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From: Commanding Officer, USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) To: Director of Naval History (OP-09B9)

Subj: Command History of USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) for 1973

Ref: OPNAVINST 5750.12B

Encl: (1) Chronology of events for 1973

- (2) Basic Narrative
- (3) Change of Command Pamphlet
- (4) Photograph of present Commanding Officer
- (5) Autobiography of present Commanding Officer
- (6) Photograph of USS JUNEAU
- (7) History of USS JUNEAU

1. In accordance with reference (a), the 1973 Command History of USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) is submitted herewith as enclosures (1) through (7).

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USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS-1973



- 1-15 Jan In port Naval Station Long Beach for leave and upkeep.
  - 16 Jan Upkeep Long Beach. At/enroute San Clemente Island, Load Long Beach.
- 17-18 Jan Independent Ship's exercise off Southern California.
- 19-21 Jan In port Long Beach.
- 22-30 Jan Phiblex-Mablex: SUCM 1-73.
  - 31 Jan In port Long Beach for upkeep.
- 1-11 Feb In port Long Beach for upkeep.
- 12-16 Feb In port Long Beach for INSURV.
- 12-22 FEB In port Long Beach for READIMP.
- 23-28 Feb In port Long Beach for RAV.
- 1-6 Mar In port Long Beach for RAV.
- 7-8 Mar In port Long Beach for NWAI.
- 9-14 Mar In port Long Beach for RAV.
- 15-31 Mar In port Long Beach for READIMP.
- 1-15 Apr In port Long Beach for READIMP.
- 16-20 Apr Underway for ISE: SOCAL.
- 21-30 Apr In port Long Beach. 25 APR Change of Command.
- 1-29 May In port Long Beach for RAV.
- 30-31 May In port Long Beach for TAV.
- 1 -30 Jun In port Long Beach for TAV.
- 1-20 Jul In port Long Beach for Rav.
- 21-22 Jul In port Long Beach.
- 23-24 Jul Underway for ISE SOCAL.
- 25 Jul-19 Aug In port Long Beach for RAV. 15 Aug Change of Home Port to San Diego.



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20-21 Aug Load Seal Beach.

22-24 Aug Underway for Independant Ship's exercises off Southern California.

25-26 Aug In port Long Beach.

27 Jul-7 Sep Underway for PHIBREFTRA.

8-23 Sep In port Long Beach for upkeep.

24-28 Sep Underway for ISE SOCAL.

29-30 Sep In port San Diego.

1-12 Oct Underway for INTRFTRA.

13 Oct-11 Nov In port Long Beach for NTPI.

12-19 Nov Underway for FLEETEX/BELL BANGO 2-73.

20 Nov-3 Dec In port Long Beach.
3-31 Dec In port Long Beach for preperation for overseas
Movement.

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#### USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) BASIC NARRATIVE - 1973

The year began with USS JUNEAU moored at the U.S. Naval Station, Long Beach, California, for the Christmas and New Year leave period and for upkeep.

On 16 January, JUNEAU went to San Clemente Island to offload/onload Marine detachments. The seventmenth and eighteenth of January were spent in Independant Ship's Exercises off Southern California, then from the twentysecond through the thirtieth of January, JUNEAU was involved in PHIBLEX-MABLEX: SUCM 1-73. She returned to Long Beach, California on 31 January, for upkeep ending 11 February. The 12th through the 16th saw her in Long Beach, California for INSURV and from the 17th through the 22nd of February JUNEAU was in Long Beach for READIMP. During the period 23 February through 06 March JUNEAU was in a state of Restricted Availability in Long Beach, California. The 7th and 8th of March JUNEAU had a NWAI inspection, and returned to Restricted Availability until 14 March 1973, and another READIMP period from 15 March to 15 April in Long Beach.

On the sixteenth of April JUNEAU was underway for Independant Ship's Exercises off Southern California, returning to Long Beach on the 21st of April. Then on 25 April, Captain William H. MEANIX, Jr., USN, relieved Captain Philip J. RYAN, USN as Commanding Officer, USS JUNEAU. The first through the 29th of May, she was in a state of Restricted Availability, then 30 May through 30 June she was in Long Beach, California for Tender Availability. On 01 July through 20 July, JUNEAU was again in Restricted Availability. The 15th of August brought her official change of Home Port to San Diego, California. The 23rd and 24th of July saw her underway for local operations off Southern California, returning to Long Beach the 25th of July and entering Restricted Availability until the 19th of August.

JUNEAU was in Seal Beach loading Ammunition the 20th and 21st of August, and underway for local operations off Southern California until the 24th of August. On the 27th through the 7th of September, JUNEAU was underway for PHIBREFTRA returning to Long Beach, California on 08 September 1973. She was in port Long Beach, California, for upkeep until 23 September 1973. The 24th through the 28th of September saw her operating off Southern California in an Independant Ship's Exercise. On the 29th of September, JUNEAU moored at San Diego until the 1st of October when she got underway for INTREFTRA. She returned to Long Beach, California on the 13th of October for upkeep, then, the 12th through the 19th was underway for FLEETEX/BELL BANGO 2-73, returning to Long Beach, California **the 2**0th of November. JUNEAU was in port LongeBeach, California until 03 December 1973.

The period 03 December 1973 to 31 December 1973 was spent in preparation for her upcoming overseas movement on 19 January 1974.



Enclosure (2)

#### SHIP'S HISTORY

USS JUNEAU (LPD-19), the third ship of the fleet to bear the name was built by Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Co., Seattle Washington. Her keel was laid on January 23, 1965. She was launched on February 23, 1966, and was commissioned on July 12, 1969. After completing shakedown training JUNEAU became the flagship of Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN. In February 1971 JUNEAU was transferred to Amphibious Squadron SEVEN. During the summer of 1971 JUNEAU crossed the equator to Auchland, New Zealand and Sydney Australia on a U. S. Naval Academy at-sea training cruise (NATRON-71). In October of 1971 she provided naval support for the Amchitka Nuclear Test Operation in Alaska's Aleutian Islands. She has been employed in fleet exercises and amphibious operations as a part of the FIRST Fleet and in December 1972 completed her second tour of duty with the SEVENTH Fleet in the Western Pacific. After a year in the Eastern Pacific that included an extensive restricted availability, service with the THIRD Fleet, and shift of port from Long Beach to San Diego, California, JUNEAU has returned in February 1974 for a third Western Pacific tour with the Amphibious Force, SEVENTH Fleet.



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