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Encl: (1) Mission Description
(2) Command Organization
(3) Chronology and Command Narrative
(4) Messages from Seniors regarding John Paul Jones's
performance
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

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


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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.

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN CHAIN OF COMMAND (ISIC)

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN

CAPT Robert Conway (departed July 1997)

CAPT David M. Ryan

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR J. Bruce Hamilton

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR Brian A. Goulding (departed March 1997)

LCDR Phillip C. Pardue

ENGINEERING OFFICER

LT [REDACTED] (departed September 1997)

LT [REDACTED]

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER

LT [REDACTED]

WEAPONS OFFICER

LT [REDACTED]

OPERATIONS OFFICER

LT [REDACTED]

SUPPLY OFFICER

LT [REDACTED]

NAVIGATION/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

LT [REDACTED] (departed March 1997)

LT [REDACTED]

Encl (2)

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

1997

6 Jan	Christmas Leave Period ends
8 Jan	Pre-deployment fair
6-10 Jan	Naval Surface Fire Support Team Trainer
14 Jan	Underway for TACAN certification
16-26 Jan	Underway for FLEETEX 97-1
21-23 Jan	FLEETEX 97-1, MISSILEX
24-26 Jan	40 Hour Scenario
27 Jan -5 Feb	Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR)
4 Feb	Underway for CSRR Arrive Catalina Island, CA
5 Feb	Depart Catalina Island, CA
6 Feb	Arrive Seal Beach, CA Begin final ammunition onload for deployment
7 Feb	Depart Seal Beach, CA Arrive San Diego, CA
10-21 Feb	JTFEX 97-1
21 Feb	Begin Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) leave period
24 Feb	Begin corrosion control availability with SIMA
8 Mar	Command Physical Readiness Test (PRT)
10 Mar	Ship awarded COMNAVSURFPAC Safety Award for 1996

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12 Mar Ship awarded Command Excellence Award for 1996 in Engineering /Survivability and Logistics Management

18 Mar POM leave period ends

21-25 Mar People's Liberation Army (Navy) Visit to San Diego. JOHN PAUL JONES hosts DD 112 HARBIN

22 Mar Wardroom Dining Out

26 Mar Underway for Friends and Family Cruise

1 Apr Underway for deployment, WESTPAC 97. JOHN PAUL JONES activated as Air Warfare Commander.

8-10 Apr CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise

12 Apr Chop to 7th Fleet

15 Apr Ship crosses Equator and International Date Line

22-23 Apr Operation Foster Hope

24 Apr Arrive Newcastle, Australia

28 Apr Depart Newcastle

3 May Arrive Freemantle, Australia

7 May Depart Freemantle

11 May Crossing the Line Ceremony

16 May Chop to 5th Fleet

19 May Transit Strait of Hormuz
Chop to Task Force 50

24 May VBSS Team boards MV Kim Sung

25 May Transit Strait of Hormuz

27 May Chop to Task Force 57 for intelligence gathering operation

27 May- 6 Jun	Data Collection Operations
6 Jun	Exercise Fortress Raptor 97-2
7-21 Jun	Inport Dubai
22 Jun	Transit to Bahrain
23-27 Jun	Inport Bahrain
28-29 Jun	Transit to Gulf of Oman
29 Jun	Visit from COMMANDER FIFTH FLEET
30 Jun	Escort Boxer Amphibious Readiness Group through Strait of Hormuz
1-7 Jul	Maritime Interception Operations in Northern Persian Gulf
4 Jul	Independence Day Celebration
6 Jul	250th Anniversary of Commodore John Paul Jones's birth
11-18 Jul	Operation Red Reef '97
20-23 Jul	Inport Bahrain
22-26 Jul	Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Phase One (CART I)
24-28 Jul	MIO SURGEX 97-1
29 Jul- 3 Aug	Training Anchorage
5 Aug	Transit Strait of Hormuz
7-8 Aug	Inport Karachi, Pakistan
9-12 Aug	Operation Inspired Siren '97
12-15 Aug	Operation Bold Departure
17 Aug	Outchop 5th Fleet, Inchop 7th Fleet
23-26 Aug	Inport Singapore
30 Aug	Visit from COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

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31 Aug- 4 Sep Inport Hong Kong

9-10 Sep Inport Kagoshima, Japan

10 Sep Press Conference with Japanese media

16 Sep Outchop 7th Fleet, Inchop 3rd Fleet

17-21 Sep Operation Northern Exposure

25-26 Sep Inport Victoria, B.C.

27 Sep- 1 Oct Tiger Cruise

1 Oct Arrive San Diego, completion of WESTPAC 97
Commence post-deployment leave period

29 Oct Post-deployment leave period ends

4-6 Nov Inport Seal Beach for pre-DSRA ammo offload

12 Nov Underway for Mazatlan, Mexico

15-18 Nov Inport Mazatlan, Mexico

21 Nov Inport San Diego

26 Nov Command Physical Readiness Test (PRT)

8-12 Dec Underway as Opposing Force (OPFOR) for USS
ABRAHAM LINCOLN BATTLE GROUP's ITA

15-18 Dec Underway as OPFOR for USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN
BATTLE GROUP's ITA

19 Dec Inport San Diego
Commence holiday leave period

29 Dec Commissioning ceremony for FCCM (SW)
[REDACTED]; Retirement ceremony for ENCS (SW)

COMMAND NARRATIVE**USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53)****01 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 1997**

* Following the expiration of the Christmas Leave Period, JOHN PAUL JONES continued to prepare for its upcoming deployment with the CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP. The Battle Group's next exercise, Fleet Exercise (FLEETEX) 97-1, began in mid-January. As part of FLEETEX 97-1, JOHN PAUL JONES participated in the second missile exercise of the interdeployment training cycle. The ship was presented with three different firing scenarios. By successfully engaging the targets, the ship's Air Warfare team proved the Aegis Weapons System and watchstanders were prepared for deployment.

* Following the completion of FLEETEX 97-1, the crew quickly prepared for the next inspection of the work-up cycle. The ship's Combat System Readiness Review entailed over 50 technical representatives from Fleet Technical Support Center Pacific. They thoroughly reviewed every piece of combat systems equipment and performed hundreds of maintenance checks to ensure JOHN PAUL JONES's weapons systems were in proper operating condition for deployment. The inspectors complimented the crew on the outstanding condition of their equipment. The inspectors found less than half of the discrepancies usually encountered on an ARLEIGH BURKE class destroyer.

* As part of the Combat Systems Readiness Review, the ship was required to perform a number of underway maintenance checks. The ship took advantage of this opportunity to schedule a port visit to the island of Catalina off the California coast. The members of the crew were welcomed by the islanders and enjoyed touring the picturesque scenery of the Isle.

* After a short stay at Catalina, JOHN PAUL JONES transited to Seal Beach Weapons Station in Seal Beach, California. While in port Seal Beach, the ship received its final loadout of ordnance and missiles for deployment.

* The last exercise before deployment for the CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP was Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 97-1. This exercise took place off the coast of Camp Pendleton, California and involved components of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. The battle group, along with the BOXER AMPHIBIOUS READINESS GROUP, participated in a

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mock war which included a number of scenarios specifically designed for the Battle Group's expected missions in the Central Command Area of Responsibility. These included Maritime Interception Operations, Strike Warfare, Theater Ballistic Missile Defense, and concluded with an Amphibious Assault.

* Upon the conclusion of JTFEX, the members of the crew received some well deserved rest during the Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) leave period. Nearly every member of the crew took advantage of the opportunity to take leave during one of the two leave periods.

* As they returned from leave, the crew was excited to learn they had been given the opportunity to participate in an historic event. The ship was selected as one of the host ships for the People's Liberation Army (Navy) visit to San Diego. This was the first visit to the continental United States by a warship of the People's Republic of China. In addition to hosting thousands of visitors, the members of the crew were able to spend some time getting to know their Chinese shipmates by participating in picnics, sporting events, receptions, and reciprocal tours. Although the crew was required to spend a number of extra hours onboard shortly before deployment in preparation for the visit, they felt it was worthwhile in view of the historic overtones of the visit.

* Fortunately, the crew were able to show their friends and family the results of their labor after the Chinese sailors departed San Diego. The ship hosted over 500 friends and family on a short day cruise in appreciation for the support the crew received during preparations for deployment. The highlight of the day was a picnic prepared by the Supply Department on the Flight Deck.

* On April 1st, the ship's company bid farewell to family members and friends as they departed on a six month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Persian Gulf. Although everyone was disappointed to be leaving their loved ones behind, they were looking forward to future port visits in Australia. Highlights of the transit to Australia included participation in a battle group ASW exercise and involvement in the multinational exercise FOSTER HOPE with the Australian Navy.

* The ship was warmly welcomed in Newcastle, Australia on April 24th. The visit coincided with the Australian National Holiday of ANZAC day. Members of the crew were provided with the chance to march in a local parade,

reviewed by the Commanding Officer, celebrating the holiday and were treated to a picnic hosted by the Australian-American society.

* Following a short voyage south of Australia, the ship arrived in the port of Freemantle outside of Perth. JOHN PAUL JONES arrived just in time for the port's 100th anniversary and the town's annual commemoration of the Battle of Coral Sea.

* The ship departed Freemantle on the 7th of May and headed for tasking in the FIFTH FLEET Area of Responsibility (AOR). Along the way, the ship held a crossing the line ceremony and initiated all those who had never crossed the equator.

* The ship transited the Strait of Hormuz and arrived in the Persian Gulf on May 19, 1997. The ship continued to be actively involved in CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP operations and was quickly tasked with Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations resolutions. The ship's Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure Team inspected the Motor Vessel Kim Sung to ensure the merchant was complying with international trade sanctions against Iraq.

* Soon after arriving in the Persian Gulf, the ship was detached to collect data on Iranian cruise missile testing by the Commander, U.S. Naval Surface Forces Central Command. JOHN PAUL JONES transited the Strait of Hormuz to operate in the Gulf of Oman.

* Following the completion of data collection operations, JOHN PAUL JONES entered the Persian Gulf for the second time enroute to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The ship's first port visit in the FIFTH FLEET AOR was an extended break for the crew. Everyone enjoyed visiting the Dubai Seafarer's Center, shopping in the city's Gold Souk, and haggling for Persian Carpets.

* After a two week stay in Dubai, the ship headed directly for Manama, Bahrain to begin the JOHN PAUL JONES's only availability of the deployment. While inport Bahrain, the ship was able to schedule necessary repair work and correct all habitability concerns.

* USS JOHN PAUL JONES left Bahrain and sailed through the Strait of Hormuz to rendezvous with Boxer Amphibious Readiness Group in the Gulf of Oman. The ship provided an escort and air warfare defense for the USS BOXER (LHD 6),

USS FORT FISHER (LSD 40), and USS OGDEN (LPD 5) as the group traveled through the Strait of Hormuz and entered the Persian Gulf in perpetration for an exercise with the Saudi Arabian Navy.

* As the amphibious ships entered Abu Dhabi for a port call, JOHN PAUL JONES steamed for the Northern Persian Gulf to participate in International Maritime Interception Operations in support of United Nations Sanctions against Iraq. The ship queried a number of vessels exiting Iraqi territorial waters. On July 5, the ship's Visit, Board, Search and Seizure Team boarded two vessels, MV Perma Glory and MV Mahdeah. Neither ship was found to be in violation of the trade embargo, and both ships were cleared to continue their voyages. While on station in the North Arabian Gulf, the ship celebrated JOHN PAUL JONES's 250th birthday.

* USS JOHN PAUL JONES rejoined the ships of the Boxer Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) on July 11th to commence RED REEF '97, a multi-national exercise with the Saudi Arabian Navy. JOHN PAUL JONES assumed duties as the Group's Air Warfare Commander as the other ships practiced amphibious warfare techniques with the Saudi armed forces. JOHN PAUL JONES participated in events ranging from tactical maneuvering with Saudi ships to air intercept with the BOXER's Harrier aircraft. The exercise greatly enhanced the U.S. Navy's interoperability with the Saudi Navy, an important ally in the region, and improved the BOXER ARG's air warfare proficiency.

* Following the successful conclusion of RED REEF, USS JOHN PAUL JONES returned to Bahrain for the ship's final port call in the Persian Gulf. The crew took advantage of the exchange, lounges and swimming pools of Administrative Support Unit, Bahrain.

* After this well deserved break, the ship deployed to the Southern Persian Gulf to participate in an initiative by the Sea Combat Commander to increase the effectiveness of Maritime Interception Operations in the Persian Gulf. Named SURGEX 97-1, all available units were underway investigating suspected sanctions violators. Subsequent to the completion of SURGEX 97, the ship anchored off the coast of Bahrain to complete necessary training and maintenance.

* Upon leaving the training anchorage, the ship cruised through the Strait of Hormuz for the final time enroute to Karachi, Pakistan. Although liberty was prohibited in Karachi due to security concerns, the crew was able to

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finalize plans for INSPIRED SIREN '97, a multi-national exercise with the Pakistani Navy.

* Directly following the completion of INSPIRED SIREN, USS JOHN PAUL JONES began the ship's final exercise as a FIFTH FLEET asset. Exercise BOLD DEPARTURE was a coordinated air, surface, and sub-surface warfare battle scenario. JOHN PAUL JONES teamed with the USS HELENA (SSN 725) and Maritime Patrol Aircraft to act as Orange aggressor forces against the USS CONSTELLATION and USS LAKE ERIE. The Orange forces were able to avoid detection long enough to successfully engage the enemy aircraft carrier with simulated Harpoon missiles and torpedo attacks.

* On 17 August, JOHN PAUL JONES outchopped from FIFTH FLEET, inchopped to SEVENTH FLEET and commenced the transit to home port.

* The first stop during the transit to home port was Singapore, where the crew enjoyed four days of rest and relaxation.

* After a short transit from Singapore, the second stop during the transit to home port was a five day visit to Hong Kong.

* The third stop during the transit to home port was Kagoshima, Japan. The highlight of this visit was the embarkation of members of the Japanese media for a press conference with Commander Hamilton.

* On 16 September, JOHN PAUL JONES outchopped from SEVENTH FLEET and inchopped to THIRD FLEET.

* From 17-21 September, the CONSTELLATION BATTLE GROUP participated in Exercise NORTHERN EXPOSURE against the NIMITZ BATTLE GROUP. This deceptive exercise was aimed at preventing either Carrier Battle Group from detecting each other, and included EMCON, long range Electronic Surveillance and deceptive lighting.

* The fourth stop during the transit to home port was Victoria, British Columbia. During this two day port visit, the crew enjoyed one last bit of rest and relaxation and, in addition, embarked 80 friends and family, in addition to 7 Sea Cadets, for the Tiger Cruise back to San Diego.

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* During the Tiger Cruise, our onboard guests received a sampling of what life is like onboard a destroyer. They engaged in the daily routine, participated in small arms firing events and became honorary members of JOHN PAUL JONES's crew.

* On 01 October, JOHN PAUL JONES arrived in home port of San Diego, completing WESTPAC 97, and commenced the post deployment leave period.

* Upon the completion of the post deployment leave period on 29 October, the ship commenced preparations for both upcoming underway periods and Dry-Docking Selective Restricted Availability (DSRA).

* From 4-6 November, JOHN PAUL JONES was inport Seal Beach, California to complete pre-DSRA ammo offload. All ammunition, from small arms to missiles, was removed from the ship and, most importantly, the evolution was completed without any safety mishaps.

* On 12 November, JOHN PAUL JONES departed San Diego for a brief transit to Mazatlan, Mexico. While inport from 15-18 November, the crew enjoyed the local culture and was afforded an opportunity to rest and relax on the sunny beaches of Mexico.

* Arriving back inport San Diego on 21 November, the crew continued with long term preparations for the upcoming DSRA while enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday period.

* The second and third weeks of December were spent underway as opposing force (OPFOR) for the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN BATTLE GROUP's Integrated Training Assessment (ITA). Exercises included anti-air, anti-surface and anti-subsurface, as well as electronic warfare, maritime interdiction operations and deception scenarios. JOHN PAUL JONES's involvement played an integral part in the LINCOLN BATTLE GROUP's deployment preparations, as lessons learned from JOHN PAUL JONES's recently completed WESTPAC were incorporated into each scenario.

* On 19 December, the ship commenced the holiday leave period.

* On 22 December, JOHN PAUL JONES was recognized as BUPERS' co-winner in the medium size ship category of the Fleet Recreation Awards Program. The award was given for the

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"Heat Stress Defense" production and resulted in a \$2,000.00 prize to be used in the ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund.

* On 29 December, JOHN PAUL JONES held a dual commissioning and retirement ceremony. FCCM (SW) [REDACTED] was commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer (CW03) and ENCS (SW) [REDACTED] retired and transferred to the Fleet Reserve.