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Subj: USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD-43) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1993

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
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(4) Special Topics for 1993
(5) Welcome Aboard Brochure

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

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. **MISSION:** USS FORT MCHENRY's mission is to transport United States Marines with their combat equipment to designated areas around the world and to launch and support assault landing craft (primarily Air Cushion Landing Craft--(LCAC)) and helicopters during amphibious operations against a hostile shore.

FORT MCHENRY accomplishes her mission through use of a well deck and flight deck. After leaving the ship, helicopters and landing craft are directed towards the shore by the ship's Combat Information Center.

2. **ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE:** COMNAVSURFPAC
COMPHIBRON SEVEN
USS FORT MCHENRY

3. **COMMANDING OFFICER:** Commander Charles F. Webber

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

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY

01 Jan - 22 Mar	DPMA National Steel and Shipbuilding, San Diego CA
23 - 25 Mar	Light Off Examination
31 Mar - 02 Apr	Sea Trials
13 - 17 May	Exercise Bell Thunder 93
27 - 28 May	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART 2A)
09 Jun	CDR Charles F. Webber relieves CDR Thomas J. Anderson as Commanding Officer
12 - 30 Jul	Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA I)
30 Aug - 10 Sep	Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA II)
27 Sep - 01 Oct	Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA III)
05 - 08 Oct	Senior Officer Shipboard Material Readiness Course (SOSMRC)
27 Oct - 03 Nov	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination Preparations
08 - 10 Nov	Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE)
12 Nov	Depart San Diego to perform administrative lift of five LCAC's from Panama City Florida
12 -19 Nov	ENR Panama Canal
19 Nov	Northbound transit of Panama Canal
20 - 26 Nov	ENR New Orleans, LA
26 - 29 Nov	IPT New Orleans, LA
30 Nov - 05 Dec	ENR Panama Canal
06 Dec	Southbound transit of Panama Canal
07 - 16 Dec	ENR San Diego, CA
17 - 31 Dec	Holiday leave periods

BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS FORT MCHENRY entered 1993 moored at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego CA. Significant events of 1993 included:

- 01 Jan-22 Mar Despite a four week delay caused by striking employees, FORT MCHENRY completed a Drydocking Phased Maintenance Availability (DPMA) at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company, San Diego CA.
- 23-25 Mar Following DPMA FORT MCHENRY successfully completed a Light Off Examination conducted by the CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examining Board.
- 03 Mar While independently steaming in the Southern California operational area, FORT MCHENRY experienced a major casualty to 1A Main propulsion Diesel Engine. The subsequent inspection revealed several items left inside the turbo charger inlet during DPMA.
- 13-17 May FORT MCHENRY embarked several units from EOD Mobile Unit One, seal teams, and Marine Mammal Mk V system to participate in Exercise Bell Thunder 93.
- 09 Jun CDR Charles F. Webber relieved CDR Thomas J. Anderson as Commanding Officer.
- 12-30 Jul FORT MCHENRY began the organic phase of the Tailored Ship Training Availability. Training teams drilled the entire crew in the first phase of the training cycle.
- 30 Aug-10 Sep FORT MCHENRY began the second phase of the Tailored Ship Training Availability.
- 27 Sep-01 Oct FORT MCHENRY conducted the third phase of the Tailored Ship's Training Availability. Emphasis during this period was on engineering casualty control in preparation for the Operational Propulsion Plant Exam.(OPPE)
- 09-10 Nov FORT MCHENRY successfully completed OPPE.

- 12 Nov FORT MCHENRY departed San Diego to perform an administrative lift of five new LCAC from Panama City Florida. This trip marked the initiation of a vigorous Women-at-Sea training program. Sixteen women were embarked for the five week trip to learn about shipboard evolutions and gain experience from shipboard life.
- 19 Nov FORT MCHENRY completed its first ever transit of the Panama Canal, transitting northbound to the Atlantic Ocean.
- 06 Dec Following a port visit to New Orleans, LA, and the embarkation of five LCAC at Panama City FL, FORT MCHENRY transits southbound through the Panama Canal enroute to San Diego, CA.
- 17-31 Dec Crew members enjoyed a holiday leave period.

SPECIAL TOPICS FOR 1993

Command Organization:

Commanding Officer: CDR T. J. Anderson (01 Jan - 09 Jun)
CDR C. F. Webber (09 Jun - 31 Dec)

Executive Officer: LCDR W. V. Scardina

Significant Statistical Data:

Engine Hours: 1A - 10259
1B - 10577
2A - 9479
2B - 10020

Generator Hours: NR 1 SSDG - 11,301
NR 2 SSDG - 11,450
NR 3 SSDG - 10,900
NR 4 SSDG - 13,045

Miles Steamed: 14,794 NM

Ammo Expended: 2 rounds of M3 Grenade
11 rounds of Location Marker Mk58 Mod 1
8 rounds of 5.125 Chaff Cartridge
340 rounds of 12 Ga. Shotgun
1277 rounds of 7.62mm M-14
2282 rounds of 20mm CIWS Cartridge
1808 rounds of .50 cal. Cartridge
5270 rounds of .45 cal. Cartridge