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- Encl: (1) Command History of USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) by department
(2) Biography of Commanding Officer, Captain Robert G. PARTLOW
(3) Photograph of Commanding Officer, Captain Robert G. PARTLOW
(4) Biography of Commanding Officer, Captain Melvin H. SOLLBERGER
(5) Photograph of Commanding Officer, Captain Melvin H. SOLLBERGER

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are forwarded.


R. G. PARTLOW

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COMSUBLANT
COMSUBRON EIGHT

1. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for a third consecutive year. The receipt of this award is an unprecedented accomplishment for a ship of this class.

2. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) now has six (6) female officers and approximately 185 female enlisted, including two (2) Chief Petty Officers, assigned.

3. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) successfully completed the Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA) at Norfolk Naval Shipyard from 6 June to 9 August 1983. The ship actually completed the SRA six (6) days ahead of schedule in spite of extensive hull repairs not originally scheduled for accomplishment.

a. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

(1) SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COORDINATOR. In 1983 the following items were significant in the SAC/CAAC Office: The establishment of group therapy sessions by the CAAC Director; the assignment of two full time Substance Abuse Coordinators; commencement of onboard Level I and Level II Screening/Rehabilitation Programs, including aftercare; the growth of the urinalysis program and its demonstrated effectiveness as a method of detection/deterrence of substance abuse (total positives less than 2.5%); use of the EMIT/st onboard portable tester, and a Letter of Commendation from Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT for running an "Above Average" substance abuse program.

(2) COMMAND CAREER COUNSELOR. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) appeared six consecutive times in the Type Commander's Honor Roll (JUL 83 - DEC 83). The retention/counseling programs instruction was revised and implemented to enhance the ship's retention efforts and increase command involvement in the retention process. In 1983, nine PACE Courses (academic & vocational) were conducted onboard. Additionally, two sections in Math and two sections in English of the Navy Campus Functional Skills Program were completed onboard with 90% completion rate. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) was nominated for the fiscal year 1983 Golden Anchor Award.

b. OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Operations Department supported a total of 29 days underway for independent steaming exercises, three days underway for the Engineering OPPE. Included in those underway periods were sea trials following a 70 day yard period and a port visit to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

c. COMMUNICATONS DEPARTMENT

The Communications Department was established as an individual functional department in January 1983. It consists of the Communications Electronics, Radio and Site Television Divisions. The department provided full communications support to Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT and all attached units. Services included processing of over 7500 incoming and 1500 outgoing messages per month and the repair and maintenance of squadron submarine communication and cryptographic equipments. A Communications Improvement Memorandum (CIM) rate of less than 5% was consistently maintained, and all departmental inspections including CMS, SAS, White Pinnacle and Communications Readiness Exercises were passed with grades of satisfactory or above.

d. DECK DEPARTMENT.

The Deck Department supported 159 submarine moves, to and from tended units and over 5,000 crane lifts in support of supply and weapons loadouts and submarine repairs. During the three month SRA major preservation efforts were accomplished on all ground tackle and chain lockers, weatherdecks, small boats including the Officer's Motor Boat (OMB) and Captain's Gig, forward Boatswains locker and the anchor windlass room. Also of significance was the completion of three major ship alterations that included relocation of the anchor housing stoppers providing marked improvement in handling/securing the chains. Man overboard recovery stations were installed, and a Type Commander approved alteration was completed on the centerline crane providing a greater margin of safety and reliability. Additionally, the 5 ton cargo and sail cranes received extensive rework to the truck wheels and anti-trip rollers.

e. REPAIR DEPARTMENT.

The Repair Department spent 1983 tending units from both Submarine Squadron SIX and EIGHT. By midyear, Squadron EIGHT's strength reached 10 SSN's active and 3 submarines in the shipyard, so routine upkeeps of Squadron SIX units ceased.

During this period the ship successfully completed a Radiological Controls Practices Evaluation, a Quality Assurance Inspection and a Proficiency and Readiness Evaluation.

During 1983 the Repair Department expended 309,964 man hours completing 5,623 jobs out of 6,747 assigned from tended units.

f. WEAPONS DEPARTMENT.

Throughout 1983 the Weapons Repair Department remained active in the submarine support mission through the following accomplishments:

(1) Handled 425 MK 48 Torpedoes, 40 Harpoon Missiles, 24 SUBROC Missiles, 19 Tomahawk Missiles and 197 exercise units. Trained 6 SSN crews in "A" cable and TMD installation.

(2) Successfully completed a Tactical Weapons Capability Review (TWCR) and Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI). USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) became the first east coast tender to complete certification to handle and maintain the Tomahawk Cruise Missile.

(3) Completed several Torpedo Tube Inspections, Weapons Systems Inspections and Weapons System Reviews on tended units.

(4) Issued 77,148 rounds of small arms ammunition and 4948 pyrotechnics.

(5) Completed a Ship's Selected Restricted Availability during which one A&I and four SHIPALTS were completed and all shop spaces and magazines were painted/preserved.

g. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

In addition to supporting 29 days underway, the Engineering department prepared for and successfully completed an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination and provided extensive ship support as well as completing extensive repairs to numerous valves, pumps, piping, ship's hull, boilers, main engines, propeller and rudder and the Dimension 2000 phone exchange system throughout the ship during the ship's Restricted Availability (SRA).

h. SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

In addition to routine material support to both tended units and the ship itself, several innovative and lasting accomplishments were completed by the Supply Department. One major accomplishment was the installation of the new SNAP I computer onboard, the first such installation on a SUBLANT tender. Installation of this equipment freed the Inforex System installed in 1982 allowing development of a requisition document tracking system for all S&E requisitions prior to loading the requisitions to the SUADPS files.

Another major accomplishment was the completion of the new SEOC building, CEP-204. With the addition of this facility, the command's ability to receive material of all kinds and store bulk items was greatly enhanced. Finally, mini-computers were installed in the Disbursing Office allowing UMID's processing of pay transactions. This system is expected to increase productivity of the DK's significantly upon completion of training. During this past year the number of supported units has again increased including a floating drydock and Navy MK 48 Intermediate Maintenance Activity. The total number of demands for parts and service has grown from 3,800 demands per month to over 5,500 demands per month.

i. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Medical Department collected over 4,000 urine samples to be processed by the Naval Drug Screening Laboratory, Norfolk, Virginia in conjunction with the Navy Drug Abuse Program.