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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 [Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC); Landing Craft Unit (LCU); Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV)] and helicopters during amphibious operations against a hostile shore.

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

ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE: COMNAVSURFPAC SAN DIEGO, CA
COMPHIBGRU ONE
COMPHIBRON ELEVEN
USS FORT MCHENRY

COMMANDING OFFICER: Commander Adrian J. Jansen, USN

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE FOR CY2001

01 Jan - 07 Jan FORT MCHENRY's is in the midst of a stand-down period for the holiday season.

08 Jan - 11 Jan FORT MCHENRY is enroute to Okinawa, Japan. During the transit, the ship conducts drills: loss of gyro, precision anchorage and swept channel.

11 Jan - 14 Jan The ship conducts a troop onload before sailing to Hong Kong for a port visit. The track to Hong Kong is through the Taiwan Strait.

15 Jan - 19 Jan FORT MCHENRY is anchored in Victoria Harbor, Hong Kong. The crew enjoys liberty in Hong Kong. Some sailors also participate in a Community Relation Project at a local school.

20 Jan - 25 Jan The ship transits the Taiwan Strait while enroute to Yokosuka, Japan. During the transit, FORT MCHENRY conducts Night-Optic live fire, CIWS PACFIRE and USMC NEO Scenario.

26 Jan - 11 Feb FORT MCHENRY visits Yokosuka, Japan, for school and training periods. While in Yokosuka, Vice Admiral Metzger, COMSEVENTHFLT, and the Commanding Officer of METOC visit the ship.

12 Feb - 15 Feb FORT MCHENRY returns to Sasebo, Japan.

16 Feb FORT MCHENRY begins Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA), which is scheduled to last until June 5th. The process includes the installation of new systems such as SSDS and RAM.

16 Feb - 23 Feb Personnel, stores and fuel are moved from the ship. The crew and stores are moved onto the berthing barge. In addition, FORT MCHENRY is moved from Akasaki Pier to Pier India 1, where the ship is moored until the completion of SRA.

20 Feb - 21 Feb 20 Japanese National Police officers, 10 personnel from the Japanese Joint Staff and 9 USFJ officers visit and tour the ship.

23 Feb - 28 Feb FORT MCHENRY crew closes out February by opening up the galley on the berthing barges. Additionally, the ship begins the RAM and SSDS installation.

01 Mar - 31 Mar The ship continues its SRA. Meanwhile, it is tax season and the crew receives some help from base legal. The advancement cycle for this fiscal year starts with the E-5s, E-4s and E-3s taking their respective advancement exams. In addition to the SRA, a hydrographic survey is being conducted on India Basin.

01 Apr - 30 Apr April is another full month for FORT MCHENRY. During this month, the Ship receives new equipment, including: RAM, SSDS, INMARSAT B Dual, SRC-57(V), DWTS and TAC VTC (Intra ARG). The ship, also, under goes an IFF SIF alteration. A postal audit is completed, with a score of "Excellent". As for engineering, a successful diesel inspection is conducted on #1 and #4 SSDGs. Besides the usual shipboard workload, the crew is visited by Rear Admiral Schultz, Commander, Amphibious

Force, SEVENTH Fleet. In addition to their hard work, the crew has a chance to relax by attending the USO Gala Salute and a volunteer picnic. Finally, FORT MCHENRY closes out April By preparing for the upcoming training cycle and hosting an ATG Pre-training Visit.

01 May - 31 May

The ship and crew continue with the SRA. However, shipboard evolutions have intensified as the ship prepares itself for the next training cycle which is scheduled to begin in June. FORT MCHENRY is winding down her SRA by completing many of its installations, including the complete installation and testing of RAM and SSDS. In engineering, all main space projects are completed, and the spaces are turned back over to the ship. The ship upgrades its TAC-VTC/USMC LAN system and installs the Turboprep system. Sailors prepare themselves for the upcoming cycle by participating in General Quarter drills. AVCERT is successfully completed. During a surprise audit, Disbursing receives a score of "Outstanding". The Habitation Team completes renovations to Female and M-Div berthing spaces. Life is returning to normal as the crew moves back onboard the ship. Finally, the ship starts the process of completing the SRA period by conducting fuel oil, lube oil, JP5, stores and mattresses onload.

01 Jun - 18 Jun

FORT MCHENRY completes SRA and returns to sea. To test her seaworthiness, the ship gets underway for sea trials. During the sea trials, FORT MCHENRY

conducts many drills and tests her new systems. Some of the systems being tested are NIXIE, CMWD, RAM and SSDS. The ship conducts an ammunition onload and wet well operations. The Navy Food Management Team (NFMT) provides training for S-2 Division.

19 Jun - 24 Jun

After a short upkeep period in Sasebo, FORT MCHENRY gets underway again. The ship conducts PACFIRES of its weapons, engineering drills, flight operations and a compass swing check.

24 Jun - 23 Jul

During this upkeep period, the ship conducts many drills in preparation for CART II. Also, FORT MCHENRY sailors take part in the Navy-wide PRT. Many members of the crew participate in the Career Decision Fair. FORT MCHENRY's sailors relax from their rigorous work routine by going to a ship's picnic and "Burgers and Bowling", sponsored by MWR.

24 Jun - 26 Jul

The ship gets underway for one last rehearsal prior to CART II.

27 Jul

Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, Admiral Fargo and Fleet Master Chief Rodriguez visits Sasebo. Admiral Fargo holds an all-hands call at the CFAS gym. Fleet Master Chief Rodriguez visits FORT MCHENRY and then holds a CPO call at the Showboat Theater.

27 Jul - 02 Aug

FORT MCHENRY is inport preparing for the upcoming Command Assessment and Readiness Test II (CART II).

02 Aug

Command Master Chiefs of FORT MCHENRY and JDS SAWAKAZE visit each other's ships.

03 Aug FORT MCHENRY conducts Replenishment-at-Sea with USNS RAPPAHANNOCK.

03 Aug - 05 Aug FORT MCHENRY gets underway enroute to Okinawa for the Landing Craft, Air Cushioned (LCAC) swap and CART II. Four LCACs are exchanged between FORT MCHENRY and RUSHMORE. While underway, the crew uses the time to perform: General Quarters, Man Overboard Drills, Chemical, Biological, Radiological Defense Drills (CBR-D) and Navigational Drills.

05 Aug - 06 Aug FORT MCHENRY is inport at White Beach, Okinawa. The crew continues CART II preparations, while awaiting the arrival of ATG.

06 Aug Commander, Amphibious Forces, SEVENTH Fleet visits FORT MCHENRY to present The Silver ESWS Pennant to the crew.

07 Aug - 11 Aug CART II begins with the arrival of ATG. The second phase of the training cycle begins with the inspection of publications, training plans and the crew's knowledge of their responsibilities. Due to extenuating circumstances, FORT MCHENRY was unable to complete CART II. However, the ship did manage to complete many of its required drills and evolutions, as well as LTT-L and a thorough review of S-1, S-2 and S-3 operations.

10 Aug FORT MCHENRY is enroute to Sasebo.

11 Aug - 20 Aug FORT MCHENRY is in Sasebo, training and preparing for CART II and TSTA A.

13 Aug Safety Survey is conducted on FORT MCHENRY.

13 Aug - 24 Aug Diesel inspection successfully completed on #3 SSDG and 2B MPDE.

15 Aug FORT MCHENRY is visited by the members of JDS ISOYUKI's wardroom. Additionally, the ship receives visitors from the U. S. Navy Reserve Public Affairs team. Their job is to take pictures and interview crewmembers for news release during the holiday season.

18 Aug FORT MCHENRY is underway for typhoon evasion. The ship is heading for a Modified Location (MODLOC). Before leaving for the MODLOC, FORT MCHENRY picks up two LCUs. On these LCUs are members of ATG along with a few crewmembers who were unable to get back to the ship prior to the sortie.

20 Aug - 23 Aug FORT MCHENRY conducts CART II and TSTA A in the vicinity of MODLOC area. The crew conducts drills such as: Navigation Drills, Engineering Drills, Man-Overboard Drills, an ASUW Scenario, CBDR Drills and Loss of Steering Drills. In addition, she conducts a CIWS PACFIRE, Chaff exercise and the firing of her 50-cal and 25mm gun mounts.

24 Aug - 27 Aug The ship arrives in Kagoshima, Japan, for a port visit. FORT MCHENRY is escorted into port by ships from the Japanese Coast Guard. The crew man-the-rails as the ship enters port. During her stay in Kagoshima, the ship hosts a reception for Japanese dignitaries, conducts tours for media personnel and an estimated 7,000 Japanese visitors. Additionally, the crew has the chance to enjoy liberty

and participate in a Community Relation Project at a Catholic Orphanage.

- 28 Aug FORT MCHENRY is enroute to Sasebo.
- 29 Aug - 23 Sep FORT MCHENRY is inport for a repair period. The ship is also preparing for TSTA B and a two-month underway period.
- 07 Sep Award ceremony is held in the Turntable. In addition, the ship is visited by Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet Surgeon.
- 12 Sep All hands are recalled to FORT MCHENRY for THREATCON D, DEFCON IV. The reason for the recall is the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington D. C. and Pennsylvania. THREATCON D is set throughout the entire base.
- 14 Sep THREATCON level on the ship and base is reduced to THREATCON C. Crewmembers are allowed to leave the ship and remove their vehicles from base. However, they are not to consider themselves 'on liberty', and are only allowed to go straight from the ship to their residence. Curfew is set for 2200 and Sasebo City venues are off limits for sailors.
- 24 Sep - 29 Sep FORT MCHENRY is underway for the Combat System's Operational Demonstration. During this underway period, the ship conducts P-3 DTEs, engineering drills, CIWS PACFIRES, NIXIE and LCAC operations. Upon return to port, FORT MCHENRY commences onload of Rolling Airframe Missiles.

30 Sep - 01 Oct This is a short upkeep period in Sasebo, Japan, prior to TSTA B, Blue/Green SOCEX and a two-month deployment period.

02 Oct - 05 Oct While enroute to Okinawa, Japan, FORT MCHENRY conducts many TSTA B scenarios, including those for Battle Messing.

05 Oct - 07 Oct FORT MCHENRY commences onload of Marine supplies and equipment.

08 Oct - 23 Oct While conducting the SOE for Blue/Green SOCEX, the ships of the ESSEX Amphibious Ready Group are recalled back to White Beach. When FORT MCHENRY and the ARG return to sea, the ships are sent toward Indonesia and the island of Timor. During the transit, all three ships have to navigate around Typhoon Hayan. Prior to beginning the East Timor Humanitarian Aid mission, the ARG arrives in Darwin, Australia, for a little rest and relaxation.

23 Oct - 26 Oct FORT MCHENRY sailors have the chance to relax in Darwin.

27 Oct - 02 Nov The ship participates in USGET's East Timor Humanitarian Aid operations. FORT MCHENRY sailors and marines help to rebuild buildings, schools, recreation centers and water purification equipment in Suai, East Timor. Additionally, the ship's doctors provide medical and dental assistance to the East Timorese population. While sailing close to East Timor, FORT MCHENRY participates in P-3 DTE and SSC drills. The Commanding Officer hosts 2 VIP luncheons, visitors consisted of

several United Nations members as well as local officials from the Covalima District of East Timor.

03 Nov - 06 Nov

FORT MCHENRY returns to Darwin with USS ESSEX. Once again, the crew has the chance to relax and to enjoy their time in Darwin.

06 Nov - 08 Nov

FORT MCHENRY returns to Suai, East Timor to began the second-half of the USGET's East Timor Humanitarian Aid. While enroute back to the area the ship conducts some training which includes EDAFT and small arms shoot.

08 Nov - 10 Nov

The ship continues in its efforts to aide the citizen of East Timor. Once again many crewmembers participate in the event. Sailors help to rebuild buildings and provide medical and dental aide.

10 Nov - 18 Nov

After completing its mission, FORT MCHENRY journeys back to its forward-deployed port of Sasebo, Japan. However, it must return the Marines of 31 MEU to Okinawa, Japan. While enroute to Okinawa, Japan in company with USS ESSEX, FORT MCHENRY conducts many drills and training evolutions such as PACFIRE, streaming NIXIE and many engineering drills. Another important event as the ship heads north is the "Crossing the Line" ceremony in which many sailors and marines became "shellbacks". Finally, on the last day before pulling into port FORT MCHENRY conducts a 3-M standdown.

18 Nov - 19 Nov

When the ship is finally moored in Okinawa, Japan, the offload

process commences. The process involves the unloading of marine personnel and equipments.

- 19 Nov - 21 Nov Once offloading is completed FORT MCHENRY begins its journey back to Sasebo Japan. While enroute, the ship Conducts many engineering exercises to prepare for an upcoming underway demonstration.
- 21 Nov - 04 Dec FORT MCHENRY returns to Sasebo, Japan in time for the crew to spend time with their families. After two months of being underway ship's sailors have the chance to relax and return some normal routines. In addition to relaxing during Thanksgiving, FORT MCHENRY's sailors prepare for the upcoming Underway Demonstration.
- 04 Dec - 06 Dec The ship gets underway to conduct engineering drills in order to practice for the upcoming Underway Demonstration. Also, the ship welcomes its Prospective Commanding Officer when he reports aboard and gets underway with the ship.
- 06 Dec - 11 Dec FORT MCHENRY is inport preparing for both the Change of Command and Underway Demonstration. On the 11th of December the crew completes setting up for the Change of Command which will take place in the well deck. Additionally, many personnel are frocked to E-5 and E-6 by Commander Morford on the 11th of December.
- 12 Dec Change of Command takes place on this date. The guest speaker is Rear Admiral Paul S. Schultz, Commander

Amphibious Forces SEVENTH Fleet and the Chaplain is Commander Harry W. Griffith. The main participants are Commander Peter W. D. Morford, the detaching commanding officer, and Commander Adrian J. Jansen Sr., FORT MCHENRY's new commanding officer. The band for the Change of Command is provided by the Japanese Ground Defense Force.

13 Dec - 14 Dec

FORT MCHENRY gets underway with N82 for Underway Demonstration. During the 13th of December the ship conducts engineering drills to prepare for actual assessment. For the night the ship returns to Sasebo and moors at Akasaki Pier 3. Also on the 13th, Commander Jansen conducts on all hand call with the crew to introduce himself and his policies. N82 and members from CTF 76 arrive onboard early in the morning of the 14th. The ship gets underway very early in the morning. For the rest of the day the ship conducts engineering evolutions to demonstrate its proficiency to N82. When the ship returns to Sasebo at the end of the day it has successfully completed and passed the Underway Demonstration. Finally FORT MCHENRY ends a successful day by commencing the first stand down period.

15 Dec - 31 Dec

FORT MCHENRY commences its stand down period. This period allows the crew to relax and spend the holiday season with their families or just to spend time away from the ship. Meanwhile, the sailors who are duty spend the time to enhance their skills or to prepare the ship for next year's hectic schedule.

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

01 Jan - 07 Jan Inport Sasebo, Japan

05 Jan Fast Cruise

08 Jan Precision Anchorage

 Swept Channel/Loss of Gyro Exercise

08 Jan - 11 Jan Underway enroute Okinawa, Japan

10 Jan Frocking/Awards Ceremony, Turntable

 ESWS Marathon

11 Jan Moored White Beach, Okinawa

 Troop Onload

12 Jan - 14 Jan Underway enroute Hong Kong

13 Jan Commence transit of Taiwan Strait

15 Jan - 19 Jan Anchored Victoria Harbor, Hong Kong

17 Jan TARAWA ARG arrives in Hong Kong

18 Jan Hong Kong-US Club Reception for CO/COT
 XO/XOT

 CPO Exam

20 Jan - 25 Jan Underway enroute Yokosuka, Japan

21 Jan Commence transit of Taiwan Strait

22 Jan Company night-optic live fire

23 Jan CIWS PACFIRE

24 Jan USMC NEO Scenario

26 Jan - 11 Feb	Inport Yokosuka, Japan, for schools and training period
29 Jan	Super Bowl Monday, Holiday Routine
30 Jan	Stores onload
01 Feb	Commanding Officer visits ATG
06 Feb	Visit by COMSEVENTHFLT, Vice Admiral Metzger
07 Feb	Visit by Commanding Officer of Naval Meteorological Center, Yokosuka
12 Feb - 14 Feb	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
13 Feb	Safety Standdown
14 Feb	Ammunition Offload Staging
15 Feb	Ammo Transfer to LCU
	Inport Sasebo, Japan (moored Akasaki Pier)
16 Feb	Berthing Barge Inspection
16 Feb - 18 Feb	Defuel
16 Feb - 05 Jun	Ship's Restrictive Availability (SRA) in Sasebo, Japan
19 Feb	Dead stick move to India Base, Pier 1 (SRA position)
	Supply/Medical berthing barge move on
20 Feb	Ship's tour for 20 Japanese National Police Officers

Operations berthing barge move on
Stores offload to barge storerooms.

21 Feb Ships tour for 10 personnel from Japanese Joint Staff and 9 USFJ Officers

Navigation/Administration berthing barge move on

Phase Maintenance Review Inbrief

22 Feb Engineering berthing barge move on

Last meal served onboard

23 Feb Deck berthing barge move on

Barge galley opens

RAM/SSDS Inbrief

26 Feb SRA arrival conference

27 Feb Stores onload

28 Feb Awards Ceremony, Flight Deck

01 Mar Ombudsman Luncheon, Harbor Club

03 Mar Sasebo Area Force Protection VTC with RADM Schultz at CFAS

█'s Baptism, Forecastle

05 Mar CFAS Fire Department Tour

06 Mar E-6 Exam

CFAS Fire Department Tour

07 Mar	NCIS background investigation interviews
08 Mar - 09 Mar	Tax Assistance from base legal
08 Mar	SRA progress meeting
13 Mar	E-5 Exam
15 Mar	Deck Department's Award Ceremony/Quarters
16 Mar	Ship/SRA Picnic, Nimitz Park
19 Mar - 24 Mar	India Basin hydrographic survey
20 Mar	E-4 Exam
21 Mar	Awards Ceremony, Turntable SSDS rip out complete
22 Mar	CMC breakfast with Admiral Blair (USCP) Base MWR Director visits ship
22 Mar - 25 Apr	Shipboard phone system secure until mid-April due to upgrade
27 Mar - 28 Mar	Medical maintenance day
28 Mar	Awards Ceremony, Turntable
30 Mar	Ombudsman Luncheon
01 Apr - 06 Jun	RAM/SSDS installation IFF SIF ID Shipalt
01 Apr - 01 May	All Ship's Hotel Services are down
02 Apr - 06 Apr	ATG Pre-training Visit/Shipboard Training Team Training

02 Apr - 25 Apr	Space paint-out and rack/hardware installation
03 Apr - 13 Apr	Diesel Inspection, #1 & #4 SSDGs
04 Apr	All hands meeting with Rear Admiral Schultz, CFAS Gym
05 Apr	Rear Admiral Schultz tours ship
	Rear Admiral Schultz Awards Ceremony
	Sasebo SNA Breakfast, Harbor View
	Navy Drug and Alcohol Advisory Council, CFAS Conference Room
06 Apr	CPR-1 Change of Command, USS ESSEX
12 Apr	Awards Ceremony, Turntable
	Ombudsman Assembly Meeting, CFAS Command Conference Room
13 Apr	Wardroom join-up with USS GERMANTOWN, Officer's Club
16 - 20 Apr	Ammo Elevator Assist Visit
17 - 19 Apr	Road Tax Payments, Showboat Theater
17 Apr - 14 May	INMARSAT B Dual (Second) System installation
18 Apr	Safety Standdown
18 Apr - 12 May	SRC-57(V) DWTS Installation
	TAC VTC (Intra ARG) Installation
19 Apr	Base MWR Director visits ship

20 Apr	Volunteer Picnic, Nimitz Park
	USO Gala Salute, USS JUNEAU
23 Apr - 27 Apr	Small Arm Range
24 Apr	Ship's Dinner at Harbor View Club
25 Apr - 09 May	Installation of decking
	Postal audit complete
26 Apr	Base MWR Director visits ship
30 Apr - 04 May	Pre-ACERT TECH Assist
01 May	TAC-VTC/USMC LAN upgrade installation
01 May - 03 May	Lube Oil onload
01 May - 07 May	PRT risk factor screenings, medical
	Turboprep message writing software implemented
02 May	General Quarters, Class "B" Fire
03 May	Japanese Constitution Memorial Day, Full Dress Ship
	Awards Ceremony, Turntable
	Base MWR Director visits ship
07 May	Uniform Change to Whites in Sasebo
08 May	JP5 onload via barge
09 May	Medical Maintenance Day
10 May	RAM/SSDS Installation complete
	Base MWR Director visits ship

10 - 11 May	Clean-up and job completion
14 - 18 May	ASIR
15 - 18 May	Flight Deck Crash and Salvage Drill
16 May	General Quarter, Class "B" and MSFD Drill
16 - 23 May	AVCERT
	Mattress onload
17 May	Awards Ceremony, Turntable
	Base MWR Director visits ship
17 - 23 May	Stores onload
	Habitation Team: Female and M-Div berthing
18 May	Main Space work complete
21 May	SRA Main Space turnover
	Crew move aboard
	Audiograms
21 May - 25 May	RAM/SSDS/BEWT Training
	Disbursing audit
23 May	General Quarter, Class "B" fire (MSFD)
24 May	Machinery Testing
	Ombudsman Luncheon
24 - 26 May	Refuel
25 May	CTF76 Deputy visits ship

28 May	Memorial Day, holiday routine
29 May - 22 Jun	PACTRAMID I
30 May	General Quarters, Hit "A"
30 May -31 May	BEWT Training
31 May	Base MWR Director visits ship
01 Jun	Courtesy call (CO and PCO of SRF)
01 Jun - 27 Jun	Korean Officer and CPO embark (2 each)
04 Jun	Shift to normal inport uniform
	Audiograms
05 Jun	OOD Seminar
	Health Maintenance day
06 Jun	Dock Trials
07 Jun	Fast Cruise (Simulate: underway, man overboard, abandon ship, collision)
08 Jun	Underway, enroute to East China Sea
08 - 10 Jun	Main engine run-in
08 - 13 Jun	Sea trials
	LCU onload
09 - 11 Jun	SSDS/RAM alignment
10 Jun	Steel Beach Picnic
10 - 13 Jun	RAM/SSDS Testing

11 Jun	DLQ's and photo op DTE Flight Operations Man overboard drill with small boat operations LCU operations
12 Jun	Stream NIXIE Test Countermeasure Washdown system LCU operations CSTT Drill General Quarters, exercise setting "Zebra"
13 Jun	Ammo onload, Anchorage 39 Wet well operations Welldeck washdown Inport Sasebo, Japan
14 Jun	Final SRA Meeting
14 Jun - 17 Jun	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
15 Jun	Awards/Frocking Ceremony, Flight Deck Audiograms
18 Jun	Underway, enroute Echilon Sea Area (East China Sea)
18 Jun - 22 Jun	Underway Training

19 Jun	PACFIRE: CIWS, 25mm, .50cal Swing compass
20 Jun	Engineering Drills (2 sets) Flight Operations
21 Jun	Engineering Drills P-3C DTE VBSS Boarding Drill Flying Squad Drill
22 Jun	Inport Sasebo, Japan
22 Jun - 24 Jul	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
25 Jun - 27 Jun	Petty Officer Indoctrination
25 - 29 Jun	Career Decision Fair Navy Food Management Team visit
26 Jun	Refuel Workshop for Senior Enlisted, Showboat Theater Workshop for Senior Officers, Harbor View Club
27 Jun	Detailers onboard ship Workshop for Junior Enlisted, Showboat Theater Workshop for Junior Officer, Showboat Theater

28 Jun Frocking Ceremony, Turntable
Workshop for Enlisted, Showboat Theater

29 Jun Workshop for Junior Officers, Harbor
View Club
Shipwide Field Day

01 Jul - 20 Jul PACTRAMID II

02 Jul DC Division implementation (ERO9)

02 Jul - 05 Jul Hot and Cold Check with ISIC

02 Jul - 13 Jul BFTT Training with Unidyne Corporation

03 Jul Engineering Drill (Hot Plant)
General Quarters, Class "B" fire (MSFD)
Health Maintenance Day

04 Jul Independence Day, Holiday Routine (Full
dress ship)

05 Jul Shipwide Force Protection Standdown

06 Jul General Quarters, Hit "A" & "B"
Shipwide Field Day

07 Jul Auxiliary Steaming

07 Jul - 08 Jul Switchboard Cleaning

09 Jul Detailer visit
Audiograms

09 Jul - 12 Jul PRT weigh-in

09 Jul - 14 Jul Shipboard Indoctrination

10 Jul	Engineering Drills (Hot plant) General Quarters, Class "B" fire (MSFD) MCC Site Survey
11 Jul	Audiograms Burgers and Bowling
13 Jul	Shipwide Field Day
16 Jul - 20 Jul	PRT
17 Jul	Engineering Drills (Hot plant) General Quarters, MSFD Class "B" Fire
18 Jul	PRT for all sections Ship's Picnic/Games
19 Jul	Awards Ceremony, Turntable Visit by Rear Admiral Antanitus (SPAWARSYSCOM 04)
20 Jul	ITT Scenario Collaboration at Sea Software Installation Shipwide Field Day
23 Jul	Fast Cruise
24 Jul	Engineering drills VBSS drill General Quarters, MSFD
24 Jul - 25 Jul	High Power Demo

24 Jul - 26 Jul	Underway Training
25 Jul	General Quarters, MSFD
26 Jul	Moored Sasebo, Japan
27 Jul	All hands call with CINPACFLT at CFAS gym
	FLTMC tours ship
27 Jul - 02 Aug	Inport Sasebo, Japan
31 Jul	General Quarter, MSFD Class "B" Fire
31 Jul - 01 Aug	Engineering drills
01 Aug	General Quarter, MSFD Class "B" Fire
02 Aug	Stores onload
	LCU stern gate marriage
	Exchange visit between CMC of FORT MCHENRY and JDS SAWAKAZE
02 Aug - 05 Aug	Underway enroute Okinawa, Japan
03 Aug	LCAC recovery
	RAS with USNS RAPPAHANNOCK
04 Aug	Night LCAC operations
05 Aug	Launch LCAC
	Engineering drills
05 Aug - 09 Aug	Moored Okinawa, Japan
06 Aug	Receive ESWS Pennant from Commander, Amphibious Forces, SEVENTH Fleet

07 Aug - 09 Aug	Engineering Initial Assessment
07 Aug - 11 Aug	Command Assessment and Readiness Training (CART) II
08 Aug - 11 Aug	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
11 Aug	LCAC Operations
11 Aug - 19 Aug	Inport Sasebo, Japan
13 Aug	Safety Survey
13 Aug - 17 Aug	Chief Petty Officer Indoctrination
13 Aug - 24 Aug	Diesel Inspection, #3 SSDG and 2B MPDE
15 Aug	Reserve Public Affairs Team visit
	Visits from officers of JDS ISOYUKI
17 Aug	Awards Ceremony
18 Aug	First all hands recall for Typhoon Pabuk
19 Aug	Emergency sortie to MODLOC, East China Sea
20 Aug - 24 Aug	CART II and TSTA A
	LTT-L
	Supply Department review
23 Aug	Chaff Exercise
	CIWS PACFIRE
	50-cal and 25mm GUNEX
25 Aug	Japanese dignitaries visit ship

25 Aug - 27 Aug	Inport Kagoshima, Japan Kagoshima's residents tour ship
28 Aug	Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan
29 Aug - 23 Sep	Continuous Maintenance/Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
04 Sep - 07 Sep	Engineering evolutions
06 Sep	E-6 exam
07 Sep	Awards Ceremony, Turntable CINCPACFLT Surgeon visits ship
10 Sep	General Quarters is held for training purpose
10 Sep - 13 Sep	Engineering evolutions
12 Sep (11 Sep in U.S.)	All hands recall THREATCON D is set on base
13 Sep	E-5 exam is moved to later date
14 Sep	THREATON level is reduced to THREATCON C Chief Petty Officer frocking is moved to a later date
17 Sep - 20 Sep	Engineering evolutions
21 Sep	Fast Cruise CPO frocking ceremony on the Turntable
24 Sep	LCAC Operations
24 Sep - 27 Sep	Engineering rills

24 Sep - 28 Sep	Underway for CSOD
25 Sep	LCAC Operations
25 Sep - 26 Sep	P-3 DTEs
	CIWS PACFIRE
26 Sep	Stream NIXIE
27 Sep	Launch LCAC to Sakibe, Japan
	Anchored for RAM onload
	Refueling alongside
	CSOD/ATG team transported to port via small boat
	Awards Ceremony/Ice Cream Social
28 Sep	RAM onload
29 Sep - 01 Oct	Inport Sasebo, Japan
01 Oct	Holiday Routine
02 Oct	Underway, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
	Battle Messing
02 Oct - 04 Oct	TSTA B
	Engineering Tasking Drill
	ITT Scenario
05 Oct	Moored Okinawa, Japan
	E-5 Exam
	LCAC operations

05 Oct - 08 Oct	MEU 31 onload
06 Oct	Ammo onload
07 Oct	Wet well operations
08 Oct	Underway for Blue/Green SOCEX
	LCU operations
	Flight Operations
	UNREP rehearsal with USS PATRIOT (MCM 7)
09 Oct	Recalled to Okinawa, Japan
10 Oct	E-4 exam
10 Oct - 23 Oct	Underway, enroute East Timor for Humanitarian Assistance and completing Blue/Green SOCEX
11 Oct	LCU operations
	Media Embarkation, reporters from Associated Press
	Flight operations
12 Oct	LCU operations
13 Oct	Navy Birthday, cake cutting ceremony, Mess Decks
	ITT scenario
	Flight operations
	Engineering drills
15 Oct - 16 Oct	Amphibious Ready Group encounters Typhoon Hayan

17 Oct	CIWS/.50cal/25mm gun shoot
19 Oct	Main Space Fire Drill
22 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL
	Vertical Replenishment with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL
23 Oct - 26 Oct	Inport Darwin, Australia
27 Oct - 28 Oct	Underway, enroute East Timor
27 Oct - 01 Nov	P-3C SSC and DTE drills
27 Oct - 02 Nov	Engineering drills
28 Oct	SEALs: hydrographic survey of Suai's beach area
29 Oct - 31 Oct	East Timor Humanitarian Assistance (Suai)
	LCU operations to deliver COMREL participants
	Flight operations
30 Oct	USGET VIPs visit FORT MCHENRY
31 Oct	Depart East Timor, enroute Darwin, Australia
01 Nov	LCAC/LCU Operation
	Small arms shoot

02 Nov	AAV operations
	Emergency Defence of Amphibious Task Force (EDAFT)
	Drills (Air)
	Flight operations
03 Nov - 06 Nov	Inport Darwin, Australia
06 Nov	Captain Read visits ship
	Flight operations
	EDAFT (Surface)
06 Nov - 07 Nov	Underway, enroute East Timor
07 Nov	Small arms shoot/FAMFIRE
	EDAFT (Air)
08 Nov - 10 Nov	East Timor Humanitarian Assistance (Suai)
08 Nov	Flight Operations
	Australian translator onboard
	CH-46 chocked and chained onboard, serving as emergency airlift helicopter
08 Nov - 10 Nov	LCU operations to deliver COMREL participants to Suai, East Timor
10 Nov	Depart East Timor, enroute Okinawa, Japan
	Marine Corps Birthday
	Flight Operations

11 Nov - 18 Nov	Flight Operations Engineering Drills
11 Nov	Underway replenishment with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL
13 Nov	"Crossing the Line" Ceremony
14 Nov	Indoctrination Division CIWS, 25MM, .50 CAL PACFIRE NIXIE Stream
15 Nov	Main Space Fire Doctrine Drill Small Arm shoot
16 Nov	Medical Maintenance Day
17 Nov	ESWS Pinning Ceremony, Turntable 3M Standdown
18 Nov	Moored in Okinawa, Japan
18 Nov - 19 Nov	Ammunition offload 31 MEU Marines debark LCAC and LCU operations
19 Nov	Underway, enroute Sasebo, Japan
19 Nov - 21 Nov	LTT-E
21 Nov	Moored Sasebo, Japan
21 Nov - 04 Dec	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
27 Nov	SRF update

04 Dec	Prospective Commanding Officer, Commander Adrian J. Jansen, arrives and gets underway with the ship
04 Dec - 05 Dec	Engineering Drills EMCON Drills
04 Dec - 06 Dec	Underway Training
06 Dec	Moored Sasebo, Japan
06 Dec - 13 Dec	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
11 Dec	Rehearsal for Change of Command Frocking Ceremony for E-5s and E-6s, Well-deck
12 Dec	Change of Command, Commander Jansen relieves Commander Morford
13 Dec	Underway, enroute Sea Echelon Captain's call Moored Arakasi Pier 3 for the night Engineering Drills
13 Dec - 14 Dec	Engineering Underway Demonstration
14 Dec	N82 arrives onboard Underway Demonstration Assessment Moored India 1 Commence 1 st Leave Period
17 Dec - 18 Dec	Indoctrination for new crewmembers
20 Dec	Ship's Christmas Party