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New Construction period 11 November 1993 - 31
December 1993.

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COMMAND HISTORY 11 NOVEMBER - 31 DECEMBER 1993

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

I. Mission of PCU JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

JOHN C. STENNIS' mission is to conduct sustained combat air operations in support of our battle group and its commander, through superior combat capability. Additionally, to provide the crew and their families the highest quality of life.

The Precommissioning Unit has a three-fold mission. Training is our first priority in order to be ready to operate the ship safely and efficiently on sea trials after delivery to the Navy. Manning and organizing the ship which includes writing ship/departmental organizational manuals and other directives is next. Finally, assisting the Supervisor of Shipbuilding in conducting quality assurance inspections and extensive testing of the nuclear and non-nuclear systems and spaces, as well as properly outfitting the ship, are ongoing responsibilities as construction progresses.

II. Background

Named after the Senior Senator from Mississippi whose seven terms spanned 1947 to 1988. Senator John C. Stennis, referred to as "the father of America's modern Navy" by former President Reagan, also served as the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee from 1969 to 1980. USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) will be the eighth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the seventh of the NIMITZ class.

The keel of the ship was laid by Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company on 13 March 1991 and the ship was christened by Margaret Stennis Womble, the daughter of Senator Stennis, on 11 November 1993. Vice President Al Gore was the keynote speaker. The ship was launched on 13 November 1993.

III. Organization Structure

a. Immediate Senior in Command is Commander, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

b. The Commanding Officer is CAPT Robert C. Klosterman, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command 15 November 1993.

c. The Executive Officer is CAPT David Architzel, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed the duties of Executive Officer 15 November 1993.

d. The Command Master Chief is ABCM(AW) Richard A. Tick whose biography is attached. He assumed the duties of Command Master Chief 15 November 1993.

e. The Heads of Departments as of 31 December 1993 were:

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| AIMD | LCDR [REDACTED] (Acting) |
| Engineering | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Administration | LCDR [REDACTED] |
| Operations | CDR [REDACTED] (Acting) |
| Reactor | CDR [REDACTED] |
| Religious Ministries | CAPT Robert J. Phillips, CHC |
| Supply | CDR [REDACTED] SC |
| Training | CDR [REDACTED] |

f. As of 31 December 1993, Phase II of the initial manning plan was completed totaling 170 personnel: 33 officers, 37 chief petty officers and 100 junior enlisted personnel.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 11 November 1993 - 31 December 1993

11 Nov - Christening of JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), Shipway 12, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, VA. Commence ship's history.

11 Nov-13 Nov - Inport Newport News, VA

13 Nov - Shift berth from Shipway 12 to Outfitting Berth 1

13 Nov-31 Dec - Inport Newport News, VA

15 Nov - Official Stand-Up of PCU JOHN C. STENNIS

NARRATIVE OF DISTINGUISHED VISITS

November

11 Nov The Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States, the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, Senators Thad Cochran (Mississippi), John W. Warner (Virginia) and Charles S. Robb (Virginia), VADM Bruce DeMars (NAVSEA 08R), Mr. Dana G. Mead (President and CEO, Tenneco Inc.), Mr. W.R. (Pat) Phillips, Jr. (President and CEO, Newport News Shipbuilding), Mrs. Margaret Stennis Womble, Sponsor, and Mrs. Martha A. Stennis, Matron of Honor were Guests of Honor at the Christening of JOHN C. STENNIS.

STATISTICS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY DEPARTMENT

I. AIMD

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| Intermediate Material Readiness List Items on Hand | 54% |
| Calibration Standards on Hand | 28% |
| Category I Items Installed | 60% |
| Category III Items Installed | 23% |

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- Stand Up of the department commenced.

- Implemented Transportation Division for the command providing shuttle and other transportation services.

II. ENGINEERING

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- Stand Up of the department commenced 10 December.

III. EXECUTIVE

Command Career Counselors

- Reenlistments: Second term 2 and career 1 for a total of 3.
- ESWS Awarded 1

Command "Firsts"

- Sailor of the Month
 - Senior: PN2 [REDACTED]
 - Junior: YN3 [REDACTED]
- Sailor of the Quarter
 - EM1(SW) [REDACTED]
- Reenlistment on Board
 - YN2 [REDACTED] on December 2nd on the Flight Deck of CVN 74 by the Commanding Officer
- Ship's Movement with the PCO/PXO on Board
 - Berth shift from Shipway 12 to Outfitting Berth 1 on 13 Nov 1993
- First book donated to the ship's library: Steam, Its Production and Uses by Babcock and Wilcox.

IV. OPERATIONS

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- Commenced department stand up
- Completed manpower review to determine both technical and operator shortfalls throughout Precommissioning process.
- Completed foundation to support self-sufficient communications guard.
- Began interface with program sponsors to develop both operator and technical training for new communications systems installed during Precommissioning (HFRG and NAVMAC II).
- ACES task issued by SUPSHIP for portside bridge rearrangement. Changes pertain to communications panel and better visual access to repeaters.

V. REACTOR

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- Construction of both nuclear propulsion plants continued on track.
- Completed Bettis reactor plant design school in Pittsburgh.
- Established the Basic Nuclear Engineering Qualification (BNEQ) program and the Primary Valve Operator (PVO) Qualification program.
- Established the Quality Control (QC) Division whose function will be to assist Supervisor of Shipbuilding in the quality assurance inspection of nuclear system and spaces.
- Established the Technical Publications Library and associated accounting systems.

VI. RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- MWR committee formed.
- Ombudsman program established.
- Partnership-in-Excellence liaison commenced. Projects scheduled to begin in February 1994.
- Liaison completed with "League of Downtown Churches." Volunteers began helping at a local soup kitchen.
- Initiated many programs in community and crew support areas such as transportation, housing and Morale, Welfare and Recreation services.

VII. SUPPLY

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- Commenced Stand Up of department.
- Initial efforts focused on establishing transportation, housekeeping and administrative support for the Precommissioning Unit.
- Operating Space Items being purchased/requisitioned.
- General Purpose Electrical/Electronic Test Equipment being received with 70.6% of the requisitioned items on hand.

- 34% of the required technical manuals/publications have been received.
- 33% of the records for the expected load COSAL and 66% of the expected Allowance Equipage Lists records have been processed.
- Commenced in-rate and On the Job training in all ratings either on board local commands or assisting in the Stand Up of other departments.

VIII. TRAINING

Narrative Analysis/Comments

- 95% of all personnel reported aboard have attended fire fighting school.
- Established training requirements and lesson plans for School of the Ship scheduled to commence early in January 1994