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(5) Commanding Officer Photo ICO CAPT Garry White
(6) Commanding Officer Photo ICO CAPT Martin Erdosay
(7) George Washington Carrier Strike Group "DV Booklet"
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(9) Diskette

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GARRY R. WHITE

**USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73)
COMMAND HISTORY 2004
(UIC 21412)**

COMMAND AND COMPOSITION 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, Va., GEORGE WASHINGTON is an asset of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, commanded by Rear Admiral H. Denby Starling II who assumed command on July 28, 2004. At the beginning of this year, GEORGE WASHINGTON was moored at Pier 14S throughout the Preparation for Overseas Movement (POM) leave period that ended January 20, 2004.

Captain Martin J. Erdosy was in command of GW at the beginning of the year. Captain Garry R. White assumed command on September 30, 2004. The ship served as the flagship for Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT, commanded by Rear Admiral H. Denby Starling II until Rear Admiral William J. McCarthy relieved him on July 5, 2004.

Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, commanded by Captain Kenneth E. Floyd, then by Captain Robert A. Field as of July 5, 2004, was the ship'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 strike group in support of assigned missions.

There were 69 aircraft in Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, including: the F-14B Tomcat fighter flown by the "Red Rippers" of Fighter Squadron ELEVEN (VF 11) and the "Pukin' Dogs" of Fighter Squadron ONE FOUR THREE (VF 143); the F/A-18 Hornet strike fighter flown by the "Wildcats" of Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE ONE (VFA 131) and the "Knighthawks" of Strike Fighter Squadron ONE THREE SIX (VFA 136); the E-2C Hawkeye airborne early warning aircraft flown by the "Bluetails" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron ONE TWO ONE (VAW 121); the S-3B Viking sea control aircraft flown by the "Top Cats" of Sea Control Squadron THIRTY ONE (VS 31); the EA-B Prowler electronic attack aircraft flown by the "Patriots" of Electronic Attack Squadron ONE FOUR ZERO (VAQ 140); the HH-60/SH-60F Seahawk helicopter flown by the "Nightdippers" of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron FIVE (HS 5); and the C-2A Greyhound carrier onboard delivery (COD) aircraft flown by the "Rawhides" of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron FORTY (VRC 40).

Enclosure (1)

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) LEADERSHIP

CAPT Martin J. Erdossy	Commanding Officer
CAPT Garry R. White	Commanding Officer
CAPT Dee Mewbourne	Executive Officer
CAPT Thomas Rowden	Reactor Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Reactor Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Command Chaplain
CDR [REDACTED]	Command Chaplain
CDR [REDACTED]	Chief Engineer
CAPT John McCabe	Air Boss
CDR [REDACTED]	Air Boss
CDR [REDACTED], MC	Senior Medical Officer
CDR [REDACTED], DC	Senior Dental Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	AIMD Maintenance Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	AIMD Maintenance Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Navigator
CDR [REDACTED]	Weapons Gun Boss
CDR [REDACTED]	Weapons Gun Boss
CDR [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Operations Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Safety Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Safety Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Combat Systems Officer
CDR [REDACTED]	Combat Systems Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Deck 1 st Lieutenant
LCDR [REDACTED]	Training Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Legal Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Legal Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Administration Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Administration Officer

2004 HIGHLIGHTS

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON was deployed away from homeport 231 days, and sailed more than 70,750 nautical miles, the equivalent to more than 2.5 times around the globe, in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) and ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), the Global War on Terrorism, Sustainment Training and Fleet and Training Command Carrier Qualifications. This brings the total miles navigated since 1992 to 503,500 nautical miles. Listed below are some noteworthy accomplishments for CY 2004:

Deck Department. USS GEORGE WASHINGTON was involved in 36 underway replenishments with various NATO, USNS and USS ships [more than 100 hours along side], as well as seven dedicated vertical replenishments. GW completed seven precision anchorages, nine pier-side moorings and eight restricted water/straits transits; including two passages each of the Suez Canal, Strait of Gibraltar, Bab el Mandab Strait and the Strait of Hormuz.

Navigation Department. Navigation received a 99.14 percent score for outstanding seamanship readiness, the highest Final Evaluation Period (FEP) score ever awarded to an Atlantic Fleet carrier. Additionally, the department scored an 89 percent on the FEP exercise during the Inter-Deployment Readiness Cycle (IDRC), and completed all competitive exercises (COMPEX) with an average score of 95.9 percent.

Reactor Department. Reactor completed the Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) and provided power to propel GW 70,750 nautical miles.

Air Department. During CY 2004, Air received a 98.7 percent Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) availability rate that enabled unprecedented sortie completion rate of 98 percent while executing 10,398 mishap-free launches and recoveries (7,753 in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM AND VIGILANT RESOLVE). They conducted 36,366 aircraft moves (29,754 deployed), 6,170 hangar bay moves (4,386 deployed), 1,242 elevator runs (1,105 deployed), responded to 229 mishap-free crash and salvage evolutions and delivered 16.4 million gallons of JP-5 fuel.

Safety Department. With a proactive approach and aggressive training, Safety orchestrated the command reduction in safety mishaps by 45 percent compared to the 2002 deployment. Safety performance resulted in zero class Alpha, three class Bravo and seven class Charlie mishaps and zero reportable liberty incidences on deployment.

Weapons Department. Weapons accumulated 903 pieces of ordnance, completed SUW-17 COMPEXes with a 100 percent score and satisfactorily completed the Aviation Ordnance and Conventional Ordnance Readiness Review and the COMNAVAIRLANT 3M Assessment.

Operations Department. The Combat Directional Center completed a NATO Sea Sparrow live-fire event, which engaged two stream raid sub-sonic aerial targets, and conducted a live-fire Close-in-Weapons-System (CIWS) engagement of a Towed Decoy Unit by all four mounts, as well as 13 CIWS PACFIRES.

The Carrier Tactical Support Center (CV-TSC) supported Destroyer Squadron TWENTY EIGHT (DESRON 28) with 14,668 man-hours in execution and documentation of more than 5,000 contact reports, 3,320 ship queries and 200 Maritime Intercept Operations (MIO) boardings.

The Air Transportation Office (ATO) handled more than 5,600 passengers, (2,668 inbound and 3,052 outbound) and nearly 500,000 pounds of mail, (326,670 inbound and 182,147 outbound).

The Carrier Air Traffic Control Center (CATTC) controlled more than 10,500 safe aircraft carrier landings (6,185 day and 4,407 night), qualified 288 pilots and conducted 10,189 sorties (5,049 day and 5,140 night).

During the deployment, the Intelligence Division processed 1,760 aim points (1,298 in support of OIF), produced more than 7,000 time sensitive targeting (TST) smart packs, debriefed 6,900 sorties (1,900 for OIF), conducted battle hit assessments (BHA) for more than 300 sorties and 50 combat deliveries, exploited more than 210 images from 17 OIF TARPS missions and conducted more than 900 cyclic operations briefs and 350 OIF mission briefs. In support of OEF/Operation SEA DRAGON, the Intelligence Division processed 2,100 Surface Surveillance Coordinator (SSC) contacts and produced 70 boarding packages and 175 query reports. Other support included 50 merchant locators, 15 intelligence information reports, 4,000 exploited national and tactical images supporting indications and warning (I&W) requirements, and 17,000 Cryptological Time Sensitive and Technical Reports, as well as thousands of tactical reports (TACREPS).

The Photo Lab processed 8,000 feet of TARPS film in support of OIF and 5,000 SSC images, produced 32,000 hard-copy prints, completed 3,300 photography jobs, and submitted 877 photos to

CHINFO for worldwide publication, including the cover of "Proceedings" and numerous photos in "All Hands" magazine and the Navy's news website.

The Public Affairs Office hosted more than 1,800 distinguished visitors to include heads of state, and senior government, military and business leaders while pier-side in Norfolk and 594 embarked distinguished visitors underway, as well as 50 media representatives. During deployment, the office produced an award-winning daily internal SITE-TV show "GW NOW!" and a daily newspaper, the "Guardian." They also produced more than 250 internal news stories, 80 of which were published in various news publications. The broadcast team produced various internal training products, which addressed topics including safety, medical issues, educational opportunities and command policies. They also developed a proactive internal media training production for "School of Ship," the command indoctrination course, to train the crew in media interaction.

Engineering Department. The ship's damage control training program sustained the ship's readiness at a monthly average rating of 100 percent. The department scored a 95.44 percent during COMPEX.

Combat Systems Department. Combat Systems maintained 98 percent reliability of NIPRNET/SIPRNET. The first carrier to become a network-operating center for all incoming and outgoing email thru one exchange server, processing more than 12 million E-mails during deployment.

The ship's communication division served as the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) Communications and Control Ship (CCS), and ensured the flow of internal/external tactical communications systems (average 12,276 messages daily). During 2004, there were 1,625,957 messages received and 7,022 messages transmitted.

Micro-Miniature/Module Test Repair Facility (2M/MTRF) technicians repaired 384 circuit card assemblies and electrical and electronic modules (CCA/EM), saving \$1.1 million. They also performed 3,475 information system hardware and software trouble reports, saving more than \$300,000.

Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department. AIMD repaired nearly 11,500 items, and provided support to Carrier Air Wing SEVEN (CVW 7) and all other carrier strike group customers throughout the deployment and the subsequent surge period. Contributed to CVW-7's 97.3 percent overall completion rate and resulted in Team GW/CVW-7 amassing nearly 8,800 sorties and more

than 21,000 flight hours. AIMD supported Group Sail 2004 by repairing 677 items in support of CVW-7's 599 sorties and 1,025 flight hours.

Supply Department. Supply maintained an operational budget in excess of \$97 million and an inventory of more than \$315 million, which included 82,000 parts. They loaded more than 420,000 pounds of stores and supplies on more than 4,000 pallets. The ship's store sold more than \$4 million in merchandise and a NEXCOM record of more than \$1 million in foreign merchandise in direct support of MWR. Numerous food service lines provided 24-hour operational service, totaling more than \$6.5 million of food served.

Medical Department. Medical met all requirements for the "Blue M" and was awarded the Naval Environmental Health Center's Gold Star for Health Promotions. They coordinated 66 MEDEVACS, responded to 84 medical emergencies and cared for 129 patients. Outpatient visits numbered 23,973 and surgical procedures totaled 984, including six appendectomies.

Dental Department. Dental averaged 1,000 patients per month, providing more than 21,000 major procedures, representing \$1.5 million in dental services to the entire GW Carrier Strike Group. During the 2004 deployment, Dental performed more than 16,500 major procedures during 8,500 patient visits.

Legal Department. Legal provided 1,058 powers of attorney, 150 legal assistance appointments with a Judge Advocate, the preparation of 77 civil court continuances, and the preparations of more than 1,300 tax returns, resulting in more than \$1.5 million in refunds to the crew.

Command Religious Ministries Department. CRMD conducted more than 50 religious ministry programs each week while underway. They also provided a wide range of opportunities to GEORGE WASHINGTON crew and family including deck plate visitation, pre-marital counseling, marriage counseling, grief counseling and crisis intervention. CRMD highlights include: community relations project for San Vincenzo Abbey, Italy; six burials-at-sea, heritage observances, a pre-deployment seminar and return and reunion training at the end of the deployment. CRMD recorded more than 1,025 Family Literacy Foundation's United Through Reading (UTR) tapes for the 2004 deployment. CRMD initiated the "My Big Adventure" program, which assisted families in staying together by customizing a children's book describing the adventures their loved ones' experienced on deployment. Additionally, they reduced preventable American Red

Cross cases by 25 percent compared to the previous deployment through aggressive support programs and information dissemination.

2004 NARRATIVE

Sailors on board USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) enjoyed the beginning of 2004 while they were on holiday leave. The ship was surge-ready New Year's Day as they counted the days to deployment.

On January 8, Sailors returned to work from POM/Holiday stand down to make final preparations for the upcoming deployment. During the next two weeks, pallets of food and supplies were brought on board as part of the ship-wide preparations.

During the early morning hours on January 20, Sailors said goodbye to their families and boarded the ship getting underway for Carrier Qualifications before heading East to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf for a scheduled six-month deployment.

The first week of the deployment challenged the GW crew and embarked Carrier Air Wing SEVEN with few challenges, but when situations came up, everyone responded as trained.

On January 27, an HH-60H Seahawk from HS-5 responded to an emergency situation on board the Italian merchant vessel Isolo Verde. The Captain of the ship radioed GW and requested medical assistance for Giovanni Cutugno, a merchant mariner who had fallen down a ladder in rough seas. AW3(NAC) [REDACTED] was lowered from the helicopter, hovering above the deck of the Isolo Verde, to the sailor. [REDACTED] used hand signals to communicate with the crew, and prepared Cutugno for transport to GW. Once on board GW, Medical treated Cutugno for cuts and an injury to his right leg.

Turnover with USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65) took place from January 29 until January 31 while the ship was transiting the Atlantic Ocean.

On February 1, as Sailors prepared to watch the Super Bowl, GW transited the Strait of Gibraltar, entering 6th Fleet Area of Operations. By February 6, GW and CVW-7 Sailors were enjoying their first port visit of the deployment, a four-day port stop in Souda Bay, Crete.

On February 12, GW and USS VELLA GULF (CG 72) Sailors changed pace for a couple of days and gave Sailors a broader knowledge of the different ships and their missions, as they made a personnel transfer to both ships using a rigid hull inflatable boat. This cross deck was the first of many made during the deployment.

On February 16, Sailors aboard GW made the 16-hour transit through the Suez Canal, entering 5th Fleet Area of Operations.

On February 20, GW transited another strait at the Bab-Al-Mander Strait, leaving the Red Sea and heading into the Arabian Sea. Eight days later, the ship transited through the Strait of

Hormuz, and entered into the Arabian Gulf, assuming the watch for Operation Enduring Freedom.

On March 3, Sailors were treated to a visit from two professional golfers. Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara were playing in the Dubai Classic and arranged to visit the ship for about an hour. The crew responded with a warm welcome and appreciation.

On March 4, second class petty officers around the ship hunkered down as they took the First Class Petty Officer Exam, hoping they would be among the fortunate ones around the fleet to advance.

Aircraft from CVW-7 had a history-making missile shoot March 7, firing 17 live AIM-54 Phoenix Missiles onto a range in two separate waves. Four F-14s along with four F/A-18s launched off the ship during one of the Tomcat's final missile exercises.

On March 11, Third Class Petty Officers around the ship took the Second Class Petty Officer Exam.

On March 14, Sailors started their first port visit to Jebel Ali, Dubai, UAE, a five-day visit that was not be the last time they would be here during the deployment. The ship departed Jebel Ali on March 19.

On March 18, E-3s took the Third Class Petty Officer Exam hoping to be among those who advanced.

On March 26, the Wildcats from VFA-131 held their change of command ceremony in the foc'sle. Commander David Fox passed the torch to Executive Office Commander Gregg Sears. Commander Fox assumed duties on board GW as Mini Boss.

On April 4, the Command Religious Ministries Department held a celebration for Women's History Month in the Foc'sle. The ceremony featured Sailors re-enacting several famous women throughout history, including Rosa Parks.

On April 9, Sailors learned their next port visit to Jebel Ali, UAE, would be cancelled because the strike group was ordered to remain on station in the North Arabian Gulf after fighting in Fallujah, Iraq, intensified between Coalition Forces and insurgents. That night, Rear Admiral Denby Starling addressed the crew on SITE-TV and GW Now! about the importance of GW Strike Group's role in the Arabian Gulf. Operation Vigilant Resolve was the result of the intense fighting that resulted in the deaths of four American civilian contractors and aimed to expel insurgents from the city.

On April 10, GW held the Master Chief Petty Officer frocking in the Chief's Mess for the eight newly minted master chiefs on board.

On April 17, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark and MCPON(SS/AW) Terry Scott, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, paid a visit to GW and CVW-7 Sailors to thank them for their hard work and reassured them that they would be home on time and would not have to spend more time than was necessary away from their families in the United States.

April 20 marked the halfway point in the deployment. GW Department Heads served Food Service Attendants in the Wardroom in appreciation for their hard work during the first half of the deployment.

On April 23, VAW-121 Bluetails' Commander Timothy Block passed the torch to Commander Jeffrey Bay.

On April 25, GW and CVW-7 rushed back to the North Arabian Gulf after terrorists attacked the Khawr-Al-Amaya Oil Terminal just off the coast of Basra, Iraq. What started as a routine Maritime Intervention Operation, where Sailors from USS FIREBOLT (PC 10) attempted to board a suspicious dhow. The operation turned into a search, rescue and recovery operation for the GW. Two Sailors from the Firebolt were killed. During that time, Sailors on board GW and embarked with CVW-7 prepared ordnance and the aircraft to launch as Medical and Dental Departments began preparing the Mess Decks in case the ship would receive casualties from the attack.

On May 7, Sailors were able to take their minds off their busy workdays to relax during their second port visit to Jebel Ali, UAE. During that time, VFA-136 celebrated their change of command on the flight deck.

The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Gordon England, thanked the GW Strike Group Sailors for their hard work and dedication to the mission at hand during his visit May 20.

June 2 began GW's involvement in Summer Pulse '04, a CNO-directed exercise to surge seven carriers in four different operating theaters around the globe. The ship's participation continued until the day GW pulled into homeport July 26.

On June 3, GW Sailors gathered in Hangar Bay Two for a day of remembrance and pay their respects to those who gave their lives in the line of duty during a Memorial Day ceremony. The ceremony also focused on those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Battle of Midway, the turning point of the Pacific War. As "Amazing Grace" was played on the bagpipes, Rear Admiral Denby Starling, Commander Carrier Group EIGHT, Captain Martin J. Erdossy, commanding officer, Capt. Kenneth Floyd, commander, Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, and Capt. Tom Copeman, Commodore Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-EIGHT, paid their respects to the fallen service members during the wreath-laying, as Weapons Department's G-2 Division's honor guard rendered a 21-gun salute.

On June 10, Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Admiral Gerry Hoewing, visited with Sailors and addressed their concerns about quality of life, manning and the various changes the Navy is making to shape its work force. The visit came the day before GW's third and final trip to Jebel Ali.

On June 11, the ship pulled into the United Arab Emirates for a four-day visit. Sailors had time to relax and enjoy being off the ship and away from work.

As GW's time in the Arabian Gulf began to run out, Vice Admiral Nichols paid one final visit to the ship June 29 and thanked the crew for their dedicated service and contribution to the Global War on Terrorism.

Sailors had time to celebrate Independence Day and the ship's birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony in Hangar Bay Two. July 4 was also marked the final day GW was in the Arabian Gulf.

On July 5, GW set her sights on the Arabian Sea, as she transited from the Arabian Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz. At the same time, turnover with USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) was taking place. During a two-day video teleconference turnover with JFK, CSG-8, GW, CVW7 and CDS28 passed on lessons learned from their near five months on station in FIFTH FLEET.

By July 8, GW turned her attention homeward, as she transited through the Bab-Al-Mandeb Strait and into the Red Sea. Three days later, the ship left the 5th Fleet Area of Operation and into 6th Fleet during the transit through the Suez Canal.

On July 14, the crew received a much-deserved break during a four-day visit to Naples, Italy. The crew spent time in areas around Italy, including Rome and Pompeii, or they spent time exploring the town and tasting the local cuisine.

On July 20, as the ship made the final trip through the Strait of Gibraltar, Sailors could breathe a sigh of relief knowing they would be home soon.

On July 26, Sailors could hardly contain their excitement as the ship pulled into homeport. The crew departed the ship and greeted loved ones eagerly awaiting the chance to greet their Sailors with hugs and kisses. The rainy weather did not dampen the joyous reunions upon returning to Norfolk. After departing the ship, Sailors began enjoying two weeks of leave at home with friends and family as the Post Overseas Movement stand down began.

As the Post Overseas Movement stand down came to an end August 23, Sailors in Weapons Department began making preparations to start offloading ammunition. Three days later, the ammo offload began. The hangar bays were full of ammunition coming from the magazines waiting to be taken off the ship.

With one part of the offload complete, GW began making preparations to get underway again. On September 7, the ship participated in a fast cruise evolution, which also involved security drills and a general quarters drill. Each drill conducted in those three hours helped senior leadership evaluate the crew's ability to prepare for an emergency.

On September 13, GW got underway for the first time since July to conduct Training Carrier Qualifications to train new pilots. The underway lasted until September 22.

On September 18, Sailors gathered to remember service members who are still listed as missing or were prisoners of war during the POW-MIA service held in Hangar Bay Two. Two days

later, CRMD honored the wishes of five former service members during a burial at sea ceremony.

On September 23, Weapons Department continued offloading ammunition.

On September 30, Sailors gathered in Hangar Bay Two as Captain Martin J. Erdossy passed the torch to his successor, Captain Garry R. White, during a change of command ceremony. White was formerly assigned as executive officer during the 2000 deployment.

On October 15, GW got underway for Group Sail '04 with the entire Carrier Strike Group for sustainment training to ensure our surge ready capability in support of the CNO's Fleet Response Plan. This eight day at sea period included Air Wing Carrier Qualifications and large force exercises.

The ship got underway again November 2. During this underway, GW hosted new pilots for Training Carrier Qualifications as well as Carrier Qualifications. Weapons Department continued offloading ammunition, and Reactor Department geared up for the ORSE inspection.

On November 30, GW got underway for the final time before ending its surge status. During the four-day underway, the ship completed Carrier Qualifications. Upon returning to port, the ship made preparations to head to the shipyards.

On December 15, JP-5 was offloaded from the ship while the berthing barge, APL-66, arrived at Norfolk Naval Station in preparation for the move to Northrop Grumman Newport News shipyard. The next day, the crew began the holiday stand down. Over the holidays, the crew continued preparations for the Docked Planned Incremental Availability phase, which was set to begin in January 2005.

2004 CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY 2004

- 05-08 Aviation Ordnance Safety Review
CNAL QA Assist visit
- 08 Holiday leave stand down ends
Pre-deployment Brief
- 08-09 Conventional Ordnance Safety Review
GCCS-M Install
- 10 Foreign-exchange students visit
- 12 CAT team arrives
- 17 Bible World Church Group visit
HS-5 fly-on
- 17-19 CVW-7 onload
- 20 Begin scheduled six-month Mediterranean Sea/Arabian Gulf
Deployment
- 20-22 CVW-7 CQs
- 21 White House General Counsel flies out in F/A 18D
PACFIRE
MISSILEX
- 22 CIWS Mount 21 upload
- 23 Rendezvous with USNS LARAMIE (TA-O 203) (UNREP)
- 25 NSSM upload
- 27 Italian sailor, Giovanni Cutugno, MEDEVAC to GW
- 29-31 VTC turnover with USS ENTERPRISE
- 31 PACFIRE

FEBRUARY 2004

- 01 Strait of Gibraltar transit
Super Bowl Party

FEBRUARY 2004 Cont.

- 02 Cutugno MEDEVAC off GW
ENCOUNTEREX
- 03 Fueling at Sea with USS VELLA GULF
- 04 U.S. Ambassador to Malta visit
- 06-10 Souda Bay, Crete, Greece port visit
- 07 Community Relations project in Souda Bay
- 09 Guests of Commanding Officer Souda Bay Naval Support
Activity visit Souda Bay Naval Support Activity base
employees and Sailors
- 10 Depart Souda Bay
- 11 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) for underway
replenishment C6F, VADM Ulrich, embarks
- 12 PACFIRE
Passenger transfer to/from USS VELLA GULF (CG 72)
- 13 DETAINEX
- 15 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6)
- 16 Suez Canal Transit/in-chop 5th Fleet AOR
- 17 U.S. Ambassador to Egypt and Mr. Gamal Mubarak visit
- 18 U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia visit
- 19 CIWS Mount 22 swapout
- 20 Bab-Al-Mander transit
CJTTF HOA - BGEN Broadwater visit
- 21 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (CG 72)
RHIB transfer cross POL with USS VELLA GULF (CG 72)
- 22 Small boat transfer with USS VELLA GULF (CG 72)
- 25 EW RACKETEX
- 27 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6)

FEBRUARY 2004 Cont.

- 28 PACFIRE
Straits of Hormuz Transit
- 29 C5F, VADM Nichols, embarks
African American/ Black History Heritage Celebration

MARCH 2004

- 03 Tiger Woods/ Mark O'Meara visit
- 04 Navy-wide First Class Petty Officer exam
Commodore Tidd, CTF 50/CTF 55, visits
- 06 Rendezvous with USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194) and USNS
SIRIUS (T-AFS 8) (RAS)
- 08 Passenger transfer with USS VELLA GULF (CG 72)
- 10 PACFIRE
Passenger transfer with USS VELLA GULF (CG 72)
- 11 Navy-wide Second Class Petty Officer exam
Media embark- Top Gun Magazine
- 12 Rendezvous with USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194) (UNREP)
Deputy Commander, Coalition Air Operations Commander
(CAOC), Commodore Robinson visits
- 14-19 Port visit in Jebel- Ali, UAE
- 16 UAE media visit
- 17 Abu Dubai, UAE U.S. Embassy staff visit
- 18 Navy-wide Third Class Petty Officer exam
- 21 Kuwaiti DV embark
- 22 Rendezvous with USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194) (RAS)
U.S. Media embark
- 24 PACFIRE
Combined Air Operations Center guests embark

MARCH 2004 Cont.

- 26 Rendezvous with USNS SIRIUS (T-AFS 8)
VFA-131 change of command
Charles de Gaulle helo pick up/drop off CCG-8/CAG
- 28 Director, CAOC, Air Commodore Butler, UKAF, embark
Royal Bahrain Air Force Officers embark
- 31 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
CAOC guests

APRIL 2004

- 02 Commanding Officer, HMS GRAFTON (F80), CDR Cassar embark
- 04 Women's History Month celebration
- 06 PACFIRE
JAMEX
CAOC DV embark
- 08 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
Qatar DV embark
- 09 Foreign Ambassadors to Bahrain embark
- 10 Master Chief Petty Officer frocking (eight)
- 15 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
- 17 CNO/MCPON Visit
- 18 CAOC DV visit
- 20 PACFIRE
- 22 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
- 23 VAW-121 change of command
VADM Nichols, C5F, embark
- 25 Chief of Staff retirement Capt.
CAOC DV embark
- 26 Naval Historic Center embark
- 28 Media embark

APRIL 2004 Cont.

29 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)

MAY 2004

01 Mid- Deployment Career Fair
MWR skeet shoot on fantail

02 PACFIRE

05 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6)

06 CIWS Download
VLG RHIB transfer

07-11 Port Call in Jebel-Ali, UAE
VFA-136 Change of Command

09 Boy Scout Court of Honor Ceremony - Inport Jebel Ali, UAE

10 Foreign Attache' Officers visit - Inport Jebel Ali, UAE

14 Senior Chief Petty Officer frocking ceremony

15 NAVELSF (U.S.) media embark
First Class/Second Class Petty Officer frocking ceremony
Asian Pacific Islander Celebration

16 Major General Elder - DCFACC embark

18 Rendezvous with USNS TIPPECANOE (T-AO 199)

19 USS BULKELEY (DDG 84) RHIB transfer

20 SECNAV visit

24 DAPPA Images - media embark
VLG RHIB transfer

25 CODEL embark

26 Third Class Petty Officer frocking ceremony
MWR skeet shoot on fantail

27 Rendezvous with USNS TIPPECANOE (T-AO 199) (RAS)
Rendezvous with USNS SPICA (T-AFS 9) (VERTREP)

JUNE 2004

- 01 BGEN Snyder command embark
- 02 PACFIRE
VLG RHIB transfer
- 02-26 July Summer Pulse
- 03 Memorial Day/Battle of Midway celebration
- 04 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
VLG RHIB transfer
- 05 C5F LNOs F2C2 embark
NATO 2 Missile Upload
VLG RHIB transfer
- 07 VLG RHIB transfer
- 09 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
- 10 CNP embark
- 11 Port Call in Jebel Ali, UAE
- 13 RAAF P-3 DET Jebel Ali, UAE
- 15 Depart Jebel Ali, UAE
- 16 VLG RHIB transfer
- 17 Dutch freelance aviation photographers visit
- 18 VLG RHIB transfer
- 19 Bahrain Shura Council embark
Rendezvous with USS VELLA GULF (CG 72) (FAS)
All hands Flight Deck photo for Capt. Erdossy
- 20 CART 1 brief
- 22 Saudi Arabia Naval Forces East embark
VLG RHIB Transfer
- 23 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
- 24 VLG RHIB transfer

JUNE 2004 Cont.

- 26 Bahrain Business Leaders visit
- 27 Discovery Channel visit
- 28 VLG RHIB transfer
- 29 VADM Nichols, C5F, Visit
- 30 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)

JULY 2004

- 01 PACFIRE
- 02 Navy Marine Corps News embark
- 04 Cake-cutting ceremony for July 4th celebration and USS GW birthday
- 05 CVW-7 change of command
VF-143 change of command
Strait of Hormuz transit
- 05-06 VTC with USS JOHN F KENNEDY (CV 67)
- 08 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS)
Bab-Al-Mander transit
- 11 U.S. Embassy Egypt embark
Suez Canal transit
- 12 Rendezvous with USNS KANAWHA (T-AO 196) (VERTREP)
- 14-18 Port call Naples, Italy
- 16 Italian Carabinieri visit
- 17 Members of Naples Paliment visit
DESRON 28 change of command
- 20 Strait of Gibraltar transit
- 25 CVW-7 flyoff
- 26 End of deployment, return to Norfolk
Begin Post Overseas Movement stand down

AUGUST 2004

- 11 Sea Cadet tour
- 12 Armed Forces Staff College visit
- 14 Congressman Tiberi guests visit
- 18 COS SACT visit
- 23 End Post Overseas Movement stand down
Israeli Ambassador to U.S. visit
- 24 Joint Forces Staff College visit
German Staff College visit
- 26 Dollar Tree Management visit
Ammo offload
- 28 Norfolk Media Orientation visit

SEPTEMBER 2004

- 01 Air Force Staff College
NRD Richmond DEP visit
- 07 Fast cruise
- 09 Second Class Petty Officer Exam
TDU pre-brief
- 10 9/11 prayer and remembrance ceremony
CVN-21 visit
- 11 HS-5 fly onload
HS-5 load onload
- 13-22 Underway for Training Carrier Qualifications
- 14 Third Class Petty Officer Exam
- 15 CPO pinning ceremony
- 18 POW-MIA service
- 20 Burial at Sea

SEPTEMBER 2004 Cont.

- 21 PACFIRE
TDU shoot
- 23 Ammo offload
- 24 Bank of America Executives visit
Joint Forces Staff College visit
Supreme Allied Command Transformation visit
- 25 Vice Admiral Richard Allen (Ret) visit
- 26 Defense Information School students visit
- 27 C2F visit
- 30 GEORGE WASHINGTON change of command - Capt. White relieved
Capt. Erdossy

OCTOBER 2004

- 01 USAF Air Combat Command visit
National Association of Naval Photography visit
- 03 FGS-208, Niedersachsen, German Navy visit
- 05 Guests of RADM Kemp visit
- 06 Golden Wings Reunion Group, American Airlines retired
flight engineers visit
- 07 VADM Raman Puri, Chief of Integrated Staff to Chairman
Chiefs of Staff Committee, India visit
- 08 Aaron Tippin visit
National Defense University visit
- 09 YMCA Senior Executives visit
- 13 CVW-7 onload
USS Elrod Wardroom visit
- 15-22 Underway for CSG FRP Group Sail
- 16-17 CFFC DV embark
- 17 CIWS upload

OCTOBER 2004 Cont.

- 17-18 CNAL DV embark (FBI counterterrorism task force, Habitat for Humanity)
- 18-19 CNAL DV embark (senior aviator's spouses)
- 19-20 SECNAV DV embark
- 20-21 CNAL DV embark
- 21 50 Cal/M-240 gun shoot
- 25 Regional Project for Europeans of Security Issues visit
- 27 Chief of the General Staff, People's Republic of China visit
- 29 SACT German Officers visit

NOVEMBER 2004

- 01-02 CFFC DV embark
- 02-22 Underway for Training Carrier Qualifications, Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications, ammo offload and ORSE inspection
- 03 NATO missile download
- 03-04 CFFC DV embark
- 04 National Geographic "Marine Machines" Embark
- 04-05 CNAL DV embark
- 05 Betsy Phillips, Professional Staff Mbr, House Appropriations Comm - Defense
- 05-07 Discovery Channel Wings Media embark
- 05-06 CFFC DV embark
- 06-07 CFFC DV embark
- 11 Veteran's Day ceremony
- 15-17 Rendezvous with USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) (RAS and ammo offload)

23 NETWARCOM visit
 Naval Studies Board C4ISR Committee visit

NOVEMBER 2004 Cont.

29 FRS/HS-75/VRC-40 onload

30-03 DEC Underway for Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier
 Qualifications

30-01 DEC CO's guests embark

DECEMBER 2004

01-02 Commodore Peter Walpole, U.K. Royal Navy, Deputy, NATO
 Striking Fleet Atlantic embark
 CFFC DV embark

04 Prince William Soccer Club visit

07 Virginia Port Authority visit
 BALTOPS leadership visit

09 Ms. Jeannette James, Professional Staff Member, House
 Appropriations Committee - Total Force for Military
 Healthcare visit
 Naval Research Laboratories engineers visit

10 South Dakota, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
 visit

11 Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1865, Fairfax, VA visit

12 GW Holiday Party - Portsmouth, Virginia

13 Supreme Allied Command Transformational spouses group
 visit

14 Naval Safety Center Highway Safety brief
 Atlantic Council of the United States visit

15 RADM Oleg Kriljenko Arnillas, Commander, Submarine Force,
 Peru visit JP-5 offload APL-66 arrives

16 Tidewater Civic Leadership Institute visit
 Begin holiday stand down

17 Naval Safety Center visit