From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74)

Subj: SUBMISSION OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12P

Encl: (1) Command History for USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) for period 1 January 1999 to 31 December 1999
(2) Biographical Information on Commanding Officer
(3) All Editions of the Ship’s Newspaper "The Statesman"

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.

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COMNAVAIRPAC
USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) 1999 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 Richard K. Gallagher, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) on 27 August 1999.

3. The Executive Officer is Captain Ted Branch, USN. He assumed duties as Executive Officer in October 1999.

4. The Command Master Chief is MMCM(SS) Bret Druesne, USN. He assumed duties as Command Master Chief in May 1999.

5. The Heads of Departments as of 31 December 1999 were:

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Enclosure (1)
6. On 1 January 1999, 3034 personnel were on board: 206 Officers, 172 Chief Petty Officers and 2,656 enlisted personnel. On 31 December 1999, 3,237 personnel were on board: 206 Officers, 204 Chief Petty Officers and 2,827 enlisted personnel.

7. The command's Senior Sailor of the Year was CTO1(SW). The command's Junior Sailor of the Year was DC2. The command's Straight Furrow Award winner was CDR. The command's Look Ahead Award winner was AOCM(AW).

8. The ship's annual and total days underway and miles steamed was:

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Part II - Chronology

Date       Event
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01-21 January Processed 106 Navy Purchase Card transactions for a total cost of $92K.
02 January Integrated Automated Travel System (IATS) implemented, allows travel claim processing by Electronic Funds Transfer. Introduced eight soda vending machines to the hangar bay which provided an additional $15,000 in profit for MWR.
14 January JCS Memorial Service for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Naval Air Station, North Island Chapel
1-15 January  Coordinated and finalized IT-21 drop list. Provided COMNAVAIRPAC & SPAWAR consolidated listing of unclassified/classified computer drops.

15 January  Memorial Service: ET1 Mark Gruber

16 January  The San Diego Gulls hockey team hosted 298 JCS crew members at San Diego Sports Arena for a catered pre-game party. The party and tickets to the game were subsidized by JCS MWR Division. AK2 from AIMD Department sang the national anthem and the Commanding Officer, CAPT Doug Roulstone, dropped a ceremonial puck before the start of the game.

20-30 January  Tested Lucent technology microwave point-to-point for command connectivity. Evaluated and reported that connectivity is largely dependent on weather conditions.

20 January  Micro-Q Laptop and Q-COSAL training with NAVICP-P representative at COMNAVAIRPAC. Conducted upload and download evolutions using an inert NATO missile.

Safety Council Meeting

24 January  MWR hosted Super Bowl Party aboard the ship; over 700 ship's company attended. The game was shown on a large cinema-style screen in Hangar Bay 2. Food Service Division provided hot food and beverages during the game. MWR representatives conducted a lottery during half time and after the game. Gift Certificates totaling $1,200 were handed out.

25 January  JOHN C. STENNIS Battle Group (JCSBATGRU) Pre-Brief for Warfare Commanders

25-19 January  Afloat Training Group Pacific (ATGPAC) Damage Control Training Team (DCTT) assist visit
26-27 January  JCSBATGRU C2W Workshop

26-28 January  JCSBATGRU Planning Conference

27 January  Air Department Training Team (ADTT) resumes training flight and Hangar Deck crews for upcoming underway periods

28 January  Safety Committee Meeting

31 January  MWR closed out first quarter financial returns for 1999 with a profit of $80,000. Though sales were sluggish during the Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) period, MWR maintained a high level of sales and generated more funds for the crew.

01-05 Feb  ATGPAC DCTT assist visit

01-21 Feb  Processed 94 Navy Purchase Card transactions for a total cost of $68K.

03 Feb  PIA QOL Survey completed

09 Feb  CV Operational Advisory Group (OAG) Meeting
        CCG-7 Operation Officers’ Meeting

10 Feb  MCPON & Under Secretary of the Navy for Personnel and Reserve Affairs visit

10 Feb  In support of DESRON 21 embarkation, Combat Systems Dept upgraded 9 computers to Pentium systems and ensured that the staff was connected to the JCS LAN. Over 20 e-mail accounts were created for all embarked staff members.

10-12 Feb  CVN OAG

13-15 Feb  Engineering Quality Assurance assist visit

15-18 Feb  Due to erratic LAN connectivity, lost connectivity of Cisco Router Hub 1 resulting in complete loss of connectivity to the entire island structure. Contacted
COMNAVAIRPAC & SPAWAR SD to request technical assistance in isolating potential problems. Troubleshooting discovered existing system is near saturation and disconnecting the old copper backbone (CSOSS) eliminates data collisions.

16-22 Feb
Surprise On-Site Disbursing Audit by Commander, Naval Region SOUTHWEST (COMNAVREGSW); received results of OUTSTANDING.

17 Feb
COMNAVAIRPAC "Best Sales and Service Inspection" conducted. USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN '74) was nominated as a finalist to compete with USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) in June 99.

Brief Battle Group CMC's on Battle Group Religious Ministries

18 Feb
COMNAVAIRPAC Aircraft Handling Team conducts initial administrative inspection of V-1 and V-3 Divisions

22-26 Feb
Battle Force Tactical Training (BFTT) Electronic Warfare Trainer Installation

23-25 Feb
Shipboard Training Team (SBTT)

25 Feb
Hosted the Navy League Dinner/Change of Command in Wardroom 3.

COMNAVAIRPAC Air Services Conference

26 Feb
"Transition from PIA" Stand-down

28 Feb
V-2 completes 30th corrective maintenance action of the month

01-21 Mar
Processed 65 Navy Purchase Card transactions for a total of $68K.

01-02 Mar
Heat-up of Number Two Reactor
01 Mar
Conducted Combat Systems light-off and testing on all weapons systems
ATM LAN installation begins
Commence Start-up maintenance on AN/SLQ-32

02 Mar
Hosted the California Emergency Services Committee luncheon in Wardroom 3

3-5 Mar
Pierside Underway Replenishment (UNREP) trainer

03 Mar
Conducted UNREP training on the DUS BARGE

04 Mar
Conducted UNREP training on the DUS BARGE
Celebrated the Supply Corps' 204th Birthday by conducting a cake cutting ceremony in Wardroom 3.

06 Mar
Completed Special Un-aged Material Obligation Validation for DBOF/AVDLR Conversion Project.

08-19 Mar
Magazine Sprinkler Safety Inspection (MSSI) conducted by FTSPAC.

9-10 Mar
CNAP Commander's Conference

10-11 Mar
Heat up of Number One Reactor

10 Mar-20 Apr
Shipboard Navigation Aircraft Inertial Alignment System certification

10 Mar
ECOLAB laundry system fully implemented and operational.

11 Mar
Safety Committee Meeting

12-15 Mar
AN/SYS-2 Field Change 2
12 Mar  Non-Critical Steam Plant testing was completed on time

Completed complex overhaul on all weapons systems, converting from a saltwater to chillwater cooling system

15-16 Mar  West Coast Senior Chaplains Conference

15 Mar  AN/SPN-41 Instrument Landing System Radar, Field Changes 12 and 13

15-18 Mar  Weapons Safety Assistant Team (TAV)

15-26 Mar  ATG ELTT assist visit

16-18 Mar  IW/C2W Conference

16 Mar-20 Apr  AN/SPS-48E 3D Radar, Field Change 5

16 Mar  Sea Trials Pre-Sail Conference

CCG-7 Operation Officers’ Meeting

Tested the port and starboard anchors: lowered to and raised from the water line

17 Mar  Memorial Service: OS2 Gary Duranne, CCG7

Valve barge moved/transferred to CV-64 pier

18 Mar  Conducted NO-LOAD test

19 Mar  ANA Conference, ADM Flatley Award presented to Captain Roulstone in Arlington, VA

Completed three week groom with FTSCPAC SAN DIEGO on the Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) and NATO Sea Sparrow Missile System

20 Mar  Hosted a Navy Academy Soccer Committee Luncheon in Wardroom 3. VADM Ryan, Superintendent of Naval Academy, attended.
22-29 Mar  AN/SPA-25G Radar Repeater, Engineering Change 5 UMAT ASSIST VISIT

23Mar - 23Apr  The Supply Department Monies Audit Board conducted a semi-annual inspection of the ship’s MWR program.

23 Mar  Weight tested B & A Crane main hook

24-27 Mar  Power Range Testing of #1 & #2 Propulsion Plants

26 Mar  Battle problem

V-2 shoots first in-port no-loads following PIA

27-28 Mar  Number One Reactor Cooldown conducted to accommodate emergent repairs to a steam valve

29 Mar-16 Apr  AN/SPN-41, AN/SPN-46 precision approach landing system certification

29 Mar  Moved enlisted brow to from Elevator 2 to Elevator 3

29 Mar  JCSBATGRU IW/C2W Warfare Conference

30 Mar  Weight tested B & A Crane auxiliary hook

31 Mar  Sea Trials Agenda Meeting

Dock Trials

V-2 completes 50th corrective maintenance action of the month

Airspace Coordination Meeting

Repairs to Number One Reactor completed

Completed procurement of 90 day supply and preparations for re-opening "7-11" outlet to support underway schedule.
Common High Bandwidth Data Link/Battle Group Passive Horizon Extension System installation completed.

01 Apr
USS JOHN C. STENNIS PIA-99 complete

02 Apr
Protestant Good Friday Service in Chapel

AA USN, and AR USN, were injured when a section of a jet blast deflector fell on them during routine maintenance. Each Sailor ultimately lost a leg as a result of the accident.

Chaplains provided Critical Incidence Stress Debrief for V-2 personnel in the aftermath of AA's Flight Deck accident.

Enlisted Brow moved from Elevator 3 to Elevator 2

Weapons Department, during firearms training at the NASNI small arms range, qualified 16 personnel to use 9MM pistol

04 Apr
JCS Chaplains participated in Easter Sunrise services aboard USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64).

05 Apr
ACDS Blk 0 Level 10 consolidated software completed

07-09 Apr
Fast Cruise, pierside San Diego, CA.

07 Apr
Simulated General Quarters
Simulated Man Overboard Drill
Tested all Deck equipment

08 Apr
TS-3543 Digital Data Test Set, Field Change 4
Simulated Anchor to water's edge; port & starboard anchors
Simulated Man Over Board and let down Port Motor Whale Boat

09 Apr Simulated Abandon Ship

Fast Cruise ends

10 Apr Phased Incremental Availability (PIA) 99 completed

12-19 Apr Underway for Sea Trials/Flight Deck Certification/PALS certification in Southern California Operating Areas.

12 Apr Man Overboard Drill

General Quarters Drill

13 Apr Tactical Air Navigation Certification

14 Apr Fuel Underway Replenishment (UNREP) with USNS PECOS (TAO-197) 800,000 gallons of JP5 received

16 Apr Operated SIPRNET over 256k bandwidth on SHF for the first time on a carrier

Man Overboard Drill - Starboard Motor Whaleboat recovery

18 Apr Sunday Religious Services resume aboard JCS. Services had been discontinued upon arrive in San Diego in August 1998.

19 Apr Conducted anchorage west of North Island in ATG anchorage areas.

20 Apr Weapons Department, during firearms training at the NASNI small arms range, qualified 44 personnel to use the 9MM pistol

22 Apr Weapons Department, during firearms training at the NASNI small arms range, qualified 26 personnel to use the 9MM pistol and the 12-Gauge Shotgun
23 Apr  Weapons Department, during firearms training at the NASNI small arms range, qualified 39 personnel in the use of the 12-Gauge Shotgun.

26 Apr-01 May  Fleet Readiness Squadron/Carrier Qualifications in Southern California Operating Areas

28-29 Apr  Conducted Link 16 Tech Assist For USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN while underway in SOCAL OPAREA

05-07 May  Underway to conduct ammunition onload with USNS Flint in Southern California Operating Areas.

06-07 May  UNREP with USNS FLINT (AE-32). Weapons Department receives more than 3,400,000 pounds of ammunition in 1,100 lifts over the course of 31 hours.

07 May  Ship Anchored

10 May  CART II begins

Man Overboard Drill (Boat Recovery)

AN/SRQ-6(V)1 BGPHEs consisting of 5 racks installed in SSECHBDL consisting of 2 racks installed in the Combat Direction Center; 2 platforms with satellite antennas installed on the mast and back aft above CIWS Mount #23

12 May  Armed Forces Day Commemoration held aboard JCS. Mormon Youth Choir and Symphony perform for the San Diego military community.

13 May  Eagle Scout Award Ceremony conducted in Hangar Bay 2

15 May  Retirement ceremony and reception held in Hangar Bay 2 for RADM William J. Logan, USN
19-26 May  Underway to conduct Tailored Ship’s Training Availability (TSTA) 1 in Southern California Operating Areas.

19 May  UNREP with USNS PECOS (TAO-197)

19 May  UNREP with USS JOHN YOUNG (DD-973)

19 May  Man Overboard Drill

19 May  TSTA I commences

19 May  Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team Visit

20 May  UNREP with USNS PECOS (TAO-197)

20 May  Ship Anchors

20 May  CIWS Mount #21 fired 300 rounds for PACFIRE

21 May  CIWS Mount’s #22, 23, and 24 fired 300 rounds each for PACFIRE

23 May  AN/SPS-49(V)5 RADAR Antenna Motor Generator replaced

24 May  Ship Anchored

24 May  Man Overboard Drill

25 May  UNREP with USS ELLIOT (DD-967)

25 May  UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE (TAO-200)

26 May  TSTA I completed

26 May  Man Overboard Drill

26 May  Safety Pre-Memorial Day Standdown

26 May  ADM Flatley award ceremony with Mr. Brian Flatley (ADM's son) and Mrs. Dorothy Flatley (ADM's son)
29 May  Began non-skid resurfacing of Hangar Bay 3
30 May  Safety Committee Meeting
01-04 Jun  Deck Department Quality Assurance Audit
01 Jun  Weapons Department stands up a Quality Assurance Branch
        Engineering Department undergoes a QA Program review
01 Jun  ATM IT-21 LAN installation of 450 new PCs, 8 Xylan edge switches, 2 Xylan back bone switches, 8 servers, and new CISCO 4500 commenced
04 Jun  Completed non-skid resurfacing of Hangar Bay 3
        Battle of Midway Remembrance Ceremony
7-8 Jun  Naval Safety Center Survey
12-17 Jun  Ship underway for Fleet Replacement Squadron Carrier Qualifications (FRS/CQ)
15 Jun  Testing completed on Testing Station SHIPALTS. Ship now fully capable of supporting JDAM, JSOW, and AIM-9x
16 Jun  Safety Committee Meeting
19 Jun  Friends & Family Day Cruise
22 Jun- 2 Jul  PCO, CAPT Richard Gallagher, onboard for briefs
22-23 Jun  Phase Incremental Availability 01 SHIPCHECK and SHIPALT reviews conducted
25 Jun  Command Picnic, Summer Bash, at ADM Baker Park, San Diego, CA.
26 Jun  Began non-skid resurfacing of Hangar Bay 2
31 Jun  TOPSCENE ver 4.2.k upgraded. A connection to TAMPS via the ATM LAN was added in CVIC

03 Jul  Completed non-skid resurfacing of Hangar Bay 2

07 Jul  JCS CACO Call team activated following death by suicide of ABH2 Charles Woodrum

        NAWC China Lake AIN-9X container fit check

        Swedish Minister of Defense visit

08 Jul  Memorial Service for ABH2 Charles Woodrum

12 Jul  Air Department conducted day Flight Deck drills

13 Jul  Air Department conducted day Flight Deck drills

14 Jul  Close In Weapons System (CWIS) PACFIRE, .50 Cal shoot

12-28 Jul  Underway for TSTA II/III/Final Evaluation Period (FEP)

16 Jul  Safety Committee Meeting

17 Jul  Streamed the spar target for bombing runs

18 Jul  CINCPACFLT, Admiral Archie Clemins, visit

        Mr. Lou Gerstner, CEO, IBM, Inc. visit

19 Jul  Streamed the spar target for bombing runs. Lost due to aluminum connecting brackets breaking

        Burial At-Sea for ABH2 Charles Woodrum

20 Jul  Streamed the spar target for bombing runs

        Air Department conducted day Flight Deck drills
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<td>CIWS PACFIRE, CIWS Quickdraw Exercise</td>
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<td>Anchored in Esquimalt Harbor for port visit to Victoria, BC. Great liberty for All Hands</td>
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<td>Return transit to homeport San Diego, CA.</td>
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<td>Vertical and Underway replenishment with USNS KISKA while transiting Puget Sound, WA. 544 pallets of Ammo onloaded, 62 pallets offloaded</td>
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Pierside in San Diego at 2000
Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BFIMA) Meeting

05 Aug
On-loaded SEAL/EOD 7 pallets of team explosive material. Provided 4-98-2-A as a workcenter for the EOD team

06-26 Aug
Underway for Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and Year 2000 (Y2K) testing. During exercise Weapons Department provided 291,250 lbs of air-launched weapons

07 Aug
Underway replenishment with USS BRIDGE. JCS received 89 lifts in FAS operations at stations 7 and 19.

10 Aug
Underway replenishment with USS BRIDGE. JCS received 1,400,000 gallons JP-5 fuel via FAS stations 11 and 13

11 Aug
The Air Department’s Waist Catapults Branch celebrated 20,000 catapult shots with CAPT Douglas R. Roulstone, Commanding Officer, and CDR [REDACTED], Air Boss

13 Aug
V-2 Division logged Catapult #3’s 6,000th shot

14 Aug
Underway replenishment with USS BRIDGE

15 Aug
Streamed the spar target for bombing runs

Conducted FAS operations with USS BRIDGE via stations 5, 11 and 13. Received 76,844 gallons JP-5 fuel

Air Department conducted night Flight Deck drills
16 Aug
Streamed the spar target for bombing runs
Small arms familiarization training conducted. More than 3000 rounds of .50 cal and 7600 rounds of 7.62 ammo expended

17 Aug
10,000th arrested landing on Arresting Engine #2
V-4 Division received 896,915 gallons of JP-5 from USS BRIDGE
Air Department conducted night Flight Deck drills
CAPT Douglas R. Roulstone, Commanding Officer, joined members of the Air Department in the Catapult #3 Ready Crew Shelter for a cake cutting ceremony commemorating the ship's 35,000th arrested landing

17 Aug
Underway replenishment with USS BRIDGE

18 Aug
Underway replenishment (delivery) with USS RENTZ
Streamed the spar target for bombing runs

19-20 Aug
Command hosted 3 Roman Catholic Bishops as part of CINCPACFLT initiative to encourage Roman Catholic chaplain recruiting

19-21 Aug
JCS Weapons Department supports NAVSEASYSCOM CVNX project evaluation team

19 Aug
Streamed the spar target for bombing runs
JCS conducted a successful dryhook-up FAS operation with the USS RENTZ

20 Aug
CIWS PACFIRE
CVW-9/VX-9 MINEX. VX-9 supported with air-launched mines to assist F/A-18E/F weapons delivery certification process
20-24 Aug  Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit (3rd visit)

22 Aug  Battle Group Photo Exercise

   Air Department conducted night Flight Deck drills

23-26 Aug  COMNAVAIRPAC Weapons Safety Assistance Team visit

24-27 Aug  Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit (2nd visit)

24 Aug  4,000th shot on Catapult #4

26 Aug  35,825 total arrested landings aboard USS STENNIS

   Pierside, San Diego, CA.

27 Aug  CAPT Richard K. Gallagher relieved CAPT Douglas R. Roulstone as Commanding Officer, USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) during ceremonies onboard CVN 74

29 Aug  Commenced non-skid resurfacing of the bomb farm and aircraft Elevator 1

30 Aug  Commenced non-skid resurfacing of Hangar Bay 1

01 Sep  Safety Committee Meeting

03 Sep  Completed non-skid resurfacing of the bomb farm and aircraft Elevator 1

07-10 Sep  COMNAVAIRPAC Torpedo Readiness Certification Inspection. Weapons Department certified to perform MK-46 and MK-50 torpedo operations

07 Sep  V-1 Division conducted a Flight Deck familiarization brief for 200 personnel from the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) Air Wing
08-10 Sep  COMNAVAIRPAC Chaplains Conference, NAB, Coronado

08 Sep  CVN Commanding Officers Conference at NAS Fallon

08 Sep  Command hosts Pre-Deployment Fair to assist spouses and families of deploying JCS Sailors prepare for the upcoming deployment

10 Sep  Completed non-skid resurfacing of Hangar Bay 1

International Institute for Strategic Studies visit

13-14 Sep  Montgomery Middle School Adopt-a-School visit

13-17 Sep  ESSOPAC Conventional Ordnance Safety Review. Only two minor discrepancies noted

13 Sep  BFIMA Meeting

16 Sep  23 New Chief Petty Officers were pinned during ceremonies in Hangar Bay 2.

20-25 Sep  Carrier Air Traffic Control Center team training

21 Sep  SEASYSCOM Chaplain visits ship to determine future CVN space requirements

22 Sep  V-4 Division received 4,200 gallons of catapult lube oil

Ammo on-load/off-load at Kilo pier. 26 lifts to support WGU-39 computer control section evaluation mandated by COMNAVAIRPAC

23 Sep  Conducted University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Midshipmen swearing-in ceremony on the Fantail
27 Sep  
Safety Standdown - Home and Recreational Safety

FTSCPAC completes weapons elevator assessment, citing JCS' elevators as best in the Fleet

28 Sep  
Air Department conducted Hangar Bay fire and night Flight Deck drills

29 Sep  
Safety Committee Meeting

30 Sep  
Defense Orientation Conference Association visit

01-15 Oct  
Weapons Department completes NAS Fallon Weapons Detachment in support of Carrier Air Wing NINE (CVW-9). Thirty-two personnel were assigned. The detachment assembled 375 LDGP bombs, JDAM, SLAM-ER, and JSOW supporting operations of CVW-9

08-10 Oct  
Force Protection Exercise

08 Oct  
CAPS in-brief

12-13 Oct  
Underway for ISE

12-21 Oct  
V-4 Division completed a Carrier Advanced Planning (CAP) inspection

13 Oct  
Burial-at-Sea for CAPT Geoffrey Thompson, USN(RET), AO1 Leslie Wiley, USN(RET), PVT Edward Fink, USA(HON), ETR3 Dennis Decicco, USN(HON)

15-22 Oct  
Underway for FRSCQ and Operational Readiness Safeguard Evaluation (ORSE)

16 Oct  
Underway replenishment USNS. JCS received 1,500,000 gallons JP-5 via FAS stations 11 and 13

16 Oct  
OLA STAFFYDEL visit
19-21 Oct Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
19 Oct CWIS/.50 Cal Quickdraw
20 Oct CWIS/.50 Cal Quickdraw
21 Oct CWIS/.50 Cal Quickdraw
22 Oct CCG-7 Change of Command Ceremony
23 Oct OLA STAFFDEL visit
24 Oct Chrysler Classic Speed Festival Awards Ceremony
25 Oct Weapons on-load at pier KILO, NAS North Island with 16 crane lifts of ammo
25-26 Oct A-12 Periodic Intermediate Availability 2001 (PIA-01) Meeting
27 Oct JCS Battle Group Pre-Sail Religious Ministries Conference
29 Oct-08 Nov Underway for FLEETEX 00-1
29 Oct Underway replenishment USS BRIDGE. One hundred-five pallets of ammunition received. Catapult 2 reached its 10,000 shot mark
30 Oct Weapons on-load with USS BRIDGE (AOE 10). More than 270 lifts with 201,754 lbs of ammo received via VERTREP and CONREP
31 Oct Arresting gear reached 37,000 total ship traps
03 Nov Underway replenishment and weapons on-load with USS BRIDGE. 835,133 gallons of JP-5 fuel received via stations 11 and 13. Received 20 lifts of ammo via VERTREP

Streamed the spar target for bombing runs
CAPS debrief

04 Nov
Streamed the spar target for bombing runs.

06 Nov
CIWS/.50 Live Fire Exercise

07 Nov
Underway replenishment with USS BRIDGE, received 503,049 gallons of JP-5

08-10 Nov
Physical Security and Law Enforcement exercise

09 Nov
Marriage Enrichment Class - Sailing to Stronger marriage

10 Nov
Food Service Division inspected for Ney Award nomination

Televisions received for the library and crews lounge to begin the transformation to a multimedia learning resource center

12-23 Nov
Underway for Joint Fleet Exercise (JTFEX). During MISSILEX 1 Hellfire, 12 AIM-9S, 4 AIM-7 and 2 AGM-65s were expended. 143 tons of ordnance was issued

12 Nov
Arresting Gear Engine #3 caught its 15,000th trap

14 Nov
Underway replenishment with USS BRIDGE. 615,027 gallons of JP-5 fuel received via stations 5 and 11. Streamed the spar target for bombing runs

17 Nov
Conducted FAS operations with the USS BRIDGE. 800,000 gallons of JP-5 fuel received via stations 5, 11, and 13

Catapult #1 reached its 20,000 shot mark

20 Nov
Catapult #3 reached its 7,000 shot mark

22 Nov
Underway replenishment with USNS GUADALUPE, received 977,022 gallons of JP-5
Visit by Vice Admiral McGinn, COMTHIRDFLT

24 Nov  
Coordinated giving out over 100 Thanksgiving vouchers  
Coordinated the Thanksgiving Home Hospitality for sailors to join San Diego families

29 Nov  
SEN John Kerry, (D-MASS) visit

01-02 Dec  
Chief Engineers Conference

02 Dec  
Air Department conducted day and night Flight Deck drills

03-05 Dec  
Underway for FRSCQ

03 Dec  
Arresting gear reached 38,000 traps total

04 Dec  
Burial-at-Sea for CAPT Richard L. Barber, USNR(RET), SHC Eugene B. Palm, USN(RET), MSGT Arthur Van Asdale, USAF(RET), SK1 Elwood R. Scott, USNR, AM3 Harold D. Strasser, USN

05 Dec  
Conducted Anchoring evolution

06-19 Dec  
First Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Leave Period

06 Dec  
Commenced non-skid resurfacing of the landing area  
PIA-01 Team Meeting

07 Dec  
Barge Meeting

08-09 Dec  
9MM pistol qualifications for Weapons Department personnel

08 Dec  
Video Tele-maintenance Brief

13 Dec  
Coordinated the Angel Tree Project
15 Dec Weapons on-load from LIMA Pier, NAS, North Island. 25 crane lifts of ammo brought aboard

M14 rifle qualifications for Weapons Department personnel

Command Children's Christmas party

17 Dec Completed non-skid resurfacing of the landing area

21 Dec-04 January Second POM Leave Period

29 Dec Received 10 PC monitors and 12 PC computers for the Crew's Lounge

**Part II - Narrative section**

January-March:

The first quarter of 1999 began with AIMD in the middle of PIA. The 2 major projects needing completion were the Consolidated Automated Support System (CASS) install and the Ventilation install in the Jet Shop. AIMD set an ambitious schedule to get ready for sea. A comprehensive turnaround plan was formulated and put into action in order for the department to be able to begin supporting flight operations, but more specifically, to get ready for TSTA II/III, COMPTUEX and beyond. Training, from mainly outside the command, was extensively conducted throughout the entire period. Other accomplishments this quarter included the completion of 82 NDI jobs and the survey of the x-ray vault. This survey will allow us to update our X-Ray Radiation Safety Program and enable us to use a new piece of IMRL gear, once the results are received from RASO. All of the IM-2 work centers completed the tool box change of our organizational code, the mechs-identification and submitted 52 slings for load testing. The Paraloft completed numerous projects, among them the manufacture and embroidery of curtains, manufacture of twelve bench seat covers, 20 leather nametags and the embroidery of 65 ballcaps for the Public Affairs office. AIMD's oil lab technician analyzed 30 oil samples, repaired the Aqua 10 open cup tester and received OJT at SIMA, San Diego.
Weapons Department hit the deck running after the Christmas leave period in January 1999. The Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) was the main concern in the first part of the quarter, then priorities shifted to Weapons Handling training and preparing for the ammunition on load at the end of the quarter. Many of the Weapons Department's magazines and common spaces were brought back to like-new condition. G-3 Division turned over 7-25-0-M (Used for chaff storage) to accommodate the installation of an air conditioning unit to meet ship's specifications. 4-98-2-A replaced 7-25-0-M and is being prepared for chaff storage. During the first quarter of CY99, the Forward Weapons Assembly 5-84-0-M was modified to meet ship's specifications. During the quarter, G-1 Division ensured thirty class EE forklifts, seven jettison locker, two cad lockers, and handling beams and slings were weight tested and ready for use. G-4 Division completed ship alteration #CVN-7754 Rev. 2 Over Speed Governor Modification. Maintenance included the replacement of five hydraulic actuators, the repair of eight. With close coordination, G-4 Division ensured the ship's PIA team received elevator support throughout the availability for the movement of heavy parts and material.

During 1999's first quarter Combat Systems Department completed the Tactical Aircraft Mission Planning System 6.2 Installation.

The 1st quarter of 1999 for Medical Department included patient referrals and PIA projects. Tiling of multiple spaces required many manhours. This was done while the department continued to attend to the daily medical needs of the crew. Patient referrals to Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD) for specialized care averaged just fewer than 60 per month. Amongst those referrals were two shipmates who were diagnosed with terminal illnesses. The ship's surgeon performed more than 30 surgeries at NMCSD during the quarter. Women's health readiness rose to 85% during the quarter, thanks in great part to the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner from the Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Training Center, CDR [redacted] who made a "house call" to JCS each Wednesday.

For the 1st Quarter 1999, Legal Department completed more than 30 Incident/Complaint Reports, processed more than 70
Administrative Separations and more than 100 Non-Judical Punishment Cases, and completed 1 Summary and 1 Special Court-Martial. The department also completed a urinalysis sweep for each department on the ship, collecting and analyzing more than 2,200 samples. Additionally, they provided personnel to the Naval Legal Service Office Southwest Tax Center to assist in the processing and filing of tax returns for Sailors and their families.

For the first quarter of 1999, the Ship's Secretary's Office handled 12 officer transfers, and 17 officer receipts, processed 5 officer separations and 87 Fitness Reports. The division also processed 65 award submissions, as well as preparing 99 pieces of official correspondence. Admin Department's Executive Officer's Admin Office (XO Admin) processed 195 Special Request Chits, 18 instructions and 10 notices, published 78 Plans of the Day and processed $5,000 worth of Official Mail.

Training Department revitalized the command's School of the Ship program, streamlining the process for reporting Sailors and providing a measure of uniformity to each class' schedule. From January through March, 575 newly reporting JCS Sailors went through School of the Ship. The department also focused attention on the Sponsorship Program, revamping the program to make it easier for incoming Sailors to be assigned sponsors and also making it easier for sponsors to manage their duties in that regard. In the first three months of 1999, 1158 Sponsor packages were processed by Training Department. During the first quarter of 1999, Training Department prepared 100 Cost TAD orders. The department processed 9 Harp Requests, 31 re-enlistments, 12 Selected Re-enlistment Bonus Pre-Certifications, 8 Fleet Reserve Requests, 16 requests for re-enlistment under the ENCORE requirement, executed 34 extensions, prepared 34 1306/7 Personal Action requests, and arranged for 220 people to attend the appropriate Transition Assistance Program class. Training Department's Educational Services Office (ESO) administered Navy-Wide Advancement exams in January for 224 candidates for promotion to Chief Petty Officer. In March, ESO administered exams for 260 prospective E-4, 478 E-5, and 233 E-6 candidates. During this quarter, 180 Sailors were formally promoted to E-2, 93 to E-3, 26 were advanced to E-4, 8 to E-5, 5 to E-6, 3 to E-7, and 4 to E-8.
January:

Air Department personnel returned to work from the holiday stand-down and attacked their PIA work package in full force. Although V-1 Division's largest project was the resurfacing of the Flight Deck, this job was handled by civilian contract, and most V-1 manpower was devoted to the rehabilitation of interior spaces. With assistance from VRT, V-2 Division continued with the colossal job of overhauling all four catapults and the arresting gear. V-3 Division completed rehabilitation of their Tool Issue Room, Division Issue Storeroom, Conflagration Stations #2 and #3, Damage Control Workcenter, two passageways, one head, and the Aircraft Elevator #3 Portable Stanchions. In addition to spending a total of 2,061 man-hours on these projects during the month, V-3 completed 247 elevator runs and 200 hours of general quarters, Flight Deck and Hangar Deck aircraft fire fighting training.

During January, the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department's (AIMD) workcenters were busy closing out PIA requirements and preparing to get underway. IM-1 Division developed a comprehensive Bench/Support Equipment validation/verification plan, and laid the groundwork to accomplish bench verification and validation for the upcoming work-up cycle. IM-2 Division continued work on the installation of the ventilation in the Jet Shop. Many of the ship's force space rehab projects were completed during January. IM-3 completed installation of the CASS benches in shops 4/8, and the benches were awaiting verification. IM-4 Division completed more than 50% of the scheduled GSE rework in Bldg. 801.

PIA continued with completion of the mid-ships Chill Water modification on the second deck. The # 9 A/C Unit installation nears completion, while the Pri-Fly modification initial testing started with a coordinated test group comprising Ship's Force, SUPSHIPS San Diego, and Shipyard. The Afloat Training Group Damage Control Training Team (DCTT) conducted a training assist visit for formal instruction of the Ship's DCTT team.

In January, Reactor Department saw the completion of the new Electronic Rod Drive Power Supplies and SHIPALT Modification to both Reactor Plant Control Consoles.
final phase of qualification and re-certification commenced with administering written exams to all previously qualified watch standers.

In January 1999, Weapons Department completed staging of 30 EE forklift trucks, off-loaded seven jettison lockers and two CAD lockers for rework, and prepared 49 departmental spaces for painting. The department completed 354 maintenance actions for WG01 and 38 maintenance actions for WG41.

In January 1999, Supply Department inventoried 130 pallets of consumable material offloaded to the T-shed, swapped storerooms 4-44-3 and 4-44-4 (EA/EB) with SSPO for 3-17-0, and loaded all Food Services related consumable material to 3-17 storeroom. Supply also offloaded all cleaning supplies superceded by ECOLAB products and turned in to Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC) and offloaded all HAZMAT from the 7-210-0 storeroom. Receipts: 278. Issues: 391. Supply's Food Service Division (S-2) received 210 pallets of food provisions during January. Billed as the "Galley of the Future", the Food Service Division had the Forward Galley remodeled with the latest in food service equipment technology to better serve the crew. Supply re-non-skided the main issue storeroom 1-156 and offloaded the Oxidizer storeroom for contractors water pipe modifications. Material Division (S-8) assisted in the HAZMAT offload of 7-210-0. Issues: 1200. Excess Hazardous Material (EHM): 20,000lbs. The Aviation Support Division (S-6), assisted by COMNAVAIRPAC, conducted a wall-to-wall repairables inventory of over 9,000 items. This evolution was flawless and was lauded by CNAP as the best reconciliation in CVN history. In January 1999, the Post Office processed 5,005 lbs. of mail in, 2,345 lbs. of mail out, and 555 Letter Class Mail. Supply's Material Division (S-8) assisted in the HAZMAT inventory and shelf life extension. Repainted 1-128 aviation paint issue storeroom. Issues: 1,800. EHM: 34,725 lbs.

In January, Legal Department’s Security Division resumed routine x-ray inspections, investigated and completed Incident/Complaint Reports on 11 crimes, and provided security for the San Diego Gulls Hockey Team.
In January 1999, the Admin Department's Personnel Division compiled a list of all delinquent PCS and Change of Home Port travel claims in an effort to resolve a backlog of paperwork related to Sailors checking aboard JCS. To keep backlogs from happening in the future, and to ensure outstanding customer service, Personnel Division re-organized office workcenters. During the month, the division processed 102 receipts for reporting Sailors, 30 transfers, 32 regular and 16 Administrative Separations, and prepared 110 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 323 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 100 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. The Public Affairs Office began the new year with a strong push to tell the JCS story to Navy and civilian audiences. During January, the San Diego Navy newspaper, The Compass, published four stories about JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) (named Stennis' Sailor of the Year", 7 January - "Stennis neighbors helping neighbors", 7 January - "Stennis readies to complete first-ever PIA", 28 January - "San Diego Gulls return Sailor's hospitality", 28 January). On the external print media front, the local Coronado Eagle-Journal published a story on the JCS Sailor of the Year (supplied by JCS PAO) and a staff reporter another story, "Shipboard Duty Brings CHS Graduate Home to Coronado", published on 27 January. The major San Diego daily, the Union-Tribune, included information on the San Diego Gull's visit to JCS in its sports section. JCS PAO spent January laying the groundwork for future stories with local broadcast media. KGTIV-TV (ABC, San Diego) reporter Bob Lawrence shot file footage of PIA work conducted by JCS Sailors 14 January for a story in April and the JCS PAO provided an indoctrination tour to KNSD-TV (NBC, San Diego) reporter Adam Freed to provide the foundation for a working relationship and possible future stories. Radio broadcast packages on JCS during January included a series of live interviews on KSDO-AM 1130 (ABC, San Diego) with the Commanding Officer and JCS Sailor during San Diego Gulls hockey game on 16 January and coverage by KSON-FM 97.3 (Indep, San Diego) of the adoption ceremony between JCS and Hilltop Elementary school as part of their morning drive show on 22 January. In January, 1,346 visitors crossed the brow on tours. Most notable of these were visits by the players from the San Diego Gulls Hockey team and "Gulls Girls" dancers on 12 January. During the month, the
Commanding Officer spoke to the Bonita Optimist Club Breakfast on 14 January, the Coronado Optimist Club Breakfast on 21 January, and the USNA Alumni Assoc-San Diego on 21 January. The Commanding Officer made a courtesy call on the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego on 05 January to lay the foundation for future projects with the organization. On the Internet, the command's website drew 65,046 visitors, with more than 902 megabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS factsheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of the JCS Battlegroup. The department's Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 395,986 impressions on three printing systems.

**February:**

By the end of February, more than 45,000 square feet of non-skid had been replaced on the Flight Deck, and V-1 Division had replaced floor tile and terrazzo decking in more than half its spaces. V-3 expended 660 man-hours to complete rehabilitation of Hangar Deck Control, Conflagration Station #1, one passageway, and one berthing compartment. During February, there were 84 elevator runs in support PIA and other import operations.

AIMD continued working on ship’s force type of rehab projects in the department work centers during February 1999. IM-2 Division sent 2 Test Cell operators to the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64) for Test Cell operator training. IM-3 Division, Shop 10, calibrated over 500 reactor plant gages to ensure readiness of Reactor Department for Hot Operations. The division also “bought” the CASS benches from the PIA install team and began work on validating and verifying them. The return of chill water in most of the forward part of the ship enabled most benches to be de-preserved and run for the first time since the end of deployment in August 1998. IM-4 Division completed more than 65% of the scheduled GSE rehab located at Bldg. 801. PIA continues during February with completion of the mid-ship’s Chill Water modification on the 03 level. Chill Water was restored to the 03 level and above. The Ship’s Firemain System was restored to normal. CHT System modifications involving the diverter valve overhaul and
clean-out plug installations were completed. The CHT System was restored to normal. A QA assist visit was conducted to check progress of Departments in clearing deficiencies identified in the October inspection. ATG DCTT Team completed training the Ship’s DCTT Team.

In February, Reactor Department commenced the final phase of the PIA. Preparations for Propulsion Plant testing began in order to certify completed shipyard work. Control Rod testing was successfully completed - certifying the new Electronic Rod Drive Power Supplies. Periodic Fill Testing was also completed. Final phase of Watch Standee re-certification continued with all watch standers receiving oral boards. By the end of February the propulsion plants were ready to commence final testing with all required work complete and all watch standers re-certified to stand their required watch stations.

Weapons Department spent February 1999 re-tiling 3 Divisional spaces and off-loading six MK-45 hand trucks for rework. Thirty-eight personnel successfully completed qualification in explosive handling. The department provided SIMA with weapons handling slings and beams for weight test, and improved assigned weapons magazines and overall weapons management of the division by performing a thorough self-assessment inspection of explosive safety programs.

In February 1999, Supply offloaded 286 documents excess material from Q-COSAL stock. The department completed an inventory and shelf life check/extension for 120 pallets of HAZMAT offloaded from 7-210-0. Storerooms 6-255-0 and 5-25-0 were painted out during the month and LAP/consolidated 3-190 (MD) storerooms while surveying overaged/expired medicines. The department moved into new storeroom 3-225-4 (LT) and began operating. Receipts: 725. Issues: 394. The Food Service Division (S-2) received 350 pallets of food provisions. Aviation Support Division (S-6) completed a Reconfigure - Aviation Consolidated Allowance Listing (Re-AVCAL) Review. This review of thousands of stock numbers will ensure proper support of their new Air Wing (CVW 9). The Pacific Fleet Force Master Chief was the guest of the Chief Petty Officers' Mess for lunch. He also talked at a CPO general assembly about Bluejackets and CPO issues. The Post Office processed 5,031 lbs. of mail in, 2,376 lbs. of mail out, and 571 Letter Class Mail.
During February Legal Department’s Brig Division completed rehabilitation efforts in the ship's brig.

In February, Commander Naval Region Southwest auditors performed an administrative audit onboard JCS with the command receiving an OUTSTANDING grade. During the month, the division processed 74 receipts for reporting Sailors, 43 transfers, 60 regular and 24 Administrative Separations, and prepared 84 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 589 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 120 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. In Feburary, the JCS PAO place four stories in the San Diego Navy newspaper, The Compass, ("Bravo Zulu" Section for Junior Sailor of the Year - 4 Feb, "Stennis begins partnership with students" - 11 Feb, "Stennis honored in Palm Springs" - 18 Feb, "USS JOHN C. STENNIS receives Flatley Award" - 25 Feb). Additionally, the story on the Flatley Award and another story ("Under SECDEF and MCPON visit USS JOHN C. STENNIS" - 22 Feb) made the daily Navy Wire Service. On the external print media front, the local Coronado Eagle-Journal published stories on the visit by the San Diego Gulls hockey team, the JCS Junior Sailor of the Year, and the Admiral Flatley Award (all supplied by JCS PAO). Mississippi media covered a visit by the Commanding Officer to the state and it's legislature to talk about the ship and it's maiden deployment (Starkville (MS) Daily News: "Aircraft carrier captains in town" - 3 Feb., MS Clarion-Ledger: "The Stennis visits Saddam" - 7 Feb.). The Post-Tribune (Gary, Ind) interviewed hometown Sailor BM2(SW) for story on him as part of African-American History month. In February, JCS PAO worked with local San Diego broadcast media on two major stories. First KGTV-TV (ABC, San Diego) reporter Kimberly Hunt did a feature news story about single mothers on active duty revolving around JCS Postal Division LCPO PCC (08 Feb). Also during February, KFMB-TV (CBS, San Diego) interviewed the CMC (MMCM (SS/SW/AW) Phil Russell) for major package titled "Heroes in Poverty", aired on 23 February. 1,828 visitors crossed the brow in February. Most notable of these visitors were members of the Coronado Navy League on 25 February. The Commanding Officer spent the first week of February on the road in Mississippi, strengthening ties with the ship's "home state." On 01 February, the CO spoke to the Mississippi House of
Representatives in open session to talk about the ship's maiden deployment and to tell the legislatures about the high caliber Sailors serving aboard the ship. The CO also spoke to the Starkville, Miss. Kiwanis Club on 02 February, re-stating the same themes. The Mississippi trip was sponsored by the Stennis Center for Public Service. After returning to San Diego, the CO spoke at The Reserve Officer's Association luncheon on 08 February. On the Internet, the command's website drew 134,482 visitors, with more than 1.8 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. Those visitors came from every continent on the earth, including 7 visits by scientists at the National Science Foundation working at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf. The department's Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 343,472 impressions on two printing systems.

March:

Air Department began a final push to complete its PIA maintenance package and transition from the maintenance phase to the training phase. The year's first quarter brought V-2 Division back into business. All 4 catapults and the 5 arresting gear engines were put back on line. V-2 also incorporated 96 service changes. These tasks required extremely dedicated efforts as the crew of 130 worked many days, totaling some 78,000(+) man-hours, often working past liberty call. V-3 Division expended 1,234 man-hours rehabilitating two more passageways, a head, a berthing compartment, and Aircraft Elevator Well #1, while simultaneously completing 680 man-hours of General Quarters, Flight Deck and Hangar Deck aircraft fire fighting training. Air Department executed 247 elevator runs in support of inport operations.

AIMD wrapped up all remaining department rehab projects in March and began preparing for getting underway in April. IM-2 Division de-preserved most of the test benches in the division. NATEC training was accomplished on the Servo Test Stand (STS). Both the STS and HCT-10 were run and calibrated. Many of the test sets in the ALSS branch were de-preserved and tested. Received a TTU-518 (OBOGS
concentrator test set) and it successfully passed calibration, as well. The Test Cell run trailer was reassembled and the test cell itself was put in calibration. NATEC rep provided phase 1 training to the test cell operators. IM-3 Division verified 25% of their test benches/sets, far exceeding the goals of 10% as set forth in the Bench verification plan. IM-3 also began to verify the RFI components in the Rotatable Pool. NADEP Jacksonville tech reps completely reworked the Radio Frequency Test Set (RFTS), delivering a much more reliable test stand than in the past. IM-4 Division completed 75% of the scheduled GSE rework. 100% of the required Flight Deck GSE was completed and delivered, with exception of Tilley, thus enabling the AIR department to train and conduct TYCOM required inspections. 150 chocks were condemned and another 150 were temp loaned to the USS CONSTELLATION. Consequently, a broad arrow was initiated for 150 chocks. Quality Assurance Division conducted 12 work center quarterly audits, certified 6 Collateral Duty Inspectors, conducted 15 gas free inspections for attached Air Wing, administered 70 open and closed book exams to command work centers, and conducted 1 support equipment misuse/abuse investigation. QA-Division submitted 7 NAMDRP reports, 54 broken tool reports, and issued 42 technical directives to Production Control for incorporation.

At the close of March, JOHN C. STENNIS emerged from the Phased Incremental Availability (PIA) prepared for Sea Trials and its first post-PIA FRS carrier qualifications. In addition to getting the ship ready for the scheduled work-ups this year, the Operations Department placed a heavy emphasis on training new personnel and re-qualifying personnel already onboard. Air Operations sent their new Air Traffic Controllers to NAS Pensacola for CATCC Team Training, where they obtained 5 Case III qualifications for controllers and achieved an over-all score of 96% on the NATOPS examination/trainer. OW division was equally productive, completing 22 post-PIA test packages. They also corrected numerous system faults and repairs while managing a complicated pre-deployment conference schedule/new systems install. JCS Combat Direction Center (CDC) also stressed training and preparations for work-ups. They developed two multi-warfare, multi-casualty, objective-based tactical scenarios which encompassed real
world weather, intelligence and tactical procedures in preparation for Afloat Training Group Pacific Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II (CART II). At the end of the quarter, the JCS Operations Department was ready for sea.

For Engineering Department, PIA continued in March with the completion and testing of the #9 A/C Unit installation. Pri-Fly System testing was completed. The Coordinated Testing Team proved to be instrumental in the certifying system in support of completion schedule. Aircraft Elevator work was completed with some items on Elevator #4 deferred until after availability. The Afloat Training Group's ELTT assist visit identified weak areas departmentally in support of the post-PIA training and work-up period. At the same time, the UMAT assist visit helped the ship operate, test, and certify equipment (AFFF System, Divisional Doors, Hangar Bay Doors, Steering systems, etc.) which have been in IET since start of PIA. Engineering conducted Dock Trials event in support of Fast Cruise and Sea Trials scheduled for April.
In March, Combat Systems Department processed 900 outgoing messages and 3043 incoming messages. The department produced 2,756 photo-copies in color and 618,754 black & white copies. The department moved all Xerox and printer repairs techs from CS3 to CS2, and began the CAII and ADNS installations. The department's CS-7 Division completed a three week groom with FTSCPAC SAN DIEGO on the Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) and NATO Sea Sparrow Missile System. Due to erratic connectivity on the JCS LAN’s SUBNET1, CS personnel disconnected the Commander, JCS Battle Group staff from the ship's LAN and installed in excess of 1500 feet of new fiber-optic cable to create a new sub-net specifically for the staff's use. The department then switched all staff users to the new sub-net and reconfigured all staff accounts to reflect static accounts, vice roaming profiles. COMNAVAIRPAC and SPAWAR SD assisted.

In March 1999, the Supply Department renovated the 03 level CPO berthings, which included the installation of new lockers and racks. Material Division (S-8) painted the 7-210-0 storeroom and reloaded 80 pallets of HAZMAT. A contractor installed pogo sticks and S-8 personnel installed deck grating in 5-25-0. The department reloaded consumable material into 6-25-0, 5-25-0, and 5-25-0 (250 pallets). The Flight Clothing storeroom stowed 22 pallets of stock and turned in 10 pallets of unusable “turn-ins.” Supply Department conducted high dollar value (greater than $100) offload of excess material in 5-200-0 (JG) storeroom (134 documents). Receipts: 464. Issues: 146. The Food Service Division (S-2) received 4,200 pallets of food provisions. The Rehabilitation of the aft starboard smoking sponson was completed and the ECOLAB self-service station was installed and brought into operation. The department repainted and restocked oxidizer storeroom. Issues: 2,000. EHM: 65,000 lbs. Supply's Aviation Support Division (S-6) submitted over 900 requisitions to support the reconfigure - Aviation Consolidated Allowance Listing (Re-AVCAL). The Post Office processed 4,901 lbs. of mail in, 2,164 lbs. of mail out, and 490 Letter Class Mail.

Legal Department fully manned the Brig Staff in April with MA's and Temporarily Assigned Personnel List personnel and
began training in anticipation of opening the Brig on 01 Apr 99. Security Division also began daily SSDF muster and training.

During March 1999 Admin Department's Personnel Division finished resolving a backlog of paperwork involving Personnel Change of Station (PCS) check-ins and continued to work on clearing a backlog of travel claims related to the Change of Homeport. During the month, the division processed 56 receipts for reporting Sailors, 45 transfers, 56 regular and 21 Administrative Separations, and prepared 31 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 632 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 90 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. In March, the Public Affairs Office placed one story in the San Diego Navy newspaper, The Compass, ("Stennis Battle Group leaders tackle issues" - 4 Mar) and submitted four other articles to the Navy Compass and the Navy News Service. The JCS PAO also placed four stories in the local Coronado newspaper, the Eagle-Journal ("Under Secretary of Defense and MCPON Visit the Stennis" - 3 Mar., "Coronado Council of Navy League Holds Installation On Board the USS Stennis" - 10 Mar, "Stennis Congregation Is On the Move" - 24 Mar, "Stennis Crew Plans Ahead To Prepare Delicious Holiday Meals" 24 Mar). As a follow-up to the February story on KGMB-TV (CBS) ("Heroes in Poverty"), USA Today featured the JCS Sailor of the Year in a front page piece, "Fallen on Hard Times", published 18 March. During March, the PAO provided a tour to Januarye's Defense weekly photojournalist Greg Mader on 11 Mar. KUSI-TV (Indep, San Diego) aired a piece on JCS Sailors volunteering for apartment renovation on 20 Mar. A cameraperson from KCTV (CBS, Kansas City, MO) came aboard the ship on 17 Mar and interviewed Kansas City-area Sailors. On 10 Mar The Learning Channel's most popular program, "Life in ER" shot b-roll aboard ship as part of a profile of one of the trauma doctors it was covering in San Diego, U.S. Navy doctor. The ship hosted 2,875 visitors during March, the most notable of which were groups from the California Office of Emergency Services on 02 Mar and the Deputy Defense Minister South Africa on 25 Mar. The Commanding Officer spoke to the Navy Helicopter Association on 24 Mar. On the Internet, the command's website drew 141,979 visitors, with more than 1.8 gigabytes of information
downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf. The department’s Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 20,751 impressions on four printing systems.

April-June:

During the second quarter of 1999, Medical Department was busy with underway training, medical referrals, Anthrax immunizations, and life saving. First, training was focused on the completion of all requirements for TSTA. Upon completion of TSTA I, the department was graded at the TSTA II/III level. During the FRS/CQ, JCS corpsmen had the unique opportunity to receive Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) training from three corpsmen and one nurse from Medical Battalion, 1st Field Service Support Group (1st FSSG). The department helped certify more than 100 sailors in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Additionally, a smoking cessation class was started in early May and at the end of the first two months, nine sailors remain smoke-free. Second, more than 100 referrals for specialized treatment were initiated and coordinated through the department, with only 6 appointments taking more than 30 days to be made. During TSTA I, the fifth of the six-shot series of Anthrax immunizations were administered to eligible members with zero refusals. Also, every member of the ship participated in the Health Enrollment Assessment Review (HEAR) Survey. More than 83% of the crew responded to this health assessment. The data from this survey provided each member a personalized health assessment and was used to rate the health promotion of the ship. Finally, the Medical Department was recognized for its heroic and life saving efforts for the 02 Apr 99 rescue of two injured shipmates pinned beneath a jet blast deflector, a potentially fatal accident. Due to the flawless medical care enabled by the Medical Department, both lives were saved. One week later, both shipmates returned to the ship while underway for a reunion with shipmates and the corpsmen who helped save them before they departed for rehabilitation at Veteran’s Administration Hospitals.
As the JOHN C. STENNIS geared up for work-ups during the second quarter, the Operations Department pushed forward with its aggressive training program; continuing to emphasize training and qualifying new personnel and requalifying personnel already aboard. OI division experienced one of its most productive quarters with a record number of Sea and Anchor details, night drill packages and air control hours. With the JOHN C. STENNIS getting underway 6 times in one quarter, conducting 6 underway replenishments and 3 Precision Anchorages, OI logged a record 22 Sea and Anchor Details. OI continued to hone the tactical skills of their personnel by logging over 600 hours of air intercepts and conducting 3 search and rescue exercises. OW was equally aggressive in its training program, conducting over 70 C2W exercises during the second quarter. OC conducted 1,092 PALS Approaches during two FRS CQ periods during the quarter. The one inarguable fact that emerges from the second quarter is that the Operations Department was more than ready for the advanced phases of work-ups.

April:

Both the ship’s Flight Deck Certification and Aviation Fuel System Certification were completed during the month of April. All catapults and arresting gear engines were operationally tested for the first time since August 1998, and no-loads were fired while pier-side for the first time ever in the ship’s history. V-4 Division conducted the most successful Aviation Fuel System Certification in AIRPAC history. Under the close scrutiny of NAVSEASYSCOM and COMNAVAIRPAC, V-4 completed the certification in a record 29 hours, 14 hours less than the Fleet average, with a total of only three discrepancies. In support of the Flight Deck Certification, V-3 and DC Division completed tests of the Hangar Deck’s overhead sprinkler and AFFF hose reel systems. V-3 conducted 2,623 man-hours of training, including one fuel station and 10 aircraft fire drills. Over the course of the month, Air Department launched 1,078 fixed wing and 82 rotary wing aircraft in April, recovering 1,085 and 84 of each. There were 1,245 aircraft moves on the Flight Deck, 74 moves in the Hangar Bay, and 185 aircraft elevator runs.
In April, Reactor Department final certified watch teams during Fast Cruise by conducting propulsion plant drills and evolutions. During Sea Trials the department completed all required testing for PIA-99 which included a full power run. During the month, the department completed 127 propulsion plant drills and 85 observed evolutions.

In April, PIA was completed satisfactorily. This first-of-its-kind availability included a very intensive Ship's Force Habitability modification effort involving 812 racks and 20 Compartments. All sea trial events were completed satisfactorily with no major discrepancies noted.

In April, AIMD began preparing for sea trials and an FRS/CQ. Both evolutions went well. 150 out of 226 (66%) benches have been verified and 42% range and 58% depth of the Rpool items have been verified as RFI. April was the first real opportunity to verify any items from the Rpool. The morale in the department was good. In IM-2 Division, the test cell came together by completing the pull test on the holdback fittings on the test cell trailer. A J-52 was issued to a Prowler squadron. Other notable accomplishments by IM-2 include completing the curtains for RADM Campbell, COMCARGRU-7. IM-3 division started and completed the installation and verification of the Operations Management Software (OMS)/CASS LAN installation. This unique LAN install will produce a real time automated CASS/UUT failure data collection engine in the CASS "I" level system. The OMS system networks all ten CASS stations onboard, which will be linked to NALCOMIS/NALDA and in turn will provide the PMA with accurate data for fleet readiness improvements. The OMS system will provide enhanced turnaround time of the avionics equipment increasing mission capabilities and operational readiness of the Air Wing. IM-4 received the ship's large Flight Deck crane, Tilley, back from the contractor and got onboard in RFI status. Air Department now has all required Flight Deck support equipment for Flight Deck certification. Onloaded 150 items of GSE. 80% complete with off-ship rework at Bldg 801.

In April, Admin Department's Personnel Division responded to an 02 Apr 1999 accident on the Flight Deck which seriously injured two JCS Sailors. Two casualty reports (Seriously Injured Reports) were generated following the
The pair were injured when a section of a jet blast deflector fell on them during routine maintenance. During the month, the division processed 54 receipts for reporting Sailors, 37 transfers, 35 regular and 18 Administrative Separations, and prepared 24 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 456 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 121 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. The Public Affairs Office resume production of the ship's underway newspaper, The Statesman, with ten (10) editions going to press during sea trials and a Fleet Replacement Squadron/Carrier Qualification (FRS/CQ) period. The ship's television station began a new program, "5 O'Clock Reports," a compilation of news headlines and local stories aired on Channel 2 each evening at 1700. During April 21 editions of "The 5 O'Clock Reports" were produced. In April, one story (Sailors sell Navy Lifestyle to Hometown Recruits) and two photographs (Reenlistment underwater/CCG-7 enlisting Sailors at Qualcomm Stadium) appeared in the local Navy paper, The Compass. JCS hosted 535 people in April during regular tours and 95 distinguished visitors, the most notable of which was a 27-29 April visit by the Enterprise Development Group. In April, three (3) print reports and six (6) television news packages aired covering the 02 April 1999 accident on the Flight Deck. Along with initial reporting of the accident, the CBS affiliate followed up coverage with stories on support the two injured Sailors received from the community. Two other stories, including a television package on the completion of PIA, also ran. On the Internet, the command's website drew 161,131 visitors, with more than 2.5 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) in the Arabian Gulf. The department's Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 616,398 impressions on four printing systems.

May:

May flight operations included 98 fixed wing and 113 helicopter sorties. There were 318 deck edge elevator runs, 106 Hangar Bay aircraft moves, and 92 Flight Deck
aircraft moves. V-3 conducted 1,749 man-hours of training including seven aircraft fire drills. This intense training paid off, as Air Department’s level of readiness was assessed at the TSTA III/FEP during the ship’s TSTA I.

In May, Reactor Department completed training provided by Norfolk Naval Shipyard’s Fleet Radiological Support - improving Reactor Mechanical and Laboratory level of knowledge and proficiency in radiological controls. Additionally, the ship received a training assist visit from COMNAVAIRPAC’s Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team. The visit examined all areas of Reactor Department operations to include drills, administration, training, level-of-knowledge, and material condition. The department completed a total 23 evolutions and 64 drills.

A concerted effort began to fully operate and groom all Engineering Departmental equipment and systems that had not been operated for the six month period of the PIA. Engineering developed and instituted a new departmental training plan with focus on operational and casualty procedure improvements and expanded the Departmental Auxiliary Training Team (ATT) to an Engineering Training Team (ETT) which includes Electrical, Repair and Damage Control Divisions. The department developed new standing orders involving Fire Pump Operation, CHT System Operation, Steering System Operation, and Catapult Steam System Operation. The ship, and department, completed TSTA I satisfactorily.

May brought two more at sea periods, 3-5 May for ammo on-load, and 19-26 May for TSTA I. AIMD took the opportunity during both at-sea periods to continue the effort on verifying the support equipment and verify the R-Pool. In May, 205/226 (91%) of the test benches and 70% range and 84% depth of the Rpool have been verified. The department conducted an IMRL review/tailoring conference at AIRPAC. Morale continues to be good. IM-2 received the following engines: F404-402, J-52, and TF-34, along with 2 APUs. Power Plants received test cell training on the F404 engine and qualified two test cell operators. IM-3 received a NEWTS bench from USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. ATC and AT1 installed and verified the bench in 2 days. This installation would have otherwise taken weeks if depot team required to install. Also installed AN/AQM-24B Sonar
Test station, which was received from USS CARL VINSON, also by dedicated sailors from onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS. Full test and repair capability have been restored onboard for H-60 SONAR. Diligent efforts by IM-3 sailors have saved the Navy thousands of dollars that would have otherwise been contracted to civilian contractors. IM-4 reported 99% of off-ship GSE rework completed. Coordinated the last minute repaired of the right rear planetary gear on Tilley prior to getting underway for TSTA I.

Weapons Department spent the underway time in May to qualify it's Sailors in handling, stowage, assembly and disassembly of various types of weapons. While not part of the official underway training plan, it was accomplished to ensure support for JCS and CCG-9 Battle Group requirements during future underways. This training was made possible because of 3,400,000 pounds of ordnance brought aboard the ship in 15 hours and then stored in 16 hours by Weapons Department personnel during a 6-7 May 1999 Ammo On-load. During the 31 hour evolution, 1100 lifts of ordnance came aboard JCS and was struck below.

Admin Department’s Public Affairs Division produced eight (8) editions of The Statesman during May underway periods, as well as nine (9) "5 O'Clock Reports" broadcast over SITE TV. Two stories (Homeport Change, Phone Book Reunite Father-Son After 30 Years/Dream Comes True For Cancer Patient) appear in the local Navy paper, The Compass. Navy Marine Corps News covered a visit by a group of disadvantaged students from Mt. Vernon, IL, hosted by ADM Archie Clemins, CINCPACFLT on 18 May. The ship hosted 2,508 visitors in May, including guests and performers for the Armed Forces Day concert by the Mormon Youth Symphony and Choir on 12 May, region Eagle Scouts as part of an awards ceremony on 13 May, The Inter-American Defense Board and the group from Mt. Vernon Elementary School on 18 May. CINCPACFLT, ADM Archie Clemins was part of the Mt. Vernon group. Two Champagne/Urbana, IL news outlets covered the Mt. Vernon group's visit on 18 May. Under their collateral duty as the Battle Group PAO, the division coordinated San Diego "619 Magazine" coverage of CCG-7, RADM Jay Campbell and CCG-7 Sailors on 18 May. On the Internet, the command's website drew 140,329 visitors, with more than 2.8 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits.
In May, the most popular single content page was the "JCS Mission" page and the most popular downloadable image was an aerial photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) as it left San Diego. The department's Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 186,843 impressions on four printing systems.

June:

In June there were 77 helicopter launches, 79 helicopter recoveries, 832 fixed wing launches, and 836 fixed wing recoveries. V-1 moved 1,562 aircraft, V-3 moved 41, and there were 296 aircraft elevator runs. At the end of the month, V-4 Division reported second quarter CY99 totals of 2,756,092 gallons (656,321 barrels) of JP5 received during four underway replenishments, 521,024 gallons (12,405 barrels) issued to 924 embarked/transient aircraft, and 4,768 gallons (87 barrels) of catapult lube oil received. During FRS CQ operations, piping on the Number 3 Arresting Gear Engine ruptured, sending 400 gallons of hydraulic fluid onto the engine room deck and into the Hangar Bay below. The quick actions of ABE3 and ABE2 minimized damage and prevented injuries. The engine was returned to operation within 24 hours thanks to the outstanding performance of V-2's Arresting Gear and QA Branches.

Reactor Department completed 21 evolutions and 41 drills during the month. Additionally, on 22 June the department commenced a 3 week availability with PSNS to conduct required maintenance.

Engineering Department conducted initial work package reviews for PIA 01 with representatives from AIRPAC, SUPSHIPS San Diego, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and Newport News Shipbuilding. A proposed SHIPALT package was previewed with action items identified to better define requirements. Emphasis was placed on the need to consider Ship's Force quality of life issues so that the difficulties encountered in PIA 99 were not repeated. During the month, the department continued to refine departmental operating and casualty control procedures. Departmental personnel qualification goals and plans for
accomplishing those goals were defined and initiated. A QA Program Review was conducted by AIRPAC Representatives and found to be highly satisfactory.

Through June, AIMD verified 94% of test benches and 90% depth and 79% range of the R-Pool. All numbers were well ahead of AIRPAC goals. The FRS/CQ at sea period (12 -17 Jun 99) was the last opportunity for AIMD to get ready for TSTA II/III/FEP in July and COMPTUEX in August. Also accomplished in June was the CNAP Maintenance Program Assist inspection.

Although in port for most of the month, the Public Affairs Division was busy in June. Four (4) editions of The Statesman and five (5) editions of "The 5 O'Clock Reports" aired during a 12-17 June FRS/CQ. Only one major story, on the ship earning a Joint ARLANT/AIRPAC Battle "E" ran in Navy media, specifically the Navy Wire Service. 2,608 people crossed the brow on tours of the ship, including visits by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Lions Club International Executive Committee, and more than 200 guests for a Battle Of Midway Remembrance reception on 4 June. While underway, Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), came aboard for an overnight visit. The Commanding Officer had six speaking engagements in June, including a 24 June speech to the Association of the Naval Academy. Several media outlets, including the promotions arm of the San Diego Padres baseball organization and K & K productions, worked with the ship to produce packages for airing.

On the Internet, the command's website drew 165,716 visitors, with more than 2.9 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) getting underway from San Diego. The department's Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 213,649 impressions on three printing systems.

July-September:

The Operations Department of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) was the first west coast carrier to use the Battle Force Intermediate Training Team (BFITT) Electronic Warfare Trainer (BWET) to enhance training during the command's
Interdeployment Training Cycle (IDTC). A total of 39 Electronic Warfare exercises were completed with an M-1 rating. The department earned a Level One Certification on ULM-4 Range for the SLQ-32V4 and the department successfully completed TSTA II, III, and FEP.

During the 3rd quarter of the year, Weapons Department completed all training evolutions in preparation for the upcoming year 2000 deployment and passed all inspections related to those preparations. These inspections included a Torpedo Readiness Certification Inspection (TRCI), a Combat System Readiness Review (CSRR), Conventional Ordnance Safety Review (COSR) and an Aircraft Maintenance Evaluation (AME), as well as a pre-deployment elevator assessment. All inspectors praised JCS's Weapons Department for their professionalism, preparation and operations during their inspections, with many noting that JCS' Weapons Department was the best in the Fleet. Also during the quarter, the National Association of Aviation Ordnancemen selected AO1(AW/NAC) as the 1998 Aviation Ordnanceman of the Year.

During the 3rd Quarter of 1999, CO and XO Admin, a part of Admin Department, were busy managing the flow of paperwork for the ship. The division processed 746 Special Request Chits, 23 Instructions, 35 Notices and produced 64 Plans of the Day. The division processed $6,000 worth of Official Mail. During the period, the division prepared the correspondence and materials for 8 transferring officers, while processing the receipt of 24 new officers. The division handled 5 separations and one retirement while preparing 130 Officer Fitness Reports and 74 awards.

July:

July was an arduous month for Air Department. In addition to operating the Flight Deck with almost a full complement of aircraft for the first time since the ship's last major deployment, USS JOHN C. STENNIS conducted operations with F/A-18E/F Super Hornets. V-1 Division installed new stops on the dogging mechanisms of all Flight Deck AESS hatches, and AESS Hatch #16 was completely removed, reworked, and reinstalled. During COMPTUEX, V-2's Arresting Gear Branch performed two re-reeves within 36 hours. After only 19
traps, the #3 arresting wire developed a kink due to torque in the purchase cable. V-2 personnel prevented damage to the equipment by quickly recognizing this abnormal situation and stripping the wire during recovery operations without waving off a single aircraft. The Arresting Gear Crew re-reeved a second engine due to normal wear and tear and had that wire back on-line within 24 hours. Meanwhile, catapult availability was 99.8%. V-2 Division’s Visual Landing Assistance (VLA) Branch received a perfect score (600 out of 600 possible points) during Flight Deck blue water certification. V-3 Division performed 12 aircraft fire and aircraft fuel station fire drills, ultimately achieving an unprecedented FEP score of 97%, 20 points above the Fleet average. July saw the “Fighting Grapes” of V-4 Division receive 1,027,546 gallons of JP-5 via underway replenishment. V-4 also issued 1,309,992 gallons of JP-5 to Air Wing Nine aircraft through 1,091 refueling evolutions. V-4 Division issued 2,357 gallons of catapult lube oil to V-2 Division through internal transfer and received 1,901 gallons of catapult lube oil via tanker truck. During the month of July, Air Department conducted 392 Hangar Bay aircraft moves, 3,849 Flight Deck aircraft moves, and 318 aircraft elevator runs, logging 1,650 launches and 1,702 traps.

ReactoR Department completed a three-week maintenance availability and commenced an aggressive propulsion plant drill program in conjunction with TSTA. Additionally, the ship received a training assist visit from COMNAVAIRPAC’s Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team, the second in a series of three visits. During the month, the department completed 158 propulsion plant drills and 40 observed evolutions.

Engineering Department conducted TSTA and FEB training and evaluation events. The department concentrated on the revised and upgraded Engineering Department Operating and Casualty Control procedures under the guidance of the new Engineering Training Team (ETT). Afloat Training Group evaluation grades for Damage Control deemed to be the highest of any nuclear aircraft carrier to date. Grades were: Zebra=97, Yoke=97, ASFP=96, CBR=91, TSSE=95. During July, Engineering removed the Forward O2N2 Compressor Motor and transported it to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNSY) for repair.
Weapons Department completed 402 Aviation Weapons Support Equipment, 358 WG01 and 32 WG41 maintenance actions during July. In addition, the department assisted AIM-9X representatives of Naval Air Warfare Center China Lake during a fit check of an AIM-9X container. During TSTA II/III, JCS weaponeers supported CVW-9 with 184,200 pounds of air-launched weapons as the Air Wing completed qualifications for shipboard air-launched weapons delivery.

July was a busy month for the Admin Department’s Public Affairs Office. During the month, the ship hosted 3,267 visitors during in port periods, including a port visit to Victoria, B.C., as well as 189 distinguished visitors while underway. Among the most notable in-port visitors was the Swedish Minister of Defense, who visited the ship on 07 July 1999. Underway, the ship hosted Mr. Lou Gerstner, the Chief Executive Officer of IBM Corporation. ADM Archie Clemins, CINCPACFLT, personally gave Mr. Gerstner an in-depth look at the ongoing IT-21 install. The ship was featured prominently in 23 separate external media stories. The coverage ranged from Entertainment Tonight’s coverage of the CBS TV series JAG using the ship as a prime location for their first three episodes during the upcoming season to extensive coverage of the ship’s port visit to Victoria, B.C. The division produced 15 editions The Statesman newspaper and 16 editions of the Five O’Clock Reports were broadcast over SITE TV. During the month, five stories written by JCS journalists found their way into other Navy print products, including the feature on the recent location shoot aboard the ship by the cast and crew of the CBS TV series JAG, which made it onto the Navy Wire Service. On the Internet, the command’s website drew 215,070 visitors, with more than 3.9 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the story on JCS hosting the cast and crew of the CBS TV series JAG and the most popular downloadable images were photos of the cast aboard the ship. The department’s Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 648,379 impressions on four printing systems.

August:

Air Department helped kick off San Diego’s Fleet Week by launching two S-3B Vikings in San Diego Harbor as the ship
put to sea for COMPTUEX. Flight operations were extensive, requiring 298 aircraft elevator runs, 646 Hangar Bay aircraft moves, and 3017 Flight Deck aircraft moves in support of 2,064 traps. At the conclusion of the month's at-sea period, V-1 Division supervised Flight Deck preparations for the Commanding Officer's Change of Command Ceremony. In less than 48 hours, 4.5 acres of Flight Deck, 2000 feet of catwalk, and the island structure were scrubbed, and all landing area visual landing aids (VLAs) were repainted, turning the Flight Deck into a premier showplace. During night flight operations in support of COMPTUEX, ABE2 discovered a crack in one of the topside barrels on the #3 Arresting Wire. ABE2's discovery and quick decision to remove the wire from service prevented potentially grave consequences. August had V-4 Division receiving 2,332,725 gallons of JP-5 via underway replenishment. V-4 also issued 2,808,807 gallons of JP-5 to our embarked Air Wing Nine through 2,085 refueling evolutions. V-4 Division issued 2,749 gallons of catapult lube oil to V-2 Division through internal transfer and on-loaded 2,009 gallons of catapult lube oil via tanker truck.

The Reactor Department continued propulsion plant training with an emphasis on key drills in preparation for the Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE). The ship received the third and final training assist visit from COMNAVAIRPAC's Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team. The visit served as a dress rehearsal for the ORSE, preparing the department for the actual inspection. During the month, the department completed 156 drills and conducted 100 observed evolutions.

The Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity meeting at AIRPAC established the requirements for a Battle Group evaluation to meet pre-deployment objectives in September. Engineering conducted COMPTUEX training and evaluation. PSNSY completed repairs to the O2N2 Compressor Motor, which was delivered to the ship via COD for installation by PSNSY workers. Engineering conducted emergent repairs to the Port Steering ABT device and continued operational testing of the Incinerator Blower.
During August the Weapons Department’s G-1 Division completed certification of 18 individuals. The department overhauled 57 MHU-191 skids, while completing 413 Aviation Weapons Handling Equipment, 373 WG01 and 201 WG41 maintenance actions.

The ship’s Admin Department continued to excel during the month of August, as the ship faced its most significant underway period during the workup cycle, COMPTUEX. Only 930 people visited the ship in port during August, primarily because the ship was underway for much of the month. While underway, 133 distinguished visitors flew aboard the ship. The command hosted a production crew from the CBS TV series JAG as the show shot general footage for use in the first three episodes of the popular TV show. Despite the heavy tempo of underway operations, the ship was featured in seven local and national news products during August, including several packages on the ship’s participation in Y2K (Year 2,000) computer tests. Within the skin of the ship, 19 editions of The Statesman were produced, as well as 20 editions of the Five O’Clock Reports on SITE-TV. The ship’s journalists saw three of their stories picked up by the local Navy newspaper and video shot while hosting JAG aboard the ship was featured in the Navy’s premiere television news program, Navy Marine Corps News. Capping the month’s activity was the Change-of-Command and retirement ceremonies on 27 and 28 August 1999, when the ship said goodbye to CAPT Douglas Roulstone and welcomed CAPT Dick Gallagher as the new Commanding Officer. On the Internet, the command's website drew 213,250 visitors, with more than 3.5 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) departing San Diego. The department’s Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 603,155 impressions on four printing systems.

September:

For Air Department, September provided a break from the intense flight operations of the preceding two months. V-1 Division was principally concerned with ensuring the quality of non-skid resurfacing on the starboard side of
the island in the "bomb farm" and on Elevator #1. Counterbalance mechanisms in 14 Flight Deck AESS hatches were weight tested, and cotter pins, nuts and bolts on all AESS hatch closure linkages were reworked. Other typical Flight Deck and interior preservation work was also accomplished. V-3 Division spent the month of September rehabilitating Hangar Bay 3, and non-skid resurfacing was completed in Hangar Bay 1. The division conducted various training evolutions including a safety stand down and Hangar Bay fire drills. There were no aircraft moves during the month, but there were still 260 aircraft elevator runs to support in-port operations. In September V-4 Division received 4,153 gallons of catapult lube oil via tanker truck.

Reactor Department was engaged in an maintenance availability with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) that included replacement of Number 1 & 4 propellers due to excessive cavitation pitting. Additionally, the department continued to work on improving qualifications and operator level of knowledge.

A Battle Force Intermediate Maintenance Activity (BFIMA) survey was conducted and the ship provided enhanced thermal imager, laser alignment equipment, and video tele-maintenance equipment in support of Battle Group needs during the upcoming deployment. Engineering operationally tested the forward O2N2 Compressor Motor, which performed satisfactorily. The department re-enforced the foundation of the Incinerator Blower and conducted an alignment procedure to put the system back in service.

During September, Weapons Department’s G-1 Division completed 102 Aviation Maintenance Support Equipment, 341 WG01 and 111 WG41 maintenance actions.

During the month of September, Admin Department enjoyed a respite between demanding underway periods, while still maintaining a high level of customer service. The Public Affairs Division hosted 2,783 visitors to the ship during the month including more than 500 students from the command’s "adopted" middle school, Montgomery Middle School. The International Institute for Strategic Studies and the Defense Orientation Conference Association both
visited the ship during September. The command continued to receive attention from national and local media. The first of three episodes of the CBS TV series JAG featuring the ship aired on 27 September 1999. Six articles written by ship's journalists appeared in local military publications and the division provided all production support for the command's 17 September 1999 Safety Standdown. On the Internet, the command's website drew 192,774 visitors, with more than 3.5 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) departing San Diego. The department's Print Shop, part of X-1 Division, made 187,099 impressions on four printing systems.

October-December:

During the final months of 1999, Dental Department's LT led the ship's Combined Federal Campaign as the ship collected 117% of its goal.

Training Department's School of the Ship saw some changes during the last months of the year. The responsibility for 3M and DC training was taken over by Engineering Department. When a sailor graduates School of the Ship, the gaining department will now assess the sailor's level of 3M and DC knowledge and determine if the sailor needs to attend formal classroom training or can attain the qualification through OJT. The Training Department took over the Command Sponsor Program, coordinating with CMC for program content and oversight. The program was totally revamped to ensure Sailors coming to JOHN C get taken care of from the time they receive their orders. The program instruction was rewritten to reflect this and a comprehensive tracking system was put in place. Initial results are extremely positive. The Department processed approximately 400 new arrivals during the quarter. The Command DAPA and Equal Opportunity Advisors attended several job specific schools in order to develop a shipboard focused curriculum on responsible behavior, including the responsible use of alcohol and drugs. The
Command Career Counselor Office took advantage of new IT-21 technology to provide Sailors up to the minute information, to allow them to make informed career decisions.

October of the Fourth Quarter saw the USS JOHN C. STENNIS underway, first for an FRSCQ and then JTFEX at the end of the month and beginning of November, a four-day in port period in San Diego followed immediately by FLTEX until 24 November 1999. During these at sea periods, AIMD work seamlessly with the embarked Air Wing, CVW-9. During JTFEX and FLEETEX, more than 3500 items were inducted for repair, test & check, or a work request. Of those 3500 items, more than 1450 were repaired culminating in a repair rate of close to 70%. By any standard, this was outstanding. Upon returning to NAS North Island on 24 November, and for the remainder of the time prior to cruise, AIMD undertook the challenge of preparing for the January deployment. During the last quarter of 1999, AIMD completed many of the milestones. Notable accomplishments include: Installation of the Transient Voltage Surge Suppression (TVSS) system throughout AIMD. This system is required to ensure a more constant supply of power is supplied to the sensitive electrical test benches located throughout AIMD. This system will allow the test benches to be able to better troubleshoot WRA components and allow for the safe and smooth shut off of the benches in event of emergencies. Both benefits that will save time money and valuable man-hours. Also installed was the LANTIRN test bench, which was cross-decked from the USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) upon its return from deployment. A technical representative will be assigned to support the test bench and the LANTIRN pods throughout the deployment. The LANTIRN system is deployed with VF-211, giving the Battle Group Commander another tool in which to make tactical decisions. LANTIRN gives the F-14 Tomcat a far greater infrared and digital capability than was previously available. The department completed the Phase V of the CNAP Phase Milestones required to be completed prior to deployment, achieving such milestones as zero backlog, all training completed, and all required items needed for deployment are onboard.

During the final quarter of the year, Weapons Department continued preparations for the upcoming deployment. More than 982 maintenance actions were recorded by G-1 Division
in support of the AWSEP program, and 185 maintenance actions supporting work centers WG01 and WG41. The division also completed rehabilitation of 10 spaces. G-2 Division inspected magazine sprinklers. The Gunner’s Mates were busy during the quarter training ceremonial rifle teams and color guards for the host of special events that will be part of the upcoming deployment. The division also qualified 38 personnel in 9MM pistol, 16 in M-14 rifle and 12 personnel in 12 gauge shotgun. Weapons Department’s G-3 Division supported the ship while underway and Air Wing during training operations at NAS Fallon. During the Fallon Det period, more than 40,000 pounds of ordnance was delivered incident free. Thirty JCS Sailors were certified to handle JSOW, JDAM and SLAM-ER smart weapons. G-4 Division, with the support of Weapons Elevator Support Unit (WESU), completed modifications to the safety barriers, hydraulic component rebuilds, static weight tests, securing pin mechanism repairs, deck through-drain modifications, wire rope assembly replacements, Standard Electronic Module (SEM) Circuit Card Tester modification, proximity switches replacement, and the repair of hydraulic components in forward and aft HPUs.

During the final quarter of the year, Combat Systems Department continued its push to be ready for the Millennium Deployment. CS-2 Division completed a major Xerox copier installation, on-loading 40 new copiers for distribution throughout the ship. As part of the business solution provided by Xerox, the copiers are “LANable,” and connections to the Local Area Network (LAN) were slated to begin at the beginning of the next year. Twenty phone lines for sailor phone system were installed. Contractors installed 10 new lines and tested all 20 telephone lines. TVDTS - the Television Direct to Sailors program installation continued with the move of one of the two system antennas from an 06 level platform to a starboard JBS antenna sponson just below the Flight Deck. This move significantly reduced EMI/IMI interference. Combat Systems Officer turn over started. All GPETE accounted for. UHF (URC-200) installation began with the installation of two new Motorola URC-200 transeivers for use/evaluation. CS-3 brought the IT-21 ATM LAN on-line. CS-5 completed installation of video telemaintenance hardware and software. At the end of November, CS-5 transferred custody
of the classified LAN, including all the classified computers, to CS-3. CS-6 Division installed two new AT-150/SRC antennas for the AN/SRC-40. CS-7 Division uploaded 300 rounds to CIWS mounts MT-21, MT-22, MT-23, and MT-24. On 06 November 1999, during a CIWS PACFIRE exercise, 1200 rounds (300 rounds from each mount) were expended.

For the 4th Quarter 1999, Legal Department strained to ensure the legal readiness of the crew was up to standard for the upcoming deployment. The department completed thousands of Wills, Powers Of Attorney, and other legal documents. Security Division ensured the ship understood and was proficient at the measures necessary to provide adequate force protection overseas. Legal Department completed more than 85 Incident/Complaint Reports, processed more than 70 Administrative Separations, more than 40 Non-Judicial Punishment Cases, and completed 15 Summary and 1 Special Court-Martial.

October:

The ship conducted extensive flight operations during the month of October, logging a total of 48 day helicopter launches, 28 night helicopter launches, 55 day helicopter recoveries, 28 night helicopter recoveries, 775 day fixed wing launches, 362 night fixed wing launches, 832 day arrested landings, and 358 night arrested landings. Catapult crews replaced the launching engine cylinder cover tie bolts on all four catapults in only two weeks. This was a major safety-of-flight. V-2 Division's VLA Branch refurbished their cameras in October incorporating eight service changes to Lens and Internal Launch and Recovery Television (ILART) equipment. The "Fighting Grapes" of V-4 Division completed a Carrier Advance Planning assessment (CAPS) with CAFSU San Diego and COMNAVAIRPAC. V-4 received 1,430,100 gallons of JP-5 via underway replenishment and issued 293,920 gallons of JP-5 to embarked Air Wing Nine aircraft through 551 refueling evolutions. V-4 also issued 1,440 gallons of catapult lube oil to V-2 Division via internal transfer.

In October, Reactor Department completed the annual Operational Safeguards Exam. Inspectors noted that JCS was the "Best (CVN) on the west coast. This was the culmination of 6 months of arduous work-ups following PIA.
Engineering Department conducted the CAPS in-brief and started material evaluations in advance of the January 2000 deployment. The department supported the Reactor Department during their Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination. Engineering spaces and equipment were inspected and logged as being in excellent condition. The department conducted the A-12 brief and conducted a PIA-01 planning meeting to cover the preparations that need to be completed prior to the start of the availability.

In October, Legal Department’s Security Division resumed its routine X-ray inspection schedule, investigated and completed more than 18 Incident/Complaint Reports, and provided assistance in issuing passes to an average of 1,000 visitors per week. The Brig Division housed and processed 7 prisoners.

The Admin Department resumed its underway routine during FLEETEX and FRS/CQ during October. During the month, the division processed 145 receipts for reporting Sailors, 40 transfers, 43 regular and 17 Administrative Separations, and prepared 15 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 593 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 112 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. The Public Affairs Division hosted 71 distinguished visitors while underway, including two Congressional Staff Delegations on 16 and 23 October 1999. In port, the ship hosted 1,643 visitors during the month, including more than 200 people who visited the ship during the awards ceremony for the Chrysler Classic Speed Festival Awards Ceremony on 24 October 1999. Media attention for the Navy’s Finest Aircraft Carrier continued as the ship hosted live remotes in port by local TV personality Rod Luck of KUSI and L.A. Times reporter Tony Perry while underway. Additionally, the ship’s journalists produced seven issues of The Statesman newspaper and 10 editions of the Five O’Clock Reports for SITE-TV, along with more than 4 hours of live television and one hour taped production. On the Internet, the command’s website drew 133,776 visitors, with more than 2.4 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) during an ammo onload. The department’s Print Shop, part of X-1 Division began installation of new printing systems.
November:

November was a month consumed with some of the most intense and demanding flight operations of the ship’s entire work-up cycle. Operations included 175 day helicopter launches, 41 night helicopter launches, 138 day helicopter recoveries, 73 night helicopter recoveries, 1,297 day fixed wing launches, 564 night fixed wing launches, 1,031 day fixed wing recoveries, and 780 night fixed wing recoveries. Catapult and Arresting Gear crews were on almost constant alert for the duration of JTFEX. During this time, an F-14 Tomcat was towed over the purchase cable of the number three wire, causing the purchase cable to have to be replaced. Members of the Arresting Gear crew replaced the drive system purchase cable in a quick eight hours allowing flight operations to continue as normal. In November V-4 Division received 1,338,182 gallons of JP-5 via underway replenishment and issued 2,981,075 gallons of JP-5 to Air Wing Nine through 2,310 refueling evolutions. V-4 Division issued 1,946 gallons of catapult lube oil to V-2 Division through internal transfers.

In November, the Reactor Department continued with propulsion plant training drills while supporting the ship in its primary mission area throughout FLEETEX and JTFEX.

Engineering Department conducted a CAPS debrief in November. The department identified the repairs necessary to the Air Conditioning Units and Fire Pumps prior to deployment. The department corrected K-Circuit DC converter malfunctions on the #1 Shaft. The department also corrected several “hot spots” identified within switchboards discovered during a thermal imaging survey. Engineering conducted a survey of all watertight doors to determine what repairs would be needed during the Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) period. HTs corrected a chill water pipe leak in Flag Admin spaces and replaced leaking drain lines in both the #1 and #2 Catapult Water Brakes. COMNAVAIRPAC authorized the installation of circuit monitoring devices within various lighting panels and obtained data on the 110 VAC Power Distribution System. The department also repaired a Potable Water piping leak on the 0-3 level.

In November, the Supply Department’s S-2, S-2M and S-5 Divisions stood tall for inspection as a nominee for the
CAPT Edward F. Ney Memorial Award for food service excellence. Supply Department received a grade of OUTSTANDING across all Divisions during the November Supply Management Inspection. This was the highest score received on West Coast in more than five years.

In November, USS JOHN C. STENNIS Security Division conducted a Physical Security and Law Enforcement Exercise from 8-10 November. The division conducted routine x-ray inspections, investigated and completed more than 45 Incident/Complaint Reports, and provided assistance in issuing passes an average of 1,000 visitors. Legal Division prepared the ship’s crew for the upcoming deployment. The department conducted 2 Administrative Separation Boards during an underway period. The Legal Officer prepared more than 500 Powers Of Attorneys. The local Naval Legal Service Office attorneys went underway with us to provide Legal Assistance. Brig Division housed and processed 11 prisoners.

During the month of November, Admin Department continued providing superior customer service while helping the crew prepare for the upcoming Millennium Deployment. During the month, the division processed 135 receipts for reporting Sailors, 30 transfers, 34 regular and 9 Administrative Separations, and prepared 3 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 896 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 170 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. The Public Affairs Division hosted 512 visitors while in-port during November, including the Senator John D. Kerry (D-MASS) on 29 November 1999. While underway during the month, the ship hosted 121 distinguished visitors. Along with DVs, the ship also welcomed aboard several news organizations reporting on the ship’s preparations for deployment and the on-going IT-21 computer upgrades, including the Cable News Network’s L.A. bureau, which embarked with the ship to cover those stories for broadcast over the Christmas holidays. The ship also assisted in the Disney SOARIN project, which will feature a visual of a fly-by of the ship as part of the park attraction. Aboard the ship, 19 issues of The Statesman newspaper were produced, as well as 19 editions of the Five O’Clock Reports news broadcast. Along with the routine production support for squadron safety standdowns and video
stories for the ship, the command’s journalists assisted in the training of the Commanding Officer, Admiral, Air Wing Commander, and Destroyer Squadron Commodore with a "Media Availability" during the JTFEX. On the Internet, the command's website drew 210,956 visitors, with more than 6.1 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the JCS fact sheet and the most popular downloadable image was the video of a missile shoot aboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74). During November, the Print Shop, part of X-1 Division continued the installation of new printing equipment.

December:

The ship conducted flight operations on only two days in December. Nevertheless, the Flight Deck still managed to rack up some impressive totals, including 20 day helicopter sorties, 8 night helicopter sorties, 228 day fixed wing launches, 129 night fixed wing launches, 242 day arrested landings, and 116 night arrested landings. V-4 issued 94,067 gallons of JP-5 to FRS and Fleet aircraft in 126 refueling evolutions. During the 12 days immediately following the month's CQ detachment, V-1 Division oversaw non-skid resurfacing of the landing area while V-2 reworked water brakes, cylinder covers, and jet blast defectors on all four catapults.

In December Reactor Department was engaged in a routine pre-deployment maintenance availability with PSNS and Newport News Shipyard during which the Data Acquisition system was installed.

COMNAVAIRPAC hosted the First Pacific Fleet Chief Engineer's Conference. PACFLT, NAVSEA, and Type Commander exchanged information on aircraft carrier maintenance, monitoring programs, and recurrent problem areas. The department hosted a PIA-01 Team Brief to work on POA&M progress and future planning objectives while the ship was deployed. Engineering conducted a Barge meeting to address service support (CHT, power, water, etc.) to berthing/messing barges to be used during PIA-01. The ship's video Tele-maintenance capabilities were demonstrated. During the POM period, Engineering executed major repairs to the #3 and #5 Ship's Conveyors, #5 and #7 Air Conditioning units, handled various watertight door
discrepancies, and gave various systems thorough deep cleanings. In December, the department operationally tested the new Ship's Self-Service Laundry. The department re-aligned the Incinerator Blower and started a vibration analysis monitoring plan to check for any degradation during the system's operation during deployment. A vibration analysis monitoring plan was put in place for the #1A SFMG Set, after foundation cracks were discovered during cleaning. The repair of this system was deferred until PIA-01.

By the end of December, Supply Department has on-loaded more than 2,680 pallets (more than 3-million pounds) of food in preparation for the ship's upcoming deployment, while bringing onboard more than $8 million in cash to ensure shipboard ATMs and the Disbursing check-cashing service was fully stocked. As part of the new Consumable Aviation Consolidated Allowance Listing (CAVCAL), Aviation Stores Division on loaded an additional 5,000 line. The additional parts brought the total line items carried in Aviation Stores Division to over 29,000 with a dollar value in excess of $240 million.

The Legal Department conducted routine X-ray inspections, investigated and completed more than 32 Incident/Complaint Reports, and provided assistance in issuing passes to an average of 1,000 visitors during the month of December. Legal Division conducted 3 Admin Boards, held NJP in the Hangar Bay for 4 DUI cases, sponsored training onboard for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) reps from other Battle Group ships and prepared more than 1500 Powers of Attorney.

The last month of the year found the Admin Department spending time with family and friends while continuing to take care of last minute crew needs before deployment. During the month, the division processed 121 receipts for reporting Sailors, 57 transfers, 77 regular and 16 Administrative Separations, and prepared 4 extensions in Obligated Service. The division made no less than 950 Service Record entries for JCS Sailors and issued 582 Geneva Convention Identification Cards. The "Smart Card" system was installed and more than 3000 ship's company Smart Cards were issued for use during deployment. The
Public Affairs Division hosted 690 visitors during the month, including the judges for the San Diego Parade of Lights, who viewed (and judged) the annual event from the ship's Flight Deck. A story in the San Diego Union Tribune appeared following the inadvertent induction of silt into the ship's engineering plant, which delayed the ship's December FRS/CQ underway. Because the ship was only underway for a few days, and because of the holiday and pre-overseas movement standdown, only 2 issues of The Statesman newspaper and 3 editions of the Five O'Clock Reports were produced. The division also produced an informational program on Anthrax to help the crew understand the importance and safety of the upcoming inoculations. For the year, the command hosted 21,522 in port visitors and 736 underway distinguished visitors. On the Internet, the command's website drew 13,250 visitors, with more than 1.8 gigabytes of information downloaded during those visits. The most popular single content page was the "JCS Mission" page and the most popular downloadable image was the photo of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) departing San Diego. The Print Shop, a part of X-1 Division, completed installation of new printing equipment. Despite having a reduced capability while the systems were installed and tested, the division had produced 615,695 impressions during the final quarter of the year.