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1 January 1997 to 31 December 1997
(2) Biographical Information on Commanding Officer

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USS JOHN C. STENNIS 1997 COMMAND HISTORY

Part I - Command Composition and Organization

A. Mission of USS JOHN C. STENNIS

The mission of USS JOHN C. STENNIS 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 SIX.
2. The Commanding Officer is Captain Douglas R. Roulstone, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command of USS JOHN C. STENNIS on 3 April 1997.
3. The Executive Officer is Captain James A. Winnefeld, Jr., USN. He assumed duties as Executive Officer in October 1996.
4. The Command Master Chief is MMCM(SW/SS) Phillip Russell, USN. He assumed duties as Command Master Chief in October 1997.
5. The Heads of Departments as of 31 December 1997 were:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>
Administration	LCDR [REDACTED]
Aircraft Intermediate	
Maintenance Department	CDR [REDACTED]
Air	CDR [REDACTED]
Combat Systems	CDR [REDACTED]
Deck	LT [REDACTED]
Dental	CDR [REDACTED]
Engineering	CDR [REDACTED]
Legal	LCDR [REDACTED]
Medical	CDR [REDACTED]
Navigation	CDR [REDACTED]
Operations	CDR [REDACTED]
Reactor	CAPT Robert A. Butt
Religious Ministries	CAPT Richard R. Gates
Safety	CDR [REDACTED]
Supply	CDR [REDACTED]
Training	LCDR [REDACTED]
Weapons	CDR [REDACTED]

6. On 1 January 1997, 3,056 personnel were on board: 172 Officers, 229 Chief Petty Officers and 2,655 enlisted personnel. On 31 December 1997, 2,753 personnel were on board: 166 Officers, 172 Chief Petty Officers and 2,415 enlisted personnel.

Part II - Chronology

Date	Event
12 Jan 97	Ship's Local Area Network (LAN) Brought on-line.
12 Jan 97	Completed installation of WSC-6(V)4 SHF Satellite Communications Baseband. Installation required relocation of TACAN Mast and INMARSAT antenna. Installed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ QUAD DAMA UHF SATCOM▪ Navy Order Wire▪ Multi-circuit Patch panel NAVMACS II Upgrade.
13 Jan 97	Ship's Control Display System (SCDS) installed.
14 Jan 97	Pier 12 ammunition onload with NAS Norfolk, Weapons Department.
16 Jan 97	Cycle 154 CPO exam administered on board. Total of 320 exams administered with 24 candidates selected for advancement to CPO.
17-31 Jan 97	Underway in Virginia Capes, Cherry Point and Jacksonville Operating Areas. ISE #3 OPTASK COMM and COMMPLAN promulgated.
18 Jan 97	F/A-18 E/F conducts first ever Carrier Qualification. Significant media interest and coverage both locally and nationally.
18 Jan 97	Embark of Fortune 500 CEOs.
19 Jan 97	Embark by staff delegation from Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr. Charles Abel and Mr. Patrick T. Henry.

21 Jan 97	Daylight embark for Naval Command College Visit, 38 students.
23 Jan 97	Ambassador Lynn M. Hansen, Vice Chairman for Evaluation National Intelligence Council (NIC) visit.
26 Jan 97	Embark of Presidential Inaugural Committee and Special Assistant to the President, Mr. James Dorskind.
27 Jan 97	Burial at sea for AC1 James M. Valentine, USN (Vet.)
28 Jan 97	Joint Maritime Command Information System (JMCIS)2.2.2 installed.
29-31 Jan 97	Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit #1.
4 Feb 97	NTCSS LAN transfer from copper to fiber backbone.
17 Feb 97	Information Security System Manager Office established per Joint COMNAVAIRPAC/COMNAVAIRLANT INST 4734.1A. Installed CSU/DSU and repeaters required to upgrade ship capability to allow for connection to Pier-side T-1. Open House in Norfolk, VA, draws 1742 guests.
4 Mar 97	Cycle 155 E-4 exam administered on board. A total of 391 exams were administered with 13 candidates selected for advancement. Afloat Training Group conducted STT training.
6 Mar 97	Cycle 155 E-5 exam administered on board total of 631 exams were administered with 71 candidates selected for advancement.
10-24 Mar 97	Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE) OPTASK COMM and COMPLAN promulgated.
10-24 Mar 97	Underway from Norfolk, VA, Pier 12N. Conducted 13 embarks for 198 guests.
11 Mar 97	Cycle 155 E-6 exam administered on board. A total of 359 exams were administered with 20 candidates selected for advancement.

11-16 Mar 97 Underway in Virginia Capes, Key West and Jacksonville Operating Areas.

14 Mar 97 Royal Netherlands Naval War College daylight embark.

15 Mar 97 Burial at sea for Baker Charles J. Kahoun, USN (Ret.)

17 Mar 97 Port visit Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Moored at Port Everglades. Placed the enlisted brows and stands in place with the B&A crane. Placed the Captain's Gig in the water with a pier crane.
Navy League Banquet held on board.
Hosted 72 members of various Navy leagues for RO1N. Conducted three days of in port tours for over 14,500 visitors.

18-19 Mar 97 Command Religious Ministries coordinates community relations projects in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

20-22 Mar 97 Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit #2.

21 Mar 97 Underway from Ft. Lauderdale, FL for Jacksonville, Cherry Point and Virginia Capes Operating Areas.

22 Mar 97 Underway Replenishment (UNREP) with USS Platte. Stations 5 & 11. Received 328,000 gallons F-44.

24 Mar 97 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12N.

26 Mar 97 Visit by Mr. Cord Sterling, Permanent Staff Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

27 Mar 97 Pier 12 ammunition onload with Naval Air Station Norfolk, Weapons Department.

30 Mar 97 Ship hosts Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet annual Easter Sunrise Service. Local media coverage.

1 Apr 97 NAVMACS II fully operational.

Aircraft onload one F-14 and one F/A-18 with B&A crane.

1 Apr 97 Engineering Department completed 13 electric motor rewind jobs for units within JOHN C. STENNIS Battle Group.

3 Apr 97 Captain Douglas R. Roulstone relieves Captain R.H. Klostermann as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN C. STENNIS during ceremonies at Pier 12, Norfolk, VA.

5 Apr 97 Aircraft offload one F-14 and one F/A-18 with B&A crane.

5-6 Apr 97 Qualified 33 Ship's Self Defense Force (SSDF) Sailors on 9mm pistol and 12-gauge shotgun at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek.

7-11 Apr 97 Installed operating system/NTCSS & EDI.

8 Apr 97 Underway from Norfolk, VA, Pier 12N for Virginia Capes Operating Area.
ISE OPTASK COMM and COMPLAN promulgated.
Conducted five embarks for 48 DVs and media.

10 Apr 97 Daylight embark of 24 Harvard Fellows.

10 Apr 97 UNREP with USS PLATTE. Stations 5, 7 and 11. Token fuel. Passed cargo between cargo stations.

10-14 Apr 97 Hosted Discovery Channel film crew on board for filming "USS FORRESTAL - Situation Critical."

11 Apr 97 Daylight embark for Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma.

11 Apr 97 R01N for Mr. Morris Permanent Staff member, Senate Armed Services Committee and 15 Legislative Aides and Congressional Chiefs of Staff, and the Hon. Sandra Stuart, Asst. Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs.

11 Apr 97 Commenced the following installs:

- CA-III
- VIXS/JWICS (SI)
- TADIXS/B-TRE

- Bridge-to-Bridge Replacement (JHS-32)
- RD-390 Voice Recorder Replacement
- Stentophone MCIIXS
- APS
- SSES Upgrade

14 Apr 97 Moored Norfolk, VA, Pier 12S, lowered starboard anchor.

15 Apr 97 Engineering Department installed Perlite insulation in forward O²N² tanks.

21 Apr 97 AIRLANT 3M assist conducted. Received grade of outstanding.

27 Apr 97 SI JDISS installed.
VIX's/JWICS operational.
Dual-DAMA operational.

28 Apr 97 CART II inspection. Received grade of outstanding.

29 Apr 97 Lowered and raised port and starboard anchors for ATG training.
Engineering Department overhauled NR 4 refrigerator compressor.

2-5 May 97 Automated Information Systems (AIS) Security Team visit.

3 May 97 3M Assist.

6 May 97 Visit by MAJGEN Yoram Yair, Israeli Defense Armed Forces Attaché.

8-14 May 97 ISE OPTASK COMM and COMPLAN promulgated.

8 May 97 ACDS/JMCIS interface installed.
AN/USQ-125 Data Terminal Set installed.
Underway from Norfolk, VA Pier 12S for Virginia Capes Operating Area.
UNREP with USNS LARAMIE. Station 9 STREAM Support Leg (received STAR with traveling SURF), and Station 11 received 180,000 gallons F-44. NAVSEA conducted extensive double probe testing on Station 11.

9 May 97 HS-5 Medical Evacuation (Medevac) of two civilians from commercial vessel following

the sinking of their boat to USS JOHN C. STENNIS medical ward for treatment. Extensive media coverage and small press conference on the pier upon arrival.

9 May 97 Ship hosts Chairman of the Joint Chiefs sponsored Joint Civilian Orientation Course with 90 distinguished visitors embarked.

10 May 97 Daylight embark of Sen. John Glenn, Sen. John D. Rockefeller and Sen. Joseph Biden. Conducted supersonic fly-by to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Sen. Glenn's record breaking cross-country flight, "Operation Bullet."

11 May 97 TACINTEL 2+ system installed.

12 May 97 Daylight embark for Congressional Spouses hosted by SECDEF's wife Mrs. Cohen and SECNAV's wife, Mrs. Margaret Dalton.

13 May 97 UNREP with USS BARRY (DDG-52), conducted destroyer refueling from stations 15 and 21. Transferred 50,000 gallons F-44. Man Overboard conducted for green chemlight spotted. Motor Whale Boat (MWB) not launched.

14 May 97 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12S, lowered port anchor.

12-15 May 97 Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit #3.

14-15 May 97 Assisted Supply Management Assessment Team Inspection #1 conducted. Supply S-3 had two minor findings, both corrected on the spot, and all recommendations were implemented. Final score of "Outstanding." Supply S-4 had seven minor discrepancies discovered.

17 May 97 TADIXS-B/TRE operational.

19 May 97 Underway from Norfolk, VA Pier 12S. Moored Deperm station Craney Island, 21-point moor.

20 May 97 Started up both reactors for underway from Lamberts Point Deperming Station after a crankcase explosion on #4 EDG.

20-21 May 97 Qualified 43 Security and SSDF Sailors on 9mm and 12 gauge shotgun NOB, Little Creek.

21 May 97 Underway from Deperm station Craney Island. Moored Norfolk, VA pier 11N. TESS-3 operational. Completed Systems Operational Verification Test (SOVT) for SHF. SESS upgrade complete and operational.

23 May 97 Captain Douglas Roulstone, Commanding Officer, USS JOHN C. STENNIS briefed on Accreditation Process for the ship's LAN by LT [REDACTED], the Command Information Systems Security Manager.

27 May 97 LAN accredited by Designating and Approving Authority (DAA).

28 May 97 Pier 12 ammunition onload with NAS Norfolk, Weapons Station Yorktown and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

2-13 Jun 97 Fleet Communications Package (FCP) installed by NAVMASSO.

3-16 Jun 97 Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE).

4 Jun 97 Underway Norfolk, VA from pier 11N for Virginia Capes, Atlantic City, Narragansett Bay and Halifax Operating Areas.

5 Jun 97 Difficult Search and Rescue Operation rescues three Canadians from the open ocean as a result of a storm that sinks their boat. Heroic rescue in stormy seas and transfer to USS JOHN C. STENNIS medical ward generates local regional and national media attention.

6 Jun 97 3M Assist Visit conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT.

7 Jun 97 Daylight embark for Sec. of Royal Canadian Navy and U.S. Consul General.

7 Jun 97 UNREP with USS STOUT (DDG-55), conducted destroyer refueling from Stations 15 and 21.

Transferred 100,000 gallons F-44. Emergency Breakaway.

8 Jun 97 Anchored (port anchor) Halifax, Nova Scotia. Rigged starboard accommodation ladder, port aft boat boom, and stern dock. Burial at sea for CS2 Charles W. Robinson, USN (Vet). OPTASK COMM and COMPLAN promulgated.

8 Jun 97 Press conference conducted on the pier with several Canadian media outlets. Interviews with survivors, CAPT Roulstone and Aircrew.

9-17 Jun 97 Ordnance Handling Safety Assist Team (OHSAT) assist visit.

9-10 Jun 97 Command Religious Ministries coordinates community relations projects in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. USS JOHN C. STENNIS Clowns, a three-man community outreach project coordinated by Command Religious Ministries, performs at a children's hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Reception in Halifax.

11 Jun 97 Regional morning show "Breakfast Time" broadcasts live from USS JOHN C. STENNIS.

11 Jun 97 Ship dragging port anchor, raised port anchor and reset to 75 fathoms on deck.

12 Jun 97 Underway from anchorage Halifax, Nova Scotia.

15 Jun 97 UNREP with USS SANTA BARBARA stations 7 and 19. First major ammunition and explosives loadout. Received ammunitions, approximately 200 pallets. Total 1700 lifts.

16 Jun 97 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12S, lowered starboard anchor.

17 Jun 97 Lifted four aircraft with B&A crane.

18 Jun 97 Lowered Barge to pier with B&A crane.

27 Jun 97 Underway Norfolk, VA Pier 12S for Virginia Capes Operating Area. ISE OPTASK COMM and COMPLAN promulgated.

Preparations to support Joint Warrior
 Interoperability Demonstration 1997.
 Electronic Chart Display Information System
 (ECDIS) installed.
 NOW and Multi-Circuit Patch Panel
 operational.
 CA-III operational.
 MCIXS operational.

30 Jun -
 2 Jul 97 Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
 (ORSE) (Note: Overall grade is classified.)

2 Jul 97 Lowered and raised starboard anchor for
 training.
 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12S, lowered
 starboard anchor.

7 Jul 97 3M Assist Visit conducted by COMNAVAIRLANT.

8 Jul 97 CAPT Robert A. Butt relieves CAPT James T.
 Fry as Reactor Officer.

11 Jul 97 Established Command, Control, Communications
 and Intelligence architecture in support of
 USS John C Stennis CVN-74, designated Naval
 Force Commander and COMCARGRUSIX designated
 Joint Task Force Commander during Joint
 Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (JWID)
 1997.

14-25 Jul 97 JWID Demonstration.

15 Jul 97 Pier 12 ammunition onload with NAS Norfolk,
 Weapons Department. Total lifts 86.

17 Jul 97 Underway Norfolk, VA Pier 12S for Virginia
 Capes Operating Area for Joint Warrior
 Interoperability Demonstration 1997.
 UNREP with USS SAN JACINTO (CG-51), conducted
 destroyer refueling from Stations 15 and 21.
 Transferred 80,000 gallons F-44.

18 Jul 97 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12S.

19 Jul 97 Underway Norfolk, VA Pier 12S. Ship hosts
 Friends and Family day cruise for 5,400.
 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12S, lowered port
 anchor.

21-25 Jul 97 Shipboard Explosives Safety Inspection (SESI) Phase II, (general shipboard explosives magazine stowage inspection).

21 Jul 97 SCDS/ECDIS system integration.

27 Jul 97 IMA level overhaul of AN/SPS-49 cooling system heat exchangers. Installed Navy EHF Communications Controller (NECC) hardware and software. System operational. Installed Joint/Global Broadcast System.

28 Jul 97 Pre-CAMSEE inspection on Aviation Weapons Support Equipment.

6 Aug 97 GEN Fu Quanyou, Chief of the General Staff of China, visits with several members of the General Staff. GEN Sheehan, USMC, United States Atlantic Command, escorts GEN Fu.

7 Aug 97 Pier 12 ammunition onload with Norfolk Weapons. Total lifts two.

11-28 Aug 97 Underway Norfolk, VA Pier 12S for TESTA I/II in Virginia Capes, Cherry Point, Jacksonville, and Puerto Rico Operating Areas. Conducted 13 embarks for 163 guests.

11 Aug 97 RO1N for 13 guests including MGEN Roy Bridges, Dir. NASA Kennedy Space Center.

12 Aug 97 UNREP with USNS LARAMIE. Stations 5 and 11 receiving 978,000 gallons F-44. NAVSEA conducted testing on Station 11.

12 Aug 97 Daylight embark for ADM Bowman, Dir. Naval Nuclear Propulsion and the Hon. Shirley Jackson, CHMN Nuclear Regulatory Commission and eight others.

13 Aug 97 UNREP with USS MONTEREY (CG-61), conducted destroyer refueling from stations 15 and 21. Transferred 45,000 gallons F-44.

16 Aug 97 RO1N for 14 Stennis Congressional Fellows, Congressional Chiefs Of Staff and Legislative assistants.

18 Aug 97 3M Command Assessment and Inspection conducted by AIRLANT with USS JOHN C. STENNIS

earning an overall grade of 93, a six point increase of the previous inspection score.

18 Aug 97	RO1N for Dr. George Schneider, Dir. S&T Systems Office of the Under Secretary of Defense and 13 others.
19-20 Aug 97	Qualified 46 Ship's Self Defense Force (SSDF) Sailors on 9mm and 12 gauge shotgun at Portsmouth Pistol Range.
20 Aug 97	UNREP with USNS BIG HORN. Stations 5,11 and 13 receiving 1,000,000 gallons F-44. VXL Scan installed. Engineering Department overhauled NR 7 A/C unit compressor.
25 Aug 97	Mine Readiness Certification Inspection (MRCI).
26 Aug 97	Successful NATO Seasparrow Surface Missile System certification conducted by CNAL.
28 Aug 97	NATO systems 1, 2, and 3 conduct live missile exercise prior to return to port. Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12N, lowered port anchor. Aircraft offload with B&A crane one F-14 and one E-2. Completed install for Television Receive Only (TVRO) Satellite System. On-line Survey by Fleet Information Warfare Center.
1 Sep 97	Combat Systems Readiness Review.
3 Sep 97	Aircraft onload one F-14 and one F/A-18 with B&A crane.
4 Sep 97	Cycle 156 E-4 exam administered on board. A total of 380 exams were administered with 139 candidates selected for advancement.
5 Sep 97	Aircraft offload one F-14 and one F/A-18 with B&A crane.
8 Sep 97	Inter-American Defense Board visits.
8 Sep 97	Aircraft onload one F/A-18 with B&A crane.

8 Sep 97 Pier 12 ammunition onload with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73). Total lifts one.

9 Sep 97 Cycle 156 E-5 exam administered on board. A total of 601 exams were administered with 66 candidates selected for advancement.

9-11 Sep 97 COMNAVAIRLANT Torpedo Readiness Certification Inspection (TRAT).

9-12 Sep 97 Assisted Supply Management Assessment Team Inspection II conducted. Supply S-3 scored an "Outstanding," with only one minor discrepancy, which was already being corrected. Supply S-4 recorded only one minor discrepancy.

10 Sep 97 Aircraft offload one F/A-18 with B&A crane.

11 Sep 97 Cycle 156 E-6 exam administered on board. A total of 314 exams were administered with 22 candidates selected for advancement.

12 Sep 97 Chief of Staff of the Brazilian Navy, Admiral Waldemar Nicolau Canellas, visits USS JOHN C. STENNIS with GEN Sheehan, Supreme Allied Commander, United States Atlantic Command.

13 Sep 97 USS JOHN C. STENNIS hosts the Change of Command Ceremony for United States Atlantic Command/Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic. Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable William Cohen, is guest speaker.

15-26 Sep 97 CEMAT/NAVSEA grooming (i.e. training and repair) of all A/C equipment, deck edge doors, aft steering equipment and outlying hydraulic equipment. Repairs and training conducted using ship's force.

17 Sep 97 Aircraft onload one F-14 and one F/A-18 with B&A crane.

19 Sep 97 Aircraft offload one F-14 and one F/A-18 with B&A crane.
Completed replacement of 78,000 sq.ft. of non-skid.

23 Sep 97 Stentophone operational.

25 Sep 97	Upgraded FCC-100 multiplexers for fax capability.
26 Sep 97	Senior Executive Services (SES) Apex Orientation Class
2 Oct 97	PIA-99 Brief with Newport News Shipping.
3 Oct 97	Off-ship e-mail capability and INTERNET access established.
3-30 Oct 97	CVN-74 Weapons Detachment to NAS Fallon, NV in support of CVW-7 live ammunition and explosives training. 198 tons of ammunition and explosives expended.
6 Oct 97	AN/UMQ-12 GPS upgrade installed. Tactical Air Mission Planning (TAMPS)/TOPSCENE interface installed.
7 Oct 97	TESTA III/FEP & COMPTUEX PRE-SAIL with CVW-7.
8 Oct 97	Pier 12 ammunition onload with NAS Norfolk and Weapons Station, Yorktown. Total lifts 131.
9 Oct 97	Qualified 18 SSDF Sailors on 9mm and 12 gauge shotgun at Dam Neck Pistol Range.
10 Oct 97	Tactical Air Mission Planning (TAMPS) 6.1 installed. PCTEOB installed. AN/PSN-11 permanent installation completed.
14 Oct 97	FACSFAC Virginia Capes Operating Area Pre-sail.
16 Oct 97	Commander, Carrier Group FOUR (CCG-4) Onload. COMPTUEX Brief to CNAL. HS-5 Fly-on.
17 Oct 97	CV-ASW Module and Fast Time Analyzer System installed. Contingency Theatre Air Planning System (CTAPS 5.2) installed. TOPSCENE Mission Rehearsal system installed.
18 Oct 97	Underway Norfolk, VA Pier 12N for TESTA III/FEP and COMPTUEX in the Virginia Capes,

Cherry Point, Jacksonville and Puerto Rico
Operating Areas.

20 Oct 97 Pioneer Productions embark for filming a one-hour documentary about the operation and life aboard an aircraft carrier for the program "Extreme Machines."

20 Oct 97 Mr. Frank Sullivan, CNOs executive panel member R02N. R01N for 14 FAA executives including Mr. Jeff Griffith, Program Dir., FAA Air Traffic Ops.

21 Oct 97 Underway Vertical Replishment (VERTREP) and CONREP ammunition onload with USS SUPPLY. Total lifts 154 in support of COMPTUEX.

22 Oct 97 UNREP with USS SUPPLY. Stations 7 and 19 for ammunitions, receiving approximately 68 pallets on station 19 and 70 pallets on station 7. Station 13 received approximately 500,000 gallons F-44.

24 Oct 97 UNREP with USS MONTEREY (CG-61), conducted destroyer refueling from stations 15 and 21. Transferred approximately 150,000 gallons of F-44. Graded exercise by CCG-6 on station 15 resulted in a score of 100%.
AUTO-ID installed.
CIWS Mount 22 conducts successful TDU Shoot.
Precision Approach Landing System (PALS) certification.

29 Oct 97 UNREP with USS MONTEREY (CG-61), conducted destroyer refueling from Stations 15 and 21. Transferred approximately 140,000 gallons F-44.

31 Oct 97 CS-1 scored 98.3 in Communications Comprehensive Assessment.
E-mail accounts established for all E-5 and above.

Nov 97 Installed upgrade for ship's cathodic protection system.

1 Nov 97 UNREP with the USS MERRIMACK. Station 5, 11 and 13 for fuel, received approximately 2,005,000 gallons F-44. First 2-million gallon UNREP.

6 Nov 97	Anchored (port anchor) St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles. Rigged port accommodation ladder, port aft boat boom, and stern dock. Used B&A crane to launch CCG-4 Barge, CCG-6 Barge and the CO's Gig. Air Department, V-3 Division, provided support for St. Maarten Naval Sea Cadet Corps Commissioning. During the port visit, the ship hosts 300 guests, and delivered books to needy students. Reception held
7-8 Nov 97	Command Religious Ministries coordinates community relations projects in St. Maarten, Virgin Islands.
9 Nov 97	Recovered Barges and Gig with B&A Crane. Underway from anchorage St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.
10 Nov 97	UNREP with the USS MERRIMACK. Stations 5, 11 and 13, received approximately 1,200,000 gallons F-44. Ship celebrates USMC Birthday.
10-14 Nov 97	COMNAVAIRLANT ordnance assessment during COMPTUEX 97. Observed 200 and 300 bomb assembly and loading operations in support of USS JOHN C. STENNIS/CVW-7 team.
11 Nov 97	Ship conducts Veterans Day Commemoration in Hangar Bay Two. Command Master Chief sings National Anthem.
13 Nov 97	UNREP with the USS MERRIMACK. Stations 5 and 11 for fuel, and station 7 for jet engines and stock. Received three heavy lift engines, delivered two heavy lift engines and approximately 19 pallets. Received approximately 730,000 gallons F-44.
13 Nov 97	Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce daylight embark.
15 Nov 97	UNREP with the USS MERRIMACK. Stations 5 and 11 for night hook-up.
16 Nov 97	Underway ammunition onload with USS SANTA BARBARA. Total lifts unloaded 129. Offloaded 20 lifts to USS MERRIMAC.

UNREP with the USS MERRIMACK. Stations 5 and 11 for fuel, and station 7 for retrograde. Received 15 loads and delivered 25 loads. Received approximately 580,000 gallons F-44.

17-21 Nov CNAL Aviation Maintenance Management Team Visit.

19-21 Nov CVBG Intermediate Training Assessment.

22 Nov 97 UNREP with USS SANTA BARBARA stations 7 and 19. Received approximately 144 pallets of ammunition. Delivered approximately 56 pallets of retrograde. Total lifts 385.

23 Nov 97 Ship conducts All-Faith Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, including all Christian, Jewish and Native American congregations.

24 Nov 97 HELLFIRE missile handling training.

24 Nov 97 Moored Norfolk, VA Pier 12N.

28 Nov 97 Replaced 80,000 sq.ft. of non-skid.

3 Dec 97 Lube Oil onload.

4 Dec 97 LAU 138 familiarization training. Implemented LAU-138 modification to ship's nitrogen purification filtration unit (PFU).

9 Dec 97 Pre-Cruise Information Fair.

10 Dec 97 Dental Department passes its pre-deployment Dental Readiness Evaluation, performed by AIRLANT Dental Officer, CAPT Joseph Gloria, DC, USN.

12 Dec 97 Mayor of Norfolk Volunteer Presentation. AN/SPS-48E cooling system flush performed by SIMA Norfolk.

13 Dec 97 Children's and Crew's Christmas Parties.

14 Dec 97 USS JOHN C. STENNIS wins Naval Base, Norfolk Holiday Light Contest.

15 Dec 97 Afloat Planning System (APS) installed.

15-18 Dec 97 Battle Group In Port Training
(TACTRAGRULANT).

16-26 Dec 97 First Holiday Leave Period.

16 Dec 97 Weight test completed on 10 Type EE Raymond
Reach forklift trucks.

17 Dec 97 100% inventory conducted on Aviation Weapons
Support Equipment.
AN/SRN-25 satellite navigation set re-
installed.

24 Dec 97 Ship conducts first ever combined Catholic &
Protestant Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

27 Dec 97 - Second Holiday Leave Period.
7 Jan 98

PART II - Narrative Section

In 1997, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) was away from it's homeport of Norfolk, VA for 125 days, underway for 113 of those days, steaming a total of 30,520 nautical miles during that time. There were 79 fixed-wing fly days, 8,594 arrested landings, 539 pilots CQ'd, 22,077 flight deck aircraft moves, 1,628 hangar bay aircraft moves, 1,696 aircraft elevator runs, and an Aviation Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) availability rate of 98.9%. USS JOHN C. STENNIS Air Department's V-4 Division pumped 400 gallons of MOGAS to EOD/SEALs, 18,570 gallons of lube oil, 15,459,370 gallons of JP-5, issued 6,599,297 gallons of JP-5, received 5,359,988 gallons and sent 540,557 gallons of JP-5 during UNREPs, and refueled 3,446 aircraft, all without spills.

In 1997, the ship earned the following "Battle E" awards:

- Red DC
- White Anchors (Deck)
- White Wheel (Quartermasters)
- Yellow E (Air)
- Blue M (Medical)
- Green C (Signalmen)
- Red E (Engineering)
- Green E
- Black W (Weapons)
- Blue M (Medical)
- Blue E (Supply)
- Blue H

In 1997, the Engineering Department completed numerous modifications and rehabilitation projects for ship and embarked air wing/staff spaces, saving the Navy more than \$500,000. The ship produced 15,655 gallons of O² and 26,020 gallons of N², distributing 14,210 gallons of O² and 24,965 gallons of N² in the process. The ship completed 6,126 JCNs and processed 69 SHIPALTs. Forty-four Zone inspections were conducted on shipboard spaces during the course of 1997. The ship's 3M office processed 357 PMS Feedback Reports during the year.

Navigation Department's two divisions both received departmental awards for outstanding performances in TSTA I, II, III, CART III, FEP and COMPTUEX.

During 1997, the ship received 834 American Red Cross (AMCROSS) messages. The Command Religious Ministries Department handled 195 requests for assistance from the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, providing a total of \$93,333.19 in loans and grants. The high loan/grant amount was \$2,328.75, the low was \$50, the average loan/grant amount was \$478.64.

From January to December, Training Department processed approximately 2,100 cost and no-cost TAD orders. 871 new crewmembers attended CVN-74 School of the Ship. The Command Career Counselors managed a total of 500 reenlistments of USS JOHN C. STENNIS crewmembers.

1997 was an extremely eventful year for the Medical Department as the ship prepared for its maiden deployment. More than 10,000 outpatient visits to sickcall were documented. There were 146 patients admitted to the medical ward and 114 major surgical procedures performed. The Counseling and Assistance Center conducted 164 evaluations. The medical response team responded to 110 calls for emergency care on the ship.

There were 20 emergent medical evacuations from the ship to shore based facilities and seven urgent care patients were transferred from operational units to the JOHN C STENNIS. The ship was involved in two rescues at sea providing life saving emergency medical care to five civilian survivors (two U.S. and three Canadian citizens). One civilian was emergently medivac'd from a cruise liner to a shore based trauma facility.

While in port in 1997, USS JOHN C. STENNIS hosted more than 120 visits and held five open ship visits with more than

20,000 visitors crossing the brow during the year. At sea, USS JOHN C. STENNIS conducted 78 embarks for distinguished visitors, bringing 1,080 important and influential people from industry, government, politics, and the arts out to see the Navy in action. The ship also hosted 5,400 family and friends during a Family Day Cruise. In the course of the year, 158 media organizations came aboard the ship to cover stories, including the two separate occasions where USS JOHN C. STENNIS rescued people at sea which drew a total of 30 media outlets to the ship to report on the events. Two documentaries were filmed onboard, an Extreme Machines episode for the Learning Channel and a review of the USS Forrestal fire for the Discovery Channel.

January:

The Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit on 29-31 January, providing excellent feedback on propulsion plant operations and administration.

During 15 days at sea, including 11 fixed-wing fly days, the Air Department successfully conducted the Navy's first throwaway bridle launching of the TA-4J and completed initial sea trials for the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. The VLA Branch incorporated two service changes modifying the LSO platform HUD: Service Change #15 modified the HUD to support T-45 CQ and F/A-18E/F operations, and Service Change #131 upgraded the 210/220 hook-to-eye selections to support T-2 CQs as well as the F/A-18E/F. In qualifying 108 pilots during fleet and training CQ operations, the ship logged 2048 arrested landings, 3651 flight deck aircraft moves, 162 hangar bay aircraft moves, 89 aircraft elevator runs. The Aviation Fuels Division (V-4) issued 564,353 gallons of JP-5 and received 222,827 gallons during UNREPs.

The Engineering Department completed 75 air wing space modifications. The Sheet Metal Shop completed more than 540 work requests, including five SHIPALTs while the Carpentry Shop manufactured more than 100 plaques in support of the distinguished visitor program and refinished the Quarterdeck planking.

AIMD'S IM2 Division provided valuable assistance to the test and repair of the new F-18 E/F Super Hornet flown aboard during the 17-31 January underway period. The Hydraulic shop tested two of the very first FA-18 E/F series Repeatable Release Holdback Bars. The procedure was filmed for future design changes and training.

AIMD'S IM3 Division Calibration Lab Technicians cross decked to USS TORTUGA (LSD 49) to provide calibration services in preparation for their Operational Power Plan Examination (OPPE). The following areas received complete calibration services: Engineering Plant, Emergency Diesel Plants, Ship's Service Air Compressors, both Reactor Coolant Generators, and the Number Two Main Machinery Room.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 76 Sailors and sustained an 88% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

COMNAVAIRLANT awards JOHN C. STENNIS Supply Department, S-3 Division, with "Best Sales and Services" award for the second consecutive year. This award was achieved despite a 63% manning level in S-3.

Supply Department's S-6 Division submitted approximately 10,000 requisitions to support the Reconfigure Aviation Consolidated Allowance Listing (Re-AVCAL).

In January, the ship served as the platform for the first ever carrier qualification for the Navy's newest aircraft, the F/A-18 E/F. The event drew national, regional and local media coverage. The ship also hosted four visits with a total of 92 guests and played host to 63 distinguished visitors during four embarks.

February:

Air Department achieved a major milestone when inspectors from the COMNAVAIRLANT Aircraft Handling Team awarded USS JOHN C. STENNIS an ALREMP (Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment Maintenance Program) Inspection grade of "Outstanding." 45 aircraft elevator runs were conducted while in port.

AIMD'S IM2 Division sent Jet Engine Techs and NDI Techs to Naval Air Station Oceana and NDI Techs to NAB Little Creek for OJT.

AIMD'S IM3 Division, Shop 10 Technicians assisted NAS Norfolk AIMD with troubleshooting their SAC-512 ESATS. Also provided training and assistance to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) technicians on ESATS. Shop 5 completed installation of the AN/USM-376 RADAR TEST BENCH STATION (E-2 Radar Test Bench).

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 22 Sailors and sustained an 88% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

During the month of February, 1742 people crossed the brow during the ship's Open House in Norfolk, Va. The ship also hosted 12 visits during the month with a total of 165 distinguished visitors coming aboard while the ship was in port. At sea in February, the ship hosted three embarks with 28 total visitors. During the month, four media outlets came aboard to write about USS JOHN C. STENNIS and her crew.

March:

The Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit on 20-22 March, providing additional direction in combating complex propulsion plant casualties and improving training and readiness.

Fixed-wing flight operations on 10 of 15 days spent underway for ISE-4 qualified 76 fleet and training command pilots. Air Department logged 969 arrested landings, 1537 flight deck aircraft moves, 13 hangar bay aircraft moves, and 192 aircraft elevator runs. V-4 issued 135,472 gallons of JP-5 and received 298,961 gallons during UNREPs.

97% of the Department achieved Basic Damage Control qualification.
A complete Individual Component Repair List review was conducted.

AIMD'S IM2 Division received extensive onboard Jet Engine Test Cell training by NAESU Technical Representative. RFI'd a TF-30 Jet Engine for the F-14A.

AIMD'S IM3 Division Calibration Laboratory achieved an impressive "zero" overdue list and calibrated the JP5 Pump Room, Reactor Number One Enclosed Operating Station, the Jet Engine Test Cell, and all AFFF stations for a record production of 668 items calibrated.

Shop 8 had the AN/SSM-9 Video Test Station and the AN/USM-403 HATS station verified by NADEP North Island field team. Shop 10 assisted USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) by creating and troubleshooting a circuit card for the STS Bench.

Shop 9A received the A/U24T-1 Aircraft Cabling Maintenance Group and received and installed the new PRC-2000 Micro-Miniature Repair Stations.

The Tailored Outfitting List (TOL) and Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) were merged into one database.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 25 Sailors and sustained an 88% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

The ship's visit to Fort Lauderdale, FL drew enormous crowds, including more than 80 members of the Ft. Lauderdale Navy League. A total of 14,500 people visited the ship while it was in port in Norfolk and Ft. Lauderdale during the month. At sea, there were 13 embarks with a total of 192 distinguished visitors coming aboard, while the ship hosted four media outlets writing about the Navy and JOHN C. STENNIS.

LCDR [REDACTED] relieves LCDR [REDACTED] as the Judge Advocate General and Legal Department Head.

April:

On 3 April 1997, CAPT R.C. Klostermann was relieved by CAPT D.L. Roulstone as commanding officer during ceremonies aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS.

Fleet CQ operations during seven days underway for ISE-5 led to the qualification of 28 pilots. The month saw a total of 729 arrested landings, 495 flight deck aircraft moves, 63 hangar bay aircraft moves, 58 aircraft elevator runs, and the issue of 259,670 gallons of JP-5.

Engineering Department began preparations for the installation of Joint Warfare Interoperability Demonstration lighting receptacle circuits.

Following an electrical casualty, Engineering Department electricians made major repairs to Loadcenter 21's pneumatic circuit breaker and NR 7 AC unit.

AIMD'S IM2 Division installed F110 engine package to the Jet Engine Test Cell and tailored the IMRL to support F110 engines for the F-14 B/D. Test Cell training and certification was completed for F110.

AIMD'S IM3 Division Calibration Laboratory received its first Measure Outstanding Activity Award from MOCC. NAVSURFWARCEN Philadelphia then conducted the CVN 74 Calibration Requirements List In Process Review (CRL) (IPR). The team leader noted that it was the best IPR they had ever

conducted and the CVN 74 would be the model for other ship's calibration labs.

Shop 8 hosted LT [REDACTED], NAVAIRSYSCOM PMA-260D25, to observe the first CASS only ship in the fleet. The shop received VAST Offload TPS Lots 3A and 3B.

Shop three installed and verified the new ANUSM641 POD Test Set for the ANALQ167 POD System and received operational training from a technical representative from Point Mugu. Eight technicians were provided to Combat Systems to install Fiber Optics cables throughout the ship.

The EA-6B Van Complex was verified by NAWC Crane Indiana technicians.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 45 Sailors and sustained an 88% Support Equipment Availability Rate. A unique SE Ready for Sea Checklist was developed.

The division hosted a 6K forklift maintenance issues conference with CNAL, FISC, NAVICP, and Lift King to discuss and resolve reliability and parts availability issues.

The ship hosted a crew from The Discovery Channel filming segments for a documentary titled "USS FORRESTAL: Situation Critical" set to air in July 1997. This was in addition to five news organizations coming aboard to report on USS JOHN C. STENNIS. During April the ship hosted 12 in port visits totaling 480 distinguished visitors and 16 underway embarks totaling 363 persons.

May:

Engineering Department's E-Division coordinated and completed USS JOHN C. STENNIS' first magnetic silencing (deperming) treatment in a record two days. Engineers also overhauled NR 6 A/C unit compressor.

The Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit on 12-15 May, providing excellent feedback on all areas of propulsion plant operations and administration in preparation for the ORSE team.

Number 4 EDG experienced a crankcase explosion on cylinder 13 while supplying power during the ship's deperming at Lamberts Point Deperming Station on 20 May. The ship started up both reactors early and returned to Norfolk Naval Air Station ahead of schedule.

Air Department received a grade of 98% on its COMNAVAIRLANT 3M Inspection. During ISE-6, there were 281 arrested landings, 23 CVW-7 pilots qualified, 1485 flight deck

aircraft moves, and 39 aircraft elevator runs. V-4 issued 93,110 gallons of JP-5, receiving 170,958 and sending 55,470 gallons during UNREPs.

AIMD'S IM2 Division Work Center 81C Technicians received training on ABO Analyzer at Naval Air Station Cherry Point and NAS Cecil Field.

AIMD'S IM3 Division had NAESU Technical Representatives conducting training and repairs on the Radar Test Bench Station. They discovered a problem with the 400HZ power that lead to a COMNAVAIRLANT driven NAVSEA power survey. The survey identified the need for Power Factor Control Units for the Radar Test Bench Station, EA-6B Van Complex and AN/AAM-60 EOSTS in Shop 2.

The Calibration Lab performed several depot level repairs and completed a successful calibration of the Jet Engine Test Cell.

Shop 10 performed a depot level repair to the EGT Indicator for the Jet Engine Test Cell.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 21 Sailors and sustained an 88% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

The ship rescued two civilians while underway in the Virginia Capes Operating Area. The SAR drew the interest of regional and local media outlets and culminated in a major pierside press conference upon the ship's return to Norfolk, VA. In total, 10 news organizations visited the ship during the month, all interested in writing about the SAR. During the month, the ship hosted 15 inport visits totaling 769 distinguished visitors. Underway, the ship hosted nine embarks with a total of 98 distinguished visitors. The most significant of these was the visit by Senators John Glenn, Joseph Biden and Jay Rockefeller. During the visit, Senator Glenn's 1957 world speed record was recognized by the Air Wing with a supersonic fly-by. The ship also hosted a Joint Civilian Orientation Course group of 90 distinguished visitors.

June:

IMA component of MRMS installed aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS, making the ship the only LANTFLT or PACFLT carrier with this capability. Since installation, 709 JCN's have been completed by Engineering Department's R-Division workcenters.

Major VERTREPs and Ammunition Onloads were accomplished during the month. While underway 18 days for ISE-7, there were four fixed-wing fly days with 282 arrested landings, 22 pilots CQ'd, 130 flight deck aircraft moves, 27 hangar bay aircraft moves, 50 aircraft elevator runs, 191,943 gallons of JP-5 issued, 837,290 gallons of JP-5 received, and 84,427 gallons of JP-5 sent during UNREPs.

AIMD'S IM2 Division Power Plants Branch certified three Jet Engine Mechanics as F-110 Test Cell Operators.

AIMD'S IM3 Calibration Lab completed the on site calibration on MA-2, HCT-10 and LS-81A.

NAESU Technical Representative, Mike DeCora, provided training on repair, start up, and verification of two HTS benches.

A NADEP Jax Technical Representative installed an SEC on the AWM-23 MTS Bench.

AT1 [REDACTED] verified the APS-137 OTPS for CASS at NAS Cecil Field, transported them to CVN 74 and installed them.

MM2 [REDACTED] assisted USS NASSAU by performing emergency calibration on their 3666 Gage Calibration Standard.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 44 Sailors and sustained an 92.8% Support Equipment Availability Rate. They also performed a complete SESS verification.

For the second month in a row, the ship rescued civilians from the sea. Three Canadians were rescued while the ship transited to Halifax, Nova Scotia. This rescue resulted in a total of more than two hours of television coverage in the U.S. and Canada, including the remote broadcast of a local Halifax TV station's evening news and a regional television morning program. A total of 20 news organizations covered the story. During the Halifax visit, more than 700 people crossed the bow. The ship also hosted 11 other inport visits with a total of 388 distinguished visitors. Underway, the ship had a total of nine embarks with 125 visitors.

June-July:

USS JOHN C. STENNIS' second ORSE is completed. A tremendous effort is put forth by the entire department in preparing for and executing this complex assessment. It is an unqualified success. (Note: Overall grade is classified.)

July:

CDR Robert A. Butt relieved CAPT James T. Fry as Reactor Officer.

V-1 Division's Crash and Salvage Branch won the ship's first COMNAVAIRLANT Crash Olympics, which ran 7-11 July. Also during the month of July, USS JOHN C. STENNIS served as a test bed for evaluation of a live firefighting trainer. Craned onto the flight deck, the trainer consisted of a mock aircraft hulk equipped with propane burners. Flight deck personnel gained valuable experience in fighting live fires using this unique device. The ship spent six days underway, including Friends and Family Day and three fixed-wing fly days. Monthly totals amounted to 62 arrested landings, 62 flight deck aircraft moves, five hangar bay aircraft moves, 52 aircraft elevator runs, 35,664 gallons of JP-5 issued, and 62,349 gallons of JP-5 provided to other units during UNREPs.

A complete Individual Component Repair List review was conducted and verified against the CNAL ICRL.

AIMD'S IM2 Division Paraloft manufactured more than 100 items for Air Department, AIMD, and Reactor Department.

The Radar Test Bench Station was upgraded by Grumman Field Team to support Group II E-2 Aircraft. NAWC Crane Field Team modified the Digital Test Bench (DTB) in the vans.

Shop 7 received the APS 137 TPS.

Shop 8 TPS's for Lot 5, CSDCR, CIBC and F-14 B to D common were verified.

Sikorsky and Bendix came onboard to validate the I-level maintenance procedures for H-53 Generators.

NADEP Jax Field Team modified the AQM-24 Bench.

Shop 5 received the first shipment of CATI IID/RADCOM E-2C TOL from USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 83 Sailors and sustained a 92% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

E-5 Sailors were authorized to live off ship and draw BAQ/VHA.

During the ship's Joint Warfare Interoperability Demonstration, more than 120 flag and general officers visited the ship in port, Norfolk, VA. During the month of July the ship hosted a total of 14 visits, including the JWID visits, bringing 415 distinguished visitors aboard while in port. 19 news organizations visited the ship in

July to cover JWID. The ship also hosted a one-day Family Day Cruise that brought 5400 family and friends aboard.

August:

The ship spent 18 days underway during the month for TSTA I/II. There were 13 fixed-wing fly days, 1,405 arrested landings, 94 pilots CQ'd, 3,811 flight deck aircraft moves, 416 hangar bay aircraft moves, 286 aircraft elevator runs, 1,350,320 gallons of JP-5 issued, 975,610 gallons of JP-5 received, and 40,700 gallons of JP-5 sent during UNREPs.

The Rotatable Pool and items in Supply Stock were verified RFI.

AIMD'S IM2 received a temp loan TTU-518/U test set for OBOGS.

AIMD'S IM3 Calibration Lab assisted V-4 in testing JP-5 pump cutout switches.

Shop 5 brought the second HTS, HATS, and the second IMUTS on line, verified them and ensured they were 100% complete.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 129 Sailors and sustained a 92% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

Mr. Dennis Perzyk of COMNAVAIRLANT assessed the Supply Department's Sales and Service Division's (S-3) operations. Laundry, barber shops, retail outlets, records and storeroom validity were evaluated. The three day inspection ended with a final assessment of "Outstanding." The final report commended S-3 for their efforts, particularly for having unmatched expenditures that were the lowest in the fleet.

The Chinese Chief of General Staff visited USS JOHN C. STENNIS during his first ever visit to the United States. Additionally, the ship hosted four other visits while in port, bringing a total of 68 distinguished visitors aboard. At sea, the ship hosted 10 embarks for a total of 116 visitors.

September:

The ship hosted the Change of Command ceremony for United States Atlantic Command/Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. Four hundred guests came aboard the ship for the event.

The ship conducted 119 aircraft elevator runs while in port.

All Equipment History Records (51 Cards) and PMs were reviewed and verified for the maintenance department.

AIMD'S IM2 Division Paraloft personnel received training at NAS Oceana for OBOGS.

AIMD'S IM3 Division Calibration Lab was lauded by the inspectors from the Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR). Inspectors stated that CV-74 Calibration Lab had the highest Cal readiness of the COMNAVAIRLANT CV/CVNs they had inspected.

The Ordnance Branch received the K-Pool inventory from NAS Oceana and Cecil Field.

Shop 8 received Lot 4, Lot 5 OTPS 7 and F-14 Mission Computer for CASS.

The first phase of LANTIRN was installed in Shop 6.

The AN/USM-608 IMUTS II Benches were upgraded to IMUTS III. Magneto Optical Disk Drives were installed in the RADCOM, HTS, and CATI IID Benches.

COMNAVAIRPAC representative completed the E-2C Group II TOL inventory.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 29 Sailors and sustained an 92% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

The ship hosted a total of 12 visits while in port in September, bringing aboard 156 distinguished visitors. Twenty-five media outlets came aboard during the month to cover the USACOM/SACLANT Change of Command.

October:

USS JOHN C. STENNIS underway for TSTA III/FEP/COMPTUEX (18 Oct-25 Nov).

During 15 days underway for TSTA III/FEP, Air Department conducted 324 individual flight deck mobility drills culminating in certification for blue-water flight operations. During 14 fixed-wing fly days, the ship qualified 98 pilots and logged 1,081 arrested landings, 3,037 flight deck aircraft moves, 374 hangar bay aircraft moves, and 486 aircraft elevator runs. V-4 Division issued 1,194,496 gallons of JP-5, received 421,225 gallons of JP-5 during UNREPs, and provided 297,611 gallons of JP-5 to other units.

AIMD'S IM2 Power Plants Branch issued an F-110 engine and a TF-34 engine.

AIMD'S IM3 Calibration Lab had the lowest overdue rate on the East Coast.

Shop 5 received the remaining E-2C TOL items from USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).

The EA-6B Bans ATE were verified full up.

Shop 8 CASS ESTS was verified.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 80 Sailors and sustained an 94% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

In anticipation of a January 1998 switch to a new pay system, Supply Department's S-4 Division (Disbursing) conducted field training on the new Defense Joint Military Pay System (DJMS). With the ship's homeport change occurring upon the start of deployment in February, Mr. Clyde Saunders of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service visited the ship to brief personnel on BAQ/VHA entitlements during the homeport change. The deputy director of DFAS, BGEN Searce, visited the ship to discuss shipboard Automated Teller Machines (ATM). Within a month of BGEN Searce's visit, ATM funds were no longer considered on the Disbursing Officer's Accountability ledger.

In preparation for COMPTUEX, Supply Department S-8 Division issued 5,200 receipts and 4,300 issues during October.

Pioneer Productions came aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS during the month to shoot segments for a documentary on aircraft carriers. The final product aired as part of the Discovery Channel program "Extreme Machines." A total of seven media outlets came aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS in October to report on the ship and her crew. In port, the ship hosted four visits with a total of 56 distinguished visitors. Underway the ship had five embarks for a total of 87 visitors.

November:

CNAL Aviation Maintenance Management Team Visit (17-21 Nov).

Overhauled complete forward nitrogen cryogenic pump.

The ship concluded the final evaluation phase with 22 days underway for COMPTUEX. There were 18 fixed-wing fly days, 1,737 arrested landings, 90 pilots CQ'd, 7,869 flight deck aircraft moves, 568 hangar bay aircraft moves, 280 aircraft elevator runs, 2,774,269 gallons of JP-5 issued, and 2,433,117 gallons of JP-5 received during UNREPs.

Port Visit ST Maarten(6-9 Nov).

CVBG ITA (19-21 Nov).

The AIMD underwent a thorough COMNAVAIRLANT Combined Aviation Maintenance and Supply Efficiency Evaluation (CAMSEE) and was lauded as the best AIMD the inspection team had ever seen.

AIMD provided the best possible support to CVW-7 during COMPTUEX as demonstrated by an unprecedented 100% Sortie Completion Rate and return to Norfolk with zero crane off requirements.

AIMD'S IM3 Ordnance Branch passed Mine Readiness Certification Inspection.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 81 Sailors and sustained an 94% Support Equipment Availability Rate.

The Technicians manufactured an HLU-288 rack for proper stowage.

HLU-288 and HLU-196's were inspected by MRCI Team and all passed.

Supply Department's S-8 Division recorded 5,100 issues in support of COMPTUEX while processing 112,000 pounds of cargo and mail during the exercise.

During the ship's visit to St. Marteen, 300 visitors crossed the brow during general ship's open house. The ship played host to nine embarks while underway with at total of 64 distinguished visitors sailing with USS JOHN C. STENNIS. Three media outlets came aboard during the month to report on the Navy, USS JOHN C. STENNIS and her Sailors.

December:

In port, NAVSTA Norfolk.

EQ01 Assist Visit conducted. Engineering Department personnel received training while various laundry and galley equipment was upgraded and assorted pieces of defective equipment were repaired.

The ship participated in Operation Decorama, placing 1st in the overall competition. Preparations for the contest drew the attention of several local media outlets, who came aboard the ship to cover the story.

AIMD'S IM2 Division received purge units for Work Center 900 and a final inventory was conducted to ensure no shortages

for deployment. All IMRL was corrosion treated and prepared for deployment.

AIMD'S IM3 Division received 17 ALQ-99 WRAs from NAS Whidbey Island for EA-6Bs.

The K-Pool received 15 LAU-7s with upgraded mechanical assemblies installed.

Ordnance Branch personnel received two days of training on LAU-138s from Hughes Aircraft Technical Representative.

Dyncorp installed a reworked Two Speed Gearbox into the MA-2 Generator Test Bench in Shop 2.

AIMD'S IM4 Division provided Support Equipment (SE) training to 23 Sailors and sustained an 92% Support Equipment Availability Rate. All aircraft slings were inducted for NDI and were made ready for USS JOHN C. STENNIS World Cruise '98.

USS JOHN C. STENNIS hosts the Mayor of Norfolk, who presented a special Volunteer Participation Award to JOHN C. STENNIS crew.

During the month of December, the ship conducted two holiday leave periods, allowing the crew time with their families.

LCDR [REDACTED] relieved LCDR [REDACTED] as Administrative Department Head.

To improve retail operations, a modernization package was initiated to renovate the ship's "7-11" Store, game room, and cash cage in Disbursing. Along with the addition of cold storage to facilitate the sale of ice cream, the 7-11 Store hours were adjusted to accommodate night shift personnel. The game room was reconfigured to allow a total of nine video games. A renovated ice cream service area was opened on the aft mess decks and a change machine was installed in the bulkhead of that space. A "Create-a-Card" machine was added to the mess deck vending machine area and two phone card machines were installed by the main ship's store. A vending machine area was also created on the 03 level for the use of flight deck personnel. All renovations came from SSPN monies.

Supply Department's S-8 Division posted 17,000 receipts in preparation for the ship's upcoming deployment.

In December, the ship hosted 14 in port visits with a total of 61 distinguished visitors coming aboard the ship. Seven media outlets came aboard during the month to report about the ship and her crew.