

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD-43) FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CA 96665-1731



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From: Commanding Officer, USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43)

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Subj: USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1990 (U)

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization (U)

(2) Chronology (C)

(3) Basic Historical Narrative for 1990 (C)

(4) Special Jopics for 1990 (U)

(5) Welcome Aboard Brochure (w/CDR Hayes) (U)

1. (U) Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

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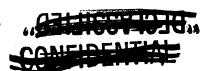
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#### COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. MISSION. FORT MCHENRY'S mission is to transport United States Marines with their combat equipment to designated areas around the world, and then to launch and support assault landing craft and helicopters during amphibious operations against hostile shores. FORT MCHENRY carries the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC). The LCAC is an assault hovercraft with the ability to exceed 40 knots while carrying a 60-ton payload. Using this craft, FORT MCHENRY forces are able to carry out an amphibious assault against a wider range of beaches.

FORT MCHENRY accomplishes her mission through the use of a well deck which is flooded to embark and launch assault craft. After leaving the ship, the assault craft are directed towards the shore by the ship's Combat Information Center.

To provide continuing support to the assault force, FORT MCHENRY is equipped with up-to-date communications and combat systems, 20-ton and 60-ton cranes, expanded repair facilities, two helicopter landing areas, complete medical and dental facilities, and an automated computer-based supply system.

#### 2. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

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USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43)

- 3. COMMANDING OFFICER: Commander James A. Hayes
- 4. HOMEPORT: San Diego, California.



#### CHRONOLOGY

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Sea Trials

13 Jan - 15 Jan Inport San Diego

16 Jan - 19 Jan **DEPERM** 

20 Jan - 21 Jan Inport San Diego

22 Jan - 25 Jan Ammo onload-ECC Drills

26 Jan - 30 Jan Inport San Diego

31 Jan - 02 Feb MTT

03 Feb - 05 Feb Inport San Diego

06 Feb - 08 Feb **TRE** 

09 Feb - 25 Feb Inport San Diego

26 Feb - 02 Mar **REFTRA** 

03 Mar - 04 Mar Inport San Diego

05 Mar - 09 Mar **REFTRA** 

10 Mar - 13 Mar Inport San Diego

14 Mar - 16 Mar MTT

17 Mar - 18 Mar Inport San Diego

19 Mar - 23 Mar **PHIBREFTRA** 

24 Mar - 25 Mar Inport San Diego

26 Mar - 30 Mar **PHIBREFTRA** 

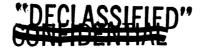
31 Mar - 16 Apr Inport San Diego

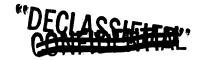
17 Apr - 19 Apr **OPPE** 

20 Apr - 25 Apr Inport San Diego

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26	Apr	_	09	May
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10 May - 12 Jun

13 Jun

14 Jun - 19 Jun

20 Jun - 11 Jul

12 Jul

13 Jul - 16 Jul

17 Jul - 13 Aug

14 Aug

15 Aug - 20 Aug

21 Aug

22 Aug

23 Aug - 06 Sep

07 Sep - 05 Nov

06 Nov - 18 Nov

19 Nov - 08 Dec

09 Dec - 11 Dec

12 Dec - 26 Dec

27 Dec - 30 Dec

31 Dec

Kernel Usher 90-1

Inport San Diego

Dependents Cruise

Inport San Diego

Enroute Buckner Bay

Inport Buckner Bay

Enroute Subic Bay

Inport Subic Bay

Enroute Hong Kong

Inport Hong Kong

Enroute Subic Bay

Inport Subic Bay

**Enroute NAS** 

On station NAS

Enroute Subic Bay

Inport Subic Bay

Underway

Inport Subic Bay

Enroute Singapore

Inport Singapore



#### BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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USS FORT MCHENRY	entered 19	90 moored t	to Pier	9 Naval	Station,	San Diego CA.
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01 <b>-</b> 11 Jan	FORT MCHENRY	spent 11 moored	to Pier 9, Naval
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Station, San Diego, CA.

12-15 Jan FORT MCHENRY got underway for sea trials.

Moored to Pier 6, Naval Station, San Diego,

CA.

16-19 Jan FORT MCHENRY spent 4 days conducting deperming

at the Degaussing Pier, Submarine Base, San

Diego, CA.

20-21 Jan FORT MCHENRY spent 2 days moored to Pier 5,

Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

22-25 Jan FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct

Individual Ship Exercises, ECC Drills in the SOCAL OPAREA; conducted ammo onload at BRAVO

Pier, North Island NAS, San Diego, CA.

26-30 Jan FORT MCHENRY spent 5 days moored to Pier 10,

Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

31 Jan-02 Feb FORT MCHENRY got underway for an Engineering

Assessment.

03-05 Feb FORT MCHENRY spent 3 days moored to Pier 10,

Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

06-08 Feb FORT MCHENRY got underway for Training

Readiness Evaluation.

09-25 Feb FORT MCHENRY spent 17 days moored to Pier 10,

Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

26 Feb-02 Mar FORT MCHENRY got underway for Interim

Refresher Training.

03-04 Mar FORT MCHENRY spent 2 days moored to Pier 10,

Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

05-09 Mar FORT MCHENRY got underway for the second week

of Interim Refresher Training.

10-13 Mar FORT MCHENRY spent 4 days moored to Pier 10,

Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

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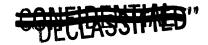




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14-16 Mar	FORT MCHENRY got underway for an Engineering Assessment.
17-18 Mar	FORT MCHENRY spent 2 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.
19-23 Mar	FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Amphibious Refresher Training in the vicinity of Camp Pendleton.
24-25 Mar	FORT MCHENRY spent 2 days moored to Pier 11, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.
26-30 Mar	FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Amphibious Refresher Training in the vicinity of Silver Strand State Beach, San Diego, CA.
31 Mar-16 Apr	FORT MCHENRY spent 17 days moored to Pier 11, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.
17-19 Apr	FORT MCHENRY completed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
20-25 Apr	FORT MCHENRY spent 6 days moored to Pier 6, Naval Station, San Diego, CA
26 Apr-09 May	FORT MCHENRY got underway to participate in exercise KERNEL USHER 90-5.
10 May-12 Jun	FORT MCHENRY spent 5 weeks moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA, in a Pre- deployment leave and upkeep period.
13 Jun	FORT MCHENRY got underway for a Readiness for Sea period and a dependent's cruise. Moored Pier 6, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.
14-19 Jun	FORT MCHENRY conducted an onload of troops and equipment while moored to Pier 6, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.
20 Jun-11 Jul	FORT MCHENRY was in transit with other elements of PHIBRON FIVE, enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
12 Jul	FORT MCHENRY moored to Army Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan.
13-15 Jul	FORT MCHENRY was in transit with other elements of PHIBRON FIVE enroute Subic Bay, RP





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16-17 Jul	FORT MCHENRY participated in Valiant Usher 90– 7 in Subic Bay opareas.
17 Jul-12 Aug	FORT MCHENRY spent 4 weeks moored to Rivera
13-14 Aug	Pier, Subic Bay, RP. FORT MCHENRY got underway for a multiple sail enroute to Hong Kong, BCC.
15-19 Aug	FORT MCHENRY moored to buoy A50 Hong Kong Harbor for a port visit.
20-21 Aug	FORT MCHENRY got underway for a multiple sail enroute Subic Bay, RP.
22 Aug	FORT MCHENRY moored to Leyte Wharf, Subic Bay, RP for onload of equipment for Operation Desert Shield.
23 Aug-06 Sep	FORT MCHENRY got underway enroute the North Arabian Sea in company with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.
07-30 Sep	FORT MCHENRY spent 24 days on station in the North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Desert Shield.
01-05 Oct	FORT MCHENRY participated in exercise CAMEL SAND in vic of southern Oman with elements of PHIBRON Five and COMPHIBGRU Two ships (18 total ships).
06-30 Oct	FORT MCHENRY spent 25 days on station in the North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Desert Shield.
31 Oct-02 Nov	FORT MCHENRY participated in exercise SEA SOLDIER II in vic of southern Oman with elements of PHIBRON Five and COMPHIBGRU Two ships.
03-05 Nov	FORT MCHENRY spent 3 days on station in the North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Desert Shield.
06-18 Nov	FORT MCHENRY transited back to Subic Bay, RP in company with PHIBRON Five ship for return to San Diego.
19 Nov-08 Dec	FORT MCHENRY spent 20 days in an upkeep period moored to Rivera Pier, Subic Bay, RP. Advised of necessity to return to North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Desert Shield.
09-12 Dec	FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Individual Ship exercises and participate in exercise Valiant Usher 91A with PHIBRON Five ships.
13-26 Dec	FORT MCHENRY spent 14 days in an upkeep and maintenance period while moored to Rivera Pier, Subic Bay, RP.





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27-30 Dec

FORT MCHENRY got underway for multiple sail enroute Singapore for port visit prior to return to North Arabian Sea in support of Operation Desert Shield.

31 Dec

FORT MCHENRY anchored in Singapore man-of-war anchorage for

port visit.

### SPECIAL TOPICS

## Command Organization:

Commanding Officer: CDR J. A. Hayes

Executive Officer: LCDR I. K. Magid (Jan-Jun)

LCDR Mike Greene (Jun-Dec)

## Significant Statistical Data:

Engine Hours: 1A 825

> 1B 1,134 2A 947 936 2B

Generator Hours: 1SSDG 1,231

2SSDG 997 3SSDG 990 4SSDG 1,199

Miles Steamed: 24,396

4 rounds of 7.62mm Grenade Cartridge Ammo Expended:

66 rounds of 12 Ga. Shotgun 1681 rounds of 7.62mm M-14

1649 rounds of 20mm Cartridge CIWS 1280 rounds of .50 Cal. Cartridge 2081 rounds of .45 Cal.

12 rounds of Marine Location MK 58 Mod 1

850 rounds of 7.62mm Linked (M-60)