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Encl: (1) Command Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative of Significant Events  
(4) Supporting Document: USS MOUNT WHITNEY Officers, 1995  
(5) Supporting Document: Ship's Photo, 1995  
(6) Supporting Document: Change of Command Brochure  
(7) Supporting Documents: TOUCHING THE STARS Familygrams

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

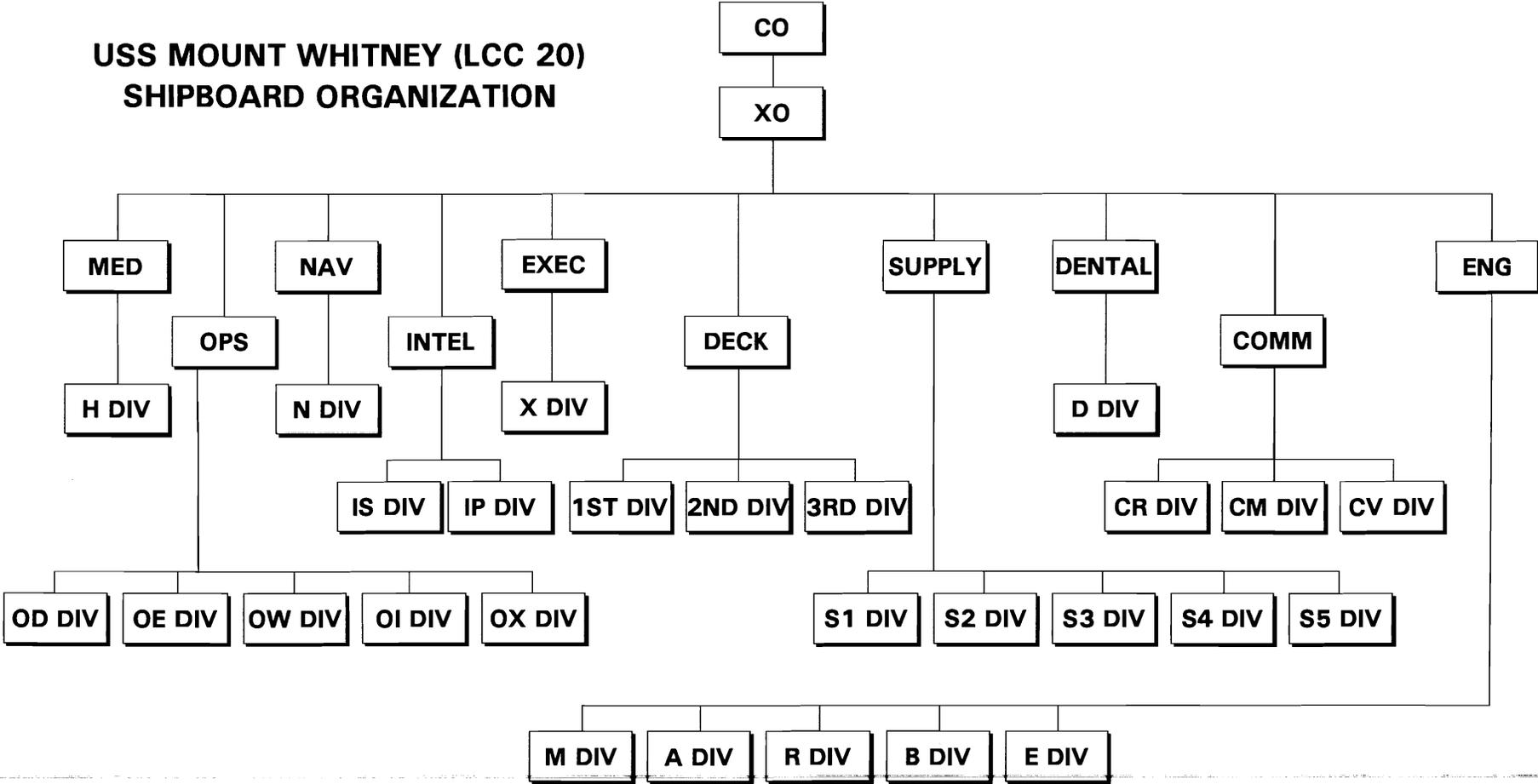
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## COMMAND ORGANIZATION

- A. **MISSION:** The mission of MOUNT WHITNEY is to serve as an integrated Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I) Command Ship capable of supporting Joint and Combined Forces worldwide.
- B. **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:** SEE ATTACHED.
- C. **COMMANDING OFFICER:** CAPTAIN RICHARD H. ENDERLY, USN
- D. **PERMANENT DUTY STATION:** NORFOLK, VA
- E. **TYPE AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED:** ONE (1) SH-3 SEA KING
- F. **COMPLEMENT:**
  - OFFICERS - 46
  - ENLISTED - 665
  - TOTAL - 711

**USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20)  
SHIPBOARD ORGANIZATION**



## CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATES OF EVENT</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01 Jan - 23 Jan	Inport for holiday leave and upkeep, Norfolk, VA.
06 Jan	Completed Aviation Certification (AVCERT) inspection.
11 Jan - 16 Jan	Completed underwater hull inspection.
18 Jan	Mass Casualty Drill.
23 Jan - 03 Feb	Underway for JTFEX 95-2 (USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group).
28 Jan - 31 Jan	Command Mass Immunizations: FLU, PPD, HIV tests.
02 Feb	Visit by Assistant Secretary of Defense for RD&A.
03 Feb - 09 Feb	Inport Norfolk, VA.
09 Feb - 31 Mar	Exercise STRONG RESOLVE 95.
09 Feb - 20 Feb	Transit across Atlantic Ocean.
20 Feb - 21 Feb	Inport Portsmouth, England.
21 Feb - 24 Feb	Transit English Channel/Straits of Dover northward en route Trondheim, Norway.
23 Feb	Cake cutting for Supply Corps 220th birthday.
24 Feb - 02 Mar	Inport Trondheim, Norway.
02 Mar - 03 Mar	Transit Norwegian fjords and North Sea en route Stavanger, Norway.
03 Mar - 08 Mar	Inport Stavanger, Norway.
08 Mar - 10 Mar	Transit south to Portsmouth, England.

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10 Mar - 20 Mar	Inport Portsmouth, England.
20 Mar - 30 Mar	Transit Atlantic Ocean en route Norfolk, VA.
30 Mar - 06 Apr	Inport Norfolk, VA.
02 Apr	Debarked COMSECONDFLT.
04 Apr - 30 Jun	Planned Maintenance Availability (PMA) and concurrent Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV).
06 Apr - 22 Jun	Pierside, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA.
24 Apr - 28 Apr	NAVMASSO Ported SNAP Visit.
01 May - 05 May	Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) Assist Visit.
02 May - 03 May	PATGLANT Assist Visit.
08 May - 19 May	CINCLANTFLT Surprise Disbursing Audit.
11 May	Mass Immunizations.
13 May	Completed Diesel inspection.
23 May	Completed Disbursing Audit.
24 May	Medical Readiness Evaluation (MRE). Grade: "C-1, FULLY READY."
03 Jun	DERAT Certification completed.
06 Jun	Audio Booth Recertification.
13 Jun	Completed Boiler inspection.
16 Jun	Completed Light Off Exam (LOE).
22 Jun	Completed TACAN Certification.
22 Jun - 23 Jun	Underway for Sea Trials Virginia Capes operating area.
23 Jun - 10 Jul	Inport Norfolk, VA.

26 Jun	Completed CMS Advice and Assist (A & A) Visit.
29 Jun	Embarked COMSECONDFLT.
03 Jul	Completed DERAT inspection.
10 Jul	Visit by Former SECNAV John Lehman.
10 Jul - 24 Jul	Underway for JTF 95-3 (USS AMERICA Battle Group).
15 Jul	Mass Immunizations.
26 Jul	Visit by Deputy Secretary of Defense, Germany.
07 Aug	Sight Conservation Screenings.
11 Aug	Completed TEMPEST inspection.
14 Aug - 15 Aug	Navy Food Management Team Visit.
15 Aug	Opened new Walk-in Ship's Store.
15 Aug - 19 Aug	Underway in Western Atlantic for Tropical Cyclone Felix evasion.
19 Aug	CAPT Richard H. Enderly relieved CAPT Gene R. Kendall as Commanding Officer.
20 Aug	Completed shipwide replacement of 20 non-tight doors. Completed reupholstery of Wardroom furniture and replaced Wardroom carpet.
22 Aug	Completed Postal Audit (Score: Excellent)
22 Aug	NEXCOM Laundry Assist Visit.
22 Aug - 24 Aug	COMPHIBGRU2 Command Inspection. Fleet Assist Team Visit.
22 Aug - 24 Aug	NEXCOM Ship's Store Assist Visit.
25 Aug	Completed Laundry inspection.
29 Aug	Underway for Joint STARS Sea Trials.

03 Sep	Remodeled Officer Barber Shop.
06 Sep	EPMU 2 Pest Control Assist Visit.
12 Sep	Advanced Cardiac Life Support Drill (ACLS).
13 Sep	Completed TSTA II.
15 Sep	Pinning of nine new CPOs.
19 Sep - 20 Sep	Command Inspection by Amphibious Group TWO.
24 Sep - 29 Sep	Completed Logistics Management Assessment (LMA). (Score: Excellent)
27 Sep - 03 Oct	Completed underwater hull inspection.
28 Sep	Visit by Italian Director of Naval Intelligence.
08 Sep	Ship's Picnic, King's Dominion amusement park.
04 Oct	Successfully completed COMPHIBGRU2 Navigation Check Ride.
04 Oct - 06 Oct	NATO Ministers of Defense (MOD) Visit and underway demonstration with USS ENTERPRISE, HMS MONTROSE. DVs include: Flag officers from UK, Italy, France, USN, USA.
11 Oct - 12 Oct	Conducted shipwide Safety Standdown with concurrent Safety Survey (accomplished by COMNAVSAFECEN). Survey team members found only 158 safety deficiencies, while 294 is the average for our ship class.
12 Oct	Visit by French Navy Chief of Staff and CINCLANTFLT.
13 Oct	Cake cutting for Navy's 220th birthday.
18 Oct	Visit by Republic of Korean Navy Rear Admiral (lower half) Byung-Doo Chung, Commander, Training Flotilla EIGHT.
19 Oct	Command Blood Drive.
26 Oct	Visit by National Security Agency's National Senior Cryptologic Course.

27 Oct	Visit by Air War College Flag Officer Course.
31 Oct	Visit by NATO Defense College.
06 Nov	Mass Immunizations.
08 Nov	Mass Casualty Drill.
12 - 20 Nov	Conducted Exercise UNITED ENDEAVOR Phase III pierside.
29 Nov	COMSECONDFLT/MOUNT WHITNEY holiday party at Omni Waterside.
29 Nov	Conducted Good Order and Discipline Standdown.
04 Dec	Completed Navigation Certification.
04 Dec	Completed NATO SECRET inspection.
04 Dec	Opened new Cardiovascular Exercise Room.
04 Dec - 16 Dec	Underway for JTF 96-1 (USS GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group).
09 Dec - 13 Dec	Command Mass Immunizations: FLU, PPD, HIV tests.
16 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport for holiday leave and upkeep, Norfolk, VA.
28 Dec	DERAT Certification completed.

## NARRATIVE

### **Joint Task Force Exercise 95-2 (23 Jan-03 Feb)**

This exercise served as the final qualification for the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group and USS KEARSARGE Amphibious Ready Group. Joint Forces consisted of Carrier Group 8, Carrier Air Wing 8, Destroyer Squadron 22, Mine Countermeasures Squadron 2 and Amphibious Squadron 8. U. S. Atlantic Fleet ships participating were: USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71), USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47), USS HUE CITY (CG-66), USS MISSISSIPPI (CGN-40), USS SEATTLE (AOE-3), USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG-51), USS HAWES (FFG-53), USS KAUFFMAN (FFG-59), USS CLARK (FFG-11), USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC-20), USS MONTPELIER (SSN-765), USS KEY WEST (SSN-722), USS BATFISH (SSN-681), USS KEARSARGE (LHD-3), USS NASHVILLE (LPD-13), USS PENSACOLA (LSD-38) and USS GUAM (LPH-9). Approximately 700 soldiers from the U. S. Army 101st Airborne Division, Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, aircraft from the 8th Air Force, and U. S. Coast Guard cutters and aircraft participated as well.

### **Exercise STRONG RESOLVE '95 (09 Feb - 31 Mar)**

Exercise STRONG RESOLVE exercised rapid deployment and employment of multinational maritime, air and land forces as a military response to an evolving crisis.

The exercise was conducted in two parts. Part I (20 Feb - 02 Mar) was an operation on conflict prevention and crisis management to test SACLANT's concept of a sea-based deployable, combined and joint headquarters. Part II (02 Mar - 10 Mar) provided training in adverse terrain and weather conditions while exercising the newly re-organized NATO European Command Structure, with particular emphasis on the Northwestern region.

Since crisis management is part of the new NATO strategy, the military's ability to respond to a regional crisis is essential to be trained in exercises. Part II of the exercises included deployment of the ACE Reaction Forces together with regional and main defense forces in Norway. Joint and combined operations took place in mid-Norway in the counties of Moere and Soer-Troendelag.

STRONG RESOLVE '95 allowed NATO forces to train their objectives of being able to respond in any climatic condition and to ensure procedures are in place for effective coordination and decision making at all levels of the military structure.

A total of approximately 22,000 personnel from all NATO nations were involved in the exercise. Although not integrated in NATO's military structure, France and Spain participated in the exercise as part of the normal training relations with their allies.

The exercise forces came under command or control of the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Northwest Europe (CINCNORTHWEST), Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard

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Johns (U.K. Air Force). The exercise on Norwegian territory was conducted by Allied Commander North Europe (COMNORTH), Vice Admiral Bjornar Kibsgaard (Norwegian Navy).

### **Joint Task Force Exercise 95-3 (10 Jul - 24 Jul)**

More than 18,000 service members, from each branch of the armed forces, participated in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 95-3.

Training objectives reflected a wide range of capabilities that may be needed in the various geographic areas where forces will be serving during their deployment. This training enhanced the ability of the various commanders and staffs involved to plan and conduct joint combat operations under realistic conditions. Joint forces were tested on their abilities to deploy rapidly; conduct joint operations during a crisis; use the capabilities of a command and control platform; and exercise and refine tactics, techniques and procedures in joint force operations. Forces refined their skills in operations involving U.S.-based ready forces operating in support of a forward-deployed joint task group. To do this, they trained in a simulated high-threat environment that involved air operations, naval and ground operations, surveillance, special operations, logistics support, mine warfare, search and rescue, and operations other than war (including humanitarian assistance, maritime interdiction, embassy support and non-combatant evacuation).

Participants in the exercise included: the USS AMERICA (CV-66) Battle Group, the USS WASP (LHD-1) Amphibious Ready Group and elements of Mine Warfare Command TWO, the U.S. Marine Corps Second Marine Expeditionary Force, elements of the U.S. Army's 18th Airborne Corps and 24th Mechanized Infantry Division, the U.S. Air Force Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command and elements of the 9th Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Coast Guard cutters and U.S. Space Command elements.

### **Hurricane Felix Weather Avoidance (15 Aug - 19 Aug)**

Forty-four surface combatants and twelve submarines sortied from Norfolk for Hurricane Felix weather avoidance. The sortie Task Group was commanded by Commander, Second Fleet as Commander, Task Group ONE EIGHT THREE Point ONE. USS MOUNT WHITNEY's change of command ceremony, originally scheduled for 18 August pierside in Norfolk, was instead held 19 August on the mess decks due to the sortie.

### **NATO Ministerial Visit (04 Oct - 06 Oct)**

Secretary of Defense William J. Perry hosted a meeting of the NATO Defense Ministers, chaired by NATO Secretary General Mr. Willy Claes. This was the first time that the Defense Ministers from all the countries of NATO visited the United States as a

group. The ministers visited USS MOUNT WHITNEY and USS ENTERPRISE, and observed an underway Air Power Demonstration. HMS MONTROSE participated in the demonstration as well. Sailors from USS MOUNT WHITNEY and the Second Fleet Staff were treated to a close-in observation of the Air Power Demonstration during the rehearsal on 05 October.

### **Joint Task Force Exercise 96-1 (04 Dec - 16 Dec)**

More than 16,000 service members from all branches of the armed forces participated in this exercise. Objectives were identical to those in Joint Task Force Exercise 95-3. Participants included the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN-73) Battle Group; the USS GUAM (LPH-9) Amphibious Ready Group; elements of the U.S. Army's 18th Airborne Corps and 18th Aviation Brigade; the U.S. Air Force's Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command; elements of the Second Marine Expeditionary Force; units of the Mine Warfare Command; the Special Operations Command; elements of the U.S. Space Command; and units from the U.S. Coast Guard.

### **UPGRADES/CAPABILITIES<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Engineering:**

- Removed and replaced aft and forward journal bearings in the HP turbine.
- Overhauled port steering pump and starboard anchor windlass pump.
- Overhauled air conditioning units #1 through #7.
- Overhauled tray conveyors #3 and #4.
- Overhauled #2 refrigeration plant.
- Overhauled and modified JP-5 stripping system.
- Rebuilt salt water circulation pumps #1, #2, #3, and #5.
- Installed hydrogen sulfide alarm system on CHT pumps.
- Overhauled CHT pump #2.
- During PMA, overhauled and refurbished existing telephone system.
- Rewired IMC microphone control stations on port and starboard OOD stations to accommodate new OOD station communications box.
- Assisted shipyard in installation of ventilation dampers for engine room and fire room and existing HALON system.

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<sup>1</sup>Other than those noted in the Chronology.

## **Communications:**

During STRONG RESOLVE '95, the Joint Message Center (JMC) hosted six augmentees from the U.K. and Norway. This was the second time NATO personnel worked together in the JMC, which processed over 2,000 messages daily and maintained 17 circuits for five embarked commands. Equipment upgrades:

- Installed updated NAVMACS II System.
- Installed Switch Multiplex Unit (SMU) tactical telephone switching network (Sep '95).
- Installed Digital Satellite System (DSS) in Oct '95.
- Enables digital television signals to be received and transferred into audio/video signals.
- Changed DISNET1 to SIPRNET after changing protocol and way of operations.
- Installed SURENET system in Sep '95. Provides weather data and information via the SIPRNET link.
- Testing/evaluation of SHF Gateguard commenced Nov '95. System provides message transmit and receive capabilities to units not internal to NCTAMS LANT via SHF Link.
- SAS Upgrade (Aug '95) enabled users to patch audio signals to cryptographic devices and user's spaces from a "touch screen" computer.
- DTEP/KIV-7 installed Sep '95. Controls satellite information.
- Installed PCSI Box #4 (Sep '95). Provided an additional four POTS lines.
- SPITS installed Oct '95. System provides unclassified e-mail service via the INTERNET.
- KYV-5 #1 Modifications installed in Aug '95 allow digital transmission at 2400 baud of Air Tasking Orders to specified units over voice circuits.
- CMS ANCRS System upgraded to 4.1 in Nov '95. Enhanced CMS accounting capabilities.

## **Intelligence:**

The MOUNT WHITNEY Joint Intelligence Center (JIC) underwent a major renovation and upgrade during the April-June 1995 PMA. On the return from Exercise STRONG RESOLVE '95, the "pub cage" was deinstalled and all computers and electronic equipment were removed. In the shipyard, the forward bulkhead was cut out of the JIC and the flooring removed down to bare metal to make way for a new floor plan with workstations designed for Joint Task Force operations. Systems administration was relocated to 3-76-2-Q, freeing up workspace on the JIC watch floor. The previous systems administration space was converted to a videoteleconferencing room with a large conference table and an accordion type door to secure the space.

The JIC received JMCIS 2.1 (SCI) upgrades in Jun '95. These provide softcopy SCI message handling, access to LANTCOM databases from over 20 work stations and E-mail from over 20 work stations to the worldwide JDISS network. Additionally, an SCI LAN was installed to permit softcopy message generation and interoffice SCI E-mail.

Systems installed as of 31 Dec '95: Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System (JDISS) (v. 2.0); Linked Opintel Centers Europe (LOCE); JEAP Sunshine; Joint Maritime Command Information Strategy (JMCIS) SCI version 2.1.0.7 and GENSER version 2.0.10.5; "Nine TV" Shipboard GENSER videoteleconferencing (VTC) system; and Global Broadcast System (GBS).



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