

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC-20) FPO AE 09517-3310

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From: Commanding Officer, USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) To: Director of Naval History (N-09BH)

Subj: 2001 COMMAND HISTORY REPORT

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization

- (2) Chronological Significant Events
- (3) Command History Narrative
- (4) Commanding Officer's Biography/Photograph
- (5) Command Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- (6) USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) Photograph
- (7) 3.5" Diskette (Microsoft Word)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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Commanding Officer:

Executive Officer:

Operations Officer: Chaplain: Dental Officer:

Medical Officer:

Supply Officer:

Engineering Officer:

Administrative Officer: Communications Officer: First Lieutenant: Navigator:

| Captain David W. Prothero | , USN |
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| 17 July 2001 - Present | |
| Lieutenant Commander Thom | as L. |
| Dearborn, USN | |
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| Lieutenant Junior Grade | |
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Commander, Amphibious Group TWO is the Immediate Superior in Command for USS MOUNT WHITNEY.

Mission:

USS MOUNT WHITNEY serves as the command ship for Commander, SECOND FLEET. 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.

USS MOUNT WHITNEY is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Enclosure (1)

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) CHRONOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

| DATE | EVENT |
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| 1-8 JAN | Second Holiday Leave Period |
| 9-11 JAN | Underway: Crew Training |
| 12-14 JAN | Upkeep |
| 16-19 JAN | 3-M Maintenance Assist Visit |
| 17-19 JAN | Marine Safety International (MSI) Trainer |
| 18 JAN | Naval Safety Center Survey |
| 22 JAN-9 FEB | Fleet Maintenance Availability |
| 10-12 FEB | Upkeep |
| 13-15 FEB | Underway: Commander, Amphibious Group TWO Pre-Inspection and Survey (Pre-INSURV) |
| 16-28 FEB | Upkeep |
| 20 FEB | Operational Risk Management Training |
| 22 FEB | Navy Occupational Safety and Health (NAVOSH) Survey |
| 1-15 MAR | Upkeep |
| 13 MAR | Planned Restricted Availability (PRAV) Planning Meeting |
| 16-26 MAR | Underway: Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 01-1 |
| 27-29 MAR | Port Visit: Nassau, Bahamas |
| 2-22 APR | Upkeep |
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Enclosure (2)

23-27 APR Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Visit 27 APR-6 MAY Upkeep 7-10 Underway: Crew Training (Limited Training MAY Team) 11-13 MAY Port Visit: Mayport, Fl. 14-16 MAY Underway: Crew Training 17 MAY Upkeep 18 MAY-24 JUN Fleet Maintenance Availability 25-27 JUN Underway: Enroute to Halifax, N.S. 28-29 JUN Port Visit: Halifax, N.S. 4-12 JUL Upkeep Underway: Family Day 13 JUL 14-16 JUL Upkeep/Change of Command Preps 17 Change of Command JUL 18-25 JUL Upkeep 26-27 JUL Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE) / Crew Training 28 JUL-9 AUG Upkeep 10-17 AUG Underway: Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 01-2 18 AUG-9 SEP Upkeep 4-6 SEP Marine Safety International (MSI) Trainer

| 4-7 SEP | Diving Operations |
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| 10-14 SEP | Command Assessment of Readiness & Training (CART) 1 |
| 15-17 SEP | Upkeep |
| 18-20 SEP | Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE)/Crew Training |
| 19-24 SEP | Upkeep |
| 25-27 SEP | Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE)/Crew Training |
| 28 SEP-9 OCT | Upkeep |
| 10 OCT-30 NOV | Planned Maintenance Availability / Fleet Maintenance Availability Norshipco |
| 22-23 NOV | Thanksgiving Holiday |
| 26 NOV -DEC 7 | Systems and Engineering Material Assessment Team (SEMAT) 1 Assist Visit |
| 29-30 NOV | Marine Safety International (MSI) Trainer |
| 1-31 DEC | Planned Maintenance Availability/Fleet Maintenance Availability |
| 14-16 DEC | Upkeep |
| 17-19 DEC | Underway: Sea Trials |
| 20-31 DEC | Upkeep |

USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC/JCC 20) COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

Calendar year 2001 marked the 30th anniversary of active service for USS MOUNT WHITNEY, which was commissioned January 16, 1971. Despite its age, the joint communications ship continues to prove its seaworthiness year after year.

In April, USS MOUNT WHITNEY underwent a successful inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) before participating in the first of two highly successful Joint Task Force Exercises (JTFEX). The second JTFEX took place August 10-17.

Both exercises saw MOUNT WHITNEY and the embarked Second Fleet staff get underway for two weeks, joining more than 24,000 U.S. joint service members as well as personnel and units from allied nations. The JTFEX replicated the emerging threats and operational challenges U.S. military forces may encounter around the world. The exercises provided the crew, staff and participating units with realistic, quality training to fully prepare our forces for joint operations when forward deployed. Participating forces used equipment and systems that incorporated the latest advances in technology.

While actively participating in these exercises, MOUNT WHITNEY's crew also got the chance for some well-deserved liberty during three port visits in 2001. The first came March 27-29 in Nassau, Bahamas, followed by Mayport, Florida, May 11-13, and Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 28-29.

The reigns of command changed hands on July 17, when CAPT David W. Prothero relieved CAPT Martin E. Jenkins III to become MOUNT WHITNEY's 18th Commanding Officer. Following a Systems and Engineering Material Assessment Team (SEMAT) visit in November, USS MOUNT WHITNEY closed out the year in the shipyards at NORSHIPCO in Norfolk, Virginia to make preparations for a very busy 2002.

Enclosure (3)