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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44)
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Bldg. 57, Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, DC 20374-0571

Subj: SUBMISSION OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44) Command History (U)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted. In addition, the following information is provided.

a. Command Composition and Organization.

(1) Mission: To achieve and maintain total war fighting readiness in support of U.S. Marines.

(2) Organizational Structure: Immediate senior command: Commander, Amphibious Squadron TEN.

(3) Name of Commanding Officer: CDR John P. Jeffcoat, USN (biography submitted in enclosure (1)).

(4) Permanent Duty Station: USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44) homeported at Naval Amphibious Base - Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia.


JOHN P. JEFFCOAT

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SHIP'S HISTORY
USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-44)

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04-16-85 CONTRACT AWARDED
05-26-86 KEEL LAID
06-27-87 LAUNCH/CHRISTENING
02-01-88 CO ASSUMED COMMAND OF PRE-COMMISSIONING DETACHMENT GUNSTON HALL
07-08-88 DRYDOCKED
09-11-88 NUCLEUS CREW REPORTED
10-03-88 BUILDERS TRIALS COMMENCE
10-12-88 BUILDERS TRIALS COMPLETED
12-05-88 ACCEPTANCE TRIALS COMMENCE
12-07-88 ACCEPTANCE TRIALS COMPLETED
02-12-89 BALANCE CREW REPORTED
02-24-89 SHIP WAS DELIVERED
04-22-89 USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-44) WAS COMMISSIONED AT AVONDALE INDUSTRIES
INC. ALGIER'S FACILITY AT 1100. IN ATTENDANCE WERE:
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, WILLIAM S. BALL III, THE HONORABLE CHARLES
S. ROBB (D-VA), GENERAL THOMAS R. MORGAN, USMC (RET), MRS. BARBARA
MORGAN, SHIP'S SPONSOR, VADM JOHN W. NYQUIST, ASSISTANT CNO
(SURFACE WARFARE), VADM J.S. DONNELL III, COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE
FORCE, ATLANTIC, MAJ. GEN. RONALD L. BECKWITH, COMMANDING GENERAL,
FOURTH MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, RADM STEPHEN S. CLAREY, COMPTROLLER,
NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND, RADM GLENN E. WHISLER, COMMANDER,
AMPHIBIOUS GROUP TWO, LCDR [REDACTED] CHAPLAIN, USN,
MR. ALBERT L. BOSSIER, JR., C.E.O., AVONDALE INDUSTRIES INC., MS.
LYNN MORGAN, MATRON OF HONOR, MRS. SUSAN HERZOG, MATRON OF HONOR,
AND MISS BETH MORGAN, MAID OF HONOR.
4-23-89 INPORT-NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
6-06-89 COMMENCED MOBILE TEAM TRAINING INSPECTION
6-09-89 CONCLUDED MOBILE TEAM TRAINING INSPECTION
6-19-89 COMMENCED CREW CERTIFICATION
6-21-89 CONCLUDED CREW CERTIFICATION
7-05-89 COMMENCED LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION
7-07-89 CONCLUDED LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION
7-09-89 UNDERWAY-DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS FOR HOMECOMING IN LITTLE CREEK, VA.
7-17-89 ARRIVED-HOMEPORT NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE, LITTLE CREEK, VA.
7-21-89 COMMENCED SHIP-BOARD TOURS FOR VISITING SOVIET SAILORS
7-24-89 CONDUCTED TOUR FOR SOVIET DIGNITARIES INCLUDING SOVIET AMBASSADOR
TO THE UNITED STATES, Y.V. DUBININ AND VADM I.V. KASATONOV, FIRST
DEPUTY, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SOVIET NORTHERN FLEET.
7-24-89 CONCLUDED SOVIET TOURS
8-03-89 COMMENCED TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION
8-04-89 CONCLUDED TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION
8-07-89 UNDERWAY-VACAPES/CSSQT
8-11-89 ARRIVED-INPORT LITTLE CREEK
8-21-89 UNDERWAY-VACAPES/TRAINING

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8-25-89 ARRIVED-INPORT LITTLE CREEK
9-07-89 UNDERWAY-VACAPES/PRE-FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS
9-07-89 ARRIVED-INPORT LITTLE CREEK
9-11-89 COMMENCED DMSR
9-12-89 CONCLUDED DMSR
9-12-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA/SHAKEDOWN
9-17-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY/COMMENCED SHAKEDOWN
9-20-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
9-20-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
9-21-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
9-22-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
9-22-89 DETACHED-GUANTANAMO BAY-UNDERWAY-ISLA DE CULEBRA
9-24-89 ANCHORED-CULEBRA FOR HURRICANE 'HUGO' RELIEF EFFORTS. USS CLIFTON
SPRAGUE (FFG-16) IN COMPANY. ASSUMED DUTIES U.S. NAVAL COMMANDER,
DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS, CULEBRA.
10-04-89 DETACHED-CULEBRA, RELIEVED BY USS AUSTIN (LPD-4)
10-06-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-10-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA/RE-COMMENCED SHAKEDOWN TRAINING.
10-14-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-16-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
10-16-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-17-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
10-17-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-18-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
10-20-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-22-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
10-25-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-30-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
10-30-89 ARRIVED-GUANTANAMO BAY
10-31-89 UNDERWAY-GUANTANAMO OPAREA
11-01-89 ANCHORED-GUANTANAMO HARBOUR/EMBARKED COMPHIBRON TEN AND DETACHED
FLEET TRAINING GROUP-GUANTANAMO BAY, ENROUTE MAYPORT.
11-03-89 ANCHORED-MAYPORT HARBOUR/EMBARKED PEB
11-04-89 UNDERWAY ENROUTE LITTLE CREEK/ COMMENCED OPPE
11-06-89 ARRIVED-LITTLE CREEK/CONCLUDED OPPE
11-28-89 COMMENCED FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS
11-29-89 UNDERWAY-VACAPES
11-29-89 ARRIVED-LITTLE CREEK/CONCLUDED FINAL CONTRACT TRIALS
12-04-89 UNDERWAY-KEY WEST, FLA./SHOCK TRIALS
12-07-89 ANCHORED-KEY WEST BAY
12-07-89 UNDERWAY-KEY WEST OPAREA
12-09-89 CONDUCTED FIRST SHOCK DETONATION
12-10-89 ANCHORED-KEY WEST BAY
12-11-89 UNDERWAY-KEY WEST OPAREA
12-12-89 CONDUCTED SECOND SHOCK DETONATION
12-13-89 ANCHORED-KEY WEST BAY
12-14-89 UNDERWAY-KEY WEST OPAREA
12-15-89 CONDUCTED FINAL SHOCK DETONATION
12-16-89 ANCHORED-KEY WEST
12-16-89 UNDERWAY-LITTLE CREEK

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12-18-89 ARRIVED-LITTLE CREEK
12-19-89 UNDERWAY-CRANEY ISLAND
12-19-89 ARRIVED-CRANEY ISLAND/COMMENCED DEFUELING
12-20-89 CONCLUDED DEFUELING/UNDERWAY-METRO MACHINE SHIPYARD, NORFOLK
12-20-89 ARRIVED-METRO MACHINE/COMMENCE POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY (PSA)

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