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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 1991 (U)

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization (U)
(2) Chronology (C)
(3) Basic Historical Narrative for 1991 (C)
(4) Special Topics for 1991 (U)
(5) Welcome Aboard Brochure (w/CDR Anderson) (U)

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


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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 Thomas J. Anderson

4. **HOMEPORT:** San Diego, California.

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BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS FORT MCHENRY entered 1991 Anchored at Singapore

01-05 Jan FORT MCHENRY spent 5 days anchored in Singapore man-of-war anchorage for port visit.

06 Jan FORT MCHENRY got underway enroute the North Arabian Sea in company with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

07-15 Jan FORT MCHENRY joined with COMPHIBGRU THREE ships enroute the North Arabian Sea. (Total 18 ships)

16-17 Jan FORT MCHENRY transited the Straits of Hormuz in company with other PHIBRON FIVE ships, USS KANSAS CITY, FS JEAN DENIEVE, and HMCS TERRA NOVA. Set DEFCON 1 on 17 Jan. Desert Storm began.

18-20 Jan FORT MCHENRY anchored in Southern Arabian Gulf CLF box with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

21-22 Jan FORT MCHENRY underway from anchorage for replenishment with HMCS OLVA on 22 Jan with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

23 Jan FORT MCHENRY anchored in Southern Arabian Gulf CLF box with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

24 Jan FORT MCHENRY underway from anchorage enroute North Arabian Gulf for Special Operations off Kuwait with USS OGDEN and USS OKINAWA. Mission scrubbed while enroute.

25-30 Jan FORT MCHENRY anchored in Southern Arabian Gulf CLF box with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

31 Jan-01 Feb FORT MCHENRY underway from anchorage enroute Central Arabian Gulf to transfer Hellfire missiles to USS TRIPOLI. Refueled from HMCS PROTECTEUR on 01 Feb.

02-04 Feb FORT MCHENRY anchored Southern Arabian Gulf CLF box with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

05 Feb FORT MCHENRY underway for operations in Southern Arabian Gulf with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

06-07 Feb FORT MCHENRY anchored in Southern Arabian Gulf Gator box with 40 other amphibious ships.

08-09 Feb FORT MCHENRY underway enroute United Arab Emirates training area in company with elements of PHIBGRU TWO, PHIBGRU THREE and PHIBRON FIVE ships.

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10-15 Feb FORT MCHENRY participating in amphibious rehearsal in AL HAMRA, UAE training area in company with elements of PHIBGRU TWO, PHIBGRU THREE, and PHIBRON FIVE ships.

16-17 Feb FORT MCHENRY underway enroute Central Arabian Gulf ATF box in company with elements of PHIBGRU TWO, PHIBGRU THREE and PHIBRON FIVE ships (Total 9 ships). Refueled with USNS W.S. DIEHL 16 Feb. Received stores from USS SAN JOSE 17 Feb.

18 Feb FORT MCHENRY operated in Central Arabian Gulf ATF box.

19-27 Feb FORT MCHENRY operated in North Arabian Gulf ATF holding area in company with elements of ATF Raid Force (Total 9 ships).

28 Feb FORT MCHENRY remained in North Arabian Gulf ATF holding area in company with USS OKINAWA and USS OGDEN.

01 Mar FORT MCHENRY transited to PT All in North Arabian Gulf with USS OKINAWA and USS OGDEN.

02-04 Mar FORT MCHENRY transited mine swept channel enroute FAYLAKA Island to participate in EPW extraction on 03 Mar with USS OKINAWA and USS OGDEN.

05-06 Mar FORT MCHENRY enroute Southern Arabian Gulf.

07-10 Mar FORT MCHENRY operated in Southern Arabian Gulf with USS CAYUGA and USS DURHAM.

11 Mar FORT MCHENRY transited Straits of Hormuz in company with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

12-24 Mar FORT MCHENRY transited back to Subic Bay, RP in company with other PHIBRON FIVE ships for return to San Diego.

25-27 Mar FORT MCHENRY spent 3 days in an upkeep and maintenance period while moored to Rivera Pier, Subic Bay, RP.

28 Mar-15 Apr FORT MCHENRY transited to Camp Pendleton in company with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

16 Apr FORT MCHENRY offloaded troops and equipment while anchored off Camp Pendleton.

17 Apr-16 May FORT MCHENRY spent 4 weeks moored to Pier 13, Naval Station, San Diego, CA in a Post-Deployment leave and upkeep period.

17 May-02 Jun FORT MCHENRY spent 17 days moored to Pier 13, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

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03 Jun-05 Aug FORT MCHENRY spent 9 weeks moored to Southwest Marine Repair Facility, San Diego, CA for a Phased Maintenance Availability.

06-07 Aug FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Post-availability Sea Trials.

08 Aug-03 Sep FORT MCHENRY spent 25 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

04-05 Sep FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Individual Ship Exercises, ECC drills in the SOCAL OPAREA.

06-15 Sep FORT MCHENRY spent 10 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

16-19 Sep FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Individual Ship Exercises, ECC drills in SOCAL OPAREA.

20 Sep-06 Oct FORT MCHENRY spent 17 days moored to Pier 11, Naval Station, San Diego for Command Inspection 30 Sep-04 Oct.

07-11 Oct FORT MCHENRY got underway for Individual Ship Exercises, ECC drills in SOCAL OPAREA.

12-21 Oct FORT MCHENRY spent 10 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

22-24 Oct FORT MCHENRY passed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.

25 Oct-03 Nov FORT MCHENRY spent 10 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

04-08 Nov FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Fleet Training Group Training Assist in SOCAL OPAREA.

09-11 Nov FORT MCHENRY spent 3 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

12-16 Nov FORT MCHENRY got underway to conduct Amphibious Refresher Training in vicinity of Camp Pendleton.

17 Nov FORT MCHENRY spent 1 day moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

18-26 Nov FORT MCHENRY got underway to participate in exercise KERNEL USHER 92-1 with other PHIBRON FIVE ships.

27 Nov-05 Dec FORT MCHENRY spent 9 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

06-31 Dec FORT MCHENRY spent 26 days moored to Pier 10, Naval Station, San Diego, CA for Pre-deployment leave and upkeep period.

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SPECIAL TOPICS

Command Organization:

Commanding Officer: CDR J.A. Hayes (JAN-SEP)
 CDR T.J. Anderson (SEP-DEC)

Executive Officer: LCDR M. Greene (JAN-NOV)
 LCDR S.J. Tangredi (NOV-DEC)

Significant Statistical Data:

Engine Hours:	1A	1951.24
	1B	1547.99
	2A	1471.40
	2B	1747.10

Generator Hours:	1SSDG	1622.75
	2SSDG	1002.83
	3SSDG	1091.30
	4SSDG	2451.50

Miles Steamed: 22,342

Ammo Expended: 381 rounds of 12 Ga. Shotgun
626 rounds of 7.62mm Linked (M-60)
2430 rounds of .45 cal
2250 rounds of .50 cal cartridge
941 rounds of 20mm cartridge CIWS
2 rounds of 7.62mm Grenade Cartridge
6 smoke floats
4 rounds of SRBOC