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USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)

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USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)

COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

1. **Mission:** The USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40) is the SEVENTH Fleet's sole mobile repair and support platform. FRANK CABLE makes routine deployments from the homeport of Guam to Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan to service SEVENTH Fleet ships and submarines.

FRANK CABLE has 53 specialized shops which provides maintenance, repair parts and supplies. FRANK CABLE also provides services such as laundry, medical and dental facilities, legal counseling, mail, disbursing services, barber shops and ship's store.

a. **Command Composition and Organization:**

Operational/Administrative

Chain of Command: Commander, Submarine Group SEVEN
Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Commanding Officer: 1 January-31 December Captain David A. Zusi

2. **Underway Periods 1998:**

01 January - 19 April	Moored Guam
20 April -	Departure from Guam
21 April -	At sea/Completed Sea Trials
22 April - 07 May	Moored Guam
08 May - 12 May	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
13 May - 29 May	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Yokosuka, Japan
30 May - 02 June	Enroute Sasebo, Japan
03 June - 08 July	Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Sasebo, Japan
09 July - 13 July	Enroute Guam
14 July - 31 August	Moored Guam

01 September - Enroute Hong Kong
06 September

07 September - Anchored Hong Kong
11 September

12 September - Enroute Sasebo, Japan
15 September

16 September - Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Sasebo, Japan
06 October

07 October - Enroute Guam
12 October

13 October - Moored Guam
11 November

12 November - At sea/TORPEX with Republic of South Korea
24 November

25 November - Moored/Fleet Repair Services, Yokosuka, Japan
15 December

16 December - Enroute Guam
20 December

21 December - Moored Guam
31 December

Major Command Awards

27 January Awarded Humanitarian Service Medal for
Super Typhoon PAKA Relief Efforts from
17 December 1997 to 27 January 1998

31 January Awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation for
Operations PACIFIC HAVEN and BRIGHT VISION and
efforts during the aftermath of Super Typhoon PAKA
from 1-31 January 1998

31 December Awarded second consecutive Golden Anchor Award
Awarded the Battle "E" Award
Awarded the Engineering Red "E"
Awarded the Communications Green "C"
Awarded the Repair Red "R"
Awarded the Weapons Black "W"

3. Narrative

USS FRANK CABLE continued its mission of repair and support as the forward deployed tender for surface ships and submarines of the SEVENTH Fleet. The ship underwent a successful upkeep

beginning in November 1997 and ending with the completion of sea trials on April 20-22, 1998. FRANK CABLE completed 4,921 jobs with 298,851 productive man hours expended for fiscal year 1998. FRANK CABLE made two availability trips each to Yokosuka and Sasebo, Japan, and provided availabilities to surface ships and submarines while moored in Guam. Additionally, USS FRANK CABLE supported a torpedo exercise in conjunction with the South Korean Navy in November 1998. The ship also supported repair efforts through fly-away teams. The ship made a liberty visit to Hong Kong in September.

4. **Supporting Documents:**

- a. Photograph of USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)
- b. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- c. Photograph of Commanding Officer
- d. Biography of Commanding Officer



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