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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTEREY (CG 61)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

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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 2003 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, Light Airborne Multi-purpose (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 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 Reilly
Commander, Harry S. Truman Strike Group

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

HOMEPORT: Naval Base Norfolk, Virginia

2003 CHRONOLOGY:

January

- 01: Inport Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
- 06-10: Pre-Aviation Certification (AVCERT) Tech Assist
- 20: Martin Luther King Day Memorial / Holiday Observed
- 21-24: Self-Assessment Assist
- 27-30: Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area (VCOA)
- 29: 5"/54 Caliber and Close In Weapons System (CIWS) Pre-Action Calibration Fire (PACFIRE)

February

- 03: Visit by RADM Sestak, COMGWBATGRU
- 03-07: Pre-DSRA Safety Week
- 13: Incline Experiment
- 13-14: Maintenance and Materiel Management (3M) Self-Assessment Assist
- 18-20: Material Assessment Visit
- 20-21: Underway enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida
- 22-23: Port Visit Naval Station Mayport, Florida
- 24-26: Underway enroute Mobile, Alabama
- 24: SN Christian N. Earlie falls overboard at 1649. Ship attempts to recover with the assistance of US Coast Guard P-3 and C-130 aircraft and ship's boats, but efforts are unsuccessful. Coast Guard called off search at 2400 with concurrence of US Navy superiors. Monterey departs the area at 0200. SN Earlie is presumed drowned.
- 27-04: Port Visit Mobile, Alabama

March

- 05-07: Underway enroute Naval Station Mayport, Florida
- 08-09: Port Visit Naval Station Mayport, Florida
- 10-11: Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
- 11: 5"/54 and CIWS PACFIRE

12: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
12-14: Battle Group Integrated Exercise
17: Underway enroute Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
Inport, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
17-20: Weapons Offload, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
21: Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
Family Day Cruise
Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
24: Underway enroute Metro Machine Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia
Inport, Metro Machine Shipyard, Norfolk, Virginia
Commence Docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA)
27: Electrical Safety Survey

April

01-30: DSRA
03: Enter Speede Drydock at Metro Machine Shipyard. Underway
at 0738. Moored to Drydock at 1123. Commenced pumping
drydock at 1148. Ship steady on drydock at 1540. Drydock
moored to pier at 1604.
21-25: Afloat Training Group (ATG) Integrated Training Team (ITT)
Training Visit

May

01-31: DSRA
05-09: ATG Engineering Limited Training Team (LTT) Visit
15-16: ATG Engineering Limited Training Team (LTT) Visit
20-21: ATG Engineering Limited Training Team (LTT) Visit
26: Memorial Day Holiday Observed

June

05: Undocking
06: Search and Rescue (SAR) LTT
19-13: Engineering LTT
13: SAR Phase II
16: Pre-AVCERT Tech Assist

16-20: Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Team 1
Certification

24-26: Safe to Steam Inspection

July

04: Independence Day Holiday Observed

07-11: Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection (AT/FP) Phase I
certification

08-11: Pre-AVCERT

15-18: AVCERT

14: Underway VCOA for Sea Trials.

15: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia

21: Underway enroute Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
Inport Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia

21: Navigation LTT

21-23: Weapons Onload, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia

23: Underway VCOA

24: 5"/54 Caliber PACFIRE

24-25: Navigation LTT

28-30: Underway VCOA
Engineering LTT
Deck LTT

25: Anchored at Hampton Roads, VA. Underway enroute NAVSTA
Norfolk, VA. Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk,
Virginia

27: Underway VCOA. ULM-4 Range.

30: Underway Replenishment (UNREP).

31: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia

August

04-08: Damage Control (DC) Tailored Ship Training Availability
(TSTA)

04-17: HM/ERA II
Ventilation Cleaning

13-14: Inport Steaming

18-22: Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) TSTA I
18-22: Supply Management Assessment
18-31: Fleet Maintenance Availability
25-29: Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) LTT

September

01-05: HM/ERA II - Ventilation Cleaning
02-05: Battle Group Integrated Exercise
02-05: AT/FP Phase II
03-04: Inport Steaming
08-12: CMTQ LTT
10: Underway VCOA. Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
16: Sortie for Hurricane Isabel. Underway enroute North Atlantic Ocean
19: UNREP w/ USNS Big Horn
20: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
22: Underway VCOA
22-24: Initial Assessment
22-26: Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) II
29-31: VBSS TT
30: Underway. Anchored at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Underway VCOA
30-31: Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA) I

October

01-03: VBSS TT
01-03: TSTA I
03: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
06-10: CMTQ LTT
06-10: Link Long Look
06-10: Battle Group Multi-Tadil Team Trainer

06-10: Supply Management Inspection
06-10: Maintenance and Materiel Management (3M) Inspection
10: Columbus Day Observed
14-17: Intel TSTA
14-17: Crypto TSTA
14-17: AT/FP Phase III
19: Inport Steaming
20: Underway VCOA
20-24: TSTA II
20-24: DC TSTA
20-24: ASW TSTA
24: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
28: Underway enroute Port Canaveral, Florida
28-30: Chaff Fire Exercise
28-30: Navigation (NAV) TSTA
31: Port Visit Port Canaveral, Florida

November

03: Underway enroute Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
03-07: TSTA III
03-07: VBSS II
03-07: Deck TSTA
05: UNREP w/ USNS Pautuxent
06: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
07: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
10-14: CMTQ
17: Underway VCOA
17-19: TSTA IV
18-19: NAV LTT

18-19: NAV Check-Ride
20: Underway Demonstration
20: Return to Homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
24: Ammunition Onload

December

01-05: Electronic Warfare (EW) LTT
01-05: ASW TSTA II
01-05: Combat Information Center (CIC) TT
06-08: Inport, INSURV Rehearsal
09-10: Final Evaluation Period
10-11: Inport, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia
12 Underway, Electronic Warfare Preventive Maintenance
12-15: Inport
15 Commence Holiday Stand-down
25: Christmas Holiday Observed

2003 NARRATIVE

USS MONTEREY (CG-61) began the year in port Naval Station Norfolk during Christmas Holiday leave and stand-down in three duty sections. During the first two months MONTEREY was engaged primarily in pre-inspections such as the Pre-Aviation Certification and with preparations for entering the shipyard facility in March. Since returning from deployment in December 2002, the ship remained in a Surge Status in support of Iraqi Freedom until weapons offload in March.

The latter half of February saw the ship transit to Mobile, Alabama to act as ceremonial ship for that city's Mardi Gras celebration. Of note were the Commanding Officer's many appearances at parades and galas throughout the city, which happens to be his hometown. Also noteworthy was LTJG [REDACTED]'s duty as military escort to the Queen of Mobile's Mardi Gras.

The light mood of the festival was sadly darkened by the death of a shipmate, SN Christian Earlie, who was lost at sea during the transit to Mobile. His loss affected the crew measurably, but also did much to bring those who remain closer together during our stay in Alabama both in mourning for and in celebration of the life of a friend and shipmate.

March brought the ship's return to Norfolk, and a brief stay at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown for a complete ammunition offload in preparation for the shipyard and dry dock period. This stay at Yorktown was punctuated by the first strikes on Iraq by the US Military, and the realization that the ship would not be participating actively in the war.

From the fourth of March to the fourteenth of July, MONTEREY was in Metro Machine Shipyard, and most of that time was spent in the Speede drydock. MONTEREY was the first vessel to be lifted from the water in this state of the art dry-dock facility. The multi-million dollar maintenance and repair contract included a stern flap modification, hull painting, repairs to the rudders and shafts, and much needed maintenance to dozens of pieces of machinery. This period saw multiple inspections and certifications such as Search and Rescue certification, Visit, Boarding, Search and Seizure certification, Aviation certification and the Engineering Safe to Steam assessment.

After over three months at the shipyard, MONTEREY made her way to sea on the fourteenth of July for Sea Trials. Given a clean bill of engineering health, the ship returned to Naval Station Norfolk on the fifteenth for the first time in four months. The following week, MONTEREY sailed to NWSTA Yorktown for a weapons on-load to support Homeland Defense.

The next few months was spent in a never-ending stream of inspections, assessments and training to prepare for the upcoming deployment. Supply Management, 3M, Anti-Terrorism, Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, Initial Assessment, Underway Demonstration and dozens of tailored training visits all occurred between July and October. The only brief pause in the action was a sortie for Hurricane Isabel, which ravaged the East Coast from 17-19 September.

The final days of October also brought a port visit to Port Canaveral, Florida, allowing the crew a much-needed vacation to Orlando, Daytona and the beaches and sun of Central Florida. The ship's return in November, however, found NAVCHECKRIDE and Final Evaluation Period waiting to be accomplished. These done, the ship completed her basic phase of the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle and retired for Holiday Stand-down on the fifteenth of December.