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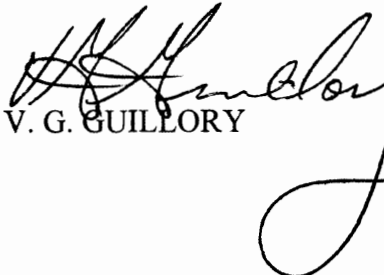
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH)

Subj: USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

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

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

  
V. G. GUILLORY

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## **Command Composition and Organization**

### **MISSION:**

LAKE CHAMPLAIN operates offensively in a high-density, multi-threat environment as an integral part of a Carrier Battle Group or Surface Action Group (SAG) to include striking targets along hostile shorelines and well inland.

### **ISIC:**

#### **Operational:**

01 Jan – 17 Jan	CTG 030.2
18 Jan – 25 Feb	CTG 070.4
26 Feb – 25 May	CTF 050
26 May – 22 Jun	CTG 070.4
23 Jun – 02 Jul	CTG 030.2
03 Jul – 31 Dec	CTG 035.2

#### **Administrative:**

01 Jan – 31 Dec	Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN
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### **UNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL:**

None

### **COMMANDING OFFICER:**

01 Jan – 04 Feb	Captain P. T. Serfass Jr.
04 Feb – 31 Dec	Captain V.G. Guillory

### **PERMANENT DUTY STATION:**

Naval Station San Diego, California

### **AIRCRAFT EMBARKED:**

07 Jan – 03 Jul	HSL 45	LONEWOLF 53/55(SH-60B)
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR 2000

01 Jan – 02 Jan	Holiday Upkeep Period
03 Jan	Fast Cruise
04 Jan	Underway Enroute Southern California (SOCAL) Oparea Sea Trials Replenishment at Sea (RAS) w/ USNS PECOS Moored Pier 7, Naval Station San Diego
05 Jan	HSL 45 Onload VLS Sill Assembly Install
06 Jan	Deployment Stores Onload STG1 █████ Reenlistment
07 Jan	Underway WESTPAC 2000 HSL 45/5 (Lonewolf 53/55) Fly On Moored Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, CA
08 Jan	Weapons Onload Underway Enroute Chinhae, Korea RDVU w/ JOHN C STENNIS Battlegroup (JCSBG)
09 Jan	RAS w/ USNS PECOS
10 Jan	JCS/CVW Flight Ops Antisubmarine Warfare Exercise (ASWEX) Deception Package
11 Jan	JCSBG RDVU w/ USS BRIDGE Plane Guard w/ USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
12 Jan	Man Overboard Drill/Muster
13 Jan	Sea-Launched Land Attack Missile Exercise (SLAMEX) RAS w/ USS BRIDGE
14 Jan	Captain's Call w/ Weapons/Combat Systems/Navigation Departments Plane Guard for USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
15 Jan	HSL 45/5 Alert 30 Status Retard Clocks to +11X Time Zone
16 Jan	ASWEX 00-1 Tomahawk Land Attack Missile Exercise (TLAMEX)

17 Jan	RAS/Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP) w/ USS RAINIER Plane Guard for USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
18 Jan	Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Training
19 Jan	Advance Clocks to -12M Time Zone DC2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
20 Jan	VBSS Training
21 Jan	RAS w/ USS BRIDGE Submarine Tracking Exercise (TRACKEX)
22 Jan	Retard Clocks to -10K Time Zone
23 Jan	Ice Cream Social
24 Jan	RAS w/ USS BRIDGE
25 Jan	Retard Clocks to -9I Time Zone Cross Deck Transfers with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) Division Tactics (DIVTACS) JCSBG-JMSDF Photo Exercise (PHOTOEX)
26 Jan	TLAMEX
27 Jan	RAS w/ USNS WALTER S DIEHL
28 Jan	Arrive Chinhae, Korea
29 Jan	Inport Chinhae, Korea CAPT V.G. Guillory, Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Arrives Kimhae Airport, Korea Wardroom Hail and Farewell For Captains Guillory and Serfass
30 Jan	Inport Chinhae, Korea
31 Jan	Underway Enroute Hong Kong Superbowl DIVTACS w/ Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN)
01 Feb	JCSBG-ROKN PHOTOEX Air Power Demo/Pass In Review
02 Feb	ROKN Ships Detach SWO Board for CWO2 [REDACTED] RAS w/ USS BRIDGE

03 Feb	CO/PCO Turnover Day Change of Command Rehearsal Pre-Aim Calibration Firing (PACFIRE) (5"/CIWS)
04 Feb	Change of Command CAPT V.G. Guillory assumes Command of USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN RAS w/ USS BRIDGE
05 Feb	Air Defense Exercise (ADEX)
06 Feb	OCS Interview- OS2 (SW) [REDACTED]
07 Feb	Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) Practice Retard Clocks to -8H Time Zone
08 Feb	ET1 (SW) [REDACTED] Nominated as Commander, Carrier Group Seven (CCG7) Sailor of the Year Anchored at AO2, Hong Kong Harbor USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) moors to USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
09 Feb	Stores Onload Reception at Hong Kong American Club (CO/XO/AIR)
10 Feb	Inport Hong Kong Community Relations Project
11 Feb	Inport Hong Kong
12 Feb	Underway Enroute Phuket, Thailand RAS w/ USNS RAPPAHANOCK Plane Guard for USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
13 Feb	African-American Awareness Committee Meeting
14 Feb	VERTREP w/ USNS NIAGARA FALLS
15 Feb	Strait of Malacca Transit
16 Feb	Captain's Call/Awards Ceremony
17 Feb	Retard Clocks to conform to -7G Time Zone Anchored Phuket, Thailand
18 Feb	Inport Phuket, Thailand
20 Feb	Inport Phuket, Thailand

21 Feb	Underway enroute Arabian Gulf Commanding Officer's Standing Orders Training
22 Feb	RAS/VERTREP w/ USS BRIDGE
23 Feb	Retard Clocks to conform to -6F Time Zone
24 Feb	ADM Hoewing, Commander Carrier Group SEVEN (CCG7), Arrives for Rules of Engagement Brief TLAMEX
25 Feb	Retard Clocks to conform to -5E Time Zone USW Tracking Exercise (TRACKEX)
26 Feb	Chop C5F Killer Tomato Exercise/PACFIRE GSE1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
27 Feb	Retard Clocks to conform w/ -4D Time Zone Black History Month Program/Steel Beach Picnic
28 Feb	Retard Clocks to conform w/ -3C Time Zone
29 Feb	OS2(SW) Reenlistment RAS w/ USNS YUKON
01 Mar	NEON FALCON 2000 Meeting GSCS (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment Moored Mina Sulman, Bahrain (Working Port)
02 Mar	Anti Air Warfare Round Table with HNLMS WITTE DE WITH TLAMEX
03 Mar	Ship's Party, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain
04 Mar	Exercise NEON FALCON begins NEON FALCON Rules of Engagement Brief
05 Mar	Warfare Seminar- Small Boat/Attack/Defense VBSS Container Climbing Training
06 Mar	NEON FALCON Link Initialization VBSS Training w/ USS RENTZ
07 Mar	E-4 Exam NEON FALCON Pre-Sail Conference ASW Team Training Naval Support Activity Bahrain Chemical Bomb Attack Drill

08 Mar	Underway for Exercise NEON FALCON Small Boat Attack Exercise Leapfrogs ADEX Coordinated ASW Exercise
09 Mar	E-5 Exam PHOTOEX ADEX RAS w/ RFA ORANGELEAF Electronic Warfare Exercise (EWEX)
10 Mar	Surface Exercise (SURFEX) Phases I and II RAS w/ USS BRIDGE Coordinated ASW Exercises III-V
11 Mar	Moored Mina Sulman, Bahrain (Working Port) Fly Off, Lonewolf 55 Hail and Farewell for LTJGs [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]
12 Mar	NEON FALCON reception aboard USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
13 Mar	LIMPETEX MIO Surge brief w/ US Navy SEALs
14 Mar	Lonewolf 55 Fly-On Underway Enroute Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG) RAS w/ USNS TIPPECANOE
15 Mar	Strait of Hormuz Transit
16 Mar	PACFIRE (5"/54, CIWS, 25MM, .50 cal) Nighttime Flight Operations
17 Mar	Strait of Hormuz Transit
18 Mar	RAS w/ USS BRIDGE in Southern Arabian Gulf (SAG)
19 Mar	Operations Officer attends MIO Surge Brief at C5F Headquarters
20 Mar	Operation MIO Surge 00-2 Begins LAKE CHAMPLAIN designated as XC (Alternate Air Warfare Commander) RDVU w/ HMS MONMOUTH, USS RUSSELL RDVU w/ Naval Special Warfare Unit 3 (NSWU3) MK Vs MIO Surge 00-2 Rehearsal NSWU-3 embarks

21 Mar	MIO Surge 00-2 (NAG)
22 Mar	USS PORT ROYAL resumes duties as XW(Air Warfare Commander)
23 Mar	VERTREP w/ USNS NIAGARA FALLS RAS w/ USNS TIPPECANOE
24 Mar	MIO Operations
25 Mar	MIO Operations
26 Mar	MIO Operations Steel Beach Picnic (Forecastle)
27 Mar	Escort Duties in support of MIO Operations
28 Mar	Turnover of Escorted ships to USS PORT ROYAL MIO Pulse Brief on USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) (CO, OPS, AIR)
29 Mar	RAS w/ USNS TIPPECANOE
30 Mar	Moored Mina Sulman, Bahrain (Working Port)
31 Mar	Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 begins USS Elliot moors outboard USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
01 Apr	ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 briefs
02 Apr	ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 briefs
03 Apr	ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 Pre-Sail Conference Visit by RADM Betancourt ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 reception aboard USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
04 Apr	USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Underway ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 PHOTOEX
05 Apr	Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 Exercises Junior Officer Training w/ CAPT Guillory
06 Apr	Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 Exercises
07 Apr	Killer Tomato Shoot w/ USS ELLIOTT



08 Apr	Visit by VADM Moore, COMNAVSURFPAC CRUDES Minestrike Vulnerability Exercise Coordinated Harpoon Missile Exercise (HARPOONEX)
09 Apr	RAS w/ USS BRIDGE
10 Apr	Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 SURFEX
11 Apr	Moored Mina Sulman, Bahrain (Working Port)
12 Apr	Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET 2000 Hot Wash Conference Ship's Party/Hump Day Talent Show (Naval Support Activity Bahrain)
13 Apr	USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN underway Escort Duties for USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
14 Apr	Escort Duties for USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) RAS w/ USNS TIPPECANOE
15 Apr	Escort Duties for USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
16 Apr	RADM Hoewing, CCG7, visits USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Admiral's Call
17 Apr	EN3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
18 Apr	Operation Southern Watch No-Fly Day Search and Rescue (SAR) Training
19 Apr	USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Security Teams board detained smuggling vessels
20 Apr	OS2 (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment CTM2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
21 Apr	RAS/VERTREP w/ USS BRIDGE
22 Apr	FC2(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment
23 Apr	MIO Operations (NAG) Easter Sunrise Service Alert 15 Status with HH-60H on Deck
24 Apr	Divert Vessel Escort Duty
25 Apr	Escort Duties of AKADEMIK POSTEVOYT Strait of Hormuz Transit

26 Apr	Escort Duties of AKADEMIK POSTEVOYT
27 Apr	Escort Duties of AKADEMIK POSTEVOYT TLAMEX
28 Apr	Escort Duties of AKADEMIK POSTEVOYT QM1(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment
29 Apr	Strait of Hormuz Transit
30 Apr	RAS w/ USNS TIPPECANOE
01 May	Moored Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Liberty Port) AT2(AW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment FC1(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment
02 May	Wardroom Hail and Farewell for LTJG [REDACTED] LTJG [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED]
03 May	Moored Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Liberty Port)
04 May	Moored Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Liberty Port)
05 May	Moored Dubai, United Arab Emirates (Liberty Port)
06 May	Underway Enroute Bahrain Selected Restricted Availabilty (SRA) Planning Meeting with Andrew Robertson, Port Engineer
07 May	Moor Mina Sulman Bahrain for Shaft Bolt Replacement (Working Port)
08 May	Shaft Bolt Replacement ongoing
09 May	Shaft Bolt Repairs Ongoing
10 May	OS2(SW) [REDACTED], OS2 [REDACTED], OS3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
11 May	TLAMEX 00-12 Underway Enroute Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG)
12 May	RAS/VERTREP w/ USS BRIDGE
13 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf
14 May	Master Chief Jim Herdt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON), visits USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN
15 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf

16 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf
17 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf RAS w/ USNS TIPPECANOE
18 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf PACFIRE (5"/CIWS)
19 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf Boat Officer Training
20 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf PACFIRE (5"/CIWS)
21 May	MIO Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf
22 May	Depart NAG for the last time during WESTPAC 2000 Begin transit of Western Traffic Separation Scheme
23 May	RDVU with USNS NIAGARA FALLS for Strait of Hormuz Transit
24 May	Commanding Officers' Conference aboard USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
25 May	RAS/VERTREP w/ USS BRIDGE AD2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment Advance clocks to conform with -5E
26 May	INCHOP C7F Air Defense Exercise (ADEX) Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebratory Dinner
27 May	Transit Enroute Townsville, Australia
28 May	Transit Enroute Townsville, Australia Advance Clocks one hour to conform with -6F Davey Jones Arrives Wog Night No-Talent Show
29 May	Crossing the Line Ceremony
30 May	RAS w/ USNS WALTER S DIEHL
31 May	PACFIRE (5"/CIWS) USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN "Strongman Contest"
01 Jun	EMCS (SW) and SK3(SW) Reenlistments Midshipman Running Mate Brief

02 Jun	Engineering Casualty Control Drills Advance Clocks 1 hour to -8H
03 Jun	RAS w/ USS BRIDGE
04 Jun	MWR Skeet Shoot
05 Jun	Petty Officer Indoctrination CDO Murder Board-LCDR [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED], LT [REDACTED]
06 Jun	Embark Torres Strait Pilot Torres Strait Transit Debark Torres Strait Pilot Advance Clocks 1 hour to -10K
07 Jun	Field Day the Ship Frocking/Pinning Ceremony Bingo/Beard Judging Contest
08 Jun	Frocking/ESWS Pinning Ceremony Man the Rails Moored Townsville, Australia (Liberty Port) Reception Aboard USS ELLIOTT Midshipmen Arrival Brief
09 Jun	Moored Townsville, Australia
10 Jun	Duty Section Only Berth Shift
11 Jun	Moored Townsville, Australia Ship Open for Tours
12 Jun	Underway Townsville Enroute Mackay, Australia
13 Jun	Man the Rails Moored Mackay, Australia CO calls on Mayor of Mackay and Port Authority
14 Jun	Moored Mackay, Australia Ship Open for Tours
15 Jun	Moored Mackay, Australia Ship Open for Tours
16 Jun	Moored Mackay, Australia Ship Open for Tours

17 Jun	Moored Mackay, Australia Ship Open for Tours
18 Jun	Underway Mackay, Australia enroute Pearl Harbor
19 Jun	AN/SPY-1A Transmitter Alignments Midshipmen Training Pizza/Movie Night (Midshipmen/Junior Officers Cook)
20 Jun	Advance Clocks One Hour to -11L EMATTEX OOD Murder Board ENS Egge/BMC(SW) [REDACTED] Midshipmen Training
21 Jun	TLAMEX OOD Board- ENS Feifs Midshipmen Training
22 Jun	Anti-Ship Missile Defense Exercise (ASMDEX) Midshipmen Training
23a Jun	RAS w/ USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) RADM Hoewing Visit
23b Jun	Retard Clocks 23 hours to +11X Inchop C3F Midshipmen Crossing the Line Ceremony OOD Board- OS1(SW) [REDACTED]
24 Jun	Midshipmen Training CO's Dinner with Midshipmen
25 Jun	Return and Reunion Briefs OOD Board- BMC(SW) [REDACTED] Steel Beach Picnic
26 Jun	RAS w/ USS BRIDGE End-of-Deployment Awards Ceremony
27 Jun	Moored NAVMAG Lualualei TLAM Offload/Onload Midshipmen Depart YN1 [REDACTED], GSM2(SW) [REDACTED], BM3 [REDACTED], YN2 (SW) [REDACTED], YN2(SW) [REDACTED], GM2(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistments Berth Shift to NAVSTA Pearl Harbor NALO Flyers Depart Tigers Arrive

28 Jun	Underway NAVSTA Pearl Harbor Enroute San Diego RAS w/ USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) (dry hookups)
29 Jun	Tiger Cruise CVW-9 Air Power Demonstration OOD Board- ENS [REDACTED]
30 Jun	PACFIRE (5"/CIWS/25mm/.50cal) Advance clocks to +8U
01 Jul	Tiger Cruise
02 Jul	Tiger Cruise HSL 45 Fly-Off Brief CO's Tiger Farewell OOD Board-LTJG [REDACTED]
03 Jul	Arrive Homeport San Diego HSL 45 Fly Off Check In All Newly Reported Crewmembers GM1(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment Begin Post Overseas Movement (POM) Standdown
04 Jul	POM Standdown
05 Jul	POM Standdown
06 Jul	POM Standdown
07 Jul	Aviation Assets Offload BM1(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment
08 Jul	POM Standdown
09 Jul	POM Standdown
10 Jul	POM Standdown
11 Jul	POM Standdown
12 Jul	POM Standdown
13 Jul	POM Standdown
14 Jul	POM Standdown LTJG [REDACTED] Farewell
15 Jul	POM Standdown

16 Jul	POM Standdown
17 Jul	POM Standdown CO's Breakfast w/ Commanding Officer, NAVSTA San Diego ASIR/ARE Planning Meeting w/ Andrew Robertson, Port Engineer
18 Jul	POM Standdown Ombudsman Meeting
19 Jul	All Hands Turnover Day CO's Meeting with Captain Serfass, Commodore, Afloat Training Group Pacific Port Engineer Brief to all Officers
20 Jul	POM Standdown
21 Jul	POM Standdown
22 Jul	POM Standdown
23 Jul	POM Standdown
24 Jul	POM Standdown
25 Jul	POM Standdown
26 Jul	POM Standdown
27 Jul	POM Standdown EOOW Board for LTJG [REDACTED]
28 Jul	POM Standdown
29 Jul	POM Standdown
30 Jul	POM Standdown
31 Jul	POM Standdown
01 Aug	POM Standdown Underwater Hull Inspection/Cleaning GTM Changeout Meeting NC1(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment
02 Aug	POM Standdown ENDS GM2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment

03 Aug	Captain's Call TM1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment CCG7 End of Cruise Brief
04 Aug	Fast Cruise Ombudsman Lunch with CO/CMC Retirement Ceremony for IC1(SW) [REDACTED] DC [REDACTED] Reenlistment
05 Aug	Underway Preps
06 Aug	Underway Preps
07 Aug	Underway Enroute Seal Beach Moored Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach
08 Aug	Ammo Offload
09 Aug	Ammo Offload
10 Aug	Ammo Offload Underway Enroute San Diego Radar Cross Section (RCS) Tests at SESEF Range
11 Aug	RAS w/ USNS GUADALUPE Ship-wide Field Day Moored Pier 8, Naval Station San Diego RHIB driven to Small Boat Repair Shop, NAB Coronado
12 Aug	Preps for GTM Changeout Preps for 2&3 Waste Heat Boiler (WHB) Inspections
13 Aug	SPAWAR Communications Upgrades Shipcheck JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade VLS Material Condition Assessment Aft GTM (1A/1B) Changeout #2 and #3 WHB Inspection CO visits AIMD
14 Aug	SPAWAR Communications Upgrades Shipcheck JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade VLS Material Condition Assessment Aft GTM (1A/1B) Changeout #2 and #3 WHB Inspection Divers for Masker Belt Blow Down Safety Standdown



15 Aug	SPAWAR Communications Upgrades Shipcheck JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade VLS Material Condition Assessment Aft GTM (1A/1B) Changeout #2 and #3 WHB Inspection Divers for Masker Belt Blow Down
16 Aug	SPAWAR Communications Upgrades Shipcheck JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade VLS Material Condition Assessment Aft GTM (1A/1B) Changeout #2 and #3 WHB Inspection Divers for Masker Belt Blow Down YRBM-44 Inspection
17 Aug	SPAWAR Communications Upgrades Shipcheck JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade VLS Material Condition Assessment Aft GTM (1A/1B) Changeout #2 and #3 WHB Inspection Divers for Masker Belt Blow Down Afloat Environmental Awareness Training IMAV-C Arrival Conference
18 Aug	SPAWAR Communications Upgrades Shipcheck JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade VLS Material Condition Assessment Aft GTM (1A/1B) Changeout #2 and #3 WHB Inspection Divers for Masker Belt Blow Down
19 Aug	Field Day the Ship
20 Aug	Field Day the Ship
21 Aug	AN/UPX-24(V) FC 4 FIS/RLEP Testing JTIDS SICP Version 6.02 and NICP Ver 4.01 Upgrade COMDESRON 21 Luncheon/Ship Tour
22 Aug	AN/UPX-24(V) FC 4 Divers (Hull Painting) RADM Robb, CCG7, arrives for tour and luncheon
23 Aug	Divers (Hull Painting) Boat Davit Weight Testing

24 Aug	Divers (Hull Painting) Boat Davit Weight Testing SLAMEX 00-23 CPO/Port Engineer SRA Meeting Spokane Trophy Awards Presentation
25 Aug	Command Picnic
26 Aug	Holiday Routine
27 Aug	Holiday Routine
28 Aug	Selected Engineering Material Assistance Team (SEMAT) Visit RAST SHIPALT Receive YBRML-25 Alongside
29 Aug	RAST SHIPALT MT 51 Refurbishment Fleet Technical Support Center Pacific (FTSCPAC) Main Reduction Gear (MRG) Inspection Military Working Dog Inspection of Barge Complete Office and Workshop Move-off
30 Aug	RAST SHIPALT Torpedo Strikedown Assessment Debrief
31 Aug	Corrosion Control Availability Shipcheck RAST SHIPALT STG1(SW) Skinner Retirement Ceremony Working Party-Move Dry Stores to Barge
01 Sep	Move Dry Stores to Barge Aft GTM Lightoff
02 Sep	SRA Preparations
03 Sep	SRA Preparations
04 Sep	SRA Preparations
05 Sep	YBRML-25 Underway Enroute SWM
06 Sep	Underway (dead stick move) to SWM Moored Pier 3, Southwest Marine
07 Sep	E-4 Advancement Exam CO visits Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Small Boat Repair Shop SLAMEX 00-24 at Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific (FCTCPAC)

08 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine HAZMAT Offload
09 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
10 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
11 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine Captain's Call
12 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
13 Sep	CPO Indoctrination Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
14 Sep	Shipwide Operational Risk Management (ORM) Standdown E-5 Advancement Examination
15 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine LKC Open- Admiral Baker Golf Course Hail and Farwell for LCDR [REDACTED]
16 Sep	CPO Pinning Ceremony FCC(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment Ceremony
17 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
18 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine Physical Readiness Test
19 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
20 Sep	Environmental Safety Standdown
21 Sep	Environmental Safety Standdown SWM Weekly Progress Meeting
22 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
23 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
24 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
25 Sep	CMS Assist Visit/Debrief Hispanic Heritage Month Meeting
26 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine SWM Weekly Progress Meeting

27 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
28 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
29 Sep	CCG7 Staff Visit
30 Sep	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
01 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
02 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine SH2(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment ET2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
03 Oct	SWM Weekly Progress Meeting
04 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
05 Oct	CMS Assist Visit SLAMEX 01-01 (Fleet Combat Training Center Pacific) DC2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
06 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
07 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
08 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
09 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
10 Oct	Radar Navigation Team Trainer
11 Oct	Radar Navigation Team Trainer Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff Bridge Watchstanders Attend Shiphandling Simulator
12 Oct	Radar Navigation Team Trainer Bridge Watchstanders Attend Shiphandling Simulator CDR [REDACTED] (CNSP N43) visits
13 Oct	Bridge Watchstanders Attend Shiphandling Simulator Helo Crash and Smash Drill Practice FC1 (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment
14 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
15 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine

16 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
17 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
18 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
19 Oct	Switchboard/ Load Center Cleaning
20 Oct	ETCS(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment Commanding Officer, USS RENTZ visits
21 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
22 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
23 Oct	Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System (CSOSS) Shipcheck Aegis Light-Off Phase II SPQ-9 Changeout Warfare Commander's Conference on the USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74)
24 Oct	CSOSS Shipcheck SWM Weekly Progress Meeting
25 Oct	Helo Crash and Smash Drill FC2 (SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment Ceremony
26 Oct	CSOSS Shipcheck SLAMEX Lookout Refresher Training Captain's Call 28V Load Test
27 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
28 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
29 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
30 Oct	JP-5 and DFM Refueling Uniform Shift to Winter Uniforms
31 Oct	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine
01 Nov	Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine Begin Vacating Barge

02 Nov	<p>Torpedo Strikedown Load Test</p> <p>AWS Baseline 2.10.0c Installation</p> <p>Engineering plant Lightoff/WHB Inspection</p> <p>Continue Vacating Barge</p> <p>Overall Combat Systems Operability Test (OCSOT)</p> <p>#1 &amp; #2 GTG Lightoff</p> <p>GTM Lightoff</p>
03 Nov	<p>Vacating Barge Complete</p> <p>EN2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment</p>
04 Nov	<p>Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine</p>
05 Nov	<p>Selected Restricted Availability- Southwest Marine</p> <p>All Hands Vacate BEQ, move onto ship</p>
06 Nov	<p>OS1(SW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment</p> <p>RHIB Onload</p>
07 Nov	<p>Fast Cruise</p> <p>SWM Weekly Progress Meeting</p> <p>Helo Crash and Smash Drill</p>
08 Nov	<p>Engineering Lightoff</p> <p>Underway from SWM (Sea Trials)</p> <p>AFFF Hose Reel/Hangar Sprinklers Optest</p> <p>Countermeasure Washdown Test</p> <p>Full Power Demo/Crashbacks</p> <p>EM Log Calibration</p>
09 Nov	<p>Moor NAVSTA San Diego Pier 8</p> <p>CCG-7 Arrives for Admiral's Call</p>
10 Nov	<p>Accommodation Ladder Rework</p>
11 Nov	<p>Holiday Routine</p>
12 Nov	<p>Holiday Routine</p>
13 Nov	<p>Underway Enroute Seal Beach</p> <p>SAR Training</p> <p>Moored Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach</p>
14 Nov	<p>Ammunition Onload</p> <p>PAO Cub Scout Tour</p>
15 Nov	<p>Ammunition Onload</p>

16 Nov	Underway Seal Beach Precision Anchorage Burial-at-Sea Helo Crash and Salvage Drill with RSO/ATG
17 Nov	RAS w/ USNS GUADALUPE Recover Captain's Gig from NAB Small Boat Repair shop Moored Pier 7, NAVSTA San Diego
18 Nov	Underway for Lake Champlain Dependent's Cruise Full Power Demonstration Steel Beach Picnic Moored Pier 8
19 Nov	Holiday Routine
20 Nov	PXO, LCDR John Clausen, Arrives Surface Rescue Team Training and Assessment
21 Nov	ITT Cart II Review Surface Rescue Team Training and Assessment
22 Nov	Aviation Assist Visit with ATG
23 Nov	Thanksgiving (Holiday Routine)
24 Nov	Holiday Routine
25 Nov	Holiday Routine
26 Nov	Holiday Routine
27 Nov	GTM 2A/2B Changeout Single Ship ASW Team Trainer
28 Nov	Office of Legislative Affairs Visit Captain's Call
29 Nov	GTM 2A/2B Changeout Firing Cutout Verification MT 51/52, 21/22
30 Nov	Visit by the Commanding Officer, SIMA San Diego NAVSAFECEN Survey/Debrief
01 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout
02 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout

03 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout
04 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout Kernel Blitz Install/Shipcheck VBSS Team Trainer-ATG Onboard
05 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout VBSS Team Trainer-ATG Onboard SCBA Training
06 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout VBSS Team Trainer-ATG Onboard SCBA Training
07 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout VBSS Team Trainer-ATG Onboard SCBA Training Kernel Blitz C4I Meeting SWO Board-ENS [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED]
08 Dec	GTM 2A/2B Changeout Helo Fire Fighting Team Trainer OSC (SW/AW) [REDACTED] Reenlistment MS3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment
09 Dec	Holiday Routine LKC Children's Holiday Party
10 Dec	Holiday Routine
11 Dec	Divers for Hull Painting RD-674B Installation SCBA Training ATG/ATRC Inbrief SWO Board- ENS [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED]
12 Dec	Divers for Hull Painting RD-674B Installation SCBA Training CART II Brief for CCG-7 In-House TLAMEX
13 Dec	Divers for Hull Painting RD-674B Installation SCBA Training ACTS Scenario (Red Dragon)



14 Dec	Divers for Hull Painting RD-674B Installation SCBA Training ACTS Scenario (Red Dragon) Kernel Blitz Installation Brief Awards Ceremony and CO's Call Ship's Holiday Party-Town and Country Resort
15 Dec	RD-674B Installation SCBA Outbrief
16 Dec	Holiday Leave Period Begins
17 Dec	Holiday Routine
18 Dec	Holiday Leave Period
19 Dec	Holiday Leave Period
20 Dec	Holiday Leave Period
21 Dec	ATG CART II BATPAC Review
22 Dec	Holiday Leave Period Kernel Blitz ELB Install
23 Dec	Holiday Leave Period Kernel Blitz ELB Install
24 Dec	Holiday Routine
25 Dec	Holiday Routine
26 Dec	Holiday Leave Period Kernel Blitz ELB Install
27 Dec	Holiday Leave Period Kernel Blitz ELB Install
28 Dec	All Hands Turnover Day Captain's Call
29 Dec	Holiday Leave Period Kernel Blitz ELB Install
30 Dec	Holiday Routine
31 Dec	Holiday Routine

## **COMMAND NARRATIVE FOR 2000**

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) began her twelfth year of service in her homeport of San Diego, California under the command of Captain Paul T. Serfass Jr. The first noise heard aboard USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) was a collective sigh of relief when the new millennium brought no signs of the dreaded Y2K bug rearing its ugly head about the ship. The new computer network was still running flawlessly, and the crew could focus wholeheartedly on the new year ahead.

And after the sigh of relief, there was little time for the crew to catch their breath. After the New Year's weekend, the Holiday Standdown period was over and all hands were busy performing their final preparations for WESTPAC 2000 with the JOHN C STENNIS Battlegroup. LAKE CHAMPLAIN had one brief ten-hour underway to work out any remaining gremlins before the Battlegroup sailed for Korea. After many teary goodbyes, colors were shifted on the morning of January 7<sup>th</sup> and LAKE CHAMPLAIN was underway with the battlegroup, steaming toward the chilly Northern Pacific.

The JOHN C. STENNIS Battlegroup (JCSBG) consisted of USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74), USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57), USS PORT ROYAL (CG 73), USS ELLIOT (DD 973), USS BRIDGE (AOE 10), USS RUSSELL (DDG 59), USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758), and USS JEFFERSON CITY (SSN 759). As the ships not home ported in San Diego joined the battlegroup, they practiced the exercises and tactics they had perfected during the Interdeployment Training Cycle (IDTC) of 1999. The round-the-clock operational tempo saw exercises in Antisubmarine Warfare, Strike Warfare, Air Defense, and Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Operations. Their "Blue/Gold" manning concept, which split the crew in half with each half working a 12-hour shift, eased the effect of this grueling schedule. USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57) saw her first (of many during WESTPAC 2000) international naval

exercises through joint operations with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF). Cross-deck exchanges of LAKE CHAMPLAIN sailors with shipmates from the JMSDF further enhanced the feeling of goodwill and cooperation.

Icy Chinhae, Korea was the first port call of WESTPAC 2000 for LAKE CHAMPLAIN. When not preparing for the upcoming Change of Command ceremony, her sailors enjoyed the ample facilities of the base in Chinhae, explored the town, or took buses to Pusan, where the rest of the Battlegroup was moored. CAPT V. G. Guillory arrived at Kimhae Airport on 29 Jan to meet the ship he would soon command. He met his Wardroom at a Hail and Farewell for himself and CAPT Serfass at the Chinhae Officer's Club, where CAPT Serfass thanked his fellow officers for their hard work under his command.

Soon after the ship got underway, she got another taste of multinational operations, this time in conjunction with the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN). In spite of a heavy sea state, a few lucky sailors got to experience life on a Korean ship via small boat transfers. The joint operations were also a rousing success, beginning the proud legacy established by the JCSBG's WESTPAC 2000.

February 4<sup>th</sup> was another milestone in LAKE CHAMPLAIN's history, when CAPT Serfass was relieved by CAPT Guillory as Commanding Officer. The ceremony was not without surprises, however, as the ceremony was interrupted by a flyover of a Chinese Y8 Cub Reconnaissance Plane and two F/A-18 escorts from the JOHN C STENNIS. Shortly thereafter, CAPT Serfass flew off to the JCS and LAKE CHAMPLAIN welcomed her new Commanding Officer as she headed toward Hong Kong.

The JOHN C STENNIS Battlegroup was the first American Battlegroup to visit the port since the handover to the Chinese Government in 1997, and they were welcomed into this fascinating world city. LAKE CHAMPLAIN set a record of her own when the USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) moored outboard her while at anchor in the harbor. This was the first

operation of this type ever conducted by a cruiser. LAKE CHAMPLAIN welcomed ASHEVILLE's crew with open arms, allowing them to use all her facilities, including the ship's store, laundry, and computers to send e-mail back home.

The last port visit for LAKE CHAMPLAIN before she reached the Arabian Gulf was Phuket, Thailand, home to some of the world's most beautiful beaches. This stop proved to be a crew favorite and allowed sailors to fully unwind in preparation for the long months they knew lay ahead.

After weighing anchor in Phuket, all hands focused on preparing themselves for the complex Battlegroup operations they had honed in the 18 months following their last deployment. ADM Hoewing, Commander Carrier Group SEVEN, visited LAKE CHAMPLAIN for a brief on the Fifth Fleet Rules of Engagement, an eye-opening reminder of the all-too-real dangers inherent to Arabian Gulf operations. LAKE CHAMPLAIN stayed very busy with Antisubmarine Warfare Exercises, Underway Replenishments, and weapons firings during this transit. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's African-American Awareness Committee also hosted a well-received program for the entire crew commemorating Black History Month.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, LAKE CHAMPLAIN entered Fifth Fleet and transited the Strait of Hormuz enroute Bahrain. There she met up with ships from numerous other nations, including the Netherlands, France, Britain, and Jordan for Exercise NEON FALCON. Both inport and underway, the ships of these many nations practiced operations in all mission areas, making NEON FALCON a success for all participants. A reception aboard LAKE CHAMPLAIN allowed all units involved to critique the exercise and plan for future success.

After departing Bahrain, LAKE CHAMPLAIN rendezvoused with HMS MONMOUTH and USS RUSSELL (DDG 59) in the Northern Arabian Gulf for Operation MIO Surge 00-2. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's Lonewolf 53 and 55, in conjunction with Naval Special Warfare Unit 3

(NSWU-3) and its MK-5 and 11-meter RHIB boats, assisted in the non-compliant boarding and escort of a number of confirmed smugglers.

After handing over the captured ships, LAKE CHAMPLAIN returned to Bahrain for her next multinational operation, Exercise ARABIAN GAUNTLET. ARABIAN GAUNTLET helped to further improve interoperability with the US Navy and the navies of Gulf Nations. During the underway portion of the exercise, VADM Moore, Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific Fleet, visited the ship for a luncheon and well received Admiral's Call.

After conducting the ARABIAN GAUNTLET debrief, LAKE CHAMPLAIN proceeded to the Southern Arabian Gulf to escort several diverted smuggling ships. Among these ships was the AKADEMIK POSTEVOYT, a Russian tanker contracted by Royal Dutch Shell, whose cargo was found to be in violation of UN Resolution 986. LAKE CHAMPLAIN was tasked with escorting the AKADEMIK through the Strait of Hormuz to Oman, where her oil was to be offloaded; AKADEMIK was then to return to the Netherlands. This high-profile operation received extensive media coverage worldwide.

After LAKE CHAMPLAIN finished escorting the AKADEMIK, she headed toward her first non-working port in the Arabian Gulf: Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Sailors enjoyed shopping for gold, riding camels in the desert, and taking in the cultural offerings of this desert paradise. While inport Dubai divers discovered that a bolt holding one of the screws to the starboard shaft had come loose, and LAKE CHAMPLAIN was tasked with going to Bahrain for emergency repairs. After one night underway, LAKE CHAMPLAIN found herself in Bahrain once more for round the clock repair efforts.

Repairs complete, the ship headed into the Northern Arabian Gulf for Maritime Interception Operations. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's VBSS teams this time conducted not just the processing, but also the querying, boarding and searching of the vessels to determine their compliance with International Law. Master Chief Jim Herdt, Master Chief Petty Officer of the

Navy, also visited the crew to educate them on the quality of life issues the Navy was undertaking for enlisted sailors. On 22 May, LAKE CHAMPLAIN headed south towards the Western traffic separation scheme to begin their final transit out of the Gulf.

After rendezvousing in the Gulf of Oman, JCSBG steamed in “Screen Kilo” formation toward the destination some sailors had been waiting 20 years to visit: Australia. While the nuclear-powered JOHN C STENNIS took a southern route toward Perth and Sydney, the rest of the Battlegroup headed toward the more quaint liberty ports of Northeast Australia. However, once ten bells had rung to announce King Neptunus Rex’s arrival, many sailors woefully realized they had another significant obstacle ahead of them: The Crossing the Line Ceremony. LAKE CHAMPLAIN’s Trusty Shellbacks provided a challenging and rewarding morning to usher the uninitiated into their hallowed ranks.

Townsville was the first Australian port for LAKE CHAMPLAIN, and the wet and rainy Sea and Anchor Detail did nothing to dampen the spirits of her eager sailors. Even in wintertime, Townsville gave the ship a warm reception and a first taste of Australian culture for many sailors. LAKE CHAMPLAIN embarked 12 American Midshipmen and one Australian Midshipman. Tours of the ship were well received, with over 700 visitors crossing the brow during LAKE CHAMPLAIN’s one day of public viewing. A few days later down the coast was the smaller town of Mackay. Sailors enjoyed the hometown feel of the port and picked up some last minute souvenirs for friends and family back home.

Upon departing Mackay, LAKE CHAMPLAIN made her way through the Great Barrier Reef and headed to the Northeast to rejoin the ships of the Battlegroup. Although the sweaty work in the Arabian Gulf was over, the ship was very busy, improving watchstander proficiency through own ship and Battlegroup operations. The embarked Midshipmen were also heavily involved in every aspect of these exercises; even receiving their own tailored Crossing the Line

Ceremony as LAKE CHAMPLAIN headed toward Northern latitudes. They also assisted as linehandlers during the Underway Replenishment with the USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74).

The rapidly rising temperatures were symbolic of the crew's rising spirits as LAKE CHAMPLAIN neared Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After offloading ammunition at Naval Weapons Station Lualualei, the ship moored at NAVSTA Pearl Harbor for a very busy night. Forty Sailors left the ship early for a free NALO flight in order to make room for the "Tigers" LAKE CHAMPLAIN embarked. These fathers, sons, brothers, and friends were to get a taste of shipboard life as the ship transited her final leg of WESTPAC 2000 to San Diego. The Tigers were integrated into all aspects of shipboard life. A highlight for many of them was the UNREP with the JOHN C STENNIS and the Air Power Demo by Carrier Air Wing NINE.

The familiar sight of buoy "1 SD" and the stationing of the final Sea and Anchor Detail of WESTPAC 2000 on 03 July are happy memories that all of LAKE CHAMPLAIN's sailors share. Once the lines were doubled, the gates to Pier 7 were opened and the families and friends flooded the pier. The smiling faces and warm embraces were the perfect cap to a flawless six month deployment. The crewmembers had memories to last a lifetime and all shared in the sense of accomplishment.

From July 3<sup>rd</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup> the ship was in a post-deployment standdown period and most crewmembers took leave to relax and travel. The crewmembers that were aboard during the abbreviated work days prepared for the upcoming Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) at Southwest Marine Shipyard in San Diego, where the ship was to undergo extensive repairs and upgrades. During this period LAKE CHAMPLAIN also received the puzzling news that her four "plankowner" Gas Turbine Engines (GTMs) that had been running flawlessly since 1988 were to be removed and replaced with other engines. The Engineers scratched their heads but prepared nonetheless for this additional undertaking. After a brief ammunition offload in Seal Beach, the ship returned to NAVSTA San Diego to crane out the aft GTMs (1A/1B). The ship also hosted a

number of high-profile guests including COMDESRON 21 and ADM Robb, the new Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN. ADM Robb would return to LAKE CHAMPLAIN on August 24 for the presentation of the Spokane Trophy, commemorating LAKE CHAMPLAIN's designation as the Pacific Fleet ship with the highest Combat Systems readiness during 1999.

Ship's Company made preparations to move onto a barge that would be moored at Southwest Marine. Although the barge would primarily be for berthing of the duty sections and selected sailors, it also housed many of the ship's workcenters that would be inaccessible during the yard period.

On 06 September, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was underway for a "dead stick" move to Southwest Marine, where she would remain until 08 November. During this time work on the ship was conducted 24 hours a day. The crew was glad to finally have ownership of their vessel again. A daylong Sea Trials after leaving the yards reinforced the fine job Southwest Marine had done with their many improvements, upgrades, and installations.

After a trip to Seal Beach for more ammunition and a day-long "Dependents' Cruise" on 18 November, LAKE CHAMPLAIN returned to Naval Station San Diego to begin the Interdeployment Training Cycle in earnest. The ship passed its Aeronautical Shipboard Installation Representatives (ASIR) Aviation Facilities Inspection and Aviation Readiness Qualifications with flying colors, enabling LAKE CHAMPLAIN to conduct safe flight operations for the next two years. The ship bid an emotional farewell to her forward "Plankowner" GTMs as it grudgingly received two new ones. LAKE CHAMPLAIN also received a new Executive Officer, with LCDR John Clausen replacing CDR Kerry Gilpin.

The ship continued to train, with assistance from scores of outside organizations, including a delegation from the Naval Safety Center, who were impressed with LAKE CHAMPLAIN's commitment to Operational Risk Management in all facets of shipboard life. Much of the training centered on the new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)



firefighting ensembles. The ship knew that the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Part II (CART II) lay just on the other side of the Holiday Standdown period, and training opportunities missed would just make things harder in the New Year.

As the crew began to take leave for the holidays, the officers and crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN could look back at 365 days where a commitment to ingenuity, daring, and discipline had gained them honors and strengthened American policy across the globe. The tough times faded into the background as they recalled all they had achieved. The year 2001 represents another year to uphold the high standards we hold for ourselves and surpass the expectations others set for us. Business as usual aboard LAKE CHAMPLAIN will continue to be nothing short of perfection.