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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTEREY (CG 61)
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Subj: **COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002**

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as USS MONTEREY'S 2002 Command History.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: MONTEREY is designed to provide air, surface, undersea, and strike warfare support for the Navy in today's multi-threat environment. Utilizing the unique capabilities of the AEGIS Weapons System, the Vertical Launching System, LAMPS III helicopters, and data links to other ships and aircraft, MONTEREY can monitor the tactical situation and supervise the engagement of hostile forces for an entire battle group. She is also a capable platform from which to conduct Maritime Interdiction Operations. Additionally, MONTEREY is only the third US Navy ship fitted with SMARTSHIP technology. The Integrated Ship Control system provides continuous situational awareness on navigation, steering, propulsion, electrical, auxiliary, and damage control system status. It allows us to make the best tactical decisions based on timely and accurate information.

IMMEDIATE SENIOR IN COMMAND: RADM Sestak
Commander, George Washington Battlegroup

COMMANDING OFFICER: Captain Glen Flanagan, U.S. Navy

HOMEPORT: Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia

2002 CHRONOLOGY:

January

15: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday memorial.

February

01: Return to homeport Norfolk, Virginia
05-09: Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area
11-15: George Washington Battlegroup Group Sail
19: Underway enroute NWS Earle, New Jersey
20-22: Pre-Deployment Weapons Onload, NWS Earle, New Jersey
22: Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
23: Return to homeport Norfolk, Virginia

March

22: Underway from Naval Station Norfolk for Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX)
22: Embarked Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Squadron 42 Detachment 1. LCDR Dana Gordon (Officer in Charge)
26: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
28: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
31: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply

April

22-25: Port Visit Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
25: Enroute Cherry Point Operating Area for Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX)

May

05: Arrived Naval Station Norfolk
10: Change of Command Ceremony: CAPT Glen Flanagan relieves CAPT William Walsh as Commanding Officer

June

- 20: Underway from Norfolk Naval Station for 2002 George Washington Battlegroup Deployment
- 23: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
- 26: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
- 28: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
- 30: Eastbound Strait of Gibraltar transit
- 30: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
- 30: Change of Operational Control to Commander, Sixth Fleet

July

- 03-06: Port Visit La Maddalena, Italy
- 04: Independence Day Holiday Observed
- 09-12: Port Visit La Spezia, Italy
- 12: Underway Replenishment with USNS Patuxent
- 17: Underway Replenishment with USNS Patuxent
- 17-20: Port Visit Aksas (Marmarais), Turkey
- 21: Underway Replenishment with USNS Patuxent
- 21: Change of Operational Control to Commander, Fifth Fleet
- 22: Southbound Suez Canal transit
- 23: Underway Replenishment with USNS Patuxent
- 28: Underway Replenishment with USNS Walter S. Diehl
- 30-03: Port visit Manama, Bahrain U.A.E.

August

- 06: Underway Replenishment with HMCS Protecteur
- 11: Underway Replenishment with USNS Walter S. Diehl
- 18: Underway Replenishment with HMCS Protecteur
- 18-21: Port visit Bahrain, U.A.E.

- 25: Underway Replenishment with HMCS Protecteur
- 31: Underway Replenishment with USNS Walter S. Diehl

September

- 02: Underway Replenishment with USNS Walter S. Diehl
- 10: Underway Replenishment with HMCS Protecteur
- 15: Underway Replenishment with USNS John Ericsson
- 19: Underway Replenishment with USNS John Ericsson
- 21: Eastbound Strait of Hormuz transit
- 22: Underway Replenishment with JDS Towada
- 25-29: Port visit Victoria, Seychelles

October

- 01: Underway Replenishment with FGS Berlin
- 02: Northbound Strait of Bab el Mandeb transit
- 03: Change of Operational Control to Commander, Sixth Fleet
- 04: Northbound Suez Canal transit
- 05: Underway Replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman
- 07-11: Port visit Valetta, Malta
- 15: Underway Replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman
- 21: Underway Replenishment with USNS Laramie
- 25-28: Port visit Souda Bay
- 27: Executive Officer LCDR Charles Marks is relieved by LCDR Jim Campbell
- 28: Underway Replenishment with USNS Saturn
- 29: Underway Replenishment with USNS Laramie
- 29-31: Exercise Purple Flex with US Special Warfare & USS LaSalle

November

- 02: Northbound Strait of Messina Transit
- 03: Southbound Strait of Messina Transit

01-06: Exercise Purple Flex with US Special Warfare & USS LaSalle
03: Underway Replenishment with USNS Laramie
12: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
29: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
15-19: Port visit Izmir, Turkey
20-23: Exercise Dogu Akdinez Phases I and II
23-24: Port visit Aksas, Turkey
25-28: Exercise Dogu Akdinez Phase III

December

02: Underway Replenishment with USNS Leroy Grumman
06-10: Port visit Cartagena, Spain
10: Underway Replenishment with USNS Laramie
12: Westbound Strait of Gibraltar transit
12: Change of Operational Control to Commander, Second Fleet
14: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
17: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
18: Underway Replenishment with USNS Supply
20: Return to Homeport Norfolk, VA
Begin post-deployment leave & stand-down
25: Christmas Holiday Observed

USS Monterey (CG-61) began the year 2002 in port Naval Station Norfolk during Christmas Holiday leave and stand-down in six duty sections. In the second month of the year, her Officers and Crew completed a five-day underway for training in preparation for the upcoming COMPTUEX/JTFEX, an aggressive Battlegroup Group Sail with all units from the George Washington Battlegroup, and completed pre-deployment weapons on load.

After nearly a month in port, MONTEREY got underway for a Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) and embarked Detachment One of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light Forty Two, based in Mayport, Florida and commanded by LCDR Dana Gordon. COMPTUEX included several Underway Replenishments with USNS Supply and coordinated ASW, Strike, Gunnery, and AAW exercises. MONTEREY successfully engaged two supersonic VANDAL targets with two SM-2 missiles. COMPTUEX concluded with a short port visit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico before getting underway for Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX).

Upon completion of a very successful JTFEX, MONTEREY returned to homeport for Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) leave and stand-down. During stand-down, on May 10th, CAPT Glen Flanagan, USN relieved CAPT Bill Walsh, USN as Commanding Officer of USS Monterey (CG-61). The ceremony was attended, among others, by Commander George Washington Battlegroup (RADM Joe Sestak, USN), and several USS Monterey Alumni.

On 20 June, USS Monterey deployed with USS George Washington, USS Normandy, USS Laboon, and USS Mahan. After a ten-day trans-Atlantic Ocean voyage, George Washington Battlegroup transited through the Strait of Gibraltar and changed operational control (CHOP) to Commander, Sixth Fleet.

Before transiting the Suez Canal and "chopping" to Fifth Fleet, the Officers and Crew of USS Monterey enjoyed liberty in three Mediterranean ports including La Maddalena and La Spezia, Italy and Aksas (Marmaris), Turkey.

After transiting through the Suez Canal, Red Sea, Strait of Bab el Mandeb, and Strait of Hormuz, MONTEREY made a short port call to Manama, Bahrain for an in-brief on Fifth Fleet Operations. Once on station in the Northern Arabian Gulf, MONTEREY embarked the Coalition Maritime Interdiction Operations Commander. During her seven-week stay in the Northern Arabian Gulf, MONTEREY worked with coalition ships from the United Kingdom, Australia, and Norway and conducted 131 boardings, including 32 in a single day.

After being relieved by the USS Mobile Bay, MONTEREY headed East, through the Strait of Hormuz and South to the Seychelles Islands for a port visit before transiting North through the Red Sea and "chopping" to Sixth Fleet.

While on MIO Patrol in the Eastern Mediterranean, MONTEREY conducted one Leadership Interdiction Operation boarding on motor vessel Tara. Additionally, MONTEREY participated in a joint forces MIO exercise (Purple Flex) and Dogu Akdinez, a NATO Naval exercise hosted by the Turkish Navy. Port visits to Aksas and Izmir, Turkey; Soudha Bay, Crete; Valetta, Malta; and Cartagena, Spain were made before passing West through the Strait of Gibraltar and returning to homeport on 20 December for some much needed leave and stand-down.