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USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
COMMAND COMPOSITON AND ORGANIZATION

CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 16 JAN	PIER SIDE, NASNI
17 JAN - 20 JAN	UNDERWAY FRS CQ
21 JAN - 21 JAN	PIER SIDE, NASNI (BRIEF STOP)
22 JAN - 26 JAN	UNDERWAY ISE
27 JAN - 11 FEB	PIER SIDE, NASNI (UPK)
12 FEB - 15 FEB	UNDERWAY CQ DAY/CYCLIC OPS
16 FEB - 19 FEB	IN PORT SAN FRANCISCO
20 FEB - 28 FEB	UNDERWAY RIM-7 SHOOT/ CVW OPS
29 FEB - 07 MAR	PIER SIDE, NASNI
08 MAR - 09 JUN	PIER SIDE, NASNI (SRA-96)
10 JUN - 19 JUN	UNDERWAY, CIWS PACFIRE/RAS
20 JUN - 27 JUN	PIER SIDE, NASNI
28 JUN - 02 JUL	UNDERWAY, PACFIRE CIWS/FRS CQ
03 JUL - 09 JUL	PIER SIDE, NASNI
10 JUL - 22 JUL	UNDERWAY, CVW MISSLEX TSTA I/II
23 JUL - 26 JUL	PIER SIDE, NASNI
27 JUL - 29 JUL	UNDERWAY, CIWS PACFIRE
30 JUL - 30 JUL	IN PORT EVERETT, WA (BRIEF STOP)
31 JUL - 04 AUG	IN PORT SEATTLE, (SEA FAIR)
05 AUG - 06 AUG	IN PORT ESQUIMALT (BRIEF STOP)
07 AUG - 09 AUG	UNDERWAY, TRANSIT SOCIAL
10 AUG - 15 AUG	IN PORT NASNI (UPK)
16 AUG- 20 AUG	UNDERWAY, CQ, USW III
21 AUG - 22 SEP	IN PORT, NASNI (UPK)
23 SEP - 27 SEP	UNDERWAY, FRS CQ/ISE
28 SEP - 06 OCT	IN PORT NASNI (UPK)
07 OCT - 11 OCT	UNDERWAY, TSTA III, TRANSIT S.F.
12 OCT - 14 OCT	IN PORT S.F. (FLEET WEEK)
15 OCT - 18 OCT	UNDERWAY, RAS CVW FLY OFF
19 OCT- 19 OCT	UNDERWAY, FAMILY DAY CRUISE
20 OCT- 04 NOV	UNDERWAY, COMPTUEX A 96-5A
05 NOV - 07 NOV	UNDERWAY, ITA
08 NOV - 12 NOV	IN PORT NASNI, VETERAN'S HOLIDAY
13 NOV - 18 NOV	UNDERWAY, COMPTUEX B
19 NOV - 19 NOV	IN PORT, NASNI (BRIEF STOP)
20 NOV - 22 NOV	UNDERWAY, E-CERT
23 NOV - 26 NOV	AMMO ONLOAD
26 NOV - 31 DEC	TRANSIT NASNI
27 NOV- 31 DEC	IN PORT, NASNI (HOLIDAY UPK)

USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)
COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

AIMD

AIMD significantly expanded its repair capability during two Ship's Restrictive Availability periods offering vastly improved maintenance support as exhibited by the repair of over 3,600 components during the demanding cruise workups with an 87.2 percent Ready for Issue Rate.

Newly installed benches in the Avionics Division included the SH-60 Electrical Subassembly Test Set (ESATS), Night Vision Goggle Test Set, F-14D CASS-EO (Electro Optical) unit for the Infra-red Search and Tracking System (IRSTS), the AN/USM-641 Counter Measures Test Set (CMST) for the ALQ-167 pods and the 8901 Modulation Analyzer for the AWW-13 pods. Full support capability was established for the AN/ARC-210 radio and the S-3B APS-137 RADAR system.

The Support Equipment Division utilized the services of COMNAVAIRPAC overhaul facilities in refurbishing over 200 items of support equipment prior to the workups. The division replaced the aging MD-3 Tow Tractor with the new A/S30A-31 CYLOP tractor. Additionally, the NS-60 flight deck crane was swapped out with the A/S32A-35 crane increasing the emergency lifting capability to 75,000 pounds.

AIMD did extremely well in the four major inspections conducted during the year. The Department was lauded for its exceptional professionalism and superb equipment material condition during the COMNAVAIRPAC Aviation Maintenance Evaluation. That same professionalism was evident during the Mine Readiness Certification Inspection, the 3M assist visit and the Supply Management Evaluation.

AIR

Air Department's five divisions operated safely and efficiently while developing and strengthening coordination between the Ship/Air Wing team. This effort culminated in receipt of the Air Department "E" with a score of 99.28.

V-1 division conducted 36,923 aircraft moves without a major mishap and replaced 108,000 sq.ft. of non-skid on the flight deck.

V-2 division launched and recovered 11,017 fixed wing aircraft and completed over 2,500 maintenance actions while maintaining 100% readiness of all catapult and arresting gear systems.

V-3 division safely conducted 2,018 aircraft moves and 5,323 elevator runs. In addition, V-3 installed a 900 sq.ft. extension to the Mezzanine and resurfaced 90,000 sq.ft. of non-skid in both hangar bays.

V-4 division safely received 8,016,304 gallons of JP-5 throughout 21 underway replenishments and issued 8,457,564 gallons to 7,190 aircraft.

V-5 division provided administrative support for the 530 personnel of the Air Department.

Two significant milestones occurred in 1996 attesting to the outstanding levels of material and personnel readiness within the Air Department. The first milestone occurred when USS CONSTELLATION received Flight Deck Certification in just 48 hours, an AIRPAC record. The second was when the flight deck conducted 1,143 aircraft launches and recoveries within an 84 hour period during FRS Carrier Qualifications, also an AIRPAC record.

CHAPLAINS

This past year has been very eventful for the chapel community. The highlights centered around the opportunities we had to share in the lives of the people we've met during our port visits. Just about everywhere we've been, we have sent out our cooks and Sailors to feed the hungry. Our Sailors and Marines fed people in the San Francisco Bay area. Another thing we can be proud of is that in all the cities we visited our Connie Clown Patrol has touched the lives of children and adults. The crew has been very generous in working the other projects which surface as we go from port to port, like the refurbishing of the USS JEREMIAH O'BRIAN, one of two WWII troop carriers in San Francisco. We hosted the AIRPAC 1996 Easter Sunrise Service on the flight deck where an estimated 1,300 people were present.

The Chaplain Department in partnership with the Family Service Center, sponsored FSC personnel to present Domestic Violence Prevention and Effective Parenting programs as well as other topics during each of our underway periods. We instituted departmental Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society counselors to give greater access to those in need. We buried while at sea nine veterans.

Special programs which were sponsored included a shipboard musical concert by the Sunshine Ministries; Family Holiday Food Baskets for needy Ship's crewman; and the Children's Christmas Party. Our Gospel Choir flew to NAS Miramar for an area concert. And in partnership with the Medical Department, we sponsored two 12-Step programs for AA and CODA.

COMMUNICATIONS

Over 195,000 incoming and 20,000 outgoing messages were processed through CONSTELLATION's communications system, including workups and exercises for 1996.

Earned the COMNAVAIRPAC 1996 Departmental Efficiency Award "Green C" for outstanding communications capabilities.

Installation of NAVMACS II equipment.

Disposal of Navy Standard Teleprinters (NST)

EHF equipment installed to meet today's communications capability

RM-21 Computer Based Training (CBT) implemented for cross training

First use of "Have Quick" technology

DECK

For the third consecutive year, Deck Department was awarded the 1996 COMNAVAIRPAC Crossed White Anchors/Seamanship Award. Deck completed 27 underway replenishments with 15 ships, pumped over 18 million gallons of fuel and transferred approximately 600 pallets of repair parts, ammunition, fresh fruits and vegetables without a single personnel casualty.

Deck Department also completed the following evolutions with overall grades of outstanding: CART II, TSTA I, II, III and FEP.

Some major evolutions for 1996 were the installation of the two new 26-foot RHIB boats and davits for man overboard recoveries, the overhaul of the ship clutch/winch on DD-RAS station 11A, and the overhaul of the port and starboard anchors and chains.

Anchored/moored in the following ports: Alameda, CA; Seattle and Everett, WA; and Victoria, B.C.

DENTAL

Dental completed its Dental Readiness Evaluation by COMNAVAIRPAC in March, with a grade of C-1 (Fully Ready).

ENGINEERING

During a Selected Restrictive Availability, the following ship alterations were completed:

- The Integrated Condition Assessment System, a computerized system of sensors and displays for monitoring critical components of the Propulsion Plant installation was completed.
- A new List Control System installation was completed, enabling watch personnel in Central Control to remotely adjust the Ship's list up to 1.5 degrees using two high-capacity pumps and eight large water tanks (four per side).
- Number six Air Conditioning Plant was installed in a former Machinery Repair Room, completing the conversion of CONSTELLATION's thirteen R-11 plants to eight newer, larger and more reliable R-114 plants.
- Propulsion Plant reliability, isolation capability and maintainability were significantly enhanced by the installation of several new bulkhead stop valves on main and auxiliary steam lines.
- Numbers One through Four Evaporator pumps were replaced with new, commercial off-the-shelf pumps. These new pumps had been tested in CONSTELLATION's larger capacity evaporators, and provide increased reliability with less maintenance than older, obsolete models.

CONSTELLATION was the first Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific Fleet to undergo the Propulsion Examining Board administered Light-Off Assessment, the first stage of the new Engineering Readiness Process.

Engineering completed TSTA I and TSTA II in preparation for upcoming deployment and was certified ready for unrestricted operations by the Propulsion Examining Board in November.

Significant casualties experienced during and prior to 1996, all of which were repaired during 1996, include:

- Leaking tubes and tube-sheet on Three Main Condenser. Ship's force packed and capped over three thousand tubes to increase the reliability of the associated Main Engine prior to a complete re-tubing scheduled for the FY 1998 SRA. Although the leaking tubes caused the loss of number 3 shaft on twelve separate occasions between June and November, the Ship's operations were never impacted.

- Ruptured boiler tubes, 2B boiler. Ship's force plugged tubes and hydrostatically tested the boiler.

EXECUTIVE

The following awards were presented to USS CONSTELLATION crew members:

Legion of Merit	4
Meritorious Service Medal	17
Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal	122
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal	227 (Flag)
Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal	119 (Command)
Flag Letter of Commendation	303
Commanding Officer Letter of Commendation	398

Seventy-three officers reported aboard and seventy-two officers transferred.

The Public Affairs Office hosted more than 118,450 visitors during port calls to San Francisco for Fleet Week '96; Naval Air Station Alameda, Naval Station Everett and Seattle, WA, for Seattle Seafair '96; and Esquimalt, Canada. Toured more than 92,000 people in four days during Seattle Seafair '96. The Ship's distinguished visitors program provided 24-hour, at-sea, guided tour embarks for more than 1,391 dignitaries, civic and community leaders. The weekend and holiday general public tours program facilitated visits by more than 57,550 people in home port. Conducted reserved weekday tours while in port for more than 13,800 people of various groups and organizations. Visitor highlights include visits by then-U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madame Madelaine Albright and Asst. Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) Frederick F.Y. Pang.

Security recorded 498 Incident Complaint Reports. Larceny incidents (secured and unsecured) were the most prevalent complaints, followed by:

Controlled Substance related:	82
Alcohol related:	26
Disorderly Conduct:	7
Assaults:	3
Urine samples collected:	5,502
Brig confinement:	21

The Personnel Office accomplished the following:

Processing 456 Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Transfers for Ship's company personnel; an average of 38 PCS transfers per month.

Separated 247 personnel from the Navy.

Received 931 PCS Receipts, involving the processing of reporting endorsements, travel claims for both member and dependent(s), basic allowance for quarters and variable housing allowance claims.

Received and processed of more than 8,300 Leave Request/Authorizations; an average of approximately 692 documents handled each month and 173 per week.

Prepared more than 1,572 Active Duty Armed Forces Identification Cards for Ship's company, embarked Air Wing and staff personnel.

The Educational Services Office accomplished the following:

10 PACE II (computer based courses) were offered with 19 students attending.

DEFENSE ACTIVITY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT (DANTES)

EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED:

College Level Examination Program Tests/DANTES Subject Standardized Tests - 305

Scholastic Aptitude Tests - 49

Graduate Record Examinations - 3

Graduate Management Admission Tests - 5

General Education Development Tests - 5

Miscellaneous Certificate Examinations - 36

Defense Language Aptitude Battery Tests - 1

NAVY-WIDE ADVANCEMENT EXAMINATIONS

Chief Petty Officer (Cycle 150)

Participants - 244

Selection Board Eligible - 147

Promoted - 19

Petty Officer Third, Second and First Class (Cycle 151)

Participants - 1028

Selected for Advancement - 226

Petty Officer Third, Second and First Class (Cycle 152)

Participants - 1025

Selected for Advancement - 209

In calendar year 1996, USS CONSTELLATION proved to have the best retention program within the Pacific Fleet by winning the Golden Anchor for the second consecutive year. CONSTELLATION's retention of first term, second term and career personnel was as follows:

- a. First Term 40%
- b. Second Term 65%
- c. Career 80%

The Professional Development Board reviewed 327 personnel, E-1 through E-9.

Requests for the below listed programs received approval from Bureau of Naval Personnel:

- STAR = 20
- SCORE = 19
- Lateral Conversions = 41
- BUDS/SEALS = 11
- HYT Waivers = 14
- Spouse Collocation = 12
- Split Tour = 6
- SWAPS = 7
- TAR Conversions = 5

LEGAL

Legal provided wills, powers of attorney and legal assistance on a variety of issues during the year. Additionally, legal completed the following:

Captain's Mast - 284

Summary Courts-Martial - 37

Special Courts-Martial - 25

General Courts-Martial - 8

Administrative Separations - 108

JAG Manual Investigation - 34

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance Department tracked and managed 1 Ship Repair Availability (SRA), 70 zone inspections and 40,000 deferred maintenance actions. Processed 10,000 equipment validations, 325 configuration changes and provided technical research and support to 5,583 customers.

Maintenance Department also accomplished the following:

- (1) September 1996 - NAVSEA (PERA CV) Maintenance Support Center assessment.
- (2) September 1996 - Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Joint Fleet Maintenance Manual (JFMM VOL V) implementation training.
- (3) September 1996 - Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet 3-M assist visit.
- (4) December 1996 - The Joint Fleet Maintenance Manual (JFMM VOL V) was implemented on board.

MARINE DETACHMENT

Commanded by Captain Jay A. Rutter, the Marine Detachment aboard consists of 26 personnel. The detachment performed 8 color guards, 6 evening parades and completed various weapons qualifications. They also sent 4 Marines to jump school. The Marine Detachment recognized its outstanding Marines by presenting the following awards:

- Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals - 1
- Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals - 6
- Meritorious Masts - 6
- Letters of Commendation/Appreciation - 9

MEDICAL

The Medical Department completed TYCOM Medical Readiness with an outstanding rating and received the TYCOM 1996 Blue "M" award.

Medical services provided during the year included:

MEDEVACS	78
Outpatient Visits	6,267
Physical Examinations	2,689
Inpatient Admission	56
Surgical Cases	187
Pharmacy Prescriptions	24,137
Laboratory Tests	21,975
X-Ray Exposures	2,461
Immunizations	4,987
Audiograms	2,196
Spectacles Made/Ordered	1,784

NAVIGATION

For the second straight year, CONSTELLATION's Navigation Department was awarded COMNAVAIRPAC's White Wheel for Navigation Excellence. In conjunction with standing up a Combat Systems Department, the Signal Division was moved from Communications Department to the Navigation Department.

CONSTELLATION was the first west coast aircraft carrier to install an Electronic Chart and Display Information System (ECDIS) with the installation of the Raytheon Pathfinder/ST ECDIS. The ECDIS uses vector based digital charts and GPS input to provide a real time display of Ship's position to the Captain and OOD. CONSTELLATION was also the first west coast ship to receive a Ship's Control and Display System (SCDS) from Newport News Shipyard. The SCDS is a flat panel digital display of the ship's control functions, including rudder, engine order telegraph, shaft RPM and wind indications. The SCDS eliminated several old analog displays and increased situational awareness of the OOD.

OPERATIONS

Over 11,000 arrested landings were completed without a single controller related mishap.

Meteorological and Oceanographic units provided accurate and timely full spectrum environmental support to CONSTELLATION Battle Group during local operations.

USS CONSTELLATION's Intelligence Center (CVIC) recently augmented its powerful intelligence capabilities with cutting edge satellite communications and digital imagery technology. These new systems allow the center to form a more complete and accurate picture of the battle space. The new satellite communication system Challenge Athena III (CA III) allows data to be transmitted and received at the rate of 1.54 megabytes per second, a near real-time connection with the rest of the battle group and other intelligence centers around the world. Digital imaging systems such as the Joint Services Imagery Processing System-Navy allow the battle group commander to plan and execute tactical Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) strikes by receiving images over the CA III satellite. Other new imagery systems include a Vexcel Scanner and Digital Camera Receiving Station (DCRS). The DCRS, in combination with the F-14 Tactical Aircraft Reconnaissance Pod System (TARPS) allows CVIC to collect near real time digital images from an airborne F-14 aircraft. Finally, CVIC has installed secure video teleconferencing equipment which can use the CA III satellite. These new systems allow CONSTELLATION to operate independently in a variety of operational situations.

E-mail, faxes, CNN and most recently Direct TV are recent quality of life improvements.

Connie's Oceanography Afloat Division recently integrated a Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) computer system with the existing UNIX based system, the first step in a project that will ultimately provide a system which is easier to work with and maintain, and which will be substantially smaller and cheaper to operate.

SAFETY

CONSTELLATION and Air Wing experienced two personnel deaths, both resulting from private motor vehicle accidents. There was one Class A personnel injury mishap when a service member fell from the flight deck into a portside cat-walk, resulting in his complete paralysis below the neck. Additionally, there was one Class B personnel injury mishap when a service member's foot was crushed between the platform and a lower stage weapons elevator.

SUPPLY

The Supply Department received the Secretary of the Navy Captain Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for the best Crew's Mess in the Navy and the Commander Naval Supply Systems Command Best Sales and Service Award for the best Ship's Store operation. During the COMNAVAIRPAC Supply Management Assessment, 16 of 18 areas received an "Outstanding" grade.

S-1 Division processed over 3,700 open purchase requisitions valued at more than \$3.6 million and over 11,500 CASREP/high priority material requirements in support of CV-64 and CVW-2. Stock Control Division flawlessly maintained accountability of a \$41.5 million budget, and successfully implemented the Government Purchase Card program.

S-2 Division achieved a grade of "outstanding" across the board during the Supply Management Assessment. Served 3,900,000 meals with 31,459 gallons of milk, 323,032 pounds of beef, 145,472 pounds of chicken, and 442,396 pounds of fresh produce. We installed a new Bag in the Box beverage system throughout the mess decks, providing a high quality nutritional beverage for the crew. Additionally, we replaced all glasses in the messes with 16-ounce glasses.

S-3 Division and USS CONSTELLATION was the winner of the COMNAVSUPSYSCOM Best Sales and Service Award for 1996. During SRA '96, the Sales and Service Division along with contractors, modernized the forward Ship's Store, Officer and Crew's Barber Shop. The Ship's Stores had approximately \$1.7 million in sales and turned over \$275,000 to crew's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund.

S-4 Division installed six new ATM machines and implemented a prototype Commercial Banking Afloat ATM system. With the CBA system, the crew can make statement inquiries and withdrawals from commercial banks affiliated with the Armed Forces Financial Network

S-5 coordinated and hosted a number of command wide receptions including Gray Eagle Ceremony, Commanding Officer's Change of Command, Carrier Air Wing Two Change of Command, Easter Sunrise Service, as well as the Memorial for the late ADM Boorda. All these functions welcomed a total of over 10,000 visitors from both the public and military sector. We also have remodeled and repainted over 150 staterooms throughout the Ship. During work-ups, we hosted over 200 Distinguished Visitors .

S-6 validated the CVW-2 AECL and successfully negotiated over 225 allowance increases. In preparation to loading our new AVCAL product, S-6 conducted a wall-to-wall inventory of all AVDLR/DLR/FLR material and reconciled over 7000 SUADPS and NALCOMIS records to 100 percent accuracy. S-6 cross decked over 1000 AVDLR's to both USS CARL VINSON and USS KITTY HAWK in support of their upcoming deployments. The division achieved grades of "outstanding" across the board during the Supply Management Assessment. We ordered over 250 NMCS/PMCS requisitions from Pacific Coast Naval Air Stations while operating throughout SOCAL. Using an innovative technique to track AVCAL range, depth, and performance by T/M/S, we positioned ourselves successfully to collect critical usage data throughout the work-up cycle. We achieved an unprecedented 97% Issue Effectiveness and AVCAL Range/Depth of 95/90 by December.

S-8 Division overhauled forty-seven storerooms and earned 98.5 out of a possible 100 points during the COMNAVAIRPAC Supply Management Assessment. The Hazmat complex shifted its operations to a prototype trailer platform which increased the hangar bay footprint by 1000 sqft. Overall, the S-8 Division moved over 25,000 pallets of cargo during 1996.

S-9 Division ordered over \$200,000 in new recreation equipment under the Fleet Recreation Initiative. The Ship's music studio was upgraded with new instruments and a new stage lighting system. The Ship's MARS station and radio station were upgraded with new electronics to improve efficiency.

S-10, Supply Quality Assurance (QA) Division, maintained CONSTELLATION's readiness through a constant Location Audit Program (LAP) and Inventory of Supply Department storerooms. QA Division provided the SUPPO with monthly performance pulse points, 42 LAP results and 28 wall-to-wall results.

S-11 completed a total refurbishment of the dining area of the Chief Petty Officer's Mess. Additionally, there were numerous installations of new equipment (grill and ovens). Also a new serving line was installed to streamline the food service to the CPO's.

S-12 Division (Post Office) obtained and refurbished a space adjacent to the flight deck to improve underway mail handling capabilities. They were graded OUTSTANDING for the second year in a row by CNAP Postal Inspectors. They processed approximately 180 tons of incoming and outgoing mail and had over \$600,000 in stamp and money order transactions.

TRAINING

Training Department managed the initiation and processing of 2,485 sets of TAD orders to schools and conferences throughout the United States. Training Department has been recognized repeatedly by COMNAVAIRPAC for maintaining the most efficient TAD Budgetary and Accounting System of all PACFLT CV/CVNs.

Training also processed over 1,000 newly assigned personnel. The average completion time was 21 days after reporting aboard CV 64, significantly less time than the COMNAVAIRPAC requirement of 90 days.

WEAPONS

The Weapons Department had an exceptional year of accomplishments. Beginning with the Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) work package that was completed ahead of schedule to the flawlessly executed major weapons load out of 1,748 lifts in an unprecedented 30 hours, the results were all impressive. In preparation for WESTPAC '97, all major inspections were carried through with pride and enthusiasm. Subsequently the department received an unparalleled third consecutive COMNAVAIRPAC Black "W" Departmental Excellence Award for 1996. Some specifics accomplished were:

-G1F Flight Deck Ordnance Division:

The liaison between Weapons Department and Air Wing, they handled and issued over 1,000 tons of aviation ordnance to the squadrons in support of operations. Safely received over 1,500 lifts during vertical replenishment evolutions.

-G1H Aviation Weapons Support Equipment Division:

Completed CNAP aviation maintenance management team technical assist visit for the Armament Weapons Support Equipment Program (AWSEP). It was determined the program was in excellent order and the scheduled inspection would not be required. Efficiently refurbished 1,500 items of AWSEP equipment which greatly enhanced material readiness.

-G2 Ship's Armory Division:

Completed rehabilitation of eight gun lockers, 10 ready service lockers and rebuilt 25 magazine sprinkler valves. Expertly completed the torpedo readiness for issue inspection receiving excellent remarks. Performed 13 gun line shooting exercises for replenishment at sea details and qualified 500 personnel in small arms familiarization instruction (famfire).

-G3 Weapons Assembly Division:

During Selected Restricted Availability (SRA-96), over 5,100 man-hours were expended during the renovation and refurbishment of 25 conventional ordnance magazines and 76 job sequence number (JSN) work packages. Utilizing TYCOM self-help repair facilities, G-3 personnel spent over 350 man-hours repairing, overhauling, and weight-testing 21 pneumatic chain hoists saving the Navy approximately \$175,000. Completed Ship's suitability testing for the Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) and the Joint Stand-Off Weapon (JSOW). Completed a highly successful weapons assembly detachment to NAS Fallon, NV in support of Carrier Air Wing Two.

-G4 Weapons Elevator Division:

During Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) and throughout the year, the division coordinated with three different civilian contractors, Weapons Elevator Support Unit (WESU), Fleet Technical Support Command Pacific (FTSCPAC) and Pacific Ship (PACSHIP). During this timeframe, six CASREP elevators were repaired. Over 350 major/minor discrepancies were identified, tracked, and repaired resulting in 12 up and fully operational elevators. The major weapons on-load of over 1,340,000 pounds of ordnance and associated components was completed without a single elevator mishap or malfunction. Approximately 2,900 elevator evolution's (runs) were performed in 1996.

-G5 aviation weapons control station :

Performed over 700 Ammunition Transaction Reports (ATRs) covering 3,251 issues and receipts. Planned, coordinated and successfully executed the major weapons on-load for WESTPAC '97.



Captain Rocklun A. Deal
Commanding Officer
USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64)



Captain Rocklun A. Deal has had assignments in six fighter squadrons, making three Western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployments and four cruises to the Mediterranean/North Sea. His first two squadrons (VF-92 and VF-211) deployed to WESTPAC aboard the USS CONSTELLATION. He commanded the back-to-back "E" winning Jolly Rogers of VF-84 for Med deployments aboard the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. He served as Operations Officer on the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, taking the carrier from final construction at Newport News through South American transit, air wing integration and first deployment to the Western Pacific/Persian Gulf. He has accumulated over 4,200 flight hours in Navy fighters and 950 arrested landings.

In command of USS CONSTELLATION since May of 1996, Captain Deal has led "America's Flagship" through the entire workup cycle - CART II to JTFEX 97-1. Through over 30 major inspections/certifications, 12,000 arrested landings (including three FRS/CQ's) and Fleet Week visits to Seattle and San Francisco, he made CONSTELLATION ready for her current WESTPAC deployment.



Captain Deal assumed command of USS KALAMAZOO (AOR 6) in August 1994 while transiting the Suez Canal. The ship subsequently made two trips to the Persian Gulf, the second a rapid response to Iraq's aggression toward Kuwait. Under his command, the "Kzoo" operated extensively in the Persian Gulf, Mediterranean, North Atlantic and Caribbean, including over 200 underway replenishment evolutions.

Shore assignments include twice serving with U.S. Atlantic Command, first as Head of Joint Task Force Peace Operations Training, and most recently, as Special Assistant for Information. He also served as Assistant Chief Test Director with VX-4 (Fighter Weapons and Tactics Test and Evaluation) at Point Mugu, Assistant Engineering Director for the F-14 at Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C., and Executive Officer of the F-14 Fleet Replacement Squadron at Oceana.

Captain Deal received a B.A. from Stanford University and an NROTC commission in 1972 and holds an M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and an M.A. in International Relations from Salve Regina University. He is a 1992 graduate of the National War College and was a Chief of Naval Operations Fellow with Strategic Studies Group XII.

Captain Deal resides with his wife, [REDACTED] daughter [REDACTED] and son [REDACTED] at Naval Air Station, North Island, California. His oldest daughter, [REDACTED] is a freshman at Stanford University and an NROTC Midshipman.