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Subj: SUBMISSION OF COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS DENVER (LPD 9)

CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 1986

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is forwarded as the command history for USS DENVER (LPD 9) for CY 1986.

2. The year started with USS DENVER (LPD 9) inport San Diego, California, a unit of COMPHIBRON THREE, Captain Albert P. Johnson, USN, commanding. The following is a chronology of selected major events. Port visits outside of homeport are indicated.

JANUARY

8	Gunnery	Exercise.	SOCAT.	Operations	Area
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15 CDR Joseph B. Wilkinson, USN assumed duties of Executive

Officer

16 Ammunition Onload, Seal Beach, California

FEBRUARY

3 Command Inspection

21 Engineering Mobile Team Training

MARCH

10-14 Operational Propulsion Plant Examination

25 Gunnery Exercises

24 Mar-4 Apr Refresher Training

APRIL

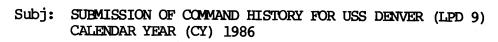
5 Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 16 (HM-16) embarks

with MH-53D aircraft for a three month deployment.

10 Donkey Basketball Game with Patrick Henry High School

22-28 Underway for Kernel Blitz 86-1 amphibious exercise with

elements of the 1ST Marine Division



MAY	
5	Ammunition Onload, Seal Beach, California
15	Gunnery Exercise
12-16	Underway in SOCAL Operating Area for exercises and dependents' cruise
18	Midshipmen embark for summer training
29	Embark COMPHIBRON 7
31	Underway enroute to Portland, Oregon for Rose Festival. Steaming in company with USS CAYUGA (LST 1186). Embarked troops include elements of 1ST Battalion, Seventh Marines, A Company 3RD AAV, 1ST LAV Battalion, ARD, 1ST Battalion, Ninth Marines
JUNE	
3	Gunnery Exercise
5-9	Inport Portland, Oregon
8	COMPHIBRON 7 disembarks
10-12	Underway enroute Vancouver, British Columbia
13-16	Inport Vancouver, British Columbia for Expo '86
17	Underway, enroute San Diego, California
20	Gunnery Exercise
24	Arrival, San Diego, California. HM-16 debarks
JULY	
7–18	Amphibious Refresher Training with elements of LST Battalion, Fifth Marines, HMM 164, HMH 465, B Company 3RD AAV Battalion
19 Jul-19 Aug	Inport San Diego, California for upkeep
21	COMPHIBRON 7 embarks
AUGUST	
1	Change of ISIC assignment to COMPHIBRON 9
10	COMPHIBRON 7 disembarks
19-28	Underway for amphibious exercise Kernel Blitz 86-2 with elements of Headquarters Fifth Marines, Motor Vehicle Detachment, Battalion, Fifth Marines. E Battery 2ND Battalion Eleventh Marines, Marine Air Support Squadron 3 Detachment, A Detachment from Brigade Service Support Group 5, Beach Master Unit 1, Assault Craft Unit 1, and the Seventh Marine Amphibious Brigade

Brigade



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SEPTEMBER	Ł
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3–9	Surface Line Week	

22-26 Underway for Public Affairs Cruise

OCTOBER

6-9	Underway enroute to Monterey, California in company with USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA 3) and USS TUSCALOOSA (LST 1187). Embarked are elements of the 5TH Battalion, Fifteenth Marine Division
10-14	Inport Monterey, California for Navy Birthday
12	Monterey Navy League onboard for a Navy Birthday Brunch
23	Change of Command Ceremony. Captain Wirt R. Fladd, USN relieves Captain Albert P. Johnson, USN as Commanding Officer, USS DENVER (LPD 9)

NOVEMBER

1-7	Availability v	with USS	CAPE COD	(AD 43)
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13-24 Underway for amphibious exercise Kernel Usher 87-1

DECEMBER

1	NGFS Exercise at San Clemente Island
4	Ammunition onload, North Island, NAS, California
15	Preparation for overseas movement, (PQM) begins.

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