provided wills, power of attorney and other legal assistance prior to deployment.

Other activities included:

-Captain's Masts:	170
-Summary Courts-martial:	34
-Special Courts-martial:	4
-Administrative separations:	130
-JAG Manual Investigations:	35
-Legal Assistance Clients:	940

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Department tracked and managed 1,050 depot level jobs and 350 intermediate level jobs.

Habitability division conducted renovation (tiling and lagging) of 251 spaces, painting of ship's galleys and three sculleries.

The maintenance support center (MSC) made 142 configuration changes and 42 allowance list feed back reports.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Medical department completed TYCOM Medical Readiness Evaluation with an outstanding. Medical received the TYCOM 1995 Blue "M" award and was runner up in the 1995 Battle "E" competition.

-Medevacs:	61
-OutPatient Visits:	7,174
-Physical Exams	2,500
-Inpatient Admissions	60
-Surgical Cases	247
-Pharmacy Units	23,042
-Laboratory Tests	20,988
-X-Ray Exposures	2,374
-Immunizations	4,154
-Audiograms	1,973
-Spectacles Ordered	526

NAVIGATION

Constellation steamed in excess of 50,000 nautical miles and earned the navigation departmental efficiency award--"White Ship's Wheel."

Made port calls in Singapore; Jebel Ali (UAE); Freemantle and Sydney, Australia; Pearl Harbor; Vancouver, B.C.; and Mazatlan , Mexico.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Operations department efforts were critical in Constellation's successful completion of West Pac 1995. Over two thousand sorties were flown in support of Operation Southern Watch. Other successful operations included post SRA sea trials, joint U.S./Canadian Maritime Air Command Operational exercise (MARCOT) 95, and Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications. Highly visible port visits were made to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Mazatlan, Mexico.

Meteorology and Oceanography provided accurate and timely full spectrum environmental support to Constellation Battle Group both deployed and during local operations. Intelligence provided real-time data and threat analysis to Constellation Battle Group and embarked air wing. Approximately 8,700 traps were accomplished without a controller related mishap.

The combined efforts of all divisions resulted in Operations department being awarded the TYCOM Battle "E".

SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Constellation and embarked airwing experienced no loss of life. There were no class A and one class B mishap when an aircraft wheel rolled over an airman's foot while taxiing to the catapult.

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

Security Department recorded 528 Incident Complaint Reports, a drastic drop from 1994. Larceny incidents (secured and unsecured) were the most prevalent complaints, followed by:

Alcohol related:	73
Drug related:	90
Assaults:	50
Drunk/disorderly:	15

The urinalysis program resulted in 4,936 samples collected. By the end of the year, 41 service members had been incarcerated in the Brig.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Supply S-1 Division managed over 1,680 open purchase requisitions valued at more than \$4.1 million and over 8,000 CASREP/high priority requisitions.

S-2 was selected as the Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award finalist.

S-2 Division re-tiled all decks, reefers were overhauled, and the mess lines and serving lines were completely redesigned. S-2 served 67-320 dozen eggs, 43,840 gallons of milk, 325,948 pounds of beef, 634,896 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables and 114,502 pounds of chicken.

S-3 Division installed 15 new soda machines and six video games. S-3 enjoyed approximately \$1.8 million in sales and turned over approximately \$400,000 to MWR funds.

S-4 Division instituted 24-hour customer service while underway. Over 100 travel claims were processed monthly. \$1.6 in disbursements were made each month.

S-5 Division won the Dorie P. Miller Award for wardroom excellence.

S-6 achieved a low average daily offship NMCS/PMCS requisition count for the deployment of 25.

S-7 Division completed installation of SNAP III work stations.

S-8 Division offloaded over 12,000 repair parts in order to reduce excess material from 24.5% to 4.2% and achieved the TYCOM goal.

S-9 Division completed a 100 percent wall-to-wall inventory of 48 storerooms.,

S-10 Division was the finalist for the Carl Scheufele award for CPO excellence.

S-11 Division refurbished music studio and its equipment, achieving the most dynamic music room of any ship in the Navy.

S-12 Division (Post Office) processed over 200 tons of incoming and outgoing mail and sold over \$945,000 in stamps and money orders.

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

Weapons Department completed extended deployment with a flawless record of ordnance support to the embarked Carrier Air Wing Two.

Weapons Department was recognized by COMNAVAIRPAC with the 1995 Black "W" Battle Efficiency Award.

TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Training Department has issued over 2,300 TAD orders for the crew. Indoc division has indoctrinated over 1,000 new personnel.

MARINE DETACHMENT

Commanded by Captain Jay A. Rutter, the Marine Detachment on board consists of 26 personnel. The Marine Detachment recognized its outstanding Marines by presenting the following awards:

Navy Commendation Medals:	1
Navy Achievement Medals:	2
Meritorious Masts:	4
Letters of Commendation/Appreciation	25



Captain Marc A. Ostertag, II
Commanding Officer
USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)



Captain Marc A. Ostertag, II was born in ██████████ Kansas and raised in Sarasota, Florida. He graduated from Wichita State University and was commissioned an Ensign after Aviation Officer Candidate Training. Upon completing flight training, he was designated a Naval Aviator and assigned duties as a Flight Instructor with VT-7 in Meridian, Mississippi.

Subsequent flying tours included duty with numerous Fighter Squadrons, including VF-124, VF-121, VF-161, VF-211, VF-101, and command of VF-102, accumulating more than 4000 hours in the F-8, F-4 and F-14 aircraft.

Significant tours ashore have included Pacific Missile Test Center; Aide and Flag Lieutenant to both Commander Test and Evaluation Forces and Defense Nuclear Agency; Aviation Fighter Community Detailer and Air Combat Placement Officer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel; and the Staff of Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Ostertag is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. After graduation, he reported as Executive Officer, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67), where he served until receiving orders to command USS MARS (AFS 1). During his tenure, USS MARS was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for Desert Shield/Storm and the Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet "Battle Efficiency Award." In February 1993, the USS MARS was decommissioned and Captain Ostertag reported to Joint Task Force FIVE as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff. He assumed command of the aircraft carrier USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) in December 1994.

Personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, as well as two Navy Meritorious Service Medals and various other Expeditionary and unit awards.

Captain Ostertag resides with his best friend and wife, ██████████, son ██████████ and daughter, ██████████ at Naval Air Station, North Island, California. His son ██████████ attends the University of California, Berkeley.

