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From: Commanding Officer, USS JUNEAU (LPD 10)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: USS JUNEAU Command History for Calendar Year 1983

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) Chronology of events for 1983
(2) Basic narrative
(3) Welcome Aboard pamphlet
(4) Photograph of present Commanding Officer
(5) Biography of present Commanding Officer
(6) Change of Command booklet
(7) Photograph of USS JUNEAU

- 1. (U) In accordance with reference (a) the Command History for USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) for Calendar Year 1983 is submitted herewith as enclosures (1) through (7).

J. HOLLIS BOWER, JR.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR 1983

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 JAN-02 JAN	IMPORT SAN DIEGO-HOLIDAY UPKEEP
03 JAN-07 JAN	UNDERWAY: REFRESHER TRAINING SOCIAL OPAREA
08 JAN-09 JAN	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
10 JAN-14 JAN	UNDERWAY: REFRESHER TRAINING SOCIAL OPAREA
15 JAN-16 JAN	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
17 JAN-21 JAN	UNDERWAY: REFRESHER TRAINING SOCIAL OPAREA
22 JAN-23 JAN	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
24 JAN-28 JAN	UNDERWAY: READIEX 83-2 SOCIAL OPAREA
29 JAN-30 JAN	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
31 JAN-04 FEB	MIT PHASE II
05 FEB-27 FEB	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
28 FEB-02 MAR	UNDERWAY: TYPE TRAINING SOCIAL OPAREA
03 MAR-09 MAR	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
07 MAR-09 MAR	CSRT (COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS TEST)
10 MAR-11 MAR	UNDERWAY: MATERIAL INSPECTION/CSRT SOCIAL OPAREA
12 MAR-13 MAR	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
14 MAR-15 MAR	UNDERWAY: SOCIAL OPAREA (SQUADRON EXERCISES)
16 MAR-21 MAR	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
22 MAR-29 MAR	UNDERWAY: KEPNAL BLITZ 83-1
30 MAR-04 APR	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
05 APR-08 APR	UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPAREA (ECET DRILLS)
09 APR-11 APR	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
12 APR-13 APR	UNDERWAY: SOCIAL OPAREA (OPPE)
14 APR-03 MAY	IMPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
04 MAY-12 MAY	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR, HI—WESTPAC 83
13 MAY-15 MAY	IMPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
16 MAY-19 MAY	UNDERWAY: OPERATION BELL VOLCANO (FSOEX)
20 MAY-21 MAY	IMPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
22 MAY-02 JUN	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
03 JUN	IMPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA; ONLOAD BLT 1/7
04 JUN-12 JUN	UNDERWAY: OPERATION VALLANT BLITZ 83
13 JUN-16 JUN	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE HONG KONG, B.C.C.
17 JUN-21 JUN	IMPORT HONG KONG, B.C.C.
22 JUN-23 JUN	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, R.P.
24 JUN-11 JUL	IMPORT SUBIC BAY, R.P.
24 JUN	LANDEX SUBIC (ZAMBALES)
12 JUL-14 JUL	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
15 JUL	IMPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
16 JUL-18 JUL	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE NUMAZU, JAPAN
19 JUL	AT ANCHOR, NUMAZU, JAPAN; UNDERWAY (LATE EVENING): ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
20 JUL-28 JUL	IMPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
27 JUL	CHANGE OF COMMAND: CAPT J. HOLLIS BOWER, JR., RELIEVES CAPT LYNN F. BACH

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28 JUL-29 JUL	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE HAKODATE, JAPAN
30 JUL-02 AUG	INPORT HAKODATE, JAPAN
03 AUG	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE POHANG, ROK
04 AUG	INPORT POHANG, ROK
05 AUG-10 AUG	UNDERWAY: EXERCISE VALLANT USHER 83-8K (DEPART LATE EVENING 10 AUG)
11 AUG-15 AUG	ANCHORED CHINHAE, ROK (STORM EVASION)
16 AUG-17 AUG	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
18 AUG	INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA; OFFLOAD BLT 2/4, ONLOAD BLT 2/5; UNDERWAY (EVENING): ENROUTE POHANG, ROK
19 AUG-20 AUG	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE POHANG, ROK
21 AUG	INPORT POHANG, ROK; OFFLOAD BLT 2/5; UNDERWAY (EVENING): ENROUTE SASEBO, JAPAN
22 AUG-29 AUG	INPORT SASEBO, JAPAN
30 AUG	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE POHANG, ROK
31 AUG	INPORT POHANG, ROK
01 SEP-02 SEP	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, P.P.
03 SEP	DETOUR: ENROUTE WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
04 SEP-09 SEP	INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
10 SEP-11 SEP	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, P.P.
12 SEP-13 SEP	ARRIVE SUBIC OPAREA
14 SEP-16 SEP	ANCHOR SUBIC BAY; ZAMBALES IANDEX
17 SEP-27 SEP	INPORT SUBIC BAY, P.P.
28 SEP-29 SEP	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA
30 SEP	INPORT WHITE BEACH, OKINAWA; UNDERWAY (EVENING): ENROUTE GUAM
01 OCT-03 OCT	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE GUAM
04 OCT	INPORT GUAM
05 OCT-13 OCT	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR, HI
14 OCT-15 OCT	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
16 OCT-22 OCT	UNDERWAY: ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA
23 OCT-27 NOV	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
28 NOV-01 DEC	UNDERWAY: SOCIAL OPAREA
02 DEC-04 DEC	MOOR BROADWAY PIER, SAN DIEGO, CA
03 DEC-04 DEC	BROADWAY VISIT SHIP
05 DEC-31 DEC	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA

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BASIC NARRATIVE

The first day of 1983 found USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) in port San Diego, California, her crew enjoying a holiday leave period. But shortly thereafter, on 3 January, the ship was underway until 7 January for the first week of Refresher Training (RETRA). JUNEAU was underway for RETRA throughout the month of January, pulling back pierside on weekends until 24 January, when she was once again underway in the Southern California Operations Area (SOCAL OPAREA) for READIEX 83-2, firing drones from her flight deck in an exercise with other Pacific Fleet ships.

JUNEAU returned pierside on 29 January and remained there for almost the entire month of February. She was again underway on 28 February for more operations in the SOCAL OPAREA, returning to port 3 March, and remaining there until 10 March. During that time JUNEAU's EWs underwent the Combat Systems Readiness Test (CSRT), with the actual underway material inspection portion of CSRT occurring during a brief underway period of 10-11 March. After two more days in port JUNEAU was again underway 14-15 March for exercises in the SOCAL OPAREA with other ships of COMPHIBRON ONE. She returned pierside 16 March and remained there until 21 March. The week of 22-29 March found JUNEAU participating in Operation KERNAL BLITZ 83-1 off the coast of California.

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The remainder of March and the early days of April were spent inport. JUNEAU was underway from 5-8 April for Engineering Casualty Control Examination Training (ECOET) drills, returning to port 9-11 April. JUNEAU then got underway 12 April for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). This evolution was an outstanding success, as JUNEAU's Engineering Department passed the grueling test in 36 hours, returning to port 14 April, where she remained through 3 May.

On 4 May JUNEAU departed NAVSTA San Diego for her eighth Western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployment. The long transit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, lasted until 13 May when JUNEAU arrived inport, where she stayed until 15 May. On 16 May JUNEAU was underway for Exercise Operation Bell Volcano (FSCEX) off the island of Kahoolawe, returning to Pearl Harbor 20 May. Two days later, 22 May, she began the long transit to White Beach, Okinawa.

JUNEAU arrived in Okinawa 3 June, where she unloaded Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 1/7, getting underway the next day for Operation Valiant Blitz 83, the largest amphibious exercise since World War II. During the exercise JUNEAU was visited by COMSEVENTHFLFLEET, Vice Admiral J.D. Hogg, who also visited other ships participating in the exercise. Following the conclusion of Valiant Blitz, JUNEAU was underway for Hong Kong, B.C.C., on 13 June, arriving in the British Crown Colony on 17 June. There, the crew and embarked Marines enjoyed maximum liberty until 22 June, when she was underway for the transit to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

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JUNEAU anchored off Zambales 24 June to participate in a LANDEX, pulling pienside later that day. The ship then went through a much needed upkeep period, getting underway for Okinawa 12 July and arriving at White Beach 15 July. The next day she was again underway for Numazu, Japan, where she anchored on 19 July. Late that evening the ship set sail for Yokosuka, Japan, where she arrived on 20 July. During the port visit there, Captain J. Hollis Bower, Jr., relieved Captain Lynn P. Blasch as Commanding Officer. The next day JUNEAU was underway for Hakodate, Japan, where she arrived on 30 July. JUNEAU was the first ship to visit Hakodate in two years, and her crewmembers were greeted by both curiosity and adoration from the people of Hakodate. JUNEAU remained in Hakodate until 2 August, when she transitted to Pohang, Korea, where she dropped anchor on 4 August. She participated in Exercise Valiant Usher 83-8K south of Pohang until late evening of 10 August, when she was again underway for Okinawa.

However, Typhoon Abby was also in the vicinity of Okinawa, thus forcing JUNEAU to seek refuge near Chinhae, Korea. The ship remained at anchor until 16 August, when she began the belated transit to Okinawa, arriving there on 18 August, offloading BLT 2/4 and onloading BLT 2/5 in record time, and once again getting underway that evening enroute to Pohang. JUNEAU arrived in Pohang 21 August, offloaded BLT 2/5, and that evening transitted to Sasebo, Japan, where she remained inport from 22-29 August. JUNEAU again set sail for Pohang on 30 August, arriving there on 31 August, where she stayed overnight.

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The ship got underway for Subic Bay on 1 September, but two days later was re-routed to Okinawa, where she arrived on 4 September and remained until 9 September. On 10 September JUNEAU got underway for Subic Bay, arriving in the Subic OPAREA on 12 September. She dropped anchor in Subic Bay on 14 September, pulling piersonside that same day. JUNEAU remained inport until 27 September. On 28 September the ship again began transit to Okinawa, arriving at White Beach on 30 September and getting underway that evening for the transit to Guam. JUNEAU was inport Guam overnight 4 October, getting underway the next morning for the long trip to Pearl Harbor.

JUNEAU arrived in Pearl Harbor 14 October and remained there until the afternoon of 16 October, when she set sail for San Diego, where she arrived 23 October, beginning a month-long post-deployment leave and upkeep period.

JUNEAU remained at Pier 6 until 28 November, when she got underway for the SOCAL OPAREA. On 2 December the ship moored at Broadway Pier in downtown San Diego for a Visit Ship Weekend. Along with visits by the general public, a group of recruits from the San Diego Recruit Training Command, as well as a ceremony by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (with COMNAVSURFPAC, Vice Admiral Harry C. Schrader as guest speaker) highlighted the weekend. On 5 December JUNEAU travelled down San Diego Bay where she moored at Pier 11 at the Naval Station. She remained there for the rest of 1983 as the crew enjoyed its normal holiday leave period.

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