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USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) COMMAND HISTORY 1997

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), sixth of the *NIMITZ*-class nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, was commissioned on July 4, 1992 at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. Homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* is an asset of Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, commanded by Vice Admiral John J. Mazach. The ship is an operational unit of the Second Fleet, commanded by Vice Admiral Vernon E. Clark.

GW is commanded by Captain Lindell G. Rutherford, who relieved Captain Malcolm P. Branch, on 7 May 1997. *GW* is tasked with numerous missions, the primary one to serve as our nation's forward deployed force, ready to conduct sustained combat air operations forward from the sea. In this role, the ship serves as the flagship for Commander, George Washington Battle Group, commanded by Rear Admiral Michael G. Mullen.

GEORGE WASHINGTON deployed on 3 October with *Carrier Air Wing ONE*, commanded by Captain John D. Stufflebeem. Captain Stufflebeem was relieved Captain Craig T. Cuninghame in December 1997. As *GEORGE WASHINGTON's* main armament, the air wing provides the capability to conduct sustained offensive air operations against land, surface, and subsurface targets and to defend the battle group in support of assigned missions.

Carrier Air Wing ONE is comprised of 75 aircraft and includes: the F-14B Tomcat flown by the Diamondbacks of VF 102; the F/A-18C Hornet strike-fighter flown by the Thunderbolts of VMFA 251; the F/A-18C Hornet strike-fighter flown by the Marauders of VFA 82; the F/A-18C Hornet strike-fighter flown by the Sidewinders of VFA 86; the E-2C Hawkeye airborne early warning aircraft flown by the Screwtops of VAW 123; the S-3B Viking anti-submarine warfare aircraft flown by the Maulers of VS 32; the EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft flown by the Rooks of VAQ 137; the ES-3B Raven flown by Det "Bravo" of the Black Ravens of VQ 6; the HH-60/SH-60F helicopter flown by the Dragonslayers of HS 11 and the C-2 Greyhound carrier onboard delivery (COD) aircraft flown by VRC 40.

Additionally, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* served as the base of operations for Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO SIX while in the Med and DESRON FIVE ZERO in the Arabian Gulf, and served as a platform for joint operations with Army and Marine Corps aviation and ground units as part of the deployment work up cycle.

Enclosure (1)

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) LEADERSHIP

CAPT Malcolm P. Branch	Commanding Officer
CAPT Lindell G. Rutherford	Commanding Officer
CAPT Michael R. Groothusen	Executive Officer
CDR Charles E. Smith	Executive Officer
CAPT Joseph Krenzel	Reactor Officer
CAPT James P. Nickols	CRMD
CDR [REDACTED]	Engineering
CDR [REDACTED]	Engineering
CDR [REDACTED]	Air
CDR [REDACTED]	Air
CDR [REDACTED]	Medical
CDR [REDACTED]	Medical
CDR [REDACTED]	Dental
CDR [REDACTED]	AIMD
CDR [REDACTED]	AIMD
CDR [REDACTED]	Navigator
CDR [REDACTED]	Weapons
CDR [REDACTED]	Weapons
CAPT Carl T. Bright	Supply
CDR [REDACTED]	Supply
CAPT Bruce R. Krakau	Operations
CDR [REDACTED]	Operations
CDR [REDACTED]	Safety
CDR [REDACTED]	Safety
CDR [REDACTED]	Combat Systems
LCDR [REDACTED]	Deck
LT [REDACTED]	Training
LT [REDACTED]	Training
LCDR [REDACTED]	Legal
CAPT [REDACTED]	Administration
1 st LT [REDACTED]	MARDET
	MARDET

NARRATIVE

When 1997 began, *USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)* was undergoing routine maintenance at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia. During the first part of the year, two major events were the focal points for the ship and its crew. First was the ship's completion of the Navy's first Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) for aircraft carriers while in the shipyard. Second was preparation for an upcoming six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

PIA was a six-month maintenance period which began on 29 August 1996, and was a significant change from the way carrier maintenance will be conducted in the future. It was both shorter in duration and more intense in nature, and provided considerable savings to the Navy. Two major projects that were tackled by the crew was improving habitability in 12 berthing compartments and cutting out access covers in the ship's ventilation system providing greater ease in maintenance.

GW returned to sea on 28 Feb. One major accomplishment during the 9 day sea trials was the first trap on the flight deck of an aircraft using the Improved Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System (IFLOLS), which was installed during the yard period. It replaced the old lens system, which was introduced to the fleet in 1959. The new system provides for easier maintenance and increases the number of lenses to 12 vice 5 for the old system.

On 9 May, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* got underway for its Tailored Ships Training Availability Phase III/Final Evaluation Period (TSTA III/FEP) training in preparation for the ship's Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). The Afloat Training Group (ATG) was aboard for the 20 day TSTA III/FEP to assess the ship's capability to conduct training and to evaluate its ability to effectively train the crew. ATG found well-established training teams with a highly motivated crew earning the ship an overwhelming passing grade to continue with its preparations for deployment.

Following a port visit to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* rolled right into its COMPTUEX Phase I graded evaluation period on 1 June. Guided by senior leadership from Commander. George Washington Battle Group, Rear Admiral Michael G. Mullen, and COMCARGRU FOUR, *GW* and *CVW 1* conducted several exercises in the Puerto Rican OPAREA and made a port visit to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Upon departure, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* completed Phase 2 of its COMPTUEX, ending its intensive six-week training period.

On 18 August, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* got underway for its final graded training evolution, Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 97-3, prior to its deployment in October 1997. During this three-week training period, the "*Spirit of Freedom*" had the opportunity to train with every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and several foreign services in simulated hostile scenarios. Training was conducted in ASW, AAW, Mine Countermeasures, Maritime Interdiction and Non-combatant Evacuation Operations. JTFEX 97-3 afforded the George Washington Battle Group an opportunity to train for possible real world contingencies. The end result was a well-prepared battle group certified to deploy in support of National Command Authority requirements. *GW* deployed on 3 October.

In addition to the work-ups for deployment, many other significant events occurred for the *GEORGE WASHINGTON* in 1997. They included:

7 February saw approximately 350 *GW* Sailors and family members enjoy a game of hockey at "GW Night" at the Norfolk Scope auditorium, where the Hampton Roads Admirals defeated the Raleigh Icecaps in a shoot out, 4-3.

On 11 February, *GW* Sailors and Marines continued building ties with namesake organizations. Over 150 personnel accepted an invitation from George Washington University to explore the nation's capital and the campus of GWU. They also watched the GWU Colonials defeat the Old Dominion Monarchs in men's basketball, 68-63.

On 25 April, GW hosted the grand opening of the ship's "George Washington Room," the ship's refurbished museum. Mr. Timothy Forbes and two sisters, Ms. Mary Walker and Ms. Peggy Stallworth presented letters signed by George Washington to the ship. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association also donated artifacts to include a lock of George Washington's hair. The Washington Capital Council-Navy League also donated a scale model of the ship built by Mr. Steven Dunn.

On 3 May, nearly 5,600 guests participated in GW's Family Day Cruise. The two highlights of the cruise were the air demonstration show conducted by *Carrier Air Wing One* and the hangar bay concert performed by one of country music's brightest stars, Jo Dee Messina.

On 7 May, over 2000 Sailors and guests attended the *GEORGE WASHINGTON* change of command where CAPT Lindell G. Rutherford relieved CAPT Malcolm P. Branch to become the fourth Commanding Officer of "*The Spirit of Freedom*." Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, VADM John J. Mazach, was the guest speaker.

On 21-22 June, GW was host to a five person-crew from PGA Tour Productions who were aboard ship taping a segment of ESPN's "Inside the PGA Tour." Professional golfer Payne Stewart, one of the top players on the PGA Tour, hosted the show. The segment aired over the 4th of July weekend.

On 22 June, GW conducted its first-ever five station underway replenishment with the *USS Seattle (AOE 3)*.

On 4 July, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* celebrated its fifth birthday by opening its brows to the community, providing tours of the "*Spirit of Freedom*." Over 15,000 citizens toured GW over the Independence Day weekend.

On 11 July, more than 5,300 crew members, family and friends came together at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg to enjoy a day of roller coaster rides, shows, attractions and camaraderie for GW's Family Day Picnic.

Following a well deserved and enjoyable standdown period in September, the crew of *GEORGE WASHINGTON* and its embarked air wing, *Carrier Air Wing ONE*, departed for what would turn to be a very rewarding and successful deployment by an aircraft carrier/air wing team. On 3 October 1997, the ship pulled away from pier 12 at Naval Station Norfolk for its third major deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

With the air wing on board, *GEORGE WASHINGTON* participated in the first live broadcast from the flight deck of an underway aircraft carrier. "CBS This Morning" joined the crew and spotlighted GW for a two-hour morning newscast on 6 October.

Upon entering the Mediterranean Sea on 16 October, more than 11,000 Sailors and Marines from the *George Washington* Battle Group and the *Guam* Amphibious Ready Group took over Sixth Fleet operations, relieving the *John F. Kennedy* Battle Group and the *Kearsarge* Amphibious Ready Group.

Shortly after conducting exercise Bright Star 98 with Egypt and other coalition forces, the GW/CVWI team was tasked to do a high speed transit to the Arabian Gulf area of operation. This turn of events was the result of increased tensions between the United Nations and Iraq over inspections for Weapons of Mass Destruction. Initially, GW joined forces with *USS NIMITZ (CVN 68)* increasing the Navy's presence to two carriers in the Arabian Gulf. *NIMITZ* was later relieved by *USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)*. While on station, CVWI aircraft flew missions in support of Operation Southern Watch, the enforcement of the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

GW/CVWI Sailors also served as diplomats during port visits to Haifa, Israel, four stops to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, and Cannes, France. The ship was in port for only 32 days out of the 181 days deployed.



Thousands of Sailors and Marines took advantage of the ship's dedicated Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division which provided reasonably priced events during port visits. Destinations for the crew included historical sights in Israel, experiencing Arab culture and the city of lights: Paris, France. Events included snow skiing, scuba diving, mountain biking, camel riding and sand skiing.

A few special guests visited *GW* during the deployment. They included the Prime Minister of Romania, the Honorable Victor Ciorbea, Dr. John Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Grammy-winning recording artist Paula Cole who conducted a hangar bay concert for the entertainment of the crew and ADM Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, who visited the *GW* on Christmas day.

Presence, flexibility and interoperability were key to *GW*'s service as a forward deployed national asset. The following statistics epitomize those terms:

- Launches and recoveries: 8,202
- # Underway replenishments: 26
- Fuel received: 13,802,128 gallons
- Fuel transferred: 14,038,819
- Pallets transferred: 4,118
- Messages processed: 1,272,721
- Miles steamed: 47,194
- Days underway: 149
- Days in port: 32
- Number of E-mails: 1,827,172
- Other:
 - Won Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Battle Efficiency Award
 - Won Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Silver Anchor Award
 - Won the Best CPO Mess Award for Atlantic Fleet carriers (second in a row)
 - Won Navy Environmental Health Center Award for Excellence in Health Promotion
 - Won awards in seven CHINFO Merit categories

1997 CHRONOLOGY

January

- 1 New Year's Day.
Moored Pier 5, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.
- 8 Conducted Zone Inspection.
- 9 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 10 Held Command Quarters in the Forecastle.
- 16 Held E-7 Advancement Exam.
Held Single Parent Support Group Meeting.
- 17 Held E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
- 20 Holiday Routine; Observed Martin Luther King Holiday.
- 22 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 23 Observed Martin Luther King Day Celebration.
- 24 Held Ombudsman Luncheon on board ship.
- 28 Observed National Prayer Breakfast.

February

- 5 Conducted Zone Inspection.
- 7 Held GW Hockey Night at Scope.
- 10 RADM Michael G. Mullen, Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group TWO day visit.
- 11 GW Night at George Washington University Men's Basketball Game.
- 12 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 14 Observed Valentine's Day.
Conducted Safety Stand down.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
Conducted walk through Abandon Ship Drill.
- 18 Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
- 19 Conducted Zone Inspection.
- 20 Observed African American Heritage Month.

- 24-26 Conducted Fast Cruise.
- 27 Conducted Zone Inspection.
- 28 Feb-8 Mar Underway from Norfolk Naval Shipyard (Sea Trials).
- 28 Norfolk Distinguished Visitors day embark. Included the Honorable Paul Fraime, Mayor of Norfolk.

March

- 1 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
- 2 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 3. Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 4 Held E-4 Advancement Exam.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 5 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 5-7 Defense Fuel Supply Center embark (4).
- 6 Held E-5 Advancement Exam.
RADM Michael G. Mullen, Commander, George Washington Battle Group day embark.
- 7 Conducted VERTREP/UNREP with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
- 8 Inport Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.
- 11 Held E-6 Advancement Exam.
Norwegian Intelligence Officers inport tour (3).
Former Soviet Union Scientists inport tour (17).
- 12 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Captain Alain Oudot de Dainville, PCO, Charles De Gualle (French aircraft carrier) inport tour (9).
VADM John J. Mazach, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet presents "1996 Golden Anchor Award" to GW.
Rochester Polytechnical Institute NROTC inport tour (30).
Cleveland Naval Academy NROTC inport tour (36).
- 13 Joint Staff Logistics Professional Development inport tour (13).
Dr. Armand Tanguay, Professor, University of Southern California inport tour (1)
- 14 Canadian Sea Cadets/NISEAST inport tour (15).
Laurel Delaware High School inport tour (40).
82nd Airborne Support Battalion inport tour (18).
Joint Logistics Officers inport tour (12).
- 15 Springfield Virginia Boy Scout Troop 1518 inport tour (26).

- 17 RADM William Porras, Chief of Staff, Colombian Navy inport tour (4).
Held E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
- 18 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
Prospective Dental Officers inport tour (18).
DOD Family Physicians and family members inport tour (100).
- 19 MGEN A. Mazurkevich, Russian Air Force inport tour. Accompanied by CAPT V.
Boyarkin, Russian Navy.
Willis Hare School inport tour (83).
JAG Accession Officers inport tour (40).
- 20 Office of Naval Intelligence Systems Personnel inport tour (33).
Suitland Delaware High School NJROTC inport tour (30).
Observed Women's History Month.
- 21 SES-APEX inport tour (30).
- 22 U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman inport tour (20).
Danville, Virginia DEPPERS inport tour (25).
International Law Students inport tour (25).
Richmond, Virginia Boy Scouts inport tour (25).
- 23 Washington, DC Girl Scouts inport tour (25).
- 24 Captain Dirk De Villiers, Director of Naval Intelligence, South Africa inport tour (5).
- 25 Mar-8 Apr Underway TSTA I/II.
- 25 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted Man Overboard Drill.
- 26 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 26-27 Office of Legislative Affairs embark (8).
- 27 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 28 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 29 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 29-30 Mr. Stephen Trachtenburg, President, The George Washington University embark (1).
- 30 Conducted Easter Sunrise Service.
Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
- 31 Conducted General Quarters Drill.

April

- 1 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 1-2 Commander, Naval Base Norfolk Distinguished Visitors embark (7).
- 2 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 2-3 COMNAVAIRLANT Distinguished Visitors embark (11).
- 3 Conducted CIWS PACFIRE.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 3-4 Oklahoma Distinguished Visitors embark (12).
- 4 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 4-5 COMNAVAIRLANT Distinguished Visitors embark (3).
- 5 Conducted Flight Operations.
Mount Vernon/Mount Vernon Ladies Association Distinguished Visitors day embark (6).
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 5-6 Office of Legislative Affairs Distinguished Visitors embark (7).
- 6 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
- 7 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
Conducted VERTREP with USNS Laramie.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 7-8 GEORGE WASHINGTON Distinguished Visitors embark (3).
- 8 Conducted Flight Operations.
Moored Pier 12N, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.
- 9 Canadian Staff College inport tour (140).
- 10 Norview Middle School inport tour (80).
Coast Guard Officer Candidate School inport tour (22).
- 11 Mary Baldwin College Trustees inport tour (15).
Northwestern University NROTC inport tour (11).
- 12 Iowa Bankers Association inport tour (20).
Newport News Brownies inport tour (12).
Virginia Technical School NROTC inport tour (11).



- 15 Observed Holocaust Commemoration "A Day of Remembrance."
Prospective Dental Department Heads inport tour (15).
Fords Colony Travel Association inport tour (140).
- 16 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
- 17 Mr. David Burt (SES-3), Director, DOD Counter Intelligence inport tour (6).
International Military Students inport tour (8).
Skypark, Ohio Aviators inport tour (38).
RADM James H. Black, Fleet Surgeon, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, inport tour. Accompanied by
RADM Bonnie B. Potter, Commander, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda.
- 18 Belmont NJROTC inport tour (40).
Severn River High School inport tour (100).
- 19 Medical/Dental Unit 0186 inport tour (25).
COMNAVIAIRLANT guests inport tour (4).
- 21 1996 COMNAVIAIRLANT Battle Efficiency Award presentation. Award presented by
VADM John J. Mazach, COMNAVIAIRLANT.
- 23 Harrisburg High School NJROTC inport tour (36).
VADM Moranville, USN, Retired inport tour (2).
- 24 Defense Logistics Agency inport tour (60).
COMNAVIAIRLANT guests inport tour (3).
Conducted E-8/9 Frocking Ceremony.
- 25 Grand opening of the GEORGE WASHINGTON Room (Museum). Attended by Mr.
Timothy Forbes, CEO, American Heritage Magazine, Mrs. Peggy Stallworth and Mrs.
Mary Walker, who donated a letter signed by George Washington, Mr. Roger Whitaker,
The George Washington University, and Mr. Bob Francis, designer of the museum.
Conducted GW Golf Tournament at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA.
- 26 Hargrave Military Academy inport tour (40).
Girl Scout Troop 782 inport tour (23).
- 28 Apr-2 May Underway ISE.
- 28 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 29 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 30 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted RAS with USNS Monterey.

May

- 1 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted RAS with USNS Laramie.
2. Moored Pier 12N, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.
- 3 Underway for Family Day Cruise.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Moored Pier 12N, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.
- 4 Operation Smile inport visit (50).
- 6 Conducted Zone Inspection.
- 7 Captain Lindell G. Rutherford relieved Captain Malcolm C. Branch as Commanding Officer, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73).
- 9-29 Underway TSTA III, FEP and COMPTUEX Phase 1.
- 9 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 10 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 11 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 12 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 13 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 13-14 Media embark: WNIX (AM/FM) Radio, Washington, DC, and Rocky Mount, NC Telegram (newspaper).
- 14 Conducted RAS with USS CARNEY (DDG 64).
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted RAS with USS PLATTE (AO 186).
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 14-15 Media embark: WSET TV, Lynchburg, VA and Newport News Shipyard photographer.
- 15 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 15-16 COMNAVAILRANT/COMCARGRU Four Distinguished Visitors embark.
- 16 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 17 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

- 18 GW Health Promotions Program/Health Fair promoting a healthy lifestyle.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 19 Conducted Flight Operations.
CDR Brickel, Commander, German Air Wing day embark.
- 20 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 21 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 22 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 23 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 24 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 25 Conducted RAS/VERTREP with USS SEATTLE (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 26 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 27 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 28 Conducted RAS/VERTREP with USS SEATTLE (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands Distinguished Visitors day embark.
- 29-1 Jun Port visit, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 29 St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands Distinguished Visitors inport tour (30).

June

- 1-16 Underway COMPTUEX Phase I.
- 1 Conducted Safety Stand down.
- 2 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 3 Conducted Flight Operations.
San Juan, PR Distinguished Visitors day embark: Judge Naveira, Associate Judge, Supreme Court; Judge Hernandez, U.S. Federal Judge; Dr. Freiburger, Professor, University of Puerto Rico; Dr. Theriault, Professor, University of Puerto Rico; Dr. Charles Payne, Captain, USN, Retired; and Dr. Sylvia Payne, Captain, USN, Retired.
- 4 VADM John J. Mazach, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet day embark.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 5 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 5-9 McDonnell Douglas/Newport News Naval Shipyard Distinguished Visitors embark.
VADM Paul McCarthy, USN, (Ret.) was senior member.



6 Conducted Flight Operations.

7 Conducted RAS with USS SEATTLE (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.

8 Conducted RAS with USS SEATTLE (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.

9 Conducted VERTREP with USS SEATTLE (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.

10 Conducted Flight Operations.

11 Conducted Flight Operations.

12 Conducted Flight Operations.

13 Conducted Flight Operations.

14 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted E-5/6 Frocking Ceremony.

15 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
Conducted E-4 Frocking Ceremony.

16-19 Port visit Port Everglades, FL.

19-27 Underway COMPTUEX Phase II.

20 Conducted General Quarters Drill.
Conducted Flight Operations.

21 Conducted RAS with USS SEATTLE (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.

21-22 COMNAVAIRLANT Distinguished Visitors embark.
Media embark: Inside the PGA Tour with Mr. Payne Stewart.

22 Conducted Flight Operations.

22-23 Office of Legislative Affairs embark.

23 Conducted Flight Operations.
Senator Conrad Burns (R-MT), day embark.

24 Conducted Flight Operations.

24-25 COMNAVAIRLANT Distinguished Visitors embark. Senior members include the
Honorable Marc Berkowitz, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Space
Policy and the Honorable Thomas Bromwell, State Senator, Maryland.

25 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.

- 26 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 27 Moored Pier 12N, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.
- 28 Royal Rangers Outpost 80 inport tour (45).
Virginia Training Ship NLCC inport tour (110).
COMACTRAGRULANT inport tour (30).

July

- 2. COMNAVAIRLANT Guests inport tour (3).
GW Marine Detachment Change of Command: 1st Lt. [REDACTED], USMC, relieved
CAPT [REDACTED], USMC.
- 4 GW's fifth birthday.
- 4-6 Open for general visiting. Over 15,000 visitors tour the ship.
- 9 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Alabama Bosslift Employer Support inport tour (40).
- 10 NIMA Imagery Class 87 inport tour (35).
- 11 GW Summer Picnic at Busch Gardens.
International Sea Cadets inport tour (25).
U.S. Naval Sea Cadets inport tour (35)
The Mariners Museum inport tour (11).
- 12 COMNAVAIRLANT Guests inport tour (8).
Navy Recruiting Command Hispanic Division inport tour (160).
Lawyer Pilots Bar Association inport tour (60).
- 14 French Foreign Exchange Students inport tour (25).
- 15 8th Air Force Historical Society inport tour (50).
National District Attorney Association inport tour and flight deck picnic (200).
- 16 Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
RADM David R. Ruble, SC, inport tour (3).
Armed Forces Staff College inport tour (18)
- 17 Armed Forces Staff College inport tour (25).
- 18 Ambassador Day O. Mount inport tour (6).
Virginia Academy of Family Physicians inport tour (225).
- 19 COMNAVAIRLANT Guests inport tour (5).
Sterling High School MCJROTC inport tour (35).
- 22 COMNAVAIRLANT Guests inport tour (7).
Conducted Married CPO Pre-deployment Brief.
- 23 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, inport tour (15).
Honorary Commanders Association inport tour (50).



- 24 Pride Program inport tour (105).
1454 Squadron Air Training Corps inport tour (40).
- 25 JAG Corps Accessions Group inport tour (15).
Naval Sea Cadets inport tour (35).
Youth Exchange Camp inport tour (38).
- 26 Boy Scout Troop 556, Chattanooga, TN inport tour (26).
Boy Scout Troop 1201, Springfield, NE inport tour (32).
Boy Scout Troop 530, Jackson, MN inport tour (28).
- 28 South African Minister of Defense inport tour (6).
- 29 PMA 251E (IFLOLS) inport tour (15).
- 30 NAFIS Newport News inport tour (35).

August

- 1 Keio University inport tour (58).
Emerald Knights Band inport tour (40).
Aviation and Admiralty Office inport tour (30).
- 2. Boy Scout Troop 57, Pennsylvania inport tour (33).
- 3 PCU Harry S. Truman Pre-commissioning Committee inport tour (11).
- 5 George Washington Guests inport tour (5).
- 6 Married Couple Pre-deployment Brief.
- 8 COMNAVAIRLANT Guests inport tour (12).
SHAPE Officer and Family inport tour (12).
Conducted VAW 120 Winging Ceremony in Hangar Bay 2.
- 9 USAFA/USMA Cadets inport tour (22).
Boy Scout Troop 613, Provo, UT inport tour (36).
Langley Speedway GW Night.
- 11 Single Pre-deployment Briefs.
Boy Scout Troop 1800, Bethesda, MD inport tour (6).
Armed Forces Staff College inport tour (35).
- 12 Single Pre-deployment brief.
NRS Ashland/Huntington DEPPERS inport tour (15).
U.S. Naval Sea Cadets inport tour (25).
- 13 Single Pre-deployment brief.
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Naval Air Warfare Center Patuxent River inport tour (15).
Wren High School NJROTC, Piedmont, SC inport tour (38).



14 Single Custodial Parent Pre-deployment Brief.
Starbase Atlantis inport tour (13).
George Washington Birth Place National Monument inport tour (30).
USACOM Guests inport tour (10).
Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.

18 Underway JTFEX 97-3.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

18-19 COMNAVAIRLANT Distinguished Visitors embark (6).
Media embark: New Line Cinema (4).

19 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

19-20 COMNAVAIRLANT/GWBATGRU Distinguished Visitors embark (12).

20 Conducted RAS/VERTREP with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.

20-21 CINCLANTFLT Distinguished Visitors embark (12).

21 Conducted Flight Operations.

21-22 CINCLANTFLT/CHINFO Distinguished Visitors embark (12).
Media embark: Mr. John Gresham, researcher for Tom Clancy.

22 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

22-23 COMNAVAIRLANT Distinguished Visitors embark (10).

23 Conducted Flight Operations.

23-24 Office of Legislative Affairs Distinguished Visitors embark (7).

24 Conducted Flight Operations.
MGEN Ryan day embark (2).

24-25 Beaufort, SC Distinguished Visitors embark (13).
Media embark: WGN Radio, Chicago, IL and The Baltimore Sun, Baltimore, MD (2).

25 Conducted RAS with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.
VADM Mies day embark (3).

25-26 Office of Legislative Affairs Distinguished Visitors embark (12).

26 Conducted Flight Operations.
National Conference of State Legislators day embark (24).
Conducted General Quarters Drill.



26-27 NIMA embark (4).
Media embark: Netherlands media (3).

27 Conducted Flight Operations.

27-28 SECNAV Distinguished Visitors embark (12).
Media embark: Navy/Marine Corps News (2).

28 Conducted Flight Operations.

28-29 Media embark: WVEC-TV, Inflight Magazine, Soundings, Conservative Review,
Gamma Liaison Photo, Navy Times, Defense Daily, London Radio, Cumhuriyet (Turkish
Newspaper), Der Spiegel Magazine (12).

29 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

30 RADM Timothy W. LaFleur, Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE, embark.

31 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted Health Fair.

September

1 Conducted RAS with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations (224 hours).

1-2 Media embark: WAVY TV, Norfolk, VA; WSET TV, Lynchburg, VA; KCTV, Kansas
City, MO; KTRK TV, Houston, TX; Dash 2 Aviation; MAI Photo; Defense Week;
Beaufort, SC Gazette; World Airpower Journal; Legislative News Service; Independent
Reporter, Detroit, MI; Northeast University Press; TF-1 (France); Korean Reporter; All
Hands Magazine.

1-3 Media embark: The Learning Channel.

2 Conducted Flight Operations (24 hours).
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

2-3 Media embark: WKYN TV, Philadelphia, PA and the Navy Public Affairs Center.

3 Conducted Flight Operations.

3-4 RADM Osie V. Combs, Jr., embark.

4 Conducted E-4 Advancement Exam.
Moored Pier 11N, Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

9 Conducted E-5 Advancement Ceremony.

17 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.

25 Conducted Safety Stand down.

29 Conducted Safety Awareness Briefs via SITE TV.

30 Conducted Safety Awareness Briefs via SITE TV.

October

1 Conducted Safety Awareness Briefs via STIE TV.
Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
VADM Vernon E. Clark, COMSECONDFLT and VADM Henry G. Giffin day visit (6).
VADM Quast (Ret.), day visit.

2 Conducted media availability: WAVY TV, WVEC TV, Soundings, Virginia Pilot.

3 Underway, Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf Deployment.
Conducted Flight Operations.

3-4 Media embark: How'd They Do That television production crew (4).

4 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

4-6 Media embark: CBS This Morning. First live broadcast from the flight deck of a carrier by major network morning show.

5 Conducted RAS with USNS Big Horn.
Conducted Flight Operations.

6 CBS Live Broadcast from flight deck.
Conducted Flight Operations.

7 Conducted General Quarters Drill.

8 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.

9 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.

10 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

11 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted RAS with USS Normandy (CG 60)
Conducted VERTREP with USS Seattle (AOE 3).

12 Conducted Flight Operations.

12-13 Lajes Field, Azores, Distinguished Visitor embark (10).

13 Conducted Flight Operations.

14 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.



- 15 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted RAS with USNS Arctic.
Conducted Flight Operations.
INCHOP to Sixth Fleet.
Strait of Gibraltar Passage.
- 16 Turnover with USS John F. Kennedy Battle Group.
Conducted ammo VERTREP with USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).
GWBATGRU assumes CTF 60.
Conducted flight Operations.
Conducted RAS with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
- 16-17 Sixth Fleet INCHOP Safety Stand down.
- 17 Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 18 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 19 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 20 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 21 Conducted RAS with USNS Kanawa.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 22 Conducted Zone Inspection.
RADM Kenneth W. Pettigrew day embark.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 23 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 24 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 25 Conducted RAS with USNS Laramie.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 26 Conducted Flight Operations.
LTG Tommy Franks, Commander, Joint Task Force Alpha day embark.
Exercise Bright Star media day embark.
- 27 Exercise Bright Star media day embark.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 28 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted RAS with USNS Concord.
- 28-29 RADM Niccola Azzollini, Commander, Italian Third Naval Division embark.
Accompanied by CAPT Orste Tombolini, Italian Navy; CDR Losario Guerris, Italian Navy; CDR Paulo Tararinto, Italian Navy; LCDR Benevitos, Flag Aide, Italian Navy; LT Edoardo Leongito, Italian Navy.

- 29 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted Bright Star PHOTO-EX.
- 30 Conducted RAS with USNS Kanawa.
Conducted Flight Operations.
MGEN John C. Welde, 9th Air Force (JFACC for Bright Star), and BGEN George N. Williams, Director, Mobility Force day embark.
RADM Faraq Latfy, Chief of Staff, Egyptian Navy day embark. Accompanied by
RADM Alaa Embaby; Commodore Tawfeek Abu Gondia; Commodore Adel Abd El-
Maneam; Commodore Nabeli Ehsahean; Commodore Mohammed El-Said; Commodore
Salah Skokry; CAPT Taweek Dera; CAPT Ahmed Mourfy; and LT Khaled Kassem.
Exercise Bright Star media day embark.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 31 Conducted Flight Operations.
United Arab Emirates Distinguished Visitors day embark.
Exercise Bright Star media day embark.
- 31-1 Nov London Business Leaders embark: Mr. L. Ray Kelly, Managing Partner, Korn/Ferry
International; Mr. Michael Hawker, General Manager of Marketing, USAA; Mr.
Anthony Hichens, Chairman, Carrion PLC; Mr. Richard Spelman, General Manager of
Marketing, Halifax Building Society; and Mr. Gary Ames, President and CEO, U.S.
West International.

November

- 1 Conducted Flight Operations.
GEN Anthony Zinni, Commander, U.S. Central Command day embark. Accompanied
by MGEN McFarren, Office of Military Cooperation.
- 2 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 2-3 Romanian distinguished visitors embark. Party included: The Honorable Victor
Ciorbea, Prime Minister of Romania; Mr. Mircea Ciumara, Minister of Finance; Mr.
Calin Popescu Tariceanu, Minister of Industry and Trade; Division General Constantin
Degeratu, Chief of Romanian General Staff; Mr. Dorin Marian, National Security
Advisor to Romanian President Emil Constantiescu; Mr. Gheorghe Popescu, Romanian
Ambassador to Israel; COL Aurel Spanziu, Romanian Defense Attache; Ms. Lia
Trandafir, Public Affairs Director, Office of the Prime Minister; Mr. Sorin Ducaru,
Director of the NATO Division with the Romanian Foreign Ministry; LT Calin Avram,
Aide de Camp to the Prime Minister; and Mr. Octavian Ciulea, Romanian Government
Cameraman.
- 3-10 Inport Haifa, Israel.
- 10 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 11 VMFA 251 sponsored cake cutting ceremony celebrating 222nd Birthday of the Marine
Corps in Hangar Bay 2.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 12 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.

13 Conducted RAS with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.

14 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
Ordered to transit to Arabian Gulf in response to the Iraq/UN standoff.

15 Transit Suez Canal.

16 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.

17 Conducted E-2/3 Advancement Ceremony.

18 Transit Strait of Bab el Man Deb.

19 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted RAS with USS Normandy (CG 60).

20 Transit Strait of Hormuz.

22 Conducted RAS with USNS Tippecanoe and USNS Spica.
Conducted inbrief with C5F Staff.
Conducted Flight Operations.

22-23 Media embark: WAVY-TV, Norfolk, VA; WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA; Associated Press:
Stars and Stripes.

23 Conducted Flight Operations.

23-24 Media embark: CNN; ABC-TV; Star-TV; Stars and Stripes.

24 Conducted Flight Operations.

25 Conducted Flight Operations.

26 Conducted RAS with USN Spica.
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.
VADM Thomas B. Fargo, Commander, Fifth Fleet day embark.

26-27 Media embark: CNN; ABC-TV; CBS-TV; BNC-TV; AP Radio; AP Wire; AP Photo:
Reuters Photo.

26-29 Media embark: Navy/Marine Corps News.
27 Observed Thanksgiving.
Conducted Flight Operations.

28 Conducted RAS with USS Seattle (AOE 3).
Conducted Flight Operations.

28-29 Dr. John Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense day embark. Accompanied by Mrs. Julia
Hamre, VADM Thomas B. Fargo, Commander, Fifth Fleet, and RADM "Grog" Johnson,
Senior Military Assistant to DEPSECDEF.

29 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

30 Conducted Flight Operations.

December

1 Conducted Flight Operations.

2 Conducted Flight Operations.

3 Conducted RAS with USNS Tippecanoe.
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.

4 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

5 Conducted Flight Operations.

8 Conducted Flight Operations.

9 Conducted Flight Operations.

10 Conducted Zone Inspection.
Conducted Flight Operations.

11 Conducted RAS with USNS Spica.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.

12 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted E-4 and E-6 Frocking Ceremonies.

13 Conducted Helicopter Flight Operations.

13-17 Inport Jebel Ali, UAE.

18 Conducted RAS with USNS Tippecanoe
Conducted Flight Operations.

19 Conducted Flight Operations.

20 Conducted Flight Operations.

21 Conducted Flight Operations.
RADM John Nathman, Commander, Nimitz Battle Group day embark.

21-22 Media embark: American Statesman Magazine and Washington Times.

22 Conducted Flight Operations.

22-23 Paula Cole concert/embark.

- 23 Conducted Zone Inspection
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 24 Conducted CIWS PACFIRE.
- 25 Observed Christmas.
ADM Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations day embark. Party included Mrs. Garland H. Johnson (wife) and ETCM(SW) John Hagan, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. The CNO reenlisted the following Sailors: MMCM [REDACTED], ATCS [REDACTED], ACI [REDACTED], MMI [REDACTED], AMH3 [REDACTED], ABE2 [REDACTED], PN3 [REDACTED], YN1 [REDACTED], AW2 [REDACTED], and AMS2 [REDACTED].
- 26 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted General Quarters Drill.
- 27 Conducted RAS with USNS Tippecanoe.
Conducted Flight Operations.
Observed Kwanza Celebration.
- 28 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 29 Conducted RAS with USNS Spica.
Conducted Flight Operations.
- 30 Conducted Flight Operations.
- 30-31 RADM John Cotton, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia embark.
- 31 Conducted Flight Operations.
Conducted Zone Inspection.
Carrier Air Wing ONE Change of Command: Captain Craig T. Cuninghame relieved Captain John D. Stufflebeem as Commander, CVW 1.
Underway on News Years Eve Day flying missions in support of Operation Southern Watch, the enforcement of the No Fly Zone over Southern Iraq.