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1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded as USS  
GERMANTOWN (LSD 42) 2001 Command History.

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1. Introduction

USS GERMANTOWN (LSD 42) fulfilled a wide range of operational commitments in 2001. In each, GERMANTOWN performed with optimal efficiency and professionalism. The 2001 calendar year was fast-paced and included: the completion of a very ambitious maintenance availability, sea trials, a training availability, two (CPR-11 / 31MEU) Blue-Green Workups and Special Operations Capable Certifications, a major Joint-Multinational exercise (Tandem Thrust), CART II, the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Iwo Jima, and a no-notice deployment to East Timor to conduct humanitarian assistance, for a total of 160 days away from home port. GERMANTOWN was underway 111 of those days and traveled over 20,000 nautical miles. GERMANTOWN demonstrated sustained superior operational performance in all warfare areas, earning each of the four Warfare Excellence Awards for CY2001.

2. Calendar:

01 Jan - 28 Jan	Inport Sasebo, Japan
29 Jan - 02 Feb	Underway (Sea Trials)
03 Feb - 06 Feb	Inport Sasebo, Japan
07 Feb - 09 Feb	Underway Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
10 Feb - 25 Feb	Inport Yokosuka, Japan (Training Restricted Availability (TRAV))
26 Feb - 27 Feb	Underway Enroute Sasebo, Japan
28 Feb - 04 Mar	Inport Sasebo, Japan
05 Mar - 06 Mar	Underway Enroute Okinawa, Japan
07 Mar - 08 Mar	Inport Okinawa, Japan
09 Mar - 20 Mar	Underway, BLUE/GREEN WORKUPS 01-1
16 Mar	56 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Iwo Jima
21 Mar	Inport Okinawa, Japan
22 Mar - 27 Mar	Underway, SOCEX 01-1
28 Mar - 29 Mar	Inport Okinawa, Japan
30 Mar - 31 Mar	Underway Enroute Sasebo, Japan

01 Apr - 22 Apr	Inport Sasebo, Japan
23 Apr - 24 Apr	Underway Enroute Okinawa, Japan
25 Apr - 26 Apr	Inport Okinawa, Japan
27 Apr - 09 May	Underway Enroute Australia (TANDEM THRUST 01)
02 May	"Crossing the Line" Ceremony
10 May - 14 May	Inport Cairns, Australia
15 May - 27 May	Underway TANDEM THRUST 01
28 May - 01 Jun	Inport Townsville, Australia
02 Jun - 11 Jun	Underway Enroute Okinawa, Japan
12 Jun	Inport Okinawa, Japan
13 Jun - 14 Jun	Underway Enroute Sasebo, Japan (TIGER CRUISE)
15 Jun - 27 Sep	Inport Sasebo, Japan
28 Sep	Change of Command
29 Sep - 01 Oct	Inport Sasebo, Japan
02 Oct - 05 Oct	Underway Enroute Okinawa, Japan
06 Oct - 07 Oct	Inport Okinawa, Japan
08 Oct	Underway, BLUE/GREEN WORKUPS 01-2
09 Oct	Inport Okinawa, Japan
10 Oct - 22 Oct	Underway, BLUE/GREEN WORKUPS 01-2 Enroute Australia
23 Oct - 26 Oct	Inport Darwin, Australia
27 Oct - 03 Nov	Underway In Support Of Humanitarian Operations For East Timor, Enroute Palau
02 Nov	"Crossing the Line" Ceremony
04 Nov - 06 Nov	Inport Palau

07 Nov - 10 Nov	Underway Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
11 Nov - 14 Nov	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
15 Nov - 18 Nov	Underway Enroute Okinawa, Japan
19 Nov	Inport Okinawa, Japan
20 Nov - 21 Nov	Underway Enroute Sasebo, Japan
22 Nov - 11 Dec	Inport Sasebo, Japan
12 Dec - 14 Dec	Underway for CART II
15 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport Sasebo, Japan

3. Awards and Recognitions:

- a. Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Safety Award
- b. Commander Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (CNSP) Safety Award
- c. Third Consecutive CNSP Retention Award
- d. CNSP Force Commander Annual Health Promotion Unit Award
- e. Surface Warfare Officer Pennant
- f. Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Pennant

4. Summaries:

a. BLUE/GREEN WORKUPS. Blue/Green Workups is a semi-annual exercise between the ESSEX Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) which are forward deployed to Sasebo and Okinawa, Japan. The exercise is designed to train the Marines and Sailors in a full range of operational skills and capabilities required of an Amphibious Ready Group, enabling all the ships and units to operate as one collective unit.

b. TANDEM THRUST 01. Exercise Tandem Thrust 01 is a combined United States and Australian military training exercise. The biannual exercise is held in the vicinity of Shoalwater Bay training area, Queensland, Australia, with more than 27,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines participating.

c. EAST TIMOR HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS. The ESSEX Amphibious Ready Group and the 31<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted humanitarian assistance operations in support of the United States Support Group East Timor (USGET). These missions include community relations projects, medical and dental civil action projects, and humanitarian lift projects.