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Encl: (1) Command History for USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) for  
period 1 January 1998 to 31 December 1998  
(2) Biographical Information on Commanding Officer

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.

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D. R. ROULSTONE

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USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) 1998 COMMAND HISTORY

Part I - Command Composition and Organization

A. Mission of USS 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 SEVEN.
2. The Commanding Officer is Captain Douglas R. Roulstone, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) on 3 April 1997.
3. The Executive Officer is Commander Wade Tallman, USN. He assumed duties as Executive Officer in April 19, 1998.
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 1998 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 1998, 2,753 personnel were on board: 166 Officers, 172 Chief Petty Officers and 2,415 enlisted

personnel. On 31 December 1998, 2,702 personnel were on board: 183 Officers, 172 Chief Petty Officers and 2,349 enlisted personnel.

7. The command's Senior Sailor of the Year was MM1(SW) [REDACTED]. The command's Junior Sailor of the Year was ABF2 [REDACTED].

## Part II - Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
06-07 Jan	Live Ammo Cross-deck with USS EISENHOWER (CVN 69).
07 Jan	"Back in the Saddle" Safety Stand-down.
08 Jan	Commander, Fleet Air, Mediterranean deployment brief.  Annual Postal Assistance Visit conducted by CINCLANTFLT and COMNAVAIRLANT.  Pre-deployment Brief at Norfolk Live.  JCS Battle Group Inport Link Training.  JP-5 on-load (600,000 gallons)
08 Jan	Battle Group Religious Ministries Conference
12 Jan	Underway Norfolk, VA pier 12N for JTFEX 98-1 in the Virginia Capes, Cherry Point, Jacksonville and Puerto Rico Operating Areas.
15 Jan	UNREP with USS SAN JACINTO (CG-51), conducted destroyer refueling from stations 15 and 21. Transferred 70,000 gallons F-44.
16-17 Jan	Qualified 94 personnel for 9mm pistol.
18 Jan	UNREP with USNS PATUXENT. Station's 5, 11 & 13 received approximately 600,000 gallons F-44.  Conducted Man Overboard Drill. Lowered and raised starboard MWB. SAR swimmers placed in the water.
19 Jan	Visit by LTGEN Keane, JTFEX 98-1 commander.
20 Jan	Cycle 160 E-7 exam administered on board. A total of 265 exams were

JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) Sailor of the Year Award Banquet.

07-16 Feb Second POM Leave Period.

09-13 Feb Underwater Hull Cleaning.

COMNAVAIRPAC 3M Assist Visit.

11 Feb Raised port anchor, lowered starboard anchor for maintenance.

Ammo on-load.

Commander Carrier Group Six Reception held onboard.

12 Feb Memorial Service for ABFAN Carillo (car accident).

Sonobuoy on-load.

13 Feb Raised starboard anchor, lowered port anchor for maintenance.

18-21 Feb Carrier qualifications underway in Virginia Capes Operating Area. AIR WING SEVEN embarks.

18 Feb Raised port anchor for maintenance.

20 Feb Lowered port anchor for maintenance.

Central Texas College Dean held educational workshops for crewmembers and tested more than 700 personnel to qualify for college algebra and upper level English College courses.

Shipboard Local Area Network (LAN) upgrade completed by CS3 Division. JCS LAN now includes 15 network servers and over 800 network drops.

21 Feb Moored Norfolk, VA pier 12N, lowered port anchor.

Visit by U.S. Senator Chuck Robb (D-VA)

administered with 22 personnel selected for advancement.

21-23 Jan Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit #1.

23 Jan Qualified 36 personnel for 9mm pistol.

22-25 Jan Supply Management Assessment.

22 Jan UNREP with USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28) stations 7 and 19. Received 162 pallets of ammunitions.

26 Jan Moored Norfolk, VA pier 12N, lowered port anchor.

27 Jan - 05 Feb First POM Leave Period

28 Jan JP-5 on-load.

29 Jan On-load "Tonka" crane with B&A crane.

01 Feb On-load with B&A crane 1 S-3.  
On-load with B&A crane 1 F-14.  
On-load with B&A crane CCG-6 Admirals Barge.  
On-load with B&A crane 1 F/A-18.  
Weapons Department receives notification from Commander Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, it is the winner of the Black "W".

02 Feb Motor Vehicle Safety Stand-down.

03-04 Feb Conducted Naval Safety Center Survey.

03 Feb AN/SPN-43C Radar antenna reflector was replaced after it was damaged by the entanglement of a ships halyard.

05-06 Feb Lube oil on-load.  
C6F/C5F CONOPS Briefs.

24 Feb On-load with B&A crane Admiral's Barge and JLG.

Ammo on-load.

Six Pace Instructors arrived on board. During the deployment, three semester's courses were offered totaling 80 courses. Classes were held around the clock to provide educational opportunities to all personnel. More than 800 ship's company and squadron members were able to take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity.

25 Feb On-load with B&A crane 1 F-14.

26 Feb Underway Norfolk, VA from pier 12N at 0842 for deployment and homeport change to San Diego, CA.

Conducted Man Overboard Drill.

27 Feb Conducted Man Overboard Drill.

28 Feb Conducted Man Overboard Drill.

03 Mar Entered Straits of Gibraltar at 1005Z. Completed Atlantic Ocean Transit of 3442NM in 114 hours with an average speed of 30 knots.

Cycle 159 E4 exam administered on board. A total of 282 exams were administered with 152 candidates selected for advancement.

04 Mar Visit by VADM Lopez, Commander, U.S. SIXTH Fleet

5 Mar Cycle 159 E-5 exam administered on board total of 590 exams were administered with 84 candidates selected for advancement.

06 Mar Anchor at 1321 local in North Zone One of Port Said awaiting Suez Canal transit. Completed Mediterranean

transit of 1833 NM in 64 hours, with an average speed of 28 knots.

JCS switches over internet and e-mail services from Norfolk Network Operations Center to Bahrain Network Operations Center.

07 Mar

Underway at 0000 local to begin Suez Canal Transit.

Anchored (port anchor) at 0908 local in Great Bitter Lake awaiting passage North bound canal traffic.

Underway at 1137 local continuing Suez Canal transit.

Exit Suez Canal at 1339 local. Inchoop to AIRPAC.

08 Mar

Shipboard Safety Stand-down.

Qualified 54 personnel for 9mm pistol.

09 Mar

Man Overboard called away for life ring over the side.

10 Mar

Cycle 159 E-6 exam administered on board. A total of 260 exams were administered with 24 candidates selected for advancement.

11 Mar

Enter Straits of Hormuz. Completed Indian Ocean Transit of 2744 NM in 96 hours with an average speed of 28 knots.

Arrived in the Arabian Gulf combat ready having traveled 8020 NM in 274 hours with an average speed of 29.4 knots!

11-23 Mar

Underway in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

12 Mar

Turnover with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73).

13 Mar

UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE. Station's 5, 11 & 13 received approximately 940,000 gallons F-44.

14 Mar In-chop Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet Area  
Of Responsibility

21,000<sup>th</sup> arrested landing.

16 Mar UNREP with USNS SPICA. Station's 7 & 19  
received 51 pallets of FFV. Transferred  
3 engines, including 1 T-56 special  
lift.

18 Mar Visit by Commodore Meyers, Commander,  
Task Force 53.

19 Mar Visit by the Honorable James Larocco,  
U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait.  
Qualified 68 personnel for 9mm pistol.

21 Mar Visit by VADM Fargo, Commander, U.S.  
FIFTH Fleet.

22 Mar Visit by ADM Reason, Commander-in-Chief,  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and VADM Fargo,  
Commander, U.S. FIFTH Fleet

23 Mar Anchored (starboard anchor) outside port  
Jebel Ali, UAE.

Moored Jebel Ali, UAE.

Launched CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig  
with the B&A Crane.

Lowered JLG to the pier with B&A Crane.

Visit by General Schoomaker, Commander-  
in-Chief, Special Operations Command  
(CINCSOC)

Sunset reception hosted onboard for 100  
guests.

Recovered Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

24-27 Mar While in-port Jebel Ali, U.A.E., 75  
patients from the USS BARRY (DDG 52)  
were seen by the Dental Department for  
annual exams and emergency treatment.

27 Mar Recovered CCG-6 Barge and the JLG with  
B&A Crane.

Man overboard pierside, recovered man from stern-dock.

28 Mar - 11 Apr Underway in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

28 Mar UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE. Station's 5, 11 & 13 received 1,300,000 gallons F-44. Station 7, received 3 pallets of supplies.

Conducted Man Overboard Drill.

28 Mar VFA-136 Change of Command.

29 Mar Lowered and raised Port and Starboard Motor Whaleboats to retrieve 4 panels to the Challenge Athena radar dome.

Challenge Athena - III radome was blown apart by the jet blast from an F-14 TOMCAT. Radome parts were retrieved from the ocean and the radome was reconstructed while at sea using available materials. These efforts averted an extensive down time on critical tactical circuits and a costly replacement of the radome while deployed overseas.

30 Mar Conducted Man Overboard Drill

Photo opportunity with USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) as part of 2 carrier presence in the gulf.

01 Apr UNREP with USS JOHN S. MCCAIN (DDG-51), conducted destroyer refueling from stations 15 and 21. Transferred 110,000 gallons F-44.

03 Apr UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE. Station's 5, 11 & 13 received 700,000 gallons F-44. Station 7, received 36 pallets of supplies.

Conducted Man Overboard Drill. Lowered and raised starboard MWB.

Gospel Extravaganza Concert held onboard

04 Apr Visit by BGEN Frank J. Toney, Commanding General, Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT)

09 Apr Photo opportunity with HMS ILLUSTRIOUS.  
Visit by MGEN Plummer, Commander, Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia (JTFSWA)

10 Apr TLAM exercise.

11-16 Apr In port Jebel Ali, UAE.  
While in-port Jebel Ali, U.A.E., one trauma patient was treated for a comminuted maxillary alveolar fracture and lip laceration. Two emergency patients were treated from the USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28) and one from the USS CPL LOUIS J HAUGE JR (TAK 3000).

11 Apr Anchored (starboard anchor) outside port Jebel Ali, UAE.  
Moored Jebel Ali, UAE.  
Launched CCG-6 Barge with the B&A Crane and lowered the JLG to the pier with B&A Crane.

12 Apr Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service

13 Apr Launched Captain's Gig with B&A crane and recovered the JLG from pier with B&A Crane.  
Launched starboard MWB for maintenance.

14 Apr Qualified 46 personnel for 9mm pistol and 12 gauge shotgun.

15 Apr Recovered CCG-6 Barge and the Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.  
Launched and recovered port and starboard Motor whaleboats switched Davits.

CS3 implements JCS ID Barcode Scanning LAN, used to track status JCS personnel during port visits.

16 Apr - 07 May Underway in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

UNREP with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL. Station's 5, 11 & 13 received 1,100,000 gallons F-44.

Conducted Man Overboard Drill.

20 Apr Visit by RADM Rufe, U.S. Coast Guard

22 Apr Visit by the Honorable James Larocco, U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait and 11 members of the Kuwait National Assembly

24 Apr UNREP with USNS PATUXENT, Station's 5, 7, & 11 received 1,000,000 gallons F-44 and 36 pallets of supplies.

Conducted Man Overboard Drill, lowered and raised starboard Motor whaleboat to recover Oscar.

23-26 Apr While at sea, the Ship's Oral Surgeon and assistant were transported to USS TARAWA (LHA 1) for a surgery assist visit. Sixty patients were seen with care ranging from emergency treatment to routine evaluation and surgery.

28 Apr Lowered and recovered starboard Motor Whale Boat to recover life a raft that had blown over the side.

29 Apr 24,000<sup>th</sup> arrested landing.

01-04 May Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit Number 2. First ever visit by the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC) Team.

01 May Visit by RADM Ruble.

02 May Visit by RADM Natter USNR, Deputy and Chief of Staff, Resources, U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

03 May Qualified 57 personnel for 9mm pistol and 12 gauge shotgun.

05 May Streamed Larne Target for aircraft bombing exercise.

07 May Anchored (starboard anchor) outside port Jebel Ali, UAE.

07 - 12 May Moored for port visit to Jebel Ali.

07 May Launched CCG-6 Barge, Captain's Gig, and JLG with B&A Crane.

08 May Lowered and raised starboard accommodation ladder for maintenance.

11 May Recovered CCG-6 Barge, Captain's Gig and JLG with B&A Crane.

12-22 May Underway in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

12 May UNREP with USNS PATUXENT, Stations 5, 7, & 11 received 1,500,000 gallons F-44.

Conducted Man Overboard Drill.

Conducted Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMNAVAIRPAC) directed Environmental Stand-down.

16 May Visit by Commodore Herger, Commander, Destroyer Squadron 50

17 May Visit by MMCM(SS/SW/AW) James Herdt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

22-26 May Anchored for port visit to Bahrain.

22 May Launched CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A Crane, launched port Motor Whaleboat.

Rigged stern-dock, starboard accommodation ladder and port, aft boat boom.

Captain's Gig aground, damaged propeller, replaced propeller.

Recovered Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

23 May Launched Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

Community Relations Project in Bahrain, painting the local Pakistani School

Conducted Flight Deck Safety Stand-down.

25 May Raised accommodation ladder and de-rigged boat boom.

Recovered CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

26 May - 10 Jul Underway in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

26 May De-rigged stern-dock, recovered port Motor Whale Boat.

Underway from Bahrain.

UNREP with USNS PATUXENT, Stations 5, 7, 11 & 13 received 1,438,794 gallons F-44 and 10 pallets of supplies.

Transferred RADM Suggs, CCG-6, to Submarine via EOD Zodiac boat.

27 May Two patients were medevac'd from USS O'BRIEN DD 975) for dental treatment.

28 May Visit by RADM Jay Campbell, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force, Southwest Asia, and RADM Richard W. Mayo, Director, Allied & Fleet Requirements Division, Space, Information Warfare, Command and Control Directorate, OPNAV N60, and Director, Warfare Systems Architecture and Engineering, Naval Space and Warfare Systems Command, SPAWAR 06.

Conducted Environmental Safety Stand-down.

30 May Burial at Sea: SK1(SS) Frank P. Kuczynski, USN (Ret)  
26,000<sup>th</sup> arrested landing.

01 Jun UNREP with USNS SATURN, Stations 7 & 19 received 214 pallets.  
DESRON 50 Embarks aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS(CVN 74).  
Ship's Training Department began Command Assessment.

02 Jun Anchored (port anchor) Arabian Gulf.  
Conducted first JCS swim call.  
Lowered starboard accommodation ladder, launched and recovered port Motor whaleboat.  
Underway from anchorage, Arabian Gulf.

03 Jun Experienced RFD interference between URC-93's and TD-1271 DAMA and stand alone SATCOM systems. Lowered output power of URC-93 transmitters to correct after four days of troubleshooting.

05 Jun Visit by RADM Jay Campbell, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia

06 Jun Leap Frogs with USS RUSSELL (DDG 59).

08 Jun Conducted Weapons Department Ordnance Handling Safety Stand-down.

09 Jun CDR [REDACTED] relieved CDR [REDACTED] as Chief Engineer.  
Visit by RADM Jacoby (DNI).

10 Jun A Weapons Elevator assessment was conducted by COMNAVAIRPAC/FTSCPAC Weapons Elevator Assessors. A total of 168 discrepancies were discovered. The team commented on the Weapons Elevator Division's outstanding material condition, operation, and training.

11 Jun UNREP with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL,  
Stations 5 & 11 received 556,000 gallons  
F-44.

12 Jun UNREP with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL,  
Stations 5 & 11 received 750,000 gallons  
F-44.

16 Jun Issued 10 million gallons of JP-5.  
Two patients were medevac'd from USS  
BRISCOE (DD 977) for dental emergencies.

17-19 Jun Conducted Shipboard Safety Stand-down.

17 Jun UNREP with USNS SATURN, Stations 7 & 19  
received 240 pallets including 4 heavy  
lifts (engines).

18 Jun UNREP with USNS PATUXENT, Stations 5, 7,  
11, & 13 received 1,400,000 gallons F-  
44 and 23 pallets. Dropped 6 drums over  
the side, recovered all 6 drums with  
Motor whaleboat.

19 Jun Conducted passenger transfer to  
submarine USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) with  
starboard Motor Whaleboat.

Three patients were medevac'd from USS  
O'BRIEN (DD 975) for emergency dental  
treatment.

21 Jun LT [REDACTED] and DN [REDACTED] transported to  
USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37), while at sea, to  
provide a dental assist visit. Over 20  
annual dental exams were performed.

22 Jun Anchored (port anchor) Arabian Gulf.

Conducted Swim Call. Nearly 2500 total  
participated during the 02 Jun and 22  
Jun events.

Lowered starboard accommodation ladder.

Underway from anchorage, Arabian Gulf

Phased Incremental Availability (PIA)  
Briefs conducted for Ship's Force by

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, AIRPAC, and Newport News Shipbuilding.

23 Jun Conducted Man Overboard Drill, launched and recovered Motor whaleboat.

24 Jun Man Overboard called away for something spotted in water.

27 Jun UNREP with USNS SATURN, Stations 7 & 19 received 332 pallets.

29 Jun Emergency dental patient medevac'd from USS O'BRIEN (DD 975).

02 Jul While at sea, LT [REDACTED] and DT3 [REDACTED] are transported to USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) to provide a dental assist visit. Over thirty annual exams were performed.

03 Jul Leap Frogs with USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56)

04 Jul Celebrated Independence Day with visit and performance by Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.

05 Jul Leap Frogs with USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56)

06 Jul 29,000<sup>th</sup> arrested landing.

07 Jul Visit by RADM Jay Campbell, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia.

08 Jul One patient medevac'd from USS BRISCOE (DD 977) for emergency treatment.

10-15 Jul Anchored for port visit to Bahrain.

10 Jul One patient medevac'd from USS THACH (FFG 43) for emergent dental treatment.

Anchored (starboard anchor) Bahrain.

Launched port Motor whaleboat, lowered starboard accommodation ladder, rigged stern-dock and port aft boat boom.

Launched CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

12 - 14 Jul      Combat Systems Department provided a technical assist to the USS DEXTROUS (MCM-13) repairing two AN/SPA-25G RADAR repeaters.

13 Jul            Port Motor whaleboat suffered engine causality, recovered and launched starboard Motor whaleboat.

14 Jul            Recovered CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

                  Raised starboard accommodation ladder and de-rigged boat boom.

15-19 Jul        Underway in Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Southern Watch.

15 Jul            Recovered starboard Motor whaleboat and de-rigged stern-dock.

                  UNREP with USNS NIAGARA FALLS, Stations 7 & 19 received 187 pallets.

17 Jul            UNREP with USNS PATUXENT, Stations 5, 7, & 11 received 308,000 gallons F-44 and 11 pallets.

                  One patient medevac'd from USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) for emergency dental treatment.

19 Jul            Transited the Straits of Hormuz and entered the Indian Ocean.

19 - 28 Jul      Begin transit home to new homeport of North Island San Diego.

22 Jul            Entered Commander, SEVENTH Fleet Area Of Responsibility.

                  JCS successfully switches over internet and e-mail services from Bahrain Network Operations Center to Pacific Region Network Ops Center.

23 Jul            Crossed the Equator at Long. 81°, 37' E Lat. 00°, 00'. Conducted Crossing the Line (shellback) initiation.

28 Jul - 01 Aug Anchored (starboard anchor) for port visit Perth, Australia. Completed Indian Ocean transit of 4942 NM in 197 hours with an average speed of 25 knots.

28 Jul Anchored (starboard anchor) Perth, Australia.

Launched CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A crane.

Community Relations project in Perth, Australia - JCS Clown Troupe

28-29 Jul General tours of ship given while in Fremantle, Australia.

01 Aug Underway from anchorage, Perth, Australia.

01-05 Aug Continue transit home through the Southern Indian Ocean.

01 Aug Completed over 100 DD295 forms for crewmembers by researching military schools thereby enabling personnel to receiving college credits for military schools.

05-08 Aug Anchored (starboard anchor) for port visit Hobart, Tasmania. Completed transit of 1839 NM in 91 hours with an average speed of 20 knots.

05 Aug Launched CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A crane.

Rigged stern-dock, port aft boat boom, and lowered starboard accommodation ladder.

Community Relations project in Hobart, Tasmania - JCS Clown Troupe

06 Aug Distinguished Visitors hosted aboard the ship while in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

08 Aug Recovered CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig with B&A Crane.

Raised starboard accommodation ladder,  
de-rigged boat boom.

08-18 Aug Continue transit home through South  
Pacific.

11 Aug Second equator crossing.

13 Aug First ever international date line  
crossing.  
30,000<sup>th</sup> arrested landing.  
Command Assessment completed.

14 Aug Commenced Operational Reactor Safeguards  
Examination.

14-16 Aug Weapons Department off loads 10,000 tons  
of ordnance to USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29) in  
a forty hour period. In the off load  
2001 pallets were transferred via 1488  
lifts using one CONREP, and one VERTREP  
station.

18-20 Aug Moored for port visit to Pearl Harbor.  
Completed South Pacific transit of 4985  
NM in 225 hours with an average speed of  
22 knots.

18 Aug Launched CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig  
with B&A crane.

20 Aug Recovered CCG-6 Barge and Captain's Gig  
with B&A Crane.  
Underway from Pearl Harbor, HI.

20-26 Aug Embarked nearly 1,100 Tigers for Maiden  
Tiger Cruise and begin final leg of  
Maiden deployment to San Diego, CA.

22 Aug Motor Vehicle and Recreation, Athletic &  
Home (RAH) Safety Stand-down.

24 Aug Air Wing fly off.  
CDR [REDACTED] relieved by CDR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as Weapons Officer.

26 Aug Entered new homeport of North Island, San Diego. Completed Pacific transit of 2293 NM in 136 hours with an average speed of 17 knots.

Maiden Deployment and Around the World Cruise complete having traveled 22,078 NM in 923 hours with an average speed of 24 knots.

CDR [REDACTED], USN, Air Officer, and CDR [REDACTED], USN, Assistant Air Officer, transfers from the command. LCDR [REDACTED], USN, designated as acting Air Officer.

27 Aug CA-III removed from ship for crossdeck to USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

29 Aug Offloaded CCG-6 Barge with B&A Crane.

31 Aug Lowered starboard anchor to barge for maintenance, in-port San Diego.

28 Aug-5 Oct POM

SEP Tactical Receive Equipment (MCIX), Tactical Information Broadcast Service (TIBS), Tactical Receive Equipment (TRE) removed by COMNAVAIRLANT for use by AIRLANT assets.

10 Sep Cycle 160 E-4 exam administered on board. A total of 257 exams were administered with 150 candidates selected for advancement.

15 Sep Cycle 160 E-5 exam administered on board. A total of 501 exams were administered with 71 candidates selected for advancement.

Commenced PIA rework in Primary Flight Control.

17 Sep Cycle 160 E-6 exam administered on board. A total of 217 exams were administered with 17 candidates selected for advancement.

20 - 27 Sep NTCSS Operating System upgrade COMPLETED by SPAWAR.

21 Sep Visit by GEN Zhou Wannian, Vice Chairman, Chinese Central Committee

28 Sep Ship, COMNAVAIRPAC, COMNAVREGION South West and COMCARGRU SEVEN host "Thank You San Diego" reception aboard ship

29 Sep - Oct 01 Weapons Department receives its first training with the new Joint Defense Attack Missile (JDAM) weapon.

01 Oct CDR [REDACTED], Safety Officer transfers.

05 Oct CDR [REDACTED], USN, reported aboard as Air Officer.

Alcohol Awareness Stand-down.

Safety Stand-down.

12 Oct Commence PIA-99.

13 Oct Communications antennae removed for refurbishment/preservation project with SIMA San Diego.

26 Oct Except for sickcall, dental operations moved to Branch Dental Clinic North Island due to extreme heat in departmental spaces associated with secured chill water to the air conditioning unit from PIA work.

AIRPAC Quality Control assist visit

CDR [REDACTED] reports aboard as new Safety Officer.

28 Oct - 07 Nov CNAP Y2K Inventory and assessment team performed Y2K testing on the ship's computer systems.

30 Oct Ship hosted 200 people for a thank you reception for the 1998 National League Champion San Diego Padres organization.

Oct Community Relations project in-port San Diego - "Miracle at 32nd Street."

01 Nov Launched starboard Motor Whale Boat

02 Nov Visit by VADM McGinn, Prospective Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet.

Ship began service as the prototype for NAVSUP "Self Service Serving line" Food Service initiative.

17 Nov Qualified 38 personnel for 9mm pistol.

20 Nov Replacement of 80 computer systems with new IT-21 compatible systems begins the phased replacement of JCS ADP assets.

24 Nov Conducted pre-holiday & DUI Safety Stand-down.

01 Dec NAVSEA PMS 312 visits the ship to investigate options for a permanent resolution to the Ship's inherent list control problem.

Qualified 29 personnel for 9mm pistol and 12 gauge shotgun.

03 Dec Conducted weight test on port boat davit, passed.

09 Dec Repairs complete on port davit keel rest.

13 Dec Holiday leave periods begin.

23 Dec CINPACFLT announced that JCS won the Silver Anchor Award.

30 Dec Phased replacement of Xerox equipment begins with the installation of 11 Xerox DC220 network capable copy machines.

31 Dec

Dental operations moved back to Ship due to imminent return of chill water to air conditioning unit.

## **PART II - Narrative Section**

In 1998, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN-74) made its maiden deployment, traveling to the Arabian Gulf to enforce United Nation "No-Fly" resolutions against the nation of Iraq. As part of that deployment, the ship traveled around the world from Norfolk, VA to its new homeport of San Diego, CA. During 1998, the ship was away from its homeport for 198 days, underway for 148 of those days, steaming a total of 52,749 nautical miles during that time. There were 113 fixed-wing flying days, 10,062 arrested landings, 680 pilots CQ'd, 34,471 flight deck aircraft moves, 4,723 hangar bay aircraft moves, 2,120 aircraft elevator runs, and an Aviation Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) availability rate of 97.9%. USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) Air Department's V-4 Division pumped 73 gallons of MOGAS to EOD/SEALs, 26,958 gallons of lube oil, 28,956,816 gallons of JP-5, issued 15,375,752 gallons of JP-5, received 13,299,227 gallons and sent 281,837 gallons of JP-5 during UNREPs, and refueled 12,731 aircraft, all without spills.

As USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) set speed records cruising toward the Arabian Gulf, Operations Department (OPS) continued preparing for any potential conflict to be met at our destination. CDC excelled at every graded combat exercise, earning several perfect scores, including a perfect 100 on the Long Range Passive Tracking and Targeting exercise. Air intercept controllers increased the number of controlled runs from 15 in February to 215 in March, eventually controlling over 1,000 runs by the end of cruise. OPS established the Maritime Intercept Operation (MIO) watch team and assumed the Sea Combat Commander watch in the USW and SUW modules. Strike Operations expertly scheduled and coordinated numerous replenishments-at-sea (RAS), underway replenishments (UNREP), and vertical replenishments (VERTREP), including a superb VERTREP, face-to-face turn-over with the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73). OPS, and specifically the Photo division, were instrumental in a successful photo exercise with the USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62). JCS' Operations Department played a vital role in both Operation Southern Watch (OSW) and the Maritime Interdiction Operations in support of United Nations sanctions against Iraq. OPS was instrumental in scheduling, coordinating and controlling over 8,000 Commander Task Force 50 sorties in support of Operation Southern Watch, and coordinating and controlling 15,000 sorties during the entire cruise. OPS

was the key to fully integrating all naval forces in the Arabian Gulf AOR into the Joint Contingency Theater Air Planning System (CTAPS), which allowed real time air asset coordination and de-confliction with other U.S. and allied forces. Using CTAPS, OPS produced over 150 ATO's tasking naval and marine air assets in the area and over Iraq.

In 1998, the ship earned the following awards:

The Joint Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet Aircraft Carrier Battle Efficiency (Battle "E") Award.

12 of 12 possible individual aircraft carrier battle efficiency awards:

- Air Department Yellow "E"
- Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Black "E"
- Combat Systems Department Green "CS"
- Damage Control Red "DC"
- Deck Department Crossed Anchors
- Engineering Department (Nuclear) Red "E"
- Habitability Blue "H"
- Medical Department Blue "M"
- Navigation Department White Ship's Wheel
- Operations Department Green "E"
- Supply Department Blue "E"
- Weapons Department Black "W"

ADM Flatley Award for Safety

Silver Anchor Award

In 1998, the ship completed all major DC COMPLEX'S with a grade of greater than 90%.

During 1998, Weapons Department provide Carrier Air Wing SEVEN with 270 tons of various air launched weapons supporting sustained air operations while deployed to the Arabian Gulf. During an assessment by COMNAVAIRPAC/FTSCPAC Weapons Elevator Assessors, the team commented on the Weapons Elevator Division's outstanding material condition, operation, and training. A total of 168 discrepancies were noted. At the end of the deployment, Weapons Department off loaded 10,000 tons of ordnance to USS MOUNT HOOD (AE 29) in a forty hour period. In the off load 2001 pallets were transferred via 1488 lifts using one CONREP, and one VERTREP

station. Over the course of the year, 422 Sailors were qualified on the 9mm pistol and 132 Sailors qualified on the 12-gauge shotgun.

During 1998, the ship's Command Religious Ministries Department provided support to the crew and maintained an active outreach program in each community we visited. During the year, the command held a variety of special services, for gospel music programs aboard ship to memorial services and the burial at sea of the remains of SK1(SS) Frank P. Kuczynski, USN (Ret). During the year, the ship painted school houses during port visits while the JCS Clown Troope performed at hospitals during those port visits. The ship joined with other local commands for the annual San Diego community relations project, "Miracle on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street." Fourteen new Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Interviewers were trained during the year and 89 children had a better Christmas thanks to the ship's Angel Tree program. Holiday Food vouchers were issued by the ship for 77 JCS sailors to make sure every JCS family had a great holiday meal.

1998 was an extremely eventful and successful year for the Medical Department because of the ship's maiden deployment and homeport change. More than 12,000 outpatients were treated in Sick Call during the year. There were 138 patients admitted to the Medical Ward and more than 200 patients admitted to Medical Hold. More than 100 surgical procedures were performed. The Counseling and Assistance Center (CAAC) conducted 147 evaluations. The Pharmacy filled more than 60,000 prescriptions. More than 26,000 anthrax vaccines were administered throughout the JCS Battle Group. Two emergent and 74 routine medical evacuations (MEDEVACs) were conducted from the ship to shore-based facilities. Seven patients were transferred from JCS Battle Group ships to JOHN C STENNIS for further evaluation and treatment. Five foreign nationals from merchant vessels were transferred to the ship for medical or surgical treatment. It was a busy year for training and professional development. Six Mass Casualty drills and over 100 Medical Response Team drills were conducted. Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer (SWMDO) qualifications were earned by two Medical Department Officers and four Dental Officers. Additionally, 12 Corpsmen qualified as ESWS or EAWS.

1998 was an extremely successful year for the Dental Department. The department completed the ship's maiden deployment while maintaining Ship's company dental readiness at 95% while increasing Air Wing 7 readiness by 20% to 94%. During the deployment two dental assist visits were made to

the USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37) and the USS SAN JACINTO (CG 56) while in the Arabian Gulf. An Oral Surgery assist visit was made to the USS TARAWA (LHA 1) where sixty patients were seen with treatment ranging from routine to emergency. In the Arabian Gulf, eleven patients were medevac'd from other ships to JOHN C. STENNIS for emergency dental treatment. Despite personnel shortages and the effects of the post-deployment industrial period, PIA, on the ability to work in the department, more than 11,000 patients were seen with more than 68,000 procedures performed during 1998. This included 4,274 radiographs taken, 1,204 dental cleanings completed, 2,424 teeth restored, 1,069 surgical procedures performed and 266 intravenous sedations.

The ship's urinalysis program collected and tested 2,728 samples in 1998. The Security Division generated 157 Incident Complaint Reports covering everything from minor vehicle accidents to a homosexual sexual assault case. The Brig Division confined 34 prisoners in the ship's brig. The Legal Division processed 311 Non-Judicial Punishment cases, supervised 26 courts-martial, including 3 General courts-martial, 3 Special courts-martial, and 20 Summary courts-martial, and administratively separated 107 personnel.

1998 was an unparalleled year for USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) and the ship's Safety Department. The crew operated a total of 198 days underway - including a record 132 consecutive days in the Arabian Gulf. Beginning with the world record setting transit from Norfolk to the Arabian Gulf (at an average speed of 29.9 knots), the crew achieved a number of significant milestones. The ship conducted 11,062 carrier arrestments, steamed 52,749 nautical miles, pumped 28,956,816 gallons of JP-5, transferred 2,769 pallets via CONREP, conducted 39,194 aircraft moves, executed a 98.7% sortie completion rate, anchored 29 times, supported 8,000 sorties requiring ordnance - all without a Class "A" or "B" aviation or afloat mishap. Operational Risk Management (ORM) was a common element in each evolution involving potential risks. Additionally, the Safety Department spearheaded a highly evolved heat stress program and an assessment of the effects of heat stress on flight deck personnel during high tempo operations.

The ship's Training Department had a significant impact on command readiness and efficiency during the ship's maiden deployment. The department taught 275 officers and Sailors during 2 Command Training Team courses and 5 Command Assessment Team Courses. The School of the Ship indoctrination program introduced 1159 new JCS Sailors to the ship. Training Department, as part of its

responsibility for managing the overall training of shipboard personnel, sent 697 personnel on no-cost TADs, predominantly local schools, while Training sent 621 personnel on funded TADs at a total cost of \$624,000. During the year 851 CLEP tests were administered. JOHN C. STENNIS proactively assisted personnel academically with more than fifty personnel enrolled in the Academic Skills program and many more enrolled in the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Programs.

The Administration Department's Print Shop completed 3743 jobs totaling 3,193,692 pages of reproduced material for the ship, embarked air wing and staff.

In 1998, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) continued to be in the news. In January, as tensions flared between U.N. coalition forces and Iraq, the Cable News Network (CNN), Fox News, and other national news organizations came aboard the ship during underway periods to cover preparations for deployment to the Arabian Gulf. That media attention continued in February as the ship hosted distinguished visitors and media outlets. During the deployment, the ship was the focus of attention in the gulf, with visits by diplomats, U.S. and coalition flag and general officers, as well as citizens from throughout the region. Also during deployment, the ship was a featured player in a documentary on battle-groups produced for Public Television's Nova series. The program ultimately aired in February of 1999. Print and broadcast media organizations from around the world also came aboard to tell the JOHN C. STENNIS story. Internally, the ship produced 136 editions of the daily newspaper *The Statesman*, 5 familygrams, 8228 hours of television programming and movies on two channels, 25.5 live hours of production, and no less than 8 hours of other television productions. The ship's newly created radio station provided 487 hours of live programming, beginning in July. Upon arrival in the ship's new homeport in August, the city of San Diego embraced its newest residents, with special events organized by the San Diego Padres and Sea World. From August through the end of the year, 8,319 people visited the ship.

#### January:

The ship completed its first set of work-ups with a highly successful Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX 98-1). Operations department was instrumental in standing up and supporting an effective Joint Force Air Command Component (JFACC), which allowed for the constructive integration of Air Force, Marine and Navy air assets during JTFEX. Combat Direction Center (CDC) proved they were more than ready for

real world combat with their outstanding performance during eleven graded CDC exercises. Combat's OI division's Sea and Anchor detail performed equally well during two underway replenishments (UNREP) and a vertical replenishment (VERTREP) with the USS SANTA BARBARA (AE 28). All personnel of the Operations Department returned from JTFEX confident they were ready to take station at the tip of the sword.

The Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department's (AIMD) Quality Assurance Division conducted 6 work center quarterly audits. AIMD certified 2 Collateral duty Inspectors and 1 Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative. The department conducted 1 gas free inspection for Supply Department. AIMD administered 123 open and closed book exams to command work centers for pre-cruise qualification requirements. The department also submitted 5 Naval Aviation Maintenance Discrepancy Reporting Program (NAMDRP) reports, 3 broken tool reports, and issued 62 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division earned Computerized Automatic Tester/Radar Communication Test Set (CAT/RADCOM) E2C Tailored Outfitting List (TOL) verification. Technical Assist for CAT, RADCOM, Electro-Optical Test Set (EOTS), APS137 S-3 Radar System, Lot 5, MA2 Aircraft Generator Test Branch and Programable Tactical Information Display (PTID). Site activation for ARC210 USF/CHF communication system. Still lacking Government Funded Aeronautical Equipment (GFAE). Point Mugu provided training for Memory Loader Verifier (MLV) uploads of ALQ126B and ALR67 electronic countermeasures systems data. Received 4 ALQ167 Countermeasures pods. Van complex certified/verified by Naval Air Weapons Center (NAWC) Crane. IM-4 Division performed Support Equipment/Material Handling Equipment (SE/MHE) Phase 1 training classes for 112 ship's company and Air Wing sailors. Maintained 96% SE availability and 95% flight deck availability. Received 12 new Hyster forklifts. Submitted 1 Technical Publication Deficiency Report (TPDR) and 1 Hazardous Mishap Report (HMR) on Albars. Repaired TONKA crane for Supply Department. Received training from Naval Aviation Engineering Support Unit (NAESU) for P-16 fire trucks.

During 12 fixed wing fly days during Joint Training Fleet Exercise (JTFEX), the Air Department recorded 960 arrested landings, including and 354 at night. There were 223 helicopter sorties, 191 day and 32 night, and VERTREP lifts totaled 88. Flight operations led to the qualification of 101 pilots and required 1,939 flight deck aircraft moves, 461 hangar bay moves, and 408 elevator runs. The month of January saw significant maintenance on numerous Aviation Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) subsystems. V-2

Division replaced the Catapult #1 Surge Accumulator, replaced deck tensioners in Catapults #1, #2, and #4, re-reeved the #3 Arresting Gear Wire, and repacked the #4 Arresting Gear Accumulator. V-4 Division issued 1,410,643 gallons of JP-5, and during JTFEX UNREPs, received 1,261,244 gallons and sent 176,194 gallons.

The Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit on 21-23 January, providing excellent feedback on propulsion plant operations and administration.

During this ship's first deployment, Combat Systems Department faced a series of challenges in the C4I arena. The ship's communicators completed five highly successful communications area communication shifts, going from the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, Western Pacific and Eastern Pacific regions over the course of six months. During that time, the department completed a communications assessment conducted by CCG6 with a grade of 98.5%. The department managed all Battle Group C4I assets on deployment with a 98% reliability of 250 vital tactical circuits, including SHF/EHF SATCOM systems, and 98% availability of Internet e-mail and Sailor Phone. The ship received four White Pinnacle exercises while in Fifth Fleet AOR and processed over 265,000 messages during IO/AG deployment while holding daily video telecommunications conferences (VTC) with COMUSNAVCENT, NCTS Bahrain, and JCS. Combat Systems servers processed more than 10,000 e-mail messages each day. The department completed 340,745 Sailor Phone calls during JCSBATGRU deployment, operated over 30,000 Shipboard Uniform Automated Data Processing System (SUADPS) and Naval Aviation Logistical Communication Information Service (NALCOMIS)/AV3M production batch job requests and flawlessly administered 23,538 Local Area Network accounts, 861 WINDOWS NT workstations and 17 Network servers. Additionally, the department maintained maintenance and logistics support to embarked Air Wing and continuous e-mail service for 6,500 LAN users and facilitated the resolution of 6,786 network trouble calls. The Communications Security Material System (CMS) vault managed the ship's 1,950 pieces of cryptographic material ensuring ship's company, embarked air wing and staff and JCSBATGRU were provided vital keying material (keymat) resources. The department established a highly effective CMS training program, culminating in 123 CMS user's qualifications and ZERO CMS violations recorded during JCSBATGRU deployment 98-2.

As 1998 began the Supply Department processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$1.57 million, five CASREPS and

five ANORS, approximately 220 emergency walk through requisitions, and more than 1,000 credit card purchases. An intense review of merchandise requirements for the upcoming deployment was made. Space allocation, quantities, assortment, styles, price ranges and dates of delivery were analyzed. Shortly afterward, the ship started receiving a \$1.5 million inventory. Within five weeks the storerooms were overflowing. As soon as the ship deployed, the 7-11 was opened for additional retail display and hours. The ship received an overall grade of OUTSTANDING on the COMNAVAIRLANT SMA, receiving zero discrepancies. Supply loaded more than \$30,000 of food supplies from local Norfolk vendors. The ship also processed and distributed stateroom assignments to all Air wing personnel. Based on audits conducted, the storeroom inventory and location validity was low due to the massive on-load of material in preparation for the change of homeport and around-the-world cruise. Supply QA division conducted 24 random inventories and 26 random location audits of S-6 and S-8 storerooms. Other audits were also conducted for S-2, S-3, S-4, S-5, S-6 and S-8 Divisions Audits included dry and frozen provisions inventory, Ship's Store prices validation, Ship's Store bulk storeroom inventory and Travel claims processing audit. Supply Department installed additional ice machines on mess decks. CINCLANTFLT hosted a Battle Group pre-deployment brief onboard with PCC(SW) [REDACTED] from MEDMAIL as the keynote speaker.

The ship's Legal Department, Security Division, conducted Force Protection/Antiterrorism Training to all crew members and embarked staff. The ship's Brig passed the CINCPACFLT Certification Inspection.

#### February:

USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) got underway for its maiden deployment from NAVSTA Norfolk at 0842 on 26 February 1998. While transiting across the Atlantic, the Operations Department continued sharpening its combat and logistics skills. CDC successfully completed 3 Arabian Gulf battle problems in conjunction with General Quarters drills. The air intercept controllers (AIC) controlled 15 runs with VF-143, VF-11 and VFA-131.

The ship conducted a record setting high speed transit from Norfolk to the Arabian Gulf, averaging 29.3 kts during an 8018 nautical mile transit, which included flight operations and propulsion plant drills.

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 9 work center quarterly audits, certified 2 Collateral Duty Inspectors, conducted 1 gas free inspection for Supply Department, and administered 51 open and closed book exams to command work center for pre-cruise qualifications. Q-A Division conducted 1 support equipment misuse/abuse investigation. The division submitted 4 NAMDRP reports, 4 broken tool reports, and issued 53 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division installed and verified EOTS, with the EOTS Phase 3 installation completed and verified. Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared System for Night Support (LANTIRN) installation was completed. The third RF Consolidated Automated Support Systems (CASS) Station installed and verified and the Joint Tactical Information Display System (JTIDS) and Programable Digital Indicator Group (PMDIG) verification on CASS completed. The E2C TOL verification completed. IM-4 Division held a SE/MHE Phase 1 training class for 19 ship's company and Air Wing sailors. The division maintained a 94% SE availability and a 94% flight deck availability during the month.

In spite of conducting fixed wing flight operations on only three days in February, the ship logged 203 daytime and 112 nighttime arrested landings, qualifying 101 Air Wing SEVEN pilots. There were 36 helicopter sorties, one third of which were at night. Air Department's V-1 and V-3 performed 2,087 and 146 aircraft moves respectively, and there were 123 aircraft elevator runs. V-1 qualified five aircraft directors, 25 plane handlers, and 10 tractor drivers. V-2's Catapult and Arresting Gear Branches overhauled the Catapult #3 Water Brakes and re-reeved the #4 Arresting Gear. The VLA Branch incorporated Service Change 408 on the Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System (FLOLS) and installed the Airphone Supplementary Communication System in all V-2 air operations related spaces. V-4 issued 77,880 gallons of JP-5 during 6 days at sea.

During February, Supply Department processed \$2,979,000, including Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$16,454,000, 15 CASREPS and 10 ANORS, approximately 180 emergency walk through requisitions, and more than 3,000 credit card purchases.

The Legal Department's Legal Division conducted massive Power of Attorney marathons to ensure the Legal readiness of all Sailors and their families was satisfactory prior to deployment. The Security Division issued new JCS Identification Stickers to all attached and embarked personnel.

March:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 12 work center quarterly audits, certified 6 Collateral Duty Inspectors, conducted 15 gas free inspection for the attached Air Wing, and administered 70 open and closed book exams to command work centers. The division conducted 1 support equipment misuse/abuse investigation, submitted 7 NAMDRP reports, 54 broken tool reports, and issued 42 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. AIMD's IM-2 Division, Power Plants, prevented an engine removal (TF-34) by performing a C-Sump repair. The Hydraulics workcenter assisted in Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BFIMA) operations by manufacturing a vital line on the ship's emergency generator. Airframes workcenter saved the day when eight technicians spent an entire week in the salvage and reconstruction of the Challenge Athena III antenna radome (28 MAR - 02 Apr). This extensive fiberglass repair, necessary after a catastrophic casualty, restored communications during OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH. IM-3 Division from AIMD twice requested technical assistant for Radio Frequency Test Station (RFTS), Hybrid Automatic Test Set (HATS) and vans. AIMD IM-4 Division performed SE/MHE Phase 1 training classes for 165 ship's company and Air Wing sailors and maintained a 97.5% SE availability and a 96% flight deck availability.

The ship qualified 85 pilots during the month of March, conducting fixed wing operations on 23 of 27 days at sea. There were 1,456 arrested landings, 864 day and 592 night. There were 282 helicopter sorties including 44 at night, and 38 VERTREP lifts. Air Department's V-1 moved 4,064 aircraft, and V-3 moved 831. V-2 replaced the Catapult #1 Choke Ring Assembly, replaced cracked retraction and tensioning hydraulic supply piping, re-reeved the Catapult #4 Retraction And Tensioning Engine, re-reeved Arresting Gear Wires #1, #2, #3, and #5 (barricade), repacked the #2 Arresting Gear Wire sheave dampers, and repacked the #1 and #3 Arresting Gear Main Engine Cylinders. V-4 issued 2,556,630 gallons of JP-5, and during UNREPs, received 2,164,006 gallons and sent 105,643 gallons.

The Legal Department, Security Division, organized and trained two Security Response Teams for Suez Canal Transit and trained Ship's Self Defense Force and Security personnel for theatre-specific threats that may arise during deployment to Gulf. Legal Department investigated a hazing incident in Air Department, V-4 Division and took those involved to Captain's Mast.

In March, the ship processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$1,395,000, including an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$10.469 million. Additionally, the ship processed a Flight OPS Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$15,350.24, 20 CASREPS and 10 ANORS, approximately 60 emergency walk through requisitions and handled over 500 credit card purchases. Supply Department completed two Stock Reorders, one LOGREQ and one Verification Report, managed and maintained more than 6,000 Basic Material File records also processed more than 150 SUADPS-RT transactions.

While transiting the Mediterranean in March, the ship hosted COMSIXTHFLT for a short daylight visit. Once in the Arabian Gulf, the ship and JCS battle group commander hosted 4 flag level visitors; COMFIFTHFLT (twice), CWCSOC, SOCCENT, CINCLANTFLT, and the U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait. The ship also had its first port visit, to Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates, during which the ship hosted an in-port sunset reception for 100 distinguished visitors. The command supported embarks by 3 media organizations; the Orange County Register newspaper, PBS' Nova producers, and the Navy's Fleet Support Detachment San Diego. The ship also conducted 3 print and 2 television "phoner" interviews with CO and a print "phoner" with a crewmember.

#### April:

The Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Quality Assurance Division conducted 6 work center quarterly audits, certified 3 Collateral Duty Inspectors, conducted 9 gas free inspections for attached Air Wing, and administered 99 open and closed book exams to command work centers. The division conducted 4 support equipment misuse/abuse investigations, submitted 9 NAMDRP reports, 104 broken tool reports, and issued 58 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. AIMD IM-2 Division, Paraloft, complied with Aircrew System Bulletin 889 on more than 110 survival kits. This was accomplished while the kits were still installed in the aircraft. This resulted in no aircraft down time and the entire evolution was completed in seven days (21-28 APR). The division also designed and manufactured 63 missile covers for the Weapons Department, protecting these extremely valuable assets from damage. IM-3 Division received a message discontinuing use of S3B Antenna Couplers TPS. The ship encountered no problems with the coupling, having run 30 Couplers since COMPTUEX. CASS received parts for SEB 763. Thirty-one items were calibrated for USS ARDENT (MCM 12). IM-4 Division performed SE/MHE Phase 1 training classes for 161 ship's company and Air Wing

sailors. The division maintained 98% SE availability and 95% flight deck availability.

The ship conducted fixed wing operations on 21 of 25 days spent at sea in April. 98 pilots achieved carrier qualification, logging 1,450 day and 838 night traps. There were 532 helicopter sorties, 467 day and 65 night, and 221 VERTREP lifts. Air Department's V-1 Division moved aircraft 5,008 times, while V-3 performed 1,011 moves. There were 338 elevator runs. Visual Landing Aids (VLA) Branch installed remote flight monitors in Primary Flight Control and the Pilot House, and the Bow Catapults Branch replaced the Catapult #1 Water Brake Choke Rings during the ship's port visit in Jebel Ali. V-4 issued 3,473,145 gallons of JP-5 and received 2,980,539 gallons during UNREPs.

Legal Department's Security Division began overseas port threat briefs prior to upcoming port visits. Shore patrol, security and Jebel Ali Oasis personnel were identified and trained for Gulf port visits. Legal Division began resolving legal issues surrounding those Sailors who refused to take the mandatory Anthrax vaccine.

In April Supply Department processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$1,250,000 and an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$12,750,000, while processing a Flight OPS Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$21,584.25, 30 CASREPS and 10 ANORS. The ship also processed approximately 70 emergency walk-through requisitions and more than 180 credit card purchases. Supply completed three VERTREPS/RAS, two Stock Reorders, one LOGREQ and one Verification Report, while managing and maintaining more than 7,600 Basic Material File records and processing more than 150 SUADPS-RT transactions.

During the month, 12 Foreign Military Attaches to U.A.E., the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General, as well as the U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait and 11 members Kuwait National Assembly came aboard the ship while underway. During the ship's second port visit to Jebel Ali, U.A.E., the command held a reception for 100 distinguished visitors. As part of a project to create a coffee-table book on the ship's maiden deployment, two photographers from Photo Press International came on-board for seven days. A C-9 Media Flight arranged by the office of the Chief of Information brought a reporter and photographer from Topeka, Ks, a reporter from an Evansville, Ind. TV station, and an escort from NAVINFOSW. The ship supported embarks by 6 person crew from PBS-NOVA over the course of 10 days in support of PBS battle group documentary project.

May:

AIMD Quality Assurance Division conducted 9 work center quarterly audits, certified 2 Collateral Duty Inspectors and 2 Quality Assurance Representatives, conducted 30 gas free inspections for the attached air wing, and administered 79 open and closed book exams to command work centers. The division conducted 1 Support equipment misuse/abuse investigation, submitted 3 NAMDRP reports, 101 broken tool reports, and issued 61 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. AIMD's IM-2 Division issued 16 engines and 14 F-404 modules completed 21 test cell runs and 419 samples through the oil lab. The 500 Branch built 200 tires, 85 airframe components Readied for Issue (RFI) and 400 hydraulic items tested/checked or RFI'd. Branch 800 logged 359 maintenance actions. IM-3 Division's Calibration Lab was awarded two Outstanding Achievement Awards, for CVN74A and CVN74S items. The department's Cal Lab calibrated and repaired two items for HC4. A LANTIRN circuit breaker replaced with help of CNAL and support from Engineering Department. IM-4 Division performed SE/MHE Phase 1 training classes for 118 ship's company and Air Wing sailors while maintaining a 98% SE availability and a 95% flight deck availability.

The ship flew on 18 of 22 days spent at sea and totaled 1,928 arrested landings, 1,311 day and 617 night, and 99 pilots qualified. There were 382 daytime and 35 night helicopter operations with 174 VERTREP lifts. Air Department's V-1 Division accomplished 4,189 aircraft moves, 301 elevator runs, and qualified six plane handlers. V-3 moved 926 aircraft. V-2 repacked the Catapult #2 Hydraulic Accumulator, the Catapult #3 Exhaust Valve Actuator, and the Catapult #4 Launch Valve Control Valve. V-4 issued 2,676,762 gallons of JP-5 and received 3,027,522 gallons during UNREPs.

The Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team conducted a visit on 01-04 May, providing excellent feedback on all areas of propulsion plant operations and administration in preparation for the Operational Reactor Safeguards team. This was the first visit by the CNAP Training Team.

Legal Department's Security Division provided security for Harley-Davidson Riders Association visit in Jebel Ali.

Supply Department processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$2,619,000 and an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$11,657,000 while processing a Flight OPS

Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$15,255.76, 100 CASREPS and 10 ANORS. Supply Department processed approximately 86 emergency walk-through requisitions and more than 300 credit card purchases, as well as completing five VERTREPS/RAS, two Stock Reorders, two LOGREQ and two Verification Reports. The ship managed and maintained more than 8,000 Basic Material File records processed over 150 SUADPS-RT transactions.

The ship hosted three Flag Officer visits; the Deputy & Chief of Staff, Resources, U.S. NAVEUR, the Director, Logistics/Fleet Supply Officer, CINCLANTFLT, and the OPNAV N60/SPAWAR 06 officer. The command was also host to a Capstone visit by 16 Flag Officers, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy and COMNAVCENT Force Master Chief, and 21 other guests at the request of the battle group commander, COMCARGRU SIX. Seventeen foreign consuls to Dubai, U.A.E. visited the ship while underway. During the month of May, the command supported embarks by a reporter and photographer writing for the German women's magazine "Maxi." Their 5-page, full color feature story on women in the U.S. military appeared in the magazine's August 1998 edition.

#### June:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 12 work center quarterly audits, certified 1 Collateral Duty Inspector, conducted 31 gas free inspections for the attached air wing, and administered 79 open and closed book exams to command work centers. The division conducted 1 support equipment misuse/abuse investigation, submitted 18 NAMDRP reports, 111 broken tool reports, and issued 52 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-2 Division, Power Plants, again prevented an engine change by completing a C-Sump repair on a TF-34. IM-3 Division received NAESU Tech Reps for Automatic Test Set (ATS), Test Program Set (TPS), RFTS and EA6B vans. The division D-Coded 12 AWG-9 Transmitters to NAS Oceana, performed depot level repairs to the MA2 2-Speed Gear Box. The Cal Lab performed Battle Group Intermediate Maintenance Assistance (IMA) services for HSL44, HC4, USS CROMELLIN (FFG 37) and USS ARDENT (MCM 12). IM-4 Division performed SE/MHE Phase 1 training classes for 212 ship's company and Air Wing sailors, and maintained a 97% SE availability and a 95% flight deck availability. The extreme heat in the Arabian Gulf started causing problems for turbines and various mechanical problems with flight deck scrubbers. The extreme heat caused the department to change 2 turbine engines.

June saw the largest number of flight events of any month of the year. 99 pilots carrier qualified, logging 1,775 day and 655 night landings over the course of 23 days of fixed wing operations. There were 523 day and 43 night helicopter sorties and 417 VERTREP lifts. Flight deck and hangar bay crews moved more than twice the number of aircraft during June than during any other month of the year. Air Department's V-1 and V-3 divisions performed 11,620 and 900 moves respectively, and together completed 410 elevator runs. V-1 qualified five new crash crewman, two crash leading petty officers, and three P-16 Mobile Fire Fighting Vehicle drivers. V-2 overhauled the water brakes and replaced the piston assembly in Catapult #4, re-reeved the #3 Arresting Gear Wire, and repaired the #3 Arresting Gear Wire Binding Retract Sheave. V-4 issued 3,613,819 gallons of JP-5 and received 3,560,863 gallons during UNREPs.

Engineering Department completed overhaul and foundation repairs to Ship's Incinerator, returning the incinerator to full operation. Completed Ventilation System inspection with the assistance of Naval Sea Systems Command Detachment (NAVSEADET PERA CV).

The Legal Department investigated a hazing incident in Engineering Department, DC Division, and took those involved to Captain's Mast.

The ship's Supply Department processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$2,567,000 and processed an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$5,345,000. The ship also processed a Flight OPS Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$13,654.89, 15 CASREPS and five ANORS, approximately 30 emergency walk-through requisitions and more than 30 credit card purchases. The Supply Department completed three VERTREPS/RAS, and three Stock Reorders. The department managed and maintained more than 10,500 Basic Material File records and processed over 150 SUADPS5-RT transactions. SHCM Booker and his inspection team from CONAVAIRLANT flew on board for the BSSA inspection. S-3 Division earned a grade of OUTSTANDING and the crew was awarded commemorative coins by RADM Soderberg. The Supply Officer, CDR Mike Plunkett, conducted a ceremony and presented the coins to all of the ships servicemen.

In June, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) hosted six distinguished visitors; COMFIFTHFLT, Director, Naval Intelligence, Deputy Joint Task Force, South-West Asia, Chief of Staff, Kuwaiti Armed Forces, a producer from Bahrain Television, and a senior pilot from Gulf Airlines. Because of the increasing heat in the gulf and increased

terrorist activity, no media embarks were coordinated with COMFIFTHFLT.

July:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 6 work center quarterly audits. The Division certified 2 Collateral Duty Inspectors, conducted 8 gas free inspections for the attached air wing, administered 50 open and closed book exams to command work centers, and conducted 3 support equipment misuse/abuse investigations. The division submitted 10 NAMDRP reports, 47 broken tool reports, and issued 32 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-2 Division, Hydraulic shop, manufactured hydraulic lines to restore the operation of the flight deck crane and rebuilt five F-18 (EXREP) nose struts within a four day period (30 JUL - 02 AUG). IM-3 Division received three new updated Huntron computer systems. The HATS bench 100% up and no PIU cards were down. John Forte arrived for EOTS tech assist. The division discovered an Inertial Measuring Unit Test Set (IMUTS) problem when crossing the equator. IM-3 unjammed three conveyors/transporters containing live rounds. IM-4 Division performed SE/MHE Phase 1 training classes for 73 ship's company and Air Wing sailors. The division maintained a 98% SE availability and a 96% flight deck availability.

The ship conducted fixed wing operations on 15 of 22 days spent at sea in July, logging 1,014 day and 261 night traps. There were 348 day and 36 night helicopter sorties, and 146 VERTREP lifts. 99 pilots carrier qualified. Air Department's V-1 Division performed 6,003 moves and qualified four Crash Crewman and one Crash Leading Petty Officer. V-3 performed 558 moves, and along with V-1, conducted 305 deck edge elevator runs. V-2 repacked the #3 Arresting Gear Main Accumulator, replaced the Catapult #1 Choke Rings, replaced the Catapult #2 Digital End Speed Indicator (DESI), re-reeved the #2 Arresting Gear Wire, installed Service Change 635 on Catapult #2, and repacked the Catapult #2 Main Hydraulic Accumulator. V-2's VLA Branch performed maintenance on the Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System (FLOLS), including the installation a modification to accommodate the F-14 no-flap static hook-to-eye setting. V-4 issued 715,088 gallons of JP-5 and received 305,053 gallons during UNREPs.

Engineering Department, with assistance from the Supply Department, corrected Ventilation Discrepancies identified in June, greatly improving ventilation system performance. The department conducted training for department heads on

PIA work procedures and documentation. Engineering completed emergent repairs to AFT O2N2 Plant N2 Degasifier, and completed troubleshooting and overhaul of 6 valves in the forward O2N2 plant, returning unit to full operation. The department also completed 6 weeks of continuous air conditioning system operation on all 8 units with only 6 hours total downtime.

Legal Department's Security Division began training and re-qualifications Pier Sentry watch-standers in preparation for arrival in San Diego.

In July, Supply Department processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$1,134,000, an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$5,978,000, and a Flight OPS Gross Adjusted Obligation of 12,987.32. The department also processed 10 CASREPS, three ANORS, approximately 10 emergency, walk-through requisitions, and more than 45 credit card purchases. The department completed three VERTREP/RAS, five Stock Reorders, two LOGREQ and one Verification Reports while managing and maintaining more than 12,000 Basic Material File records and processing more than 150 SUADPS-RT transactions.

During this month, the ship was treated to its first United Service Organization (USO) show, a July 4<sup>th</sup> performance by the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Deputy JTFSWA visited the ship as it prepared to outchop from the Arabian Gulf. High temperatures and increased terrorist activity in the region prevented the ship from hosting any other DVs or media during its final days in the Arabian Gulf. As the ship approached its first non-Arabian Gulf port visit of the cruise, the ship hosted the Mayor of Freemantle, Australia, the Honorary Consul General of Ireland, and the Head of Defense Center Perth during a daylight embark on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Also on July 27<sup>th</sup>, The West Australian newspaper, Australia's Channels 10, 7, and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) Channel 2 came aboard to cover the ship's visit to Perth and Freemantle. While at anchorage off the coast of Freemantle, Australia, the ship was able to host 200 visitors by invitation on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> before rough seas forced the ship to secure boating.

#### August:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 9 work center quarterly audits, certified 1 Collateral Duty Inspector, and conducted 3 gas free inspections for the attached Air Wing. The division administered 69 open and closed book exams to command work centers, conducted 1 support equipment

misuse/abuse investigation, submitted 10 NAMDRP reports, 30 broken tool reports, and issued 45 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division off loaded the LANTIRN over the 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> of August. The Calibration Laboratory began recall of all items requiring off-ship calibration for September. All ERDL pods (AWW 9, AWW 13) were returned to their respective Sea Operation Detachment's (SOD). All shops began the R & R process. All VAN benches were put into long term preservation. IM-4 Division performed SE/MHE Phase 1 training classes for 80 ship's company and Air Wing sailors and maintained 98% SE availability and 97% flight deck availability. The division completed respirator training and medical surveillance in preparation for rework facility.

In August, the ship conducted fixed wing operations on 10 of 20 days spent at sea, reaching the virtually unprecedented landmark of 10,000 arrested landings in a single peacetime deployment. In contrast to all previous months of the deployment, however, only daytime flight operations were performed. There were 370 arrested landings, 177 helicopter sorties, and 990 VERTREP lifts, with 99 pilots achieving carrier qualification. Air Department's V-1 completed 1,500 aircraft moves, V-3 completed 351 moves, and there were 206 elevator runs. V-2 repacked the Catapult #4 Hydraulic Accumulator, repacked the #2 Arresting Gear Wire Sheave Dampers, re-reeved the #3 and #4 Arresting Gear Wires, installed Service Change 134 (FLOLS servo amplifier), inspected the Catapult #3 Water Brakes, and completed R-21 Sheave Inspections. After leaving Pearl Harbor with many of the crew's family members embarked for Tiger Cruise, the Air Department proudly assisted in performing a successful air show for the tigers. As of 26 August, 1998, Air Department records reflected the following end-of-cruise totals:

◆ Days at Sea	152
◆ Fixed Wing Fly Days	113
◆ Arrested Landings	10,062
◆ Day Traps	6,987
◆ Night Traps	3,075
◆ Helos	2,394
◆ Day Helos	2,159
◆ Night Helos	235
◆ VERTREP Lifts	1,986
◆ Pilots Qualified	680
◆ V-1 Aircraft Moves	34,471
◆ V-3 Aircraft Moves	4,723
◆ Elevator Runs	2,120
◆ JP-5 Issued	13,965,109

◆ JP-5 Received During UNREPs           12,037,983  
◆ JP-5 Sent During UNREPs               105,643

Engineering Department's Carpentry and Engraving Shop completed over 100 plagues in support of Ship's Force, Air Wing, and CARGRU Staff requirements. The department conducted PIA early start meetings and work control training by Puget Sound naval Shipyard, Newport News Shipbuilding, and AIRPAC.

JOHN C. STENNIS' third Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam is completed. A tremendous effort is put forth by the entire department in preparing for and executing this complex assessment. Over 1000 propulsion plant drills were run during the six month deployment which ended 26 August. It is an unqualified success.

The Legal Department made final preparations and plans for security requirements for PIA '99. The ship cleared US Customs for all attached and embarked personnel. Brig Division began preparations for closing ship's brig during PIA '99. LCDR [REDACTED], JAGC, USN, relieved LCDR [REDACTED] as the Command Judge Advocate.

In August, the Supply Department processed a Surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$1,002,000, an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$4,362,000, a Flight OPS Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$10,773.54, five CASREPS, 15 emergency walk-through requisitions, and 160 credit card purchases. The ship completed 21 VERTREP/RAS, 21 Stock Reorders, three Logistic Requisitions (LOGREQ) and three Verification Reports, while managing and maintaining more than 10,000 Basic Material File records processes over 150 SUADPS-RT transactions. By the end of the deployment on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Supply had cashed an average of \$10,000 in checks a day during deployment, including an average of nearly \$40,000 prior to in port periods. Dispersing averaged \$288,000 in ATM payroll per payday while on deployment and processed more than 2,400 Travel claims. The ship received 1.2 million pounds of cargo and 250,000 pounds of mail via COD/VOD during deployment, while receiving 1,800 pallets of material via UNREP/CONREP/VERTREP during deployment and shipping 175,000 pounds of retrograde material and 350,000 pounds of mail via COD/VOD. The ship transshipped 18,000 pounds of material to Battle Group units during deployment and transferred over 100 items for MATCONOFF. On deployment the ship conducted the semi-annual Q-COSAL LAP and inventory of over 11,000 line items during deployment, achieving 100% after corrective actions. Supply Department expedited more than 2,000 critical NMCS/PMCS

BROAD ARROW and AWP EXREP off-ship requisitions, processed more than 24,000 direct and indirect requisitions in support of Carrier Air Wing SEVEN and the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department during deployment, issued over 250 aircraft engine modules to Carrier Air Wing SEVEN, while maintaining a 98% on-time delivery rate for Issue Priority Group One Requisitions. The ship processed over 2,500 NRFI parts to the designated overhaul points and ATAC for expeditious repair. Supply Department maintained 100% repairable inventory validity on over 6200 repairable parts and also managed over 13,000 consumable line items. The ship also stowed hundreds of stock items that were cross-decked from other carriers. Along with serving nearly 18,600 meals each day during deployment, Supply Department cooks provided more than 100 ceremonial cakes for events and prepared 150 box lunches daily to support flight operations. S-40, Supply's Hazardous Material Division executed 23,000 Excess Hazardous Material transactions while processing more than 600,000 pounds of Excess Hazardous Material during deployment. As a final major evolution to close out the deployment, Supply Department lead the ship and airwing in coordinating and executing the post-deployment Wing Offload in 19 hours, using more than 1,200 pallets and 700 tri-walls.

As the ship approached the port of Hobart, Tasmania on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 31 distinguished visitors came aboard, including Tasmania's State Senator, the Tasmania State Premier, the U.S. Consul General, the Lord Mayor of Hobart, and Hobart Police Commissioner. During the ship's five day visit to Tasmania, the ship hosted 400 visitors on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Personal tours conducted by JCS/BG Sailors accounted for approximately 500 more visitors to the ship. The ship and battle group commander hosted an in-port reception in Hobart for 100, including Tasmania's Senator, the Governor of Tasmania, and the U.S. Consul. Australian media continued to show interest in telling the JOHN C. STENNIS story, with the ship hosting embarks by the Australian Today-Tonight Show, WIN TV, the Hobart Mercury Newspaper, Southern Cross TV, Melbourne Age Magazine, and the Australian Broadcast Corporation (ABC). As the ship prepared to arrive in its new homeport of San Diego, CA, the command and battle group hosted a nine-person official welcoming party, including CINPACFLT, COMNAVAILANT, COMCARGRU SEVEN, and COMNAVBASE SAN DIEGO. A 29 person delegation representing the state of California, the city of San Diego, Coronado, Imperial Beach, Palm Springs and many local civic and service agencies joined representatives of the Stennis Center for Public Service and the ship's sponsor as the ship entered San Diego Bay. Media covering the

ship's arrival included television reporter/cameramen from all local affiliates, the San Diego Union-Tribune's military correspondent, a reporter from KXYX Radio, a reporter/photographer team from the Coronado Eagle, and a producer/cameraman team from the San Diego Padres' Cox Channel Four program.

September:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 12 work center quarterly audits, administered 2 open and closed book exams to command work centers, submitted 4 broken tool reports, and issued 23 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division's Shop 8 off-loaded Lot 4 OTPS and Lot 5 OTPS. Shop 4 had all TPS staged for off-load in advance of CASS installation. Shop 8 returned F14 CASS OTPS pubs to the CARL VINSON. All ALQ99 pods off loaded. IM-4 Division off-loaded equipment to Bldg. 825 for start of PIA and completed battery training from NASEAU.

Over 50% of Air Department personnel availed themselves of POM leave in September, while others completed their Homeport Changes. Despite this stand-down, Air Department's attention shifted rapidly from flight operations to the monumental maintenance package which lay ahead. V-2 repacked the Catapult #1 Main Hydraulic Accumulator and installed Service Change 635. V-3 expended 200 man-hours in rehab work, including rehab of the Aircraft Elevator #4 Well, three interior spaces and one ventilation system. V-4 issued 278 gallons of JP-5 and there were 130 aircraft elevator runs.

The ship's brig is closed for PIA. All personnel TAD to the brig returned to their respective departments. Legal Department's Security Division began implementing parking enforcement and carpool assignments for JCS.

In preparation for the 1999 Planned Incremental Availability, Reactor Department conducts "Smart Start" during September, establishing plant conditions for PSNS work in the propulsion plants.

In September, the ship's Supply Department maintained a Surface OPTAR Grant of \$1,608,000, an Aviation OPTAR Grant of \$6,836,000 and a Flight OPS OPTAR Grant of \$1,000.00, while processing a surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$175,450.23 and an Aviation Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$898,567.98. Supply processed three CASREPS and six ANORS, as well as more than 3,000 receipts and 2,000 issues, approximately 60 emergency walk through requisitions and

more than 200 credit card purchases. In addition, Supply's Disbursing office offloaded \$5,600,000 and processed more than 1,100 travel claims.

During the ship's first month in its new homeport, 2,317 people visited the ship, including a delegation of a senior Chinese military leader. As a way of thanking the various people and organizations that made the JOHN C. STENNIS Homecoming a success, the command, COMNAVBASE and COMNAVAIRPAC hosted a reception on September 28<sup>th</sup> for 200 guests. JCS was the backdrop for coverage by WISC TV (CBS, Madison WI) as the University of Wisconsin football team visited the ship on September 4<sup>th</sup>. KUSI Television personality Rod Luck came aboard the ship on September 21<sup>st</sup> and did five live segments from around the ship for the TV station's morning show. The commanding officer appeared on a half-hour Public Affairs program on KUSI-TV, "San Diego People."

#### October:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 6 work center quarterly audits, administered 23 open and closed book exams to command work centers, submitted 11 broken tool reports, and issued 28 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division CASS installation began in Shops 4 and 8. The division offloaded K-Pool to the East Coast. Preservation was completed for the majority of test equipment for all shops while the division continued to R&R WRA's as parts are received by Supply. Versatile Automatic Shop Test (VAST) Test Program Sets (TPS) were staged for the ATS off-load. 400 HZ and ventilation were taken down in majority of the avionics shops so calibration and repair action were moved to alternate locations to continue reduction of a maintenance backlog. IM-4 Division completed indoctrination for Bldg. 801 and started rehab on SE space.

The Ship's Force Habitability team was established in October and work started on a 20 Compartment, 812 rack upgrade.

By mid October, PIA-99 was in full swing in the Air Department. Contractors began resurfacing the aft portion of the flight deck, and all four steam catapults were disassembled for maintenance and complete overhaul. In addition, V-2 repacked the Catapult #3 and #4 Main Hydraulic Accumulators, installed Service Change 635, and overhauled the Catapult #2 Shuttle Assembly. There were 146 elevator runs.

Supply Department maintained a Surface OPTAR Grant of \$1,658,000, an Aviation OPTAR Grant of \$150,000, and a Flight OPS OPTAR Grant of \$1,000. The department processed a surface Gross Adjusted Obligation of \$382,617.88, 3,000 receipts, 1,000 issues, 40 emergency walk-through requisitions and 50 credit card purchases. The department implemented a program to compare supply usage data from USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) and USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) in preparation for negotiation a new AVCAL with NAVICP.

During October, 3,403 people came aboard the ship as part of organized weekday and weekend tours. The command said thank you to the National League Champion San Diego Padres for the team's support of JCS Sailors during deployment and upon arrival in San Diego with a reception on the flight deck for 200 guests on-board on October 30<sup>th</sup>. KFMB-TV (CBS, San Diego) did a live interview segment with Padres President Larry Lucchino during that reception.

November:

CDR [REDACTED] relieved CDR [REDACTED] as AIMD Officer. AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 9 work center quarterly audits, administered 11 open and closed book exams to command work centers, submitted 4 broken tool reports, and issued 34 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division organized and computed calibration requirements through the cruise in 2000. Feed back reports received on K-Pool transfers were completed and forwarded to their final destination. Calibration induction done for 315 and RFI's 338. The division also built ICRL for 69C. IM-4 Division Rehab of SE continued.

PIA continues with priority work in Pri-Fly, Catapults, Mid-Ships Chill Water System Modification and new # 9 A/C Unit Installation. Major CHT System modifications and ventilation system screen replacement caused many disruptions of basic services with crew living onboard.

Air Department continued with its PIA-99 work package, conducting nine elevator runs.

During November, Combat Systems Department coordinated a Y2K assessment with CNAP. The department also improved its anti-virus protection by adding Norton Anti-Virus was loaded on approximately 600 computers.

Legal Department temporarily moved its office to the 03 level to prepare for space rehabilitation. Security Division completed firearm qualifications and re-

qualification for 43 security personnel. Brig Division supervised Brig Chaser class and qualifications for personnel from all departments.

Supply Department implemented the Material Financial Control System - Retail Afloat (MFCS) which provides asset visibility and tracking of stock in transit. It accounts for the value of fleet assets carried within SAC-207 activities' Navy Working Capital Fund (NWCF). The department processed over 1600 requisitions to support the annual QCOSAL load.

In November 1998, 1,601 people crossed the brow on organized tours of the ship. The ship, Naval Air Station North Island, COMTHIRDFLT and COMNAVAIRPAC hosted a reception for 350 guests onboard the ship as part of the Chrysler Classic Speed Festival. The ship's volunteer efforts at Montgomery Middle School were highlighted in coverage by KUSI-TV and the Spanish language station KBNT-TV. KUSI-TV came aboard the ship for live coverage of preparations for Thanksgiving dinner, focusing attention on the Sailors who were not able to be home with family on this holiday. KNXV-TV (ABC Phoenix) covered a visit to the ship by Phoenix high school students.

#### December:

AIMD's Quality Assurance Division conducted 12 work center quarterly audits, administered 12 open and closed book exams to command work centers, submitted 5 broken tool reports, and issued 14 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation. IM-3 Division reduced the overall backlog to 20 items. AT1 [REDACTED] and AT1 [REDACTED] attended a TPS developers conference whereby they provided a fleet lessons learned presentation. All work center shipyard rip outs were completed for the CAS installation. Cable installations were completed in both shops concerned. Work began on the installation of the bench foundation in Shop 8. IM-4 Division rehab on SE continued.

PIA continued with Pri-Fly modification the controlling path toward on-time completion of availability in April.

Air Department continued with its PIA-99 work package, while nearly half its personnel took holiday leave or completed Homeport Changes. V-2 conducted maintenance and overhauls on the Catapult #1, #2, and #3 Piston Assemblies, the Catapult #1 Shuttle Assembly, and the #1 Arresting Gear Wire Fairlead Sheaves. There were 6 elevator runs. By the end of the month, V-4 reported having cleaned 162 fuel tanks.

Legal Department's Legal Division conducted an Administrative Separation Board for a Sailor for homosexual conduct.

Supply Department coordinated the offload of 300 pallets of consumable material to allow installation of new A/C plant.

During December, 995 people visited the ship during weekday and weekend tours. Chief amongst them was the Italian Assistant Secretary of Defense, who visited the ship on December 4<sup>th</sup>.