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From: Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)  
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1. In compliance with reference (a), the history of USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) for the period of 1 January 1981 through 31 December 1981 is hereby submitted.

2. Basic History

a. Command Organization

(1) During this period, USS DUBUQUE served as a unit of Amphibious Squadron ONE. From 1 January to 12 February 1981 the ship was commanded by Captain Charles W. Cullen, USN, [REDACTED] and for the remainder of the year by Captain Jefferson R. Dennis, USN,

(2) Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE was assigned additional duties as CTG 76.7 during the period 7 December through 31 December 1981.

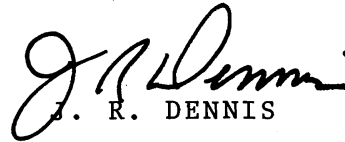
b. Historical Narrative

On 1 January 1981, DUBUQUE was in her homeport for the holidays and moored alongside Pier 12, U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California. On 12 February 1981 while in San Diego, Captain Jefferson R. Dennis relieved Captain Charles W. Cullen as Commanding Officer during Change of Command ceremonies onboard DUBUQUE. From 17 February to 27 July 1981, DUBUQUE participated in amphibious operations and independent steaming for training purposes in the Southern California Operations Area. On 28 July 1981, DUBUQUE got underway for and successfully completed OPRE and returned to Naval Station, San Diego, California on 30 July. DUBUQUE remained in homeport until 16 August, getting underway for Amphibious Refresher Training 17-28 August and Interim Refresher Training 8-18 September. On 28 September, DUBUQUE participated in an eleven day exercise, Kernel Usher 81-3, returning to Naval Station, San Diego, California on 9 October. On 12 November

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1981, DUBUQUE got underway in company with PHIBRON ONE for a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific. Arriving 19 November in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, DUBUQUE conducted operations in local Hawaiian OPAREAS until 29 November. DUBUQUE got underway for Okinawa, Japan on 30 November and chopped to Seventh Fleet Operational Control on 7 December 1981. A mid ocean turnover was conducted with units of Amphibious Squadron THREE, and DUBUQUE arrived in White Beach, Okinawa on 13 December. On 15 December, DUBUQUE got underway for Sasebo, Japan arriving 17 December for a 12 day upkeep and port visit. While in Sasebo, DUBUQUE hosted a Christmas party for local Japanese Orphans. From 30-31 December 1981, DUBUQUE visited Pusan, Korea.

  
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