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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-N09BH)
Subj: USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-53) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1994
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E
(b) NAVHISCEN ltr Ser 09BH/SH/6U505803 dtd 11 June 1996
Encl: (1) Mission Description
(2) Command Organization
(3) Chronology and Command Narrative
(4) Messages from Seniors regarding John Paul Jones' performance.
(5) Change of Command Pamphlet (07 December 1994)
(6) Ship's Photograph

1. In accordance with reference (a) and as requested in reference (b), the command history for USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53) is submitted.

PETER B. OPSAL

USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)

COMMAND MISSION

The JOHN PAUL JONES Guided Missile Destroyer is designed to conduct prompt and sustained offensive operations at sea, operate as an element of a coordinated force or independently as the nucleus of a surface action group, and direct and coordinate anti-air, surface, undersea and strike warfare operations in support of National interests.

COMMAND ORGANIZATION

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN CHAIN OF COMMAND (ISIC)
COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON THREE THREE
CAPT John J. Felloney

COMMANDING OFFICER
CAPT John M. Kelly (departed December 1994)
CDR Peter B. Opsal

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR Frederick P. McKenna (departed October 1994)
LCDR Gerard P. Hueber

ENGINEERING OFFICER
LCDR [REDACTED] (departed September 1994)
LT [REDACTED]

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER
LCDR [REDACTED] (departed July 1994)
LCDR [REDACTED] (departed October 1994)
LCDR [REDACTED]

WEAPONS OFFICER
LCDR [REDACTED] (became CSO in July 1994)
LT [REDACTED]

OPERATIONS OFFICER
LCDR [REDACTED] (became CSO in October 1994)
LT [REDACTED]

SUPPLY OFFICER
LT [REDACTED] (departed March 1994)
LT [REDACTED]

NAVIGATION/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
LT [REDACTED] (departed in June 1994)
LT [REDACTED]

COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE
for the
UNITED STATES SHIP
JOHN PAUL JONES
DDG 53

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3 Jan - 21 Feb	Pre-Shock Availability
10 Jan	Commissioning Luncheon
12 Jan	Underway for SEAL BEACH WPNSTA Moored--Seal Beach
12-13 Jan	Ammunition Onload
14 Jan	Underway for SAN DIEGO Moored--Pier Thirteen
18 Jan	Command PRT
22 Jan	Army/Navy Cadet Visit
15 Feb	Underway, SOCAL CIWS & 5-IN/54 PAC Fires Moored--Pier Thirteen
22-26 Feb	CART II
24 Feb	Underway, SOCAL--CART II
25 Feb	Moored--Pier Thirteen
28 Feb - 04 Mar	NSFS TRAINING
08 Mar	Zone Inspection
10 Mar	Captain's Call
11 Mar	Underway (to turn the ship about)

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14 Mar	Underway Unrep w/ the USNS GUADALUPE
18 Mar	Moored--Pier Thirteen
28 Mar	1000 Underway, SOCAL Shock Trial Preps Unrep w/ the USNS GUADALUPE
01 Apr	Moored--Pier Thirteen
05 Apr	Underway, Final Examination Problem Preparation CIWS PAC Fire 5 IN/54 GUNEX
08 Apr	Moored--Pier Thirteen
12-15 Apr	Final Examination Problem "The ship is in the Arabian Gulf after passing through the Straits of Hormuz. MOPP level II/Condition III steaming."
14 Apr	Unrep with USNS GUADALUPE
18 Apr	USS CALLAGHAN (sister ship) returns from deployment
15 Apr	Moored--Pier Thirteen Post-FEP Stand-down
20 Apr	GAO Ship Visit (VIP Tour)
30 Apr	Joint Civilian Orientation Conference Visit
04 May	Underway, SOCAL--OPPE Preps
05 May	Unrep with USNS GUADALUPE Moored--Pier Thirteen
17-19 May	OPPE
18 May	0500: Underway, OPPE
20-24 May	Post-OPPE Stand-down

30 May	Underway, RDVU w/ USNS NAVAJO for SHOCK TRAIL Explosive Malfunctions
01 Jun	Moored--Pier Thirteen
06 Jun	Underway, SHOCK TRIAL
09 Jun	SHOCK TRIAL SUCCESSFUL
10 Jun	Moored--Pier Thirteen
15 Jun	Underway, SHOCK TRIAL (Level IV)-Unsuccessful Participate in SAR for USS KITTY HAWK crewmember.
16 Jun	Moored--Pier Thirteen
25 Jun	Underway, SHOCK TRIAL (Level IV)
26 Jun	SHOCK TRIAL (Level IV) SUCCESSFUL Record-setting Fight-Through Period
28 Jun	Moored--Pier Thirteen
05 Jul	Underway for SEAL BEACH WPNSTA Moored--Seal Beach
05-06 Jul	AMMO OFFLOAD
06 Jul	Underway for SAN DIEGO
07 Jul	Moored--Pier Thirteen
11 Jul	Underway for SOUTHWEST MARINE (SWM) 2300: Enter Drydock/Post-Shock Availability Begins
03 Aug	Command PRT & Picnic
09 Aug	Exit Drydock/Underway Moored Pier Three at SWM
15-19 Aug	Pre-LMA Assist Visit

29-31 Aug	Admin Assist Visit
12-15 Sep	NSFS Team Trainer
13 Sep	Crew Move-Aboard (from Berthing Barge)
15 Sep	Underway (Dead stick) Moored--Pier Thirteen
19 Sep	Underway, SOCAL for SEA TRIALS
20-22 Sep	Moored--DEPERM CRIB
26-30 Sep	Final Contract TRIALS (FCT)/INSURV
27 Sep	Underway, SOCAL for FCT Moored--Pier Thirteen
01 Oct	Change of Executive Officer LCDR Mckenna departs/LCDR Hueber arrives
03 Oct	Underway for SEAL BEACH WPNSTA Moored--Seal Beach
03-04 Oct	Onload of CSSQT Ordnance
04 Oct	Underway for SAN DIEGO
05 Oct	Moored--Pier Thirteen
08 Oct	USS BEATTY Reunion Tour
11 Oct	Underway, NSFS and CSSQT
12-13 Oct	NSFS Qualification--San Clemente Island.
14 Oct	UNREP with USNS YUKON HAWAIIAN OPAREA TRANSIT 95-W13
21 Oct	Moored--PEARL HARBOR, HI--Pier B-23
24 Oct	Underway, HAWAIIAN OPAREA SUW/USW

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02 Nov	Moored--PEARL HARBOR, HI--Pier M-2
04 Nov	Cambodian Armed Forces Ministry of Defense Delegation (VIP Visit)
07 Nov	Underway, HAWAIIAN OPAREA **MISSILE PREPS**
11 Nov	Moored--PEARL HARBOR, HI--Pier B-17
12 Nov	Underway, HAWAIIAN OPAREA **MISSILEX** Ship successfully fired 10 SM-2s including one firing using Auto-Special Doctrine
16 Nov	Moored--PEARL HARBOR, HI--Pier B-25
17 Nov	Underway, Transit to SAN DIEGO
22 Nov	SOCAL--UNREP with USNS YUKON
23 Nov	Moored--SAN DIEGO, Pier Thirteen
28 Nov	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Test Assist Visit Command Inspection
03 Dec	Underway, Dependents' Cruise
07 Dec	Change of Command CAPT Kelly departs/CDR Opsal arrives
12-19 Dec	Underway, SOCAL for COMPTUEX 95-2
19 Dec	Moored--SAN DIEGO, Pier Two

COMMAND NARRATIVE

USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)

01 JANUARY 1994 to 31 DECEMBER 1994

- * Successfully completed OSD directed live fire test and evaluation Shock Trials for the DDG 51 class. JOHN PAUL JONES' crew prepared the ship and themselves to conduct the most demanding and complex surface ship shock trial test program in the history of the surface Navy. Faced with the extensive technical challenges, and with environmental issues which eventually resulted in litigation and broad media exposure, DDG 53 not only performed superbly in the trial, maintaining or restoring systems in minutes that heretofore had taken hours on past tests, but also did so without injuring or killing a single marine mammal. These dual accomplishments enabled the Navy to obtain critical information about the DDG 51 class in a shock environment, while also adhering to all applicable environmental laws.
- * In order to support Shock Trials through extensive litigation driven delays, JOHN PAUL JONES successfully accelerated ATG's FEP over eight months, and then completed OPPE less than six weeks later, accelerating this important inspection over two months. DDG 53 dramatically tailored the TTS process to fulfill the ship's training needs. The success enjoyed in this demanding evaluation validated the rigorous pre-commissioning training program the ship had undertaken for over two years before commissioning.
- * As the first ship of the Arleigh Burke class on the West Coast, JOHN PAUL JONES supported a lengthy series of tours by a host of dignitaries. The ship excelled at demonstrating the latest in surface warfare hardware and systems, and contributed significantly to the positive image of the surface Navy.
- * JOHN PAUL JONES, in order to keep the deployment schedule on track, accelerated and compressed PSA, while still completing all essential work. In the span of one week starting the day PSA completed, the ship successfully completed sea trials, deperming and final contract trials by the Board of Inspection and Survey--with every system performing correctly and fully mission capable.
- * During CSSQT, completed the day before Thanksgiving, DDG 53's crew and combat systems successfully supported engagements against every target presented splashing drones with a total of ten successful missile engagements. Returning from the Hawaiian Operation Areas, JOHN PAUL JONES was fully ready for advanced Battle Group training and demonstrated such by excelling in COMPTUEX 95-2.

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* On 7 December 1994, CDR Peter B. Opsal relieved CAPT John M. Kelly as Commanding Officer. During the ceremony, the guest speaker, VADM David B. Robinson, Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific, remarked, "Nothing is more crucial to a successful ship than the excellence of her sailors. The crew of JOHN PAUL JONES is the epitome of excellence. They are talented young Americans serving aboard a sovereign piece of America that assures friends and allies, deters conflict, and if necessary, projects power."

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