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

Subj: **COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2005**

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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 2005 Command History.

R E OLDANI

COMMAND DATA

Name of Command / Organization: USS MONTEREY (CG 61)

Unit Identification Code: 21450

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer: CAPT Robert E Oldani

Date Assumed Command: 2005-12-02

Mission / Command Employment / Operations: MONTEREY's primary mission is to provide air defense to the carrier. MONTEREY can also coordinate and execute operations Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Maritime Interdiction, and a variety of other warfare areas. MONTEREY has the capability to embark two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily off the coast of Virginia, but training operations has taken her up and down the East Coast. When deployed, MONTEREY operates in COMSIXTHFLT, COMFIFTHFLT, or SOUTHCOM AOR.

Home Port: NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Strike Group Ten

Administrative: Commander, Carrier Strike Group Ten

Task Force Assigned: While deployed in COMFIFTH and COMSEXITH FLT AOR, MONTEREY operated in the HARRY S TRUMAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP. Upon return to COMSECONDFLT AOR, MONTEREY resumed normal operations under Commander, Carrier Strike Group Ten

Units Assigned Under Operational Control: MONTEREY embarked HELICOPTOR ANTI SUBMARINE SQUADRON FOUR DET (LIGHT), DETACHMENT ONE

Types of Aircraft Embarked: Two SH-60B Seahawks

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 37

Enlisted: 352

Civilian: 1

Command Point Of Contact

Name: LTJG [REDACTED]

Title: Navigator

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Command Mailing Address: USS MONTEREY (CG 61), FPO AE 09578-1181

2005 CHRONOLOGY:

2005-01-01 to 2005-01-01: Underway Carrier Operating Area-4 for duties as Air Defense Commander.

2005-01-03 to 2005-01-08: Inport Bahrain.

2005-01-09 to 2005-01-31: Underway Carrier Operating Area-4 OPAREA for duties as Air Defense Commander.

2005-01-14: MONTEREY welcomes Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern Clark and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott for the day.

2005-01-15: Conducted Vertical Replenishment with USS HARRY S TRUMAN.

2005-01-16: Conducted Replenishment At Sea with USNS GUADALUPE.

2005-01-21: Conducted chaff launch exercise.

2005-01-23: Conducted Replenishment At Sea with USNS GUADALUPE.

2005-01-27: Conducted Exercise Torpedo launch exercise.

2005-01-28: Conducted Close In Weapons System and 5in Practice Fire

2005-02-01 to 2005-02-16: Underway, Carrier Operating Area-4 Operating Area for duties as Air Defense Commander.

2005-02-02: Conducted small arms Practice Fire.

2005-02-03: Conducted Close In Weapons System Practice Fire.

2005-02-04: Conducted Replenishment At Sea with USNS GUADALUPE.

2005-02-05: Super Bowl Sunday (Eagles Lose, Commence Tyrell Owens Saga).

2005-02-09: Conducted small arms Practice Fire.

2005-02-10: Conducted Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pinning ceremony.

2005-02-11: Conducted 5in and small arms PACFIRE.

2005-02-17 to 2005-02-23: Inport, Jebel Ali.

2005-02-24 to 2005-02-28: Underway, Carrier Operating Area-4 Operating Area for duties as Air Defense Commander.

2005-02-26: Replenishment At Sea with USNS ARCTIC.

2005-03-01 to 2005-03-28: Underway conducting Operations in 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

2005-03-17: Collision with USNS SPICA (T-AFS 9).

2005-03-26: INCHOP COMESIXTHFLT. Transit Suez Canal

2005-03-29 to 2005-03-31: Inport Rhodes, Greece.

2005-04-01: Inport Rhodes, Greece

2005-04-02 to 2005-04-04: Underway, Enroute Tarragona, Spain

2005-04-05 to 2005-04-09: Inport Tarragona, Spain.

2005-04-11 to 2005-04-18: Underway, Enroute NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-04-11: Transit Straits of Gibraltar.

2005-04-19: Return to Home Port, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.
 2005-04-19 to 2005-04-30: Inport Post Overseas Movement Stand Down, CNO Maintenance Availability-5A1.
 2005-05-01 to 2005-05-15: Inport, Post Overseas Movement Stand Down, CNO Maintenance Availability-5A1.
 2005-05-16: Underway, Enroute NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN.
 2005-05-17 to 2005-05-19: Inport, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN for ammo offload
 2005-05-20: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.
 2005-05-21 to 2005-05-31: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.
 2005-05-30: Memorial Day Observed.
 2005-05-31: Commenced dive work on sonar dome.
 2005-06-01 to 2005-06-07: Inport, NAVSTA NORFOLK; CNO Maintenance Availability-5A2.
 2005-06-08: Berth shift to Marine Hydraulic International, Norfolk, VA; commence Selected Restricted Availability.
 2005-06-09 to 2005-06-30: Inport, Marine Hydraulic International; Selected Restricted Availability.
 2005-06-09: Defuel.
 2005-06-13: Crew Move Off Ship In Support of Selected Restricted Availability.
 2005-06-16: Air Defense Commander Post Deployment Brief.
 2005-06-20 to 2005-06-24: Carrier Strike Group Warfare Commander's War Games (TTGL).
 2005-06-27 to 2005-06-29: AIC Classroom Training (VAW-126).
 2005-06-27 to 2005-06-30: Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection Phase I.
 2005-07-01 to 2005-07-31: Inport Marine Hydraulic International, Norfolk; SRA.
 2005-07-01: Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection Phase I.
 2005-07-04: Independence Day Observed.
 2005-07-18: Refuel.
 2005-08-01 to 2005-08-07: Inport, Marine Hydraulics International, Norfolk, VA; SRA
 2005-08-01 to 2005-08-05: Damage Control Repair In Place Period.
 2005-08-01: Ship Takes Back Ownership of Machinery.
 2005-08-03: Crew Moves Back Aboard.
 2005-08-04: FAST Cruise / Mock IA.
 2005-08-08 to 2005-08-09: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.
 2005-08-08: Conduct ULM-4 Range Run.
 2005-08-09: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.
 2005-08-09 to 2005-08-15: Inport, NAVSTA NORFOLK, Upkeep period.
 2005-08-16: Underway, Enroute NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN
 2005-08-16 to 2005-08-17: Inport, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN for Ammo Onload.

2005-08-18: Underway, enroute NAVAL STATION NORFOLK / Navigation Limited Team Trainer / Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK

2005-08-19: Underway - Family Day Cruise / Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-08-20 to 2005-08-23: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-08-22 to 2005-08-26: Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II.

2005-08-24 to 2005-08-26: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA for Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II.

2005-08-27 to 2005-08-31: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-08-30 to 2005-08-31: Engineering Material Assist Visit.

2005-09-01 to 2005-09-30: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-09-01: Engineering Material Assist Visit.

2005-09-05: Labor Day Observed.

2005-09-05 to 2005-09-09: Underwater Hull Cleaning.

2005-09-06 to 2005-09-09: Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection Phase II.

2005-09-06 to 2005-09-23: CNO Maintenance Availability-5A3.

2005-09-06: Crypto logic Material Security A&A Visit.

2005-09-07: Selected Restricted Availability Hotwash.

2005-09-09: Search and Rescue Phase II Certification.

2005-09-12 to 2005-09-16: Aviation Certification Assist Visit.

2005-09-12 to 2005-09-16: Damage Control Tailored Ship Training Availability.

2005-09-12 to 2005-09-16: Under Sea Warfare Single Ship Qualification.

2005-09-16: Chief Petty Officer Frocking Ceremony Conducted.

2005-09-19 to 2005-09-23: Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification-1.

2005-09-24: Defense Intelligence Agency Tour Conducted.

2005-09-26 to 2005-09-30: Anti-Terrorism / Force Protection Phase III.

2005-09-26 to 2005-09-30: Disbursing Audit Team Visit.

2005-10-01 to 2005-10-06: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-10-03 to 2005-10-07: Maintenance Material Management Assist Visit.

2005-10-03 to 2005-10-07: Aviation Certification.

2005-10-07: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-10-07: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-10-08 to 2005-10-11: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-10-12: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-10-12: Conducted Moor to Buoy Exercise.

2005-10-12 to 2005-10-20: Underway for Damage Control Tailored Ship Training Availability II and III and Engineering Limited Team Trainer - VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-10-13: RAS with USNS BIG HORN.

2005-10-15: Conducted Exercise Torpedo Launch/Recovery.

2005-10-15: Conducted Anti-Submarine Warfare-2 Datum Exercise.

2005-10-16: Conducted Choke Point Transit Exercise.

2005-10-17: Replenishment At Sea with USNS BIG HORN.

2005-10-19: RADM Kilkenny Visits MONTEREY.

2005-10-20: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-10-21 to 2005-10-30: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-10-24 to 2005-10-28: Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification-2.

2005-10-31: Initial Assessment.

2005-11-01: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-11-02: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-11-03: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-11-04 to 2005-11-15: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-11-16: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-11-17: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-11-24: Thanksgiving Observed.

2005-11-28 to 2005-11-30: Integrated Training Team Week.

2005-11-28: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-11-29 to 2005-11-30: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-12-01 to 2005-12-02: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-12-01 to 2005-12-02: Integrated Training Team Week.

2005-12-02: Conducted Underway Change of Command. CAPT Bruce Curry is Relieved by CAPT Robert Oldani.

2005-12-02: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-12-05 to 2005-12-07: Final Evaluation Problem.

2005-12-05: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-12-05: Conducted Petty Officer Frocking Ceremony.

2005-12-05: Replenishment At Sea with USNS ARCTIC.

2005-12-07: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-12-08 to 2005-12-15: Inport, NAVAL STATION NORFOLK.

2005-12-16: Underway, VIRGINIA CAPES OPERATING AREA.

2005-12-16: Underway Demonstration.

2005-12-16: Return to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Commence Holiday Stand down.

2005-12-25: Christmas Observed.

2005 NARRATIVE

USS MONTEREY (CG-61) began the year 2005 underway in the Persian Gulf in support of the Global War against Terrorism. MONTEREY was carrying out her arduous duties as Air Defense Commander for COMMANDER CARRIER STRIKE GROUP TEN, embarked on USS HARRY S TRUMAN. During her time in the Arabian Gulf, MONTEREY made port calls in Bahrain and Jebel Ali. On March 17, while conducting a refueling at sea evolution with the USNS SPICA (T-AFS 9) MONTEREY experienced a casualty to the Integrated Bridge System and collided. Damage was minimal and there were no injuries suffered by any crew members. While transiting through the Mediterranean Sea enroute to Naval Station Norfolk during the months of March and April, MONTEREY made port calls in Rhodes, Greece and Tarragona, Spain.

MONTEREY returned home from her successful 6 month Arabian Gulf deployment on 19 April and the crew commenced their well earned post deployment stand down.

Upon completion of the stand down, the crew got back down to business, preparing to take the ship into a Selected Restricted Availability period. Prior to going into the ship yards, MONTEREY transited to NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN in mid May to off load all of her ammunition.

On 08 June, MONTEREY arrived at Marine Hydraulic International to commence the Selected Restricted Availability period, in which the ship received upgrades to its combat systems suites and fire control systems, as well as upgrades to the Smart Ship technology. Before leaving the yards, MONTEREY began the complex and demanding Inter-Deployment Training Cycle starting at the end of June with Anti Terrorism and Force Protection training.

In August, the crew began to take back ownership of their equipment and the spaces while finishing up the SRA and became more involved in the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle, undergoing intense Afloat Training Group assist visits in Engineering evolutions and Damage Control Training Exercises.

On 08 August, MONTEREY departed the ship yards and headed immediately to the VACAPES OPAREA for a post availability shake down cruise as well as to conduct more exercises in support of the training cycle. On the sixteenth of August, MONTEREY returned once again to NAVAL WEAPONS STATION YORKTOWN to receive her self-defense onload of SM-2 missiles, 5 inch shells, and small caliber weapons.

After returning on the eighteenth, TEAM MONTEREY took the time to pay homage to the crews' friends and family, who had given outstanding and unwavering support of the crew through the demanding deployment, yard period, and start of the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle. The crew accomplished this by hosting a Friends and Family Day Cruise, in which the crew took the opportunity to show off their ship and just some of her amazing capabilities.

From September to December, the ship spent a great deal of time going back and forth from Norfolk to the VACAPES OPAREA in support of a series of assist visits, final evaluations and inspections.

On 02 December, the crew took a somber time out while operating in the VACAPES for an at sea Change of Command, in which CAPT Bruce Curry was relieved of command of USS MONTEREY by CAPT Robert E Oldani.

CAPT Oldani took MONTEREY by the reins and brought her back out to sea for what would be the last challenge of 2005. On 16 December, MONTEREY once again went to sea for the conclusion of the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle, the Underway Demonstration, which was comprised of a full day of non-stop Engineering Evolutions and Damage Control Exercises graded by Afloat Training Group. Once again, TEAM MONTEREY performed brilliantly, obtaining a final score of Above Average.

MONTEREY returned to NAVAL STATION NORFOLK late the night of the 16th, and the crew commenced their well earned Christmas Holiday Stand Down Period.

Throughout CY 2005, MONTEREY was awarded the Engineering Excellence Award and the Maritime Excellence Award.