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From: Commanding Officer, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20)  
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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
JAMES R. POPLAR III

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Mission: USS MOUNT WHITNEY serves as the command ship for Commander, Second Fleet (COMSECONDFLT). With advanced command, control, communications, computers and intelligence systems, USS MOUNT WHITNEY serves as an exceptional command platform in support of COMSECONDFLT coordinated joint and NATO exercises and real world operations.

Organization Structure: Refer to attached organizational chart (Enclosure (2)).

Commanding Officer: Captain James R. Poplar III, U.S. Navy.

Permanent Duty Station/Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

Type and Number of Aircraft Assigned: None. USS MOUNT WHITNEY has a flight deck capable of launching and recovering a single helicopter.

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 JAN	Inport NAVSTA Norfolk Pier 10
8 JAN	Visit by U.N. Undersecretary for Peacekeeping and the Director, NATO Manpower Survey Team
19-27 JAN	Port Visit San Juan, P.R.
27-29 JAN	Port Visit Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, P.R.
11 FEB	Visit by CINCPACFLT
23 FEB	Underway for NATO Exercise STRONG RESOLVE 98
4-8 MAR	Port Visit Lisbon, Portugal
6 MAR	Visit by His Excellency Antonio Guterres, the Prime Minister of Portugal
9 MAR	Inport Lisbon/visit by Portuguese Press
11 MAR	Visit by Lt. General Brevot, Commander, Air Defense and Air Operations Command
12 MAR	Visit by ADM Gehman, SACLANT and CINCUSACOM
13 MAR	Arrival of RADM Franklyn, Naval Component Commander for Exercise STRONG RESOLVE (Onboard for entire exercise)
14 MAR	Visit by Joint Civilian Commission/Theater Military Commission
17 MAR	Transit Straits of Gibraltar
19 MAR	Arrival of RADM Romero, Deputy Commander for Exercise STRONG RESOLVE (onboard for entire exercise)  Return through Straits of Gibraltar
21-25 MAR	Port visit Rota, Spain
2 APR	Inport Norfolk, VA

20 APR PLOT I/ETG commencement

22 APR Visit by RADM Winther (Danish Flt.)/RADM Anderson  
(Island Commander Greenland)

28 APR-11 MAY Underway for JTFEX 98-2

7-9 MAY Port Visit Miami, Fla.

7 MAY Visit by Florida Marlins

8 MAY CINCSOUTH Reception hosted by Commander, Second  
Fleet

9-11 MAY Underway

13 MAY Adopt-A-School visit by 5th-graders from  
Ingleside Elementary School.

14 MAY Visit by COMPHIBGRU TWO Chief of Staff

19 MAY Dead Stick for transport to NNSY for DPMA  
(Drydocked)

23 JUN-11 SEP Drydock Period of Maintenance Availability

6 JUL RADM Holder Visit

18 AUG Flood Drydock/Shift berth

24-28 AUG Pre-Light Off Assessment

2-4 SEP Light Off Assessment

9-11 SEP Underway (Sea Trials)

15-18 SEP Aviation Certification

24 SEP-5 OCT ENTERPRISE Battle Group JTFEX

26-29SEP Visit by RADM Foley, prospective Commander,  
Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight

27-29 SEP Visit by VADM McGinn, prospective Commander Third  
Fleet

27 SEP-7 OCT Visit by RADM Route, Commander Destroyer Group Two

3 OCT COMCARGRU 4/6 depart

13-23 OCT CSRR Phase I

13 OCT Visit by RADM Route (Commander Destroyer Group TWO)/N84

14 OCT Visit by French Military Mission

19 OCT CPG TWO Quality of Life visit

26-30 OCT CART II

29 OCT Visit by RADM Forbes, U.K. Commander, ASW Strike Force

30 OCT Visit by RADM Dawson, Commander, Enterprise Battle Group/Commander Destroyer Group 12

2-20 NOV TSTA I

6 NOV Port Visit Mayport, Fla.  
Visit by Jacksonville Jaguars

11 NOV Inport Mayport, Fla.

13-16 NOV Port Visit Mayport, Fla.

23 NOV Visit by C6F N2

1-10 DEC TSTA II/ECERT

14-18 DEC CSRR Phase II

17 DEC Visit by VADM Perowne (Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic)

Enclosure (3)

## NARRATIVE/UPGRADES

**Joint Maritime Operation Planning Center (JMOPC)** - Improvements to the JMOPC included reconfiguring the ventilation system to reduce noise and installing a new secure closed-circuit television and video-teleconferencing theater.

**Combat Information Center** - The Combat Information Center was enlarged enabling the installation the SN/SLQ-32 Electronic Warfare System into the space. The move consolidates the ship's Combat Information Center and Electronic Warfare module.

**Air Conditioning Systems** - Five existing Air Conditioning units were removed and four new, larger systems were stalled in the renovated AC Machinery Rooms. Additionally, the ship's main chill water pipes were enlarged from six to eight inches, increasing the ship's overall capacity of the chill water system.

**Hull Preservation** - The entire ship's hull from the keel to the main deck was sandblasted and preserved utilizing a new type of easy to clean paint that is resistant to running rust.

**Berthing Rehabilitation** - Continued improvements to the Crew's Berthing compartments included: new decks, furniture, bunks, mattresses, and shower stalls.

**Joint Maritime Information Command System** - Installed JMICS 98, CTAPs 5.2.2, and the Initial CAOC Capabilities (ICC) systems used by NATO from STRONG RESOLVE 98.

**AWARDS/MILESTONES**

- 1997 Type Commander Surface Safety Award
- Force Commander Annual Wellness Unit Award
- 1997 Maritime Warfare Excellence Award
- 1997 Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award
- 1997 Command and Control Excellence Award