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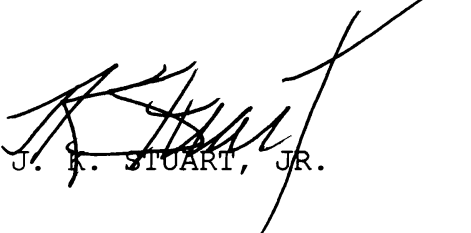
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USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13)

COMMAND HISTORY

2001

Enclosure (1)

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer: CAPT James A. Symonds, USN to 31 March
 CAPT John K. Stuart, Jr. USN from 31 March

Executive Officer: LCDR James Marion, USN to 24 May
 LCDR Marlin C. Anthony, USNR from 24 May

Operations Officer: LCDR [REDACTED], USN to 21 December
 LT [REDACTED], USNR from 21 December

Engineer Officer: LCDR [REDACTED] . [REDACTED], USN

First Lieutenant: LCDR [REDACTED], USN to 12 November
 LT [REDACTED], USNR from 12 November

Supply Officer: LT [REDACTED], SC, USN to 15 March
 LT [REDACTED], SC, USN from 15 March

Chaplain: LT [REDACTED], CHC, USN

Air Officer: LCDR [REDACTED], USN to 10 October
 LT [REDACTED], USN from 10 October

Medical Officer: LT [REDACTED], MC, USNR to 1 July
 LT [REDACTED], MC, USNR, from 1 July

Dental Officer: LT [REDACTED] DC, USNR to 1 May
 LT [REDACTED], DC, USNR from 1 May

Command Master Chief: CMDMCM (SW) Brian Frost, USN to 31 December
 CMDMCM (SW/AW/FMF) Larry Darnell, USN from
 31 December

WARDROOM: AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2001

LCDR MARLIN C. ANTHONY, USN: Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED], USN: Chief Engineer
LCDR [REDACTED], USNR: Aviation Fuels Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN: Air Officer
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Supply Officer
LT [REDACTED], USNR: First Lieutenant
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Dental Officer
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Operations Officer
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Communications Officer
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Main Propulsion Assistant
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Chaplain
LT [REDACTED], USNR: Medical Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Navigator
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Combat Information Center Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Admin/Legal Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Training Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Food Service Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Disbursing Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: MP02 Division Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USNR: Weapons Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: MP01 Division Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: Ship's Boatswain
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: Electronics Material Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: Second Division Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: First Division Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: Electrical Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USNR: Auxiliary Officer
CWO2 [REDACTED], USMC: Combat Cargo Officer
CWO2 [REDACTED], USN: Damage Control Assistant

SENIOR COMMANDS

COMPHIBGRU TWO: RADM J. K. Moran, USN

COMPHIBRON SIX: CAPT D. Taylor, USN

USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) Homeport: Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, VA

SHIP'S MISSION

USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13), an Amphibious Transport Dock, is the thirteenth platform of this type in the United States Navy. NASHVILLE's primary mission is to transport landing forces ashore, utilizing helicopter and amphibious craft for any contingency and provide support to those forces for an extended period of time. NASHVILLE can support up to 1479 Navy and Marine Corps officer and enlisted personnel, 515 crew members and 964 embarked troops and all the equipment required to make the landing force ready for combat upon arrival in an objective area. With the vast array of command, control, an embarked Amphibious Squadron or Group Commander can coordinate and control all of the air, sea and ground forces whose support is necessary to ensure the success of the amphibious operation.

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR 2001

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SIGNIFICANT EVENT</u>
01 JAN - 05 JAN	Inport: Malta
06 JAN - 04 FEB	Underway: Operations in Central Mediterranean and transit to Palma, Spain
04 FEB - 06 FEB	Inport: Palma, Spain
06 FEB - 09 FEB	Underway: Operations in Central Mediterranean and transit to Toulon, France
09 FEB - 23 FEB	Inport: Fleet Maintenance Availability Toulon, France
14 FEB	NASHVILLE's 31st Birthday
23 FEB - 20 MAR	Underway: Operations in Central Mediterranean and transit to Catania, Italy
20 MAR - 28 MAR	Inport: Catania, Italy
28 MAR - 01 APR	Underway: OPERATION ATLAS HINGE (Tunisian PHIBEX)
31 MAR	Change-of-Command Ceremony
01 APR - 05 APR	Inport: Taranto, Italy
05 APR - 09 APR	Underway: Operations in Adriatic and transit to Rijeka, Croatia
09 APR	Underway: Operation Slunj Offload
10 APR - 20 APR	Inport: Rijeka, Croatia
20 APR	Underway: Operation Slunj Onload
21 APR - 03 MAY	Underway: Operations in Mediterranean and transit to Rota, Spain
03 MAY - 10 MAY	Inport: Rota, Spain Washdown and Agricultural Inspection
10 MAY - 21 MAY	Underway: Atlantic crossing enroute to Morehead City, North Carolina
21 MAY - 22 May	Inport: Morehead City, North Carolina
22 MAY - 24 May	Underway: Tiger Cruise enroute to Norfolk Naval Base
24 MAY - 24 JUN	Inport: Norfolk, post-deployment leave
24 JUN - 31 JUL	Inport: Norfolk, Upkeep
31 JUL - 03 AUG	Underway: Yorktown, Ammo Offload
03 AUG - 06 AUG	Inport: Norfolk
06 AUG - 20 AUG	Underway: MEBEX, off North Carolina coast
21 AUG - 27 SEP	Inport: Norfolk
27 SEP - 31 DEC	Inport: Phased Maintenance Availability Metro Machine Shipyard Norfolk, VA

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

January 2001 saw the continuation of NASHVILLE's Marine Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) deployment in the Mediterranean. Embarked units consisted of MSSG 22, BLT 1/8, Seal Team 8, and Special Boat Unit 20. After the holiday leave period in Malta, NASHVILLE left port on 5 January for several days of Mediterranean operations with USS NASSAU (LHA-4) and USS Portland (LSD 37). The operations concluded on 9 February when NASHVILLE entered a Fleet Maintenance Availability period in Toulon, France. After a successful repair and overhaul period, NASHVILLE set sail on 23 February for some much needed underway training in the Med. This concluded on 20 March with a port visit to Catania. The enjoyable liberty port ended on the 28th when NASHVILLE departed to participate in Operation ATLAS HINGE off the coast of Taranto. While underway on 31 March, NASHVILLE's Commanding Officer Captain James A. Symonds, was relieved by Captain John K. Stuart, Jr., in a change-of-command ceremony held on the flight deck. NASHVILLE's next liberty port was Taranto on 01 April. NASHVILLE departed Taranto and headed east towards the Adriatic Sea, enroute to Rijeka, Croatia. While in port Rijeka, NASHVILLE's refrigeration units broke and the remaining supplies had to be transferred to storage provided on the pier. On 20 April, after refrigeration repairs were complete, NASHVILLE sailed west across the Mediterranean to Rota, Spain. On 02 May, NASHVILLE passed through the Straits of Gibraltar and pulled into Rota to commence washdown and agriculture inspection. On 10 May, the inspectors cleared NASHVILLE for departure, and the long trip across the Atlantic began. On 21 May, NASHVILLE arrived at Morehead City pier and offloaded elements of MSSG 22. On 22 May, approximately 85 relatives of the crew embarked in Morehead City for the traditional Tiger Cruise. On 24 May, NASHVILLE arrived at her homeport in Norfolk officially finishing the Mediterranean deployment.

On 24 May the Officers and Crew began a well-deserved leave period. Upon completion of the post-deployment leave period, NASHVILLE offloaded ammo at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown from 31 Jul to 03 August. On 06 August, NASHVILLE sailed to North Carolina and embarked approximately 500 Marines from BLT 2/6 and 26 AAVs for MEBEX, which lasted till 20 August. On 27 September, NASHVILLE entered Metro Machine Shipyard for its Phased Maintenance Availability. NASHVILLE completed repairs totaling nearly \$20 million and expended 45,000 man-hours to ensure continued ship operability.

Overall, 2001 was a successful year for NASHVILLE. The ship received the Retention Excellence Award, formerly known as the Golden Anchor Award, and the prestigious Battle Excellence Award. The Retention Excellence Award was given to NASHVILLE for sustaining superior levels of retention. The ship proudly painted both her anchors gold to signify her accomplishment. NASHVILLE also won the Battle Excellence Award in all four categories; Maritime Warfare, Engineering Survivability, Command & Control, and Logistic Management. This remarkable accomplishment was a result of a year of hard work and teamwork by all NASHVILLE Warriors.

EVENT TOTALS FOR 2001

Ballast Ops	100 evolutions
DFM transferred	2.5 million gallons
Flight Hours:	Day 364.3
	Night 72.8
	Total 437.1
Landings:	Day 1137
	Night 310
	NVG 247
	Total 1694
JP-5 Issued	49036 gallons
Received	0 gallons
Passengers	2051
Cargo	304701 pounds
Vertical Replenishment	215 tons