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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)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

- Encl:
- (1) Command Composition and Organization (U)
 - (2) Chronology (C)
 - (3) Basic Historical Narrative for 1990 (C)
 - (4) Special Topics for 1990 (U)
 - (5) Welcome Aboard Brochure (w/CDR Hayes) (U)

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

J. A. HAYES

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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.

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CHRONOLOGY

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01 Jan - 11 Jan	Leave Upkeep San Diego
12 Jan	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	Kernel Usher 90-1
10 May - 12 Jun	Inport San Diego
13 Jun	Dependents Cruise
14 Jun - 19 Jun	Inport San Diego
20 Jun - 11 Jul	Enroute Buckner Bay
12 Jul	Inport Buckner Bay
13 Jul - 16 Jul	Enroute Subic Bay
17 Jul - 13 Aug	Inport Subic Bay
14 Aug	Enroute Hong Kong
15 Aug - 20 Aug	Inport Hong Kong
21 Aug	Enroute Subic Bay
22 Aug	Inport Subic Bay
23 Aug - 06 Sep	Enroute NAS
07 Sep - 05 Nov	On station NAS
06 Nov - 18 Nov	Enroute Subic Bay
19 Nov - 08 Dec	Inport Subic Bay
09 Dec - 11 Dec	Underway
12 Dec - 26 Dec	Inport Subic Bay
27 Dec - 30 Dec	Enroute Singapore
31 Dec	Inport Singapore

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BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS FORT MCHENRY entered 1990 moored to Pier 9 Naval Station, San Diego CA.

- 01-11 Jan FORT MCHENRY spent 11 moored to Pier 9, Naval 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 SOCIAL 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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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 Pier, Subic Bay, RP.

13-14 Aug 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.

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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
2B 936

Generator Hours: 1SSDG 1,231
2SSDG 997
3SSDG 990
4SSDG 1,199

Miles Steamed: 24,396

Ammo Expended: 4 rounds of 7.62mm Grenade Cartridge
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)