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1995

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted covering the activities of USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) for calendar year 1995.

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. **COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

MISSION To provide a responsive, capable platform to conducted sustained and effective operations as directed by higher authority.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (ISIC): Commander, Amphibious Squadron NINE
(JAN95 - MAR95)
Commander, Amphibious Group THREE
(APR95 - DEC95)

NAME OF COMMANDER: T.E. Bugarin, CAPT, USN (01JAN95-31DEC95)

PERMANENT DUTY STATION: San Diego, CA

TYPE AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: None

CHRONOLOGY

01 - 08 Jan Completed Holiday Upkeep.

09 Jan Underway enroute Pearl Harbor.

17 - 27 Jan Exercise MIDDLE PACIFIC COMPTUEX 95-10M. Included were Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ), AAV operations, and LCU operations.

30 Jan Underway enroute San Diego.

07 - 16 Feb Upkeep

17 - 23 Feb COMPTUEX 95-6m. This was the first exercise in preparation for deploying in June. The Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) was made up of the JUNEAU, USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11), USS MOUNT VERNON (LSD 39), USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45), and Eleventh Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) (MEUSOC). Marine Expeditionary Service Support Group 11, Battalion Landing Team 2/1, Gunnery Support (ANGLICO), Assault Craft Unit, Beachmasters Unit One, SEAL Team Three (A Platoon), and a Cryptology Detachment embarked on JUNEAU.

24 Feb Visit ship. Helo tower support tour. Sterngate Marriage.

27 Feb - 03 Mar SIMA Availability. (Valve Maintenance, Corrosion Control, and Hull Cleaning).

27 Feb - 10 Mar Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR).

24 Mar - 07 Apr COMPTUEX 95-7M/KERNEL BLITZ 95.

11 - 14 Apr Ammunition on-load at Seal Beach.

19 - 26 Apr FLEETEX 95-1M.

27 Apr - 07 May Upkeep.

08 - 19 May JTFEX 95-2.

20 May - 19 Jun Pre-deployment maintenance availability.

23 Jun Deploy WESTPAC.

03 Jul Conducted Fueling At Sea (FAS) with USNS PECOS (TAO 197)

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11 - 13 Jul Conducted sustainment training ashore in vicinity of Okinawa, Japan.

13 Jul Commander U.S. Seventh Fleet and Commander Amphibious Group One visit JUNEAU.

17 - 21 Jul Hong Kong Port Visit.

22 Jul Underway enroute Singapore.

28 - 30 Jul Singapore Port Visit.

31 Jul Underway enroute Aqaba, Jordan.

11 Aug Conducted FAS with PECOS and Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP) with USNS SAN JOSE (TAFS 7).

14 Aug Conducted FAS with PECOS

15 - 30 Aug Exercise Infinite Moonlight, Aqaba, Jordan.

31 Aug Underway enroute Jebel Ali, U.A.E.

06 Sep Conducted FAS with PECOS and VERTREP with SAN JOSE.

07 Sep Transit Strait of Hormuz

07 - 18 Sep Maintenance Availability Jebel Ali, U.A.E.

19 Sep Underway enroute Kuwait City.

21 - 24 Sep Inport Kuwait City.

21 Sep - 09 Oct Exercise Eager Mace 96-1, Kuwait City.

25 Sep Underway North Arabian Gulf OPAREA.

28 Sep Conducted FAS and VERTREP with PECOS

04 - 09 Oct Inport Kuwait City.

10 Oct Underway Central Arabian Gulf OPAREA.

12 Oct Conducted FAS and VERTREP with PECOS

13 - 15 Oct Exercise Neon Falcon.

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19 Oct Secretary of the Navy, and Commander, Fifth Fleet visit JUNEAU along with the ARG.

21 - 23 Oct Inport Bahrain.

24 Oct Underway enroute Jebel Ali, U.A.E..

25 Oct Conducted FAS with PECOS and VERTREP with USNS SPICA (TAFS 9).

25 - 27 Oct Exercise Reliant Gorilla.

28 - 05 Nov Washdown and Maintenance Availability Jebel Ali, U.A.E..

06 Nov Underway enroute Fremantle, Australia.

06 Nov Conducted FAS with PECOS and VERTREP with SPICA

20 - 24 Nov Port Visit Fremantle, Australia.

25 Nov Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI.

13 - 14 Dec Took on fuel and embarked Tigers for return trip to San Diego.

15 Dec Underway enroute Camp Pendelton for off-load.

21 Dec Off-load embarked units at Camp Pendelton.

22 Dec Arrive San Diego, return from WESTPAC.

23 - 31 Dec Post Deployment Standdown.

NARRATIVE

USS JUNEAU (LPD 10) began 1995 by completing a much needed holiday upkeep period. On 09 January JUNEAU got underway from Pier 12 in San Diego and made way for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to take part in MIDDLE PACIFIC COMPTUEX 95-10M. This exercise provided JUNEAU's versatile capabilities as a training platform for various Marine units. It included Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ's), AAV operations, LCU operations and small boat operations.

After returning to San Diego Pier 6 on 06 February, JUNEAU began her preparations for deploying in June. First on the schedule was an upkeep period prior to the 17 February COMPTUEX 95-6M in the SOCAL OPAREA, the first of operations under Commander Amphibious Squadron Seven and Commander Eleventh Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), embarked on the NEW ORLEANS. The exercise involved a number of small raid missions on San Clemente Island.

Continuing to improve the material condition of the ship, JUNEAU again entered a maintenance availability accomplishing much needed work in preparation for deployment. From 24 March to 07 April ARG training continued with COMPTUEX 95-7M and KERNEL BLITZ 95.

After a short period in San Diego, JUNEAU headed north to Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach from 11 to 14 April to on-load necessary ammunition for the upcoming deployment.

After returning from Seal Beach for the weekend, JUNEAU again got underway on 19 April for FLEETEX 95-1M, and returned to port on 26 April.

On 27 April, JUNEAU began another maintenance availability which lasted through 8 May.

On 9 May, JUNEAU began its last exercise, which lasted 10 days, prior to deployment. FLEETEX 95-2 showed that the ARG was ready to deploy.

JUNEAU completed its final pre-deployment maintenance availability from 19 May through 18 June.

Family and friends of the JUNEAU crew embarked for Dependant's Day Cruise on 19 June, for a small taste of shipboard life.

On 23 June, JUNEAU deployed for the Indian Ocean with its normal crew of 400 Sailors augmented by more than 500 Marines and in company with the rest of the ARG. JUNEAU embarked personnel from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 11 (MSSG 11), Battalion Landing Team 2/1, Force Reconnaissance, Gunfire Support (ANGLICO), Assault Craft Unit, Beachmaster Unit 1 (BMU 1),

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SEAL Team 3 (A Platoon), and a Naval Cryptology Detachment.

On 03 July JUNEAU successfully completed its first underway replenishment (UNREP), of many to come during the deployment, by Fueling At Sea (FAS) with the USNS PECOS (TAO 197).

JUNEAU arrived in the vicinity of Okinawa, Japan on 11 July to begin three days of sustainment training. The training concluded with a visit to all ships in the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) by Commander, Seventh Fleet, and Commander, Amphibious Group One. Admiral's call was held and tours were given. Both Admirals were impressed with the crew's morale and the ship's material condition.

JUNEAU anchored in Hong Kong Harbor from 17 July to 21 July for the ARG's first port visit of the deployment. Sailors and Marines took advantage of the shopping and Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) sponsored tours, and enjoyed a much needed rest.

On 28 July JUNEAU and the COMSTOCK anchored off the coast of Singapore while the NEW ORLEANS and MOUNT VERNON were able to go pierside at Sembawang. Again, the Sailors and Marines took advantage of the shopping and tours. JUNEAU also contributed to the Singapore community by leading a community relations (COMREL) project organized by the JUNEAU's Chaplain. During the visit the embarked units also conducted training in preparation for entering the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. Training included joint exercises between the SEALs and the Singaporean Commandos.

JUNEAU and the NEW ORLEANS ARG departed Singapore on 31 July to transit the Indian Ocean to the Red Sea and Aqaba Jordan. The transit included a great deal of training and two refuelings with the PECOS and a Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP) with the USNS SAN JOSE (TAFS 7).

On 15 August, JUNEAU, still in company with the NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT VERNON, and COMSTOCK arrived pierside in Aqaba Jordan and began a fifteen day exercise titled Infinite Moonlight. In light of the regional tensions between Iraq and Jordan the exercise became an important tool of U.S. foreign policy. It was the first time in history that four U.S. Warship visited this small Middle-Eastern country. When the Sailors and Marines weren't operating or participating in the COMREL projects, they participated in the JUNEAU led intra-ARG sports competition which came to be known as "The Commodore's Cup". Sailors and Marines also took this opportunity to visit the ancient city of Petra.

JUNEAU and the ARG left Jordan on 31 August to make way for Jebel Ali. Another safe FAS with the PECOS and VERTREP with the SAN JOSE was conducted on 06 September. On 7 September, JUNEAU transited the Strait of Hormuz and arrived in Jebel Ali, U.A.E.

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where the ARG conducted much needed maintenance before beginning operations in the Persian Gulf. During the two week upkeep, the Sailors and Marines were able to take advantage of some of the cheapest gold prices in the world, and continue with "The Commodore's Cup" competition.

On 19 September, JUNEAU and the ARG departed Jebel Ali and headed north to Kuwait City for Exercise Eager Mace. After arriving 21 September, the embarked units were off-loaded. The ARG again got underway to conduct tactical maneuvering, a FAS and VERTREP with the PECOS, and other training evolutions. The ARG returned to Kuwait City on 04 October to embark the units that went ashore. Eager Mace, which ended 09 October, included a myriad of joint training, including training with the Kuwaiti defense forces.

JUNEAU and the ARG got underway on 10 October, conducted a FAS and VERTREP with PECOS on 12 October, and began exercise Neon Falcon on 13 October. Neon Falcon demonstrated the ARG's ability to conduct a small covert raid.

After concluding Neon Falcon on 15 October, and a visit by the Secretary of the Navy, and Commander, Fifth Fleet, JUNEAU went pierside Bahrain on 21 October for some minor maintenance.

JUNEAU and the ARG got underway and conducted a FAS with PECOS, a VERTREP with USNS SPICA (TAFS 9), and the last exercise of the deployment, from 25 October to 27 October, Reliant Gorilla.

On 28 October JUNEAU and the ARG pulled pierside in Jebel Ali for washdown, a final maintenance availability, and a final chance at good gold prices. The ARG also completed "The Commodore's Cup" sports competition with JUNEAU winning the Cup.

On 06 November JUNEAU and the ARG departed the Persian Gulf by way of the Strait of Hormuz, conducted a FAS with PECOS, and a VERTREP with SPICA, the last UNREP of the deployment.

After a two week transit, JUNEAU, NEW ORLEANS, MOUNT VERNON, and COMSTOCK arrived in Fremantle, Australia on 20 November for a much needed rest. However, the ARG was also played the role of ambassador's of good will. JUNEAU Sailors provided tours of the ship for over 600 Australians, as-well-as participated in COMREL projects. The projects included delivering clothes, school books, and toys to the needy, and a Thanksgiving Meal for forty-eight area children. The Sailors and Marines enjoyed there stay in a city whose reputation for beautiful beaches and friendly people preceded it.

On 25 November JUNEAU and the ARG began its three week transit to Pearl Harbor Hawaii, the last stop before returning home. On 13

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December, JUNEAU arrived in Pearl Harbor one day ahead of the ARG. The rest of the ARG arrived on 14 December. JUNEAU refueled, embarked tigers, and got under way on 15 December for the final transit home.

On 21 December the ARG conducted an administrative off-load at Camp Pendelton, CA.

On 22 December, JUNEAU and the NEW ORLEANS ARG returned home to Naval Station San Diego after a very successful six month deployment. JUNEAU returned with every officer who left with the ship in June qualified Surface Warfare Officer, and every Chief Petty Officer, and over 90% of the First Class Petty Officers qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. JUNEAU also arrived at Pier 6 as Second Place in the Golden Anchor Competition for command retention efforts.

JUNEAU finished 1995 in a post-deployment standdown.