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(a) OPNAVINST 5720.12E

- Encl: (1) Command History for JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) for period 1 Jan 95 to 31 Dec 95
 - (2) Biographical Information on Commanding Officer
 - (3) Commissioning Booklet and Program
 - (4) Welcome Aboard Brochure
 - (5) JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) Progress Reports 12-22
 - (6) Advance copy and videotape of Commissioning Address by SECDEF

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COMNAVAIRLANT

JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

1995 COMMAND HISTORY

Part I - Command Composition and Organization

A. Mission of JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

The mission of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) and her embarked Air Wing is to conduct sustained combat air operations while forward deployed in the global arena.

- B. Organizational Structure
- 1. Immediate Senior in Command is Commander, Carrier Group Two.
- 2. The Commanding Officer is Captain Robert C. Klosterman, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command of PCU JOHN C. STENNIS November 15, 1993, and USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) on December 9, 1995.
- 3. The Executive Officer is Captain William J. McCarthy, USN. He assumed duties as Executive Officer on December 10, 1995.
- 4. The Command Master Chief is ABCM(AW) Raymond A. Tick, USN. He assumed duties as Command Master Chief on November 15, 1993.
- 5. The Heads of Departments as of December 31, 1995 were:

Department	Name
Administration	CDR
Aircraft Intermediate	CDR
Maintenance Department	
Air	CDR
Communications	LCDR
Combat Systems	CDR
Deck	CDR

Dental	CDR
Engineering	CDR
Legal	LCDR
Medical	CDR
Navigation	CDR
Operations	CDR
Reactor	CAPT James T. Fry
Religious Ministries	CAPT Robert J. Phillips
Safety	CDR
Supply	CDR
Training	CDR
Weapons	CDR

6. On January 1, 1995, 1211 personnel were on board: 107 Officers, 112 Chief Petty Officers and 992 enlisted personnel. On December 31, 1995, 2865 personnel were on board: 169 Officers, 217 Chief Petty Officers and 2479 enlisted personnel.

PART II - CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- 5 Jan 95 Newsweek columnist, Colonel (ret) David Hackworth, visits JCS
- 5 Jan 95 LT Protestant Chaplain, reports for duty
- 6 Jan 95 DFAS Memo dated 6 January 1995 approved establishment of an afloat disbursing function
- 14 Jan 95 CDR Catholic Chaplain, reports for duty
- 15 Jan 95 ShipAlts identified for FY96 Post Shakedown Availability.
 Planning effort starts for ship's first industrial yard
 period, over 18 months in future
- 18 Jan 95 COMNAVAIRLANT conducted pre-crew certification Phase 1A
- 19 Jan 95 LCDR Ship's Nurse, reports for duty
- 23 Jan 95 Initiated and published first comprehensive CVN-68 class Engineering Operating System Sequence (EOSS) and Engineering Operational Casualty Control (EOCC) procedures library for Auxiliary Systems. Library developed by ship's force personnel and approved by COMNAVAIRLANT for CVLANT use.
- 24 Jan 95 Lowered power cylinders into catapult #1
- 27 Jan 95 VADM T. Joseph Lopez, (OPNAV N8), toured the ship
- 31 Jan 95 Main coolant check valve modifications completed in both plants
- 31 Jan 95 Fuel installation for Number Two Plant complete
- 31 Jan 95 AN/SPS-49, AN/SPN-46, AN/SPS-67, AN/SPN-43 radar equipment installation complete
- 31 Jan 95 Two 26-foot Motor Whale Boats delivered
- 1 Feb 95 Stress tested all aircraft elevators
- 1 Feb 95 Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team assist visit
- 6 Feb 95 Type I turnover of all Communications spaces conducted.
- 7 Feb 95 CMS Vault/CRF shop certified by COMCARGRU TWO
- 9 Feb 95 Power cylinders stacked and positioned on strongbacks for Catapult #3

- 10 Feb 95 Completed PMS LOEP/MIP review for departmental workcenters
- 10 Feb 95 Dental X-ray equipment installed
- 11 Feb 95 All fuel cells loaded on board for Number One Plant
- 16 Feb 95 First non-nuclear machinery accepted. Twelve conveyors turned over to ship's force for grooming and operation to support crew move aboard.
- 17 Feb 95 Off hull steam admitted to all non-condensing turbines and main engines in Number Two plant for equipment grooming
- 21-24 Feb 95 Combat Direction Center team training at Dam Neck
- 27 Feb 95 Completed Crew CERT Phase IA (Weapons Department)
- 28 Feb 95 490 compartments accepted to date
- 28 Feb 95 Eight firefighting teams certified by FTC
- 2 Mar 95 COMNAVAIRLANT crew certification assist, CNAL A/C Handling Team
- 3 Mar 95 Number One Plant fuel installation complete
- 5 Mar 95 First CATCC team trainer at NATTC, Millington, TN
- 7 Mar 95 Power cylinders stacked and positioned on strongbacks for Catapult #4
- 7 Mar 95 Dental practice in support of crew at Fort Monroe begins
- 9 MAR 96 First Weapons Department weapons detachment, NAS Fallon, NV
- 17 Mar 95 Communications Department completed move aboard and established 24-hour watch sections
- 17 Mar 95 Initial activation of ship's phone system. Service extends in spaces only below second deck.
- 20 Mar 95 Crew Certification Assist Phase 1A visit for Engineering DEPT complete.
- 20 Mar 95 Catapult dead load testing begins
- 22 Mar 95 Radar Navigation team trainer
- 23 Mar 95 Catapult dead load testing completed
- 21-24 Mar Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team assist visit
- 31 Mar 95 Personnel Receipts Section established

- 31 Mar 95 Number Two Plant primary chemistry established.
- 31 Mar 95 550 compartments accepted to date
- 31 Mar 95 AIMD Cal Lab accepted
- 31 Mar 95 Radar Navigation Team Training, FCTCLANT, Dam Neck
- 31 Mar 95 Twelve firefighting teams certified to date
- 3 Apr 95 Power cylinders lowered and cylinder covers fitted for Catapult #4
- 5 Apr 95 Primary hydrostatic testing completed in Number Two Plant
- 7 Apr 95 First YP craft begins radar navigation training
- 12 Apr 95 Completed cold plant testing with core installed in Number Two Plant
- 22 Apr 95 Weapons Department conducted first magazine sprinkler system testing
- 22 Apr 95 Senator Stennis, Ship's Namesake, passed away
- 22 Apr 95 Dead load testing commenced on Catapult #1
- 25 Apr 95 Dead load testing completed on Catapult #1
- 26 Apr 95 RADM Mobley, COMCARGRU TWO, visited
- 27 Apr 95 Dental spaces accepted
- 28 Apr 95 CDR USN, Weapons Officer, reported for duty
- 30 Apr 95 Completed hot operations with core installed for Number Two Plant
- 30 Apr 95 SUPSHIP conducted sprinkler system testing from local and remote control stations on all shipboard magazines
- 30 Apr 95 Supply Department 3M/DC organization stood up on board FAF
- 30 Apr 95 Initial testing of weapons elevators complete
- 30 Apr 95 Over 800 compartments accepted to date
- 5 May 95 First Electrical Safety Shop opened on board. Electrical Safety program in place and operating one month prior to Crew Move Aboard
- 9 May 95 DENMIS 3.0 installed. Dental test site for program

- 12 May 95 Number One Plant primary filled. Reactor coolant pump venting and primary chemistry establishment completed.
- 15 May 95 Established communications routing for all departments through Message Dissemination Utility (MDU) program
- 16 May 95 First weekly Safety Petty Officer training conducted covering various subjects found in Safety Programs Afloat PQS
- 18 May 95 Crew Certification Phase IA conducted by CNAL.
- 22 May 95 Weapons Consolidated Operability Test (COT) completed
- 24 May 95 Dental chairs installed
- 2 Jun 95 OP Division moves into Aviation Photo Lab
- 4 Jun 95 Engineering stands up watches in Damage Control Central
- 5 Jun 95 Flag raising, JOHN C. STENNIS placed into service
- 5 Jun 95 CAPT Robert C. Klosterman, USN, assumed duties as Officer-In-Charge JOHN C. STENNIS
- 5 Jun 95 Food Service operations commenced on board in aft crew galley and 4 private mess galleys
- 5 Jun 95 Crew moves aboard JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)
- 5 Jun 95 R Division completes first major project by installing over 3000 EEBD holders in berthing compartments in support of crew move aboard
- 5 Jun 95 Library opens on board
- 5 Jun 95 951 spaces accepted to date
- 8 Jun 95 Weapons Department crew move aboard complete
- 8 Jun 95 Engineering Department moves on board
- 9 Jun 95 Successfully completed Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- 10 Jun 95 Steam testing complete on Number 1 & 4 Main Engines
- 11 Jun 95 CATCC Team Trainer 2, NATTC, Millington, TN
- 11 Jun 95 First religious services held on board
- 12 Jun 95 Completed hot operations with core installed for Number One Plant

12 Jun 95 Dead load testing commenced on Catapult #3 15 Jun 95 First patient seen in ship's Dental Clinic 15 Jun 95 Ms Sherri Rostadha, Naval Criminal Investigative Service Agent, reports for duty 19 Jun 95 Test purchase cable reeved onto Arresting Gear Engine #4 19 Jun 95 Medical Department moved operations on board 19 Jun 95 Weapons Department IMRL review completed 23 Jun 95 First Captain's Mast held on board 27 Jun 95 Dead load testing commenced on Catapult #4 27 Jun 95 Runaway catapult shot on Catapult #4 (402 knot endspeed) results in fastest recorded shot 27 Jun 95 X-ray certification received from Portsmouth Naval Hospital 29 Jun 95 Family Support Group meets R Division workcenters open and operating. On board repair 30 Jun 95 and manufacturing capabilities fully ready to support all ship requirements. 30 Jun 95 Inspections of potable water tanks and food stores were established and maintained. Stock Control Division (S1) implemented a PC based 30 Jun 95 mechanized tracking of outstanding initial outfitting requisitions for crew support 30 Jun 95 Vending operations established on board 30 Jun 95 Full laundry and dry cleaning service offered on board. 1 Jul 95 First training quarter of Preventive Maintenance commenced. PMS implementation is well over 75% Deck Department accepted port and starboard motor whale 1 Jul 95 boats First CMS material received on board to support 5 Jul 95 ISE 7 Jul 95 At 2357, achieved initial criticality Number Two Reactor Plant

RADHAZ testing to validate HFRG antennas

First meeting of Safety Council

11 Jul 95

13 Jul 95

Dead load testing completed on Catapult #4 14 Jul 95 14 Jul 95 Magazine sprinkler PSTA complete 16 Jul 95 Hot physics testing completed in Number 2 Plant 20 Jul 95 Crew CERT Phase I conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT completed with outstanding results 27 Jul 95 Crash and Salvage Team placed 3rd in CINCLANTFLT Crash and Salvage competition 27 Jul 95 COMNAVAIRLANT completed physical security inspection of Ship's Signal Exploitation Spaces (SSES) 31 Jul 95 Hazardous Inventory Control System installed 31 Jul 95 JCS established homepage on Internet 31 Jul 95 Attendance at School of the Ship peaked at over 300 students. Post Office (S12) moved from a mailroom in Building 1 Aug 95 608 to a full operating post office 2 Aug 95 Functional testing commenced on all arresting gear engines Arresting Gear Engines 3, 4 and barricade tested 3 Aug 95 successfully Testing commenced on all four jet blast deflectors 3 Aug 95 5 Aug 95 Completed Power Range Testing in Number 2 Plant CATCC Team Trainer 3, NATTC, Millington, TN 6 Aug 95 JMCIS computer installed for JTIDS system 8 Aug 95 CV-ASWM certification 8 Aug 95 At 2130, achieved initial criticality Number One Reactor 11 Aug 95 Plant 14 Aug 95 All temporary off-ship telephone lines removed and complete telephone service supplied for the first time by Definity 75 system 14 Aug 95 CHT system turned over to ship's force. Pipe Shop answers 28 trouble calls first day of operation First General Quarters exercise conducted 15 Aug 95

COMCARGRU TWO toured ship

15 Aug 95

- 15 Aug 95 Ship's Store number 3 opened
- 20 Aug 95 Hot physics testing completed in Number 1 Plant
- 24 Aug 95 Hangar Deck AFFF sprinkler flow test
- 28 Aug 95 LCDR Judge Advocate, reports for duty
- 30 Aug 95 Completed Power Range Testing in Number One Plant.
- 31 Aug 95 Hangar Bay non-skid completed
- 31 Aug 95 Commander Naval Supply Systems Command selected JOHN C. STENNIS to prototype Food Service Management (FSM) Release III
- 31 Aug 95 Deck Department accepted Captain's Gig
- 3 Sep 95 First religious worship services conducted in ship's chapel
- 5 Sep 95 Meteorological Office fully operational
- 8 Sep 95 Intelligence (OZ) moves into CVIC spaces
- 8 Sep 95 Automatic Carrier Landing System (ACLS) (dockside) certification
- 9 Sep 95 Inclining experiment conducted to determine stability characteristics of ship. CVN-74 returns to pier bow-in in support of Builder's Sea Trials. Sally ship is conducted to determine ship's roll period.
- 12 Sep 95 Catapult testing and Dock Trials complete
- 14 Sep 95 Precision Approach Landing System (PALS) certification category II conducted pierside at NNS with NAWCAD F/A-18
- 14 Sep 95 Acceptance Trials INSURV brief
- 15 Sep 95 NWPL library established
- 15 Sep 95 Centralized secret control established
- 15 Sep 95 Central issue Respirator Program established
- 16 Sep 95 JOHN C. STENNIS held Open Ship for NNS employees
- 19 Sep 95 Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team program review
- 21 Sep 95 Testing completed on all four jet blast deflectors

21 Sep 95 Functional testing and flush of magazine sprinklers completed 21 Sep 95 COMNAVAIRLANT commenced Crew Certification Phase II 22 Sep 95 Functional testing completed on all arresting gear engines 22 Sep 95 Successfully passed Crew CERT Phase II inspection with outstanding results 23 Sep 95 First helicopter landing 23 Sep 95 Tower certified for helicopter operations 23 Sep 95 Installation of non-skid completed on flight deck 24 Sep 95 Integrated Maintenance Office (IMO) commences operation 28 Sep 95 Conducted SOVTs on NAVMACS II, DAMA, WSC-3 SATCOMS, Single Audio Systems (SAS), and Black Analog System (BAS) 28 Sep 95 Weapons Department Type III acceptance/fitting out of all assigned spaces completed 28 Sep 95 Conducted first Fast Cruise Engineering Department watchstanders complete all 29 Sep 95 proficiency training during Crew Certification and Fast Cruise. Three sections of underway watchstanders fully qualified 29 Sep 95 Completed fuel system certification, the earliest a CVN fuel cert was ever completed 1 Oct 95 Second PMS training quarter begins. PMS implementation is 100% as all systems are accepted for Builder's Trials 3-6 Oct Builder's Sea Trials. 3 Oct initial underway Independent Steaming Exercises/Builder's Sea Trials operations in VACAPES Flight Deck Counter-Measures Wash Down testing complete 3 Oct 95 3 Oct 95 Conducted first Detect-to-Engage sequence at sea with performance tests of both NSSMS and CIWS Conducted first Man Overboard drill at sea 3 Oct 95 3 Oct 95 Builder's Sea Trials PALS practice conducted underway with NAWCAD F/A-18 5 Oct 95 Accepted the A/W-37t-1 Jet engine test cell and successfully operated a TF-30-P-414A engine.

6 Oct 95 First aircraft carrier ever to complete Airborne Noise Survey during Pre-commissioning Phase (Builder's Trials) 11 Oct 95 First Prayer Breakfast 14 Oct 95 Quality Control Inspector and Quality Assistant training programs established on board 23-27 Oct Acceptance Trials (AT) conducted by Board of Inspection and Survey 24 Oct 95 Performed X-Ray survey of NDI Lab X-Ray vault 24 Oct 95 Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted training audit 25 Oct 95 Final certification received during Acceptance Trials for NIXIE system 29 Oct 95 CATCC team trainer refresher, NATTC Millington, TN 30 Oct 95 Operating room, laboratory, X-ray, pharmacy, ward and intensive care unit completed and ready for patient care. During Acceptance Trials, first medical evacuation of an injured Sailor conducted from ship to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. 30 Oct 95 Supply outfitted 255 officer staterooms COMCARGRU TWO toured ship 6 Nov 95 8 Nov 95 Compartment Acceptance Team (CAT) is disbanded. CAT accepted every space on board at a rate that exceeded every previous CVN precommissioning unit. Despite a seven and one-half month acceleration in the delivery schedule, the CAT accepted 2708 quality spaces. 9 Nov 95 Ship delivered by Newport News Shipbuilding 9 Nov 95 Dedication of the "Miff" Room in honor of Newport News Shipbuilding CVN Construction Manager, W. B. Miffleton, Jr. 9 Nov 95 Individual Combat Equipment (ICE) Allowance accepted by ship's force 13 Nov 95 Underway from Newport News Shipbuilding 13 Nov 95 First major surgical procedure accomplished 14 Nov 95 Conducted Quickdraw at sea with .50 caliber machine guns on station Arrived Naval Station Norfolk 14 Nov 95

- 15 Nov 95 Digital Photo Lab (AN/UYQ 78(V)1) installed
- 17 Nov 95 Noritsu 1501 Mini-Lab installed
- 26 Nov 95 First Baptisms on board
- 29 Nov 95 Approximately 70,000 stock records established in SUADPS in excess of \$270 Million
- 30 Nov 95 School of the Ship terminated operations at Building KBB.
 Facilities and BEQ at Constitution Hall returned to Naval
 Station Norfolk
- 8 Dec 95 Ship's Carpentry Shop manufactures a full size replica of Senator John C. Stennis' senate desk for the John C. Stennis Room.
- 8 Dec 95 Dedication of Freedom Shrine
- 9 Dec 95 Commissioning Ceremony. Commissioning Pennant hauled up ship commissioned by the Honorable John Dalton, Secretary of the Navy. CAPT Robert C. Klosterman, USN, assumed command.
- 9 Dec 95 Hosted ship's commissioning receptions for over 17,000 crewmembers and guests, including Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, CNO, several federal, state and locally elected officials, and numerous flag officers
- 9 Dec 95 NATO programs account established
- 10 Dec 95 All Faith Service
- 10 Dec 95 First Baptisms post commissioning
- 11 Dec 95 DAGE cameras installed in flight deck
- 13-15 Dec Underway, VACAPES OPAREA
- 13 Dec 95 First underway GQ conducted on board
- 13 Dec 95 Conducted coordinated ASW operations with HS-75, VP-26 and USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750)
- 14 Dec 95 First alongside approaches and alongside conning took place with USS KALAMAZOO (AOR 6). Two approaches executed for training.
- 14 Dec 95 Successfully operated the first F-404-GE-400 engine on A/W37T-1 jet engine test cell
- 15 Dec 95 First anchorage in vicinity of Chesapeake Light
- 16 Dec 95 First exercise Emergency Action Message received

PART III - NARRATIVE

<u>January</u>, 1995:

On 5 Jan 95, Newsweek columnist Colonel(ret) David Hackworth toured the ship to gather information to write a story on the need for aircraft carriers.

DFAS Memo dated 6 January 1995 approved establishment of an afloat disbursing function and assigned Disbursing Office Symbol number 7474. Treasury checks ordered. Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond letter dated 5 January 1995 acknowledged establishment and provided CA\$H-LINK Identification Number (CIN) deposit information (number, account, and procedures).

On 15 Jan, ShipAlts are identified for the FY96 Post Shakedown Availability. Planning effort starts for the ship's first industrial yard period, over 18 months in the future.

Power cylinders to Catapult #1 lowered.

All main coolant check valve modifications complete in both plants.

Reactor Department commenced drill team walk-throughs utilizing a core group of senior experienced individuals.

Vice Admiral T. Joseph Lopez, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments (N-8), toured the ship on 27 January and discussed general construction progress.

A Family Support Group meeting was held 31 January.

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING POB	<u>COB</u>	CURRENT	ONBD	% END	STRENGTH
Officers:	160	116			73%	
Enlisted:	2,927	1,305			45%	
CPO:	197	126			64%	
E6&below:	2,730	1,179			43%	

February, 1995:

The Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit 1 February providing an excellent level of knowledge review in preparation for the Reactor Safequards Examination.

One hundred thirty-seven first class petty officers participated in Navy-wide advancement exams for Chief Petty Officer.

Crew Cert 1A assist visit conducted by CNAL N85 27 Feb 95 for Weapons and Operations Departments.

Completed Phase (1) PMS LOEP/MIP review for 5 Weapons Departmental Divisions/workcenters 10 February.

Off hull steam from "Nancy Lee" admitted to Number Two Plant to groom non-condensing turbines and Number 2 and 3 Main Engines, 17 February.

Training commenced with objective of having two qualified catapult and arresting gear teams by commissioning and to fuel helicopters during Builder's Trials.

All main coolant check valve internal modifications completed in both plants. Closure Head for Number One Plant installed.

Conducted CDC Team Training at CVN ACDS Mock-up Trainer at FCTCLANT Dam Neck from 21 to 24 February.

Reactor Department commenced drill walk throughs with all four crews.

CVN-74 Delivery Team introductory meeting 28 February. This initial meeting introduced members of the team, which include representatives from Ship's Force, SUPSHIP and Newport News Shipbuilding, and included a review of responsibilities and milestones.

Eighty-one JOHN C. STENNIS personnel participated in at sea training on other units.

Submitted request to Defense Printing and Publications Service Office for a change to the AEL for the Document Automation Center (Print Shop) 21 February. This state of the art equipment will support reproduction services for ship's company, embarked staff and Air Wing, and Battle Group units.

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING F	OB COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	160	119	74%
Enlisted:	2,927	1,395	48%
CPO:	197	136	69%
E6&below:	2,730	1,259	46%

March, 1995:

First CATTC Team Trainer completed at NATTC, Millington, TN, 6 to 17 March. Air Operations Officer, Assistant Air Ops Officer, CATTC Supervisor (ACCS) and 11 AC's (E-5 to E-6) participated.

Participated in Joint Services Tactical Exercise (JSTE) 3-95 with COMCARGRU TWO and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) from 9 to 12 March at

ACDS mock-up. This provided simulated GCI and ASUW support with Air Force, Army and Marine Corps personnel.

Number One Plant fuel installation completed 3 March and initial fill over core for Number Two Plant completed 18 March. Numbers 2 and 3 Main Engines spin tested 20 March.

The CNAL Aircraft Handling Team provided a Crew Certification assist visit 16 March.

Family Support Group met 16 March 1995 with 40 spouses present.

LCDR James R. Toole, Jr. Communications Officer, checked aboard 17 March.

Radar Navigation Team Training conducted at FCTCLANT Dam Neck, VA.

IM-3 Division Calibration Laboratory (Shop 11) space accepted from Newport News Shipbuilding; shop equipment loaded on board.

March Navy-wide advancement examinations administered to 403 JOHN C. STENNIS Sailors.

Crew Certification Assist visit for Engineering Department completed 20 March.

Dead load testing completed on catapult #2. Power cylinders on catapult 3 lowered and cylinder covers fitted. Power cylinders to catapult #4 put in position. Nineteen person detachment aboard USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69) completed 15 watch station qualifications and 39 partial qualifications. Qualifier designations in progress for a Catapult Launch Officer. Catapult Test Team qualifications 90% complete.

First Weapons Department Weapons detachment to NAS Fallon, NV in support of CV-66/CVW-1 7 March - 31 March.

Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit 21 - 23 March in preparation for the Reactor Safeguards Examination.

Primary chemistry established in Number Two Plant 31 March. Reactor Laboratories Division implemented an observed evolution program for primary and secondary chemistry analysis. Reactor Controls Division implemented an observed evolution program for planned maintenance. A reactor theory examination was administered to all Reactor Department personnel.

Personnelmen and Yeoman responsible for personnel accounting completed Source Data System-Afloat training at NAVMASSO in Chesapeake 16 March. Assumed responsibility for personnel accounting from PSD NAVSTA Norfolk 1 April.

Communications Department formally established and fully functioning on board ship with a 24-hour watch section.

Student load for School of the Ship averaged 100 during March.

At sea training continued with 121 CVN-74 personnel embarked on LANTLFLT carriers.

Magazine Sprinkler Systems tested satisfactorily.

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING POB	COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	160	128	80%
Enlisted:	2,927	1,532	52%
CPO:	197	148	75%
E6&below:	2,730	1,384	51%

April, 1995:

Senator John C. Stennis passed away Saturday, April 22 at the age of 93. Eight JOHN C. STENNIS personnel traveled to Mississippi 26 April to attend the grave side service of Senator John C. Stennis. Sailors were invited to join the Commanding Officer at the Stennis home following service. Included were Command Master Chief, Junior and Senior Sailors of the Year and Public Affairs Officer. The fact 24 active senators attended the service in DeKalb, MS, reflected the respect his colleagues held for Senator Stennis.

Shipyard delivery of spaces continued to increase with 97 compartments accepted this month, bringing the total to over 800.

Dead-load testing began on catapult #1. Power cylinders to catapult #4 lowered. NAWC Lakehurst thoroughly investigated chrome pitting and flaking on launch valves reported in February's progress report. Only minor pitting discovered.

Control Rod Drive Mechanism (CRDM) stator water jackets and shock mounts completed on Number One Plant during week of 10 April.

Weapons Department conducted first magazine sprinkler system tests for all conventional ordnance magazines 22 April.

Primary hydrostatic testing for Number Two Plant completed seven days ahead of schedule 5 April, 26 days less than allotted time. Cold plant testing completed 12 April, 7 days less than allotted.

Rear Admiral Joseph S. Mobley, USN, Commander, Carrier Group TWO toured the ship and both reactor plants 26 April.

Number Two Plant hot operations completed 30 April ahead of schedule. Time lost earlier in construction program was recovered during this phase of testing.

IM-3 Division Generator/Battery (Shop 1) space accepted. Electric and Instrument Repair (Shop 10) and gun system shop spaces accepted.

Calibration Laboratory inducted first calibration standards into NADEP Norfolk for calibration.

Off hull steam from "Nancy Lee" admitted into Number One Plant for all non-condensing turbines and Number 1 and 4 Main Engines grooming.

At sea training continues with 119 JOHN C. STENNIS personnel participating in training aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), USS AMERICA (CV 66), and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

Initial testing of all Weapons Elevators complete. LS-1 Emergency Ordnance Handling Platform testing complete.

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING	POB	COB	CURRENT	ONBD	૪	END	STRENGTH
Officers:	160		136		8	359	ŧ	
Enlisted:	2,927	1,	715		Ę	599	ŧ	
CPO:	197		161		8	329	ŧ	
E6&below:	2,730	1,	, 554		Ę	579	ŧ	

May, 1995:

Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit conducted 2 - 4 May in preparation for the Reactor Safeguards Examination.

Number One Plant reactor coolant pump venting and primary plant chemistry establishment completed 12 May.

Weapons Department air-launched weapons Consolidated Operability Test (COT) completed 22 May.

IM-3 Division, Calibration Laboratory initiated the ship's Gage Calibration Program.

Qualifications continued with detachments on board USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69), USS AMERICA (CV 66) and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73).

Primary hydrostatic test completed for Number One Plant.

Reactor Department satisfied Commanding Officer's Reactor Safeguards Examination (RSE).

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING	POB COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	160	139	87%
Enlisted:	2,927	1,911	65%
CPO:	197	170	87%
E6 & below:	2,730	1,741	64%

June, 1995:

NAVSEA 08 conducted Reactor Safeguards Examination 7 - 9 June. Examination completed successfully, certifying readiness for initial criticality for both Reactor Plants.

0800, 5 June, first official shipboard flag raising took place as JOHN C. STENNIS was placed "in service." Captain Robert C. Klosterman, USN designated Officer in Charge, JOHN C. STENNIS, assuming responsibility for and custody of special nuclear material. This date marked the beginning of the transition to full shipboard operations. Watches officially set at both brows, mess decks and wardroom in full operation, and approximately one half of the crew living aboard.

In support of crew move aboard, over 200 spaces accepted this month bringing total to 951 as of 5 June.

Ship's Administrative Office and Captain's Office, as well as Public Affairs Office, operating in assigned shipboard spaces. Ship's Gym operational, providing Nautilus, rowing machines, lifecycles and other workout equipment. Print Shop accepted.

Weapons Department review of IMRL support equipment completed 19 June.

Student loading for School of the Ship increased to 186. At sea training continues with 121 JOHN C. STENNIS personnel at sea on board USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), USS AMERICA (CV 66), USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70), USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), and USS CONOLLY (DD 979).

CATCC Team Trainer 2 conducted with Air Operations personnel scoring 98%.

Dead-load testing completed on catapult #3. Catapult #4 had a bridle break away from a 70,000 pound dead-load during testing resulting in a 402 knot runaway shot. This became the fastest catapult shot on record. Damage to the power pistons and shuttle assembly was extensive but did not impact ship's delivery date. Initial training began for tower personnel.

IM-2 Division Tire/Wheel and Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI) Laboratory spaces accepted. The NDI Laboratory performed first NDI's on numerous items of support equipment. Armament Equipment shop space accepted. Cheatham Annex detachment expanded with the addition of a full time division officer and full time LCPO.

Number One Plant hot operations completed 12 June, five days ahead of schedule. Steam testing completed on Number One and Four Main Engines 10 June.

Vending Operations established 30 June. Eight soda machines produced sales of \$136,388.29 from sales of 272,776 cans of soda.

Full laundry and dry cleaning established on board 30 June. Processed 56,756 pounds (28 tons) of bulk laundry from June to December and pressed 11,825 khaki items.

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING POB	COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	160	141	88%
Enlisted:	2,927	2,142	73%
CPO:	197	175	89%
E6&below:	2,730	,967	72%

July, 1995:

Initial criticality of Number Two Reactor achieved at 2357, 7 July.

Shipboard move aboard complete. Fort Eustis barracks complex and the floating accommodation facility turned back to SUPSHIP.

First meeting of Safety Council. Chaired by Commanding Officer, Safety Council meetings discussed mishap trends, Navy Occupational Safety and Health issues and safety program implementation.

Print Shop received the Xerox DocuTech Model 135 Electronic Printer and the Kodak 1580 Copier.

EPMAC grants NAVMACS V5 operators waiver (NEC-2350) allowing BUPERS more flexibility to fill E-4 and below billets. No formal school set up for NAVMACS II; Computer Based Training issued for training on NAVMACS System with excellent response from trainees.

Hazardous Inventory Control System installed. Two storerooms (1-228-5-K and 1-225-3-Q) were initially utilized. By 31 December, five storerooms and the hazardous material trailer were utilized.

Magazine Sprinkler PSTA completed by SUPSHIP, NAVSSES and Ship's Force 14 July.

IM-2 Division X-Ray film processing darkroom accepted. IM-3 Division IRDS/EOTS (Shop 2) AAM-60 installed; ECM/COMSEC (Shop 3) NEWTS bench installed and COMSEC Cage inspected. TARPS (Shop 6) space accepted; Nicad Battery shop space accepted. Cheatham Annex detachment has 32 personnel assigned full time to expedite inspecting, inventorying and packaging Support Equipment for shipment to CVN-74.

Completed Crew Certification Phase I on 20 July.

Flight deck crew participated in the Crash Olympics, placing third among all LANTFLT carriers. Several local news organizations as well as Navy Broadcasting covered event and interviewed CVN-74 sailors who finished less than one point behind USS AMERICA's first place score of 98.41%.

Student loading for School of the Ship peaked at 258 students.

JOHN C. STENNIS went On Line. The JOHN C. STENNIS home page contained several general news releases with photographs. The Ship's Navigator coordinated the homepage and received computer space courtesy of the Navy On-Line Web Server, Pensacola. Homepage address: http://www.navy.mil.

At sea training continues with 121 JOHN C. STENNIS personnel on board USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), USS AMERICA (CV 66), USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) and USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69).

CVN-74 manning:

	COMMISSIONING	POB COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	160	153	96%
Enlisted:	2,927	2,322	79%
CPO:	197	184	93%
E6&below:	2,730	2,138	78%

August, 1995:

Over 1500 spaces accepted by ship's force to date. Difference between spaces accepted by SUPSHIP and ship's force, normally about 400 - 500 spaces, is closing rapidly.

Post Office (S12) moved from a mailroom status in building 608 to a full operating Post Office 1 August. A \$100,000 flexible credit account stamp stock received from the United States Postal Service (USPS) to allow customer service of postal products. Received an initial allowance of 4,000 blank money orders. All postal services provided with exception of Collection on Delivery (COD) and Express Mail. Eight mail boxes installed throughout ship.

Print Shop operational with reprographic equipment including the Xerox DocuTech Model 135 Electronic Printer, the Kodak 1580 Copier and a Riso duplicator.

Commander Naval Supply Systems Command selected USS JOHN C. STENNIS to prototype Food Service Management (FSM) Release III. The system was designed to enhance posting of receipts, requisitions (multi-vendor requisitions) on screen viewing and corrections from the screen.

IM-2 Division Paraloft, Aviation Hydraulic & Pneumatic Ancillary shop spaces accepted. IM-3 Division, ECM/COMSEC (Shop 3), space accepted; F-18 Modular Repair (Shop 4) two USM470(V)2 ATS stations, one USM484 HTS and Power Conditioner installed; Thirty-five different systems tested and checked at NAS Oceana AIMD.

Number One Plant initial criticality occurred 2130, 11 August. The "NANCY LEE" steam barge experienced some difficulty during plant heatup. Testing delayed while switching over to KENTUCKY boiler for shore steam supply.

Rear Admiral Joseph S. Mobley, USN, Commander, Carrier Group TWO toured ship including both reactor plants 15 August.

ASW Module certified. CATCC Team Trainer 3 conducted with Air Operations personnel scoring 97.4%.

Catapult electrician, FRESNEL Lens and ILARTS equipment operator training continued aboard CVN-65, CVN-69 and CVN-73. Hydrostatic and functional testing of all arresting gear components successfully completed. Progress continued toward September's Phase 2 Crew Certification.

Number One Reactor Plant power range testing completed 30 August, seven days ahead of schedule.

Grand Opening of Ship Store #3 held 15 August with opening day sales totaling \$4,500.00. Local vendors donated 54 items for a free drawing to support the Grand Opening. These items included a sailboat, grill, VCR, radio, watches, cameras, tapes, CDs and ball caps. Ship Store sales reached a record \$27,000 in August (a 33 percent increase from shore site sales).

CVN-74 manning: 2,554

	COMMISSIONING F	OB COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	160	157	98%
Enlisted:	2,927	2,397	82%
CPO:	197	186	95%
E6&below:	2,730	2,211	81%

September, 1995:

Number Four Emergency Diesel Generator experienced a crankcase explosion 1 September; no personnel injuries or peripheral damage.

Chapel officially accepted 31 August. Sunday, 3 September, Catholic Mass and Protestant Worship Services celebrated.

Ship turned bow in 9 September to allow Dock Trials to commence. Turn went smoothly, and included successful completion of the Inclining Experiment. Just over 200 ship's force personnel remained aboard during the Inclining Experiment.

Weapons Elevators. Lower stages 2, 3, 4 and 6, and upper stages 1 and 2 accepted by ship's force.

JOHN C. STENNIS Sailors active in assisting Newport News Shipbuilding in their 16 September Open House. Estimate over 25,000 people visited the ship for Hangar Bay and Flight Deck tours.

F/A-18 Hornet services used to conduct Precision Approach Landing System (PALS) certification. Second YP Craft training held in the Chesapeake Bay. First Fast Cruise in preparation for Builder's Trials.

Successfully passed Crew Certification Phase II. State of safety training evaluated during simulated underway operations in the

following areas: respiratory protection, heat stress, hazardous material and hearing conservation.

Initial functional testing/flushing of magazine sprinkling systems completed by Weapons Department personnel without discrepancy.

Weapons Department accepted 30 Raymond Reach Type EE Electric Forklift trucks and established operator training program.

First aircraft carrier ever to complete Airborne Noise Survey during Pre-commissioning Phase (Builders Trials). Over 200 spaces accessed by shipyard personnel to identify noise hazardous areas.

Over 1,900 spaces accepted by ship's force to date.

JP-5 fuel system certified while inport and prior to Builder's Trials; first time evolution accomplished while inport for new construction CVN. Tower crew qualified for first helicopter evolution. During non-skid color topping application by ship's force, residual flight deck shot from flight deck blasting were discovered on large areas of the flight deck. Investigations determined poor shipyard procedures in flight deck preparation and application of non-skid. Corrective action was taken to remedy the situation and no other problems occurred. Final fits completed on all four catapults. Catapult #1 and #2 JBD tests completed and catapult #3 and #4 JBD's certification began. Arresting gear engines #1 and #4 preliminary photogrammetry inspection showed Fairlead Sheave movement exceeding test criteria during hydrostatic testing. Retesting satisfactorily completed prior to Acceptance Trials.

Catapult testing and Dock Trials completed 12 September.

Completed onload of 1,366 line items of AWSE and 1,134 of IMRL line items.

Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a comprehensive program review 19 September.

Fast Cruise conducted 25 - 30 September. Reactor Department executed a total of 93 drills in eleven drill sets on three watch teams in each reactor plant in preparation for Builder's and Acceptance Trials.

Final space turnover of all propulsion spaces completed 23 September.

The first complex of its type, the Integrated Maintenance Office (IMO) opened. The IMO is designed to include all maintenance and repair functions in one space to provide customer friendly support. The tech library, 3M Officer, Maintenance Office, R Division Office and QA Office are all housed together.

IM-2 Division Flotation and 81C Oxygen Shops accepted; Jet Engine Shop accepted; IRDS/EOTS (Shop 2) space accepted. ECM/COMSEC (Shop 3) received the ALM133, ALM143 and ALM178 benches; ATE Modular Repair (Shop 5) CAT IIID bench installed; Shop 8 CASS and VTS stations installed; Communication and Navigation (Shop 9) accepted. Over 8,400 items of

Support Equipment packed for shipment to CVN-74 or St. Julian's Creek facility. First Support Equipment arrived on board.

Khaki Barber shop opened with 5 chairs and 2 barbers on 29 Sep 95. 13,425 haircuts provided first year.

October, 1995:

Builder's Sea Trials conducted 3 - 7 October in VACAPES Operating Area. Exercised all major ship's systems. Admiral DeMars (NAVSEA 08) and Rear Admiral Robinson (NAVSEA 03) observed first two days of Trials and expressed great satisfaction with performance of the ship and crew. Helicopter operations successfully conducted on a daily basis. Received a Visual Landing Aids Interim Facility certification authorizing helicopter operations. Trials were successful, with all major systems tests and demonstrations completed on or ahead of schedule.

Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a training audit 24 October in preparation for the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

The underway portion of Acceptance Trials successfully conducted 24 - 25 October. Trials were a complete success by every measure. All key events were completed successfully with no major material problems. All delivery limiting discrepancies corrected. Significant Reactor Department accomplishments during INSURV were the completion of a four hour full power run and several drill sets, demonstrations and open and inspects. RADM Olson, CAPT Pratt and the entire INSURV Team gave the ship careful scrutiny and were impressed with the quality of construction, cleanliness of the ship and current state of ship's programs. Acceptance Trials (AT) completed 27 October.

Launch valve packing removed on all catapults in preparation for final inspection of plug shafts by NAWC Lakehurst Test Engineers.

Ship's daily at-sea newspaper, "The Statesman", first published during Fast Cruise and Builder's Trials. This event, combined with initial operations of the ship's closed circuit television and FM radio stations, mark major steps forward in crew quality of life services.

IM-2 Division NDI Lab X-ray vault survey completed; and A/W37T-1 Jet Engine Test Cell accepted; first engine run (TF-30-P-414A) successfully completed during Builder's Trials. IM-3 Division; F-14 Modular Repair Shop space accepted; NADEP NORIS assist team onboard to commence bench set up. ATE Repair Shop accepted from Newport News Shipbuilding and NADEP NORIS field team onboard to set up IMUTS, CAT IIID, HTS and RADCOM stations. Radar/Fire Control (Shop 7) space accepted, and AWM23 MTS, LFTS and RFTS benches installed. C&DTS and CTS completed calibration; Auxillary Equipment Room accepted. USM686 CASS stations turned on the first time. Microminiature Repair Shop space accepted.

All Weapons elevators, magazine fire protection sprinkler systems, ordnance magazines, top side lockers .50 cal. mounts/lockers, and Passive Filtration Unit accepted by ship's force.

Anchor windlass system turned over to Ship's Force. All INSURV demonstrations completed with the exception of port windlass electric brake.

All aircraft elevators systems turned over to Ship's Force. All INSURV demonstrations completed on Builder's Sea Trials. All elevators operational.

First ship's Prayer Breakfast held in the First Class Mess.

All radar systems testing completed and verified during Builder's Sea Trials.

NSSMS and CIWS testing complete, all three launchers/TAS system and all four mounts successfully tested during Builder's Sea Trials.

All Air Conditioning plants and chilled water system turned over to Ship's Force.

Over 2400 spaces accepted by Ship's Force to date.

Six NAVMACS II personnel qualified, 2 HFRG watchstations. JQR's submitted for NAVMACS II and HFRG to CNAL for approval. All Communications equipment tested satisfactorily.

Supply outfitted 255 officer staterooms for full hotel service, filling all rooms to capacity during Builder's Sea Trials and Acceptance Trials.

Ship's Brig initially manned with 18 personnel. Intensive training and under instruction watches conducted on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73), and the Naval Brig, Norfolk, prior to final qualification.

Ship's Force repair percentage higher than any previous carrier during same period.

CVN-74 manning as of 10 October:

	COMMISSIONING POB	COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	161	167	104%
Enlisted:	2,927 2	,457	84%
CPO:	197	210	107%
E6&below:	2,730 2	,247	82%

November, 1995:

Rear Admiral Robert Williamson, USN, Commander Carrier Group TWO, toured Number Two Reactor Auxiliaries Room and Number Two Enclosed Operating Station 6 November.

With SUADPS online, issues made from storerooms with automated picking tickets printed in Main Issue Storerooms I and II. NAVMASSO assisted

with implementation and troubleshooting of the Integrated Barcode System (IBS). OSI and excess GUCL distributed to ship reducing the material onhand Cheatham Annex to 100 pallets from 3,600. Approximately 70,000 stock records established in SUADPS in excess of \$270 Million. Generated first SUADPS financial report.

JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) delivered to the Navy 9 November, more than seven months ahead of the originally contracted delivery date of 30 June 1996.

Following ship's delivery, Wardroom Lounge #3 was dedicated to Mr. W. B. Miffleton, Newport News Shipbuilding Construction Superintendent. Displays were donated to JOHN C. STENNIS by Newport News Shipbuilding as a commissioning gift.

JOHN C. STENNIS departed Newport News Shipbuilding 13 November, arriving at Naval Station, Norfolk, 14 November.

All catapult equipment accepted by ship's force. Launch valve steam packing replaced following final inspection of launch valve plugs by NAWC. All arresting gear engines de-reeved for restacks. Barricade engine prepared for removal of test cable and installation of operational purchase cable. All ILARTS cameras installed, however, picture quality is unacceptable.

Weapons Department accepted combat equipment that included ship's small arms and .50 caliber machine guns 9 November

IM-2 Division Tire/Wheel Shop successfully built-up F-14 and F/A-18 nose and main mount tire/wheel assemblies; HCT-10 and Servocylinder Test Station (STS) verified; Electro Hydraulics Actuator Test Stand (EHATS) received; CASS (Shop) CASS bench verification on 3 of 5 stations completed. NAVAIRSYSCOM, NAWC Lakehurst, CNAL and MMCO completed IMRL line item review. IM-4 Division moved from St. Julien's Creek Annex and set up maintenance on board ship.

All spaces turned over to Ship's Force.

CVN-74 manning as of 9 November:

	COMMISSIONING	POB COB	CURRENT ONBD % END STRENGTH
Officers:	161	169	106%
Enlisted:	2,927	2,548	87%
CPO:	197	213	108%
E6&below:	2,730	2,335	86%

December, 1995:

Dedication of Freedom Shrine 8 December in First Class Mess. Display highlights great documents from American history. Freedom Shrine is a gift of the Exchange Club of Meridian, Mississippi to the crew of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74).

Ship commissioned 9 December. Despite cold weather, approximately 17,000 witnessed the "Come Alive" ceremony. Defense Secretary William J. Perry was the principal speaker. In addition Senators Thurman, Warner, Robb, Cochran, Lott, Representatives Sisisky, Scott, Picket, and Thompson were in attendance. The "Come Alive" was ordered by Mrs. Margaret Stennis Womble, ship's sponsor and daughter of the late Senator.

40mm saluting battery fired in support of commissioning. Nineteen rounds fired for official honors 9 December.

All Faiths Service of Worship 10 December. Service conducted by Reverend Julian Stennis, nephew of Senator Stennis. The service was open to the crew and families. Held in conjunction with commissioning events.

Formed Combat Systems Department from OE Division and S-7 (ADP). Combat Systems consists of CSD, CSC, CSR, CSM, CSS. Operations Department now consists of OA, OC, OI, OM, OP, OS, OX and OZ divisions.

Conducted first underway period in commissioned service. Highlights included "leap frog" exercises with USS KALAMAZOO (AOR 6), in preparation for underway replenishment, general quarters drills, and precision anchorage at "Buoy A." Conducted first ASW Coordinated Operations exercise with USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750), HSL-75 and PATRON 26.

IM-2 Division; the first F-404-GE-400 engine on the A/W37T-1 Jet Engine Test Cell successfully tested. IRDS/EOTS Shop, AAM60 and USM629 bench verification completed. ECM/COMSEC Shop; completed the NEWTS bench verification. COM/NAV Shop, AN/ARM 200 certified for use. Microminiature Repair Shop, 2M site certified by COMNAVAIRLANT.

All BALL BROTHERS cameras replaced by DAGE cameras. Resolution and clarity is significantly improved. Restacks completed and purchase cables installed on all arresting gear engines.

Throughout the year, the Legal Division assisted the Commanding Officer in disposing of 219 nonjudicial punishment cases, which included 37 drug cases and 58 alcohol related cases. Additionally, 5 courts-martial were conducted, and 55 administrative separations effected in 1995. The Security Division completed 317 Incident Complaint Reports in 1995, a majority of which required complete investigations. A total of 6250 urine samples were collected, 42 of which tested positive. The Masterat-Arms issued 167 Virginia Beach City stickers during 1995.