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From: Commanding Officer, USS DENVER (LPD 9)  
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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, SOCAL Operations Area
- 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

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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 1ST Battalion, Fifth Marines, HMM 164, HMM 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

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SEPTEMBER

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 with USS CAPE COD (AD 43)  
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, (POM) begins.

  
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