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USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13)

COMMAND HISTORY

2002

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer:       CAPT Jack K. Stuart, USN to 03 October  
                              CAPT Shawn R. Tallant, USN from 03  
                              October

Executive Officer:         CDR Marlin Anthony, USN to 30 July  
                              LCDR Ray Stapf, USN from 30 July

Operations Officer:        LT [REDACTED], USN

Engineer Officer:         LCDR [REDACTED], USN to 26 August  
                              LCDR [REDACTED], USN from 26 August

First Lieutenant:        LT [REDACTED], USN

Supply Officer:          LT [REDACTED], SC, USNR

Chaplain:                 LT [REDACTED] CHC, to 01 November  
                              LTjg [REDACTED], CHC, from 01 November

Air Officer:              LCDR [REDACTED], USN to 29 October  
                              LT [REDACTED], USN from 29 October

Medical Officer:         LT [REDACTED], MC, USNR,

Dental Officer:          LT [REDACTED] DC, USNR

Command Master Chief:    CMDCM (SW/AW/FMF) Larry Darnell, USN

WARDROOM: As of 31 DEC 2002

LCDR RAY STAPF, USN:	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED], USN:	Chief Engineer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Air Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Supply Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	First Lieutenant
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Dental Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Operations Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Damage Control Assistant
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Main Propulsion Assistant
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Mini Boss
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Medical Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Training Officer
LT [REDACTED], USN:	Signals Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Navigator
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Communications Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Chaplain
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Combat Information Center Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Admin Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Food Service Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Disbursing Officer
LTJG [REDACTED], USN:	Second Division Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	Legal Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	ATFP Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	Weapons Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	MP Division Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	Ship's BOS'N
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	Electrical Maintenance Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	First Division Officer
ENS [REDACTED], USN:	Auxiliary/Electrical Officer
CWO4 [REDACTED], USN:	Repair Officer
CWO3 [REDACTED], USMC:	Combat Cargo Officer

CHIEF'S MESS: As of 31 DEC 2002

CMDCM (SW/AW/FMF) Larry Darnell, USN:	Command Master Chief
MMCM (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Engineering Dept LCPO
BMCS (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Deck Department LCPO
MSCS (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Supply Department LCPO
SHCS (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	S-2/S-3 Division LCPO
OSCS (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Operations Dept. LCPO
ABHC (SW/AW) [REDACTED], USN:	Air Department LCPO
ABHC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Air Operations LCPO
BMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	2nd Division LCPO
BMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	1st Division LCPO
DCC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Damage Control LCPO
DCC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Repair Division LCPO
ETC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	OE Division LCPO
GMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	3rd Division LCPO
GYSGT [REDACTED], USMC:	Combat Cargo Assistant
HMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Medical/Dental Dept LCPO
ITC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Comms Division LCPO
MMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Command 3-M Coordinator
MMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Auxiliary Division LCPO
MMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Engineering Officer
MMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	MP Division LCPO
OSC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Combat Systems LCPO
PCC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Postal / HAZMAT LCPO
QMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Navigation Division LCPO
SMC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Signal Division LCPO
YNC (SW) [REDACTED], USN:	Admin LCPO

SENIOR COMMANDS

COMPHIBGRU TWO: RADM Nowakowski

COMPHIBRON SIX: CAPT 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 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SIGNIFICANT EVENT</u>
01 JAN - 21 JAN	Inport: Phased Maintenance Availability Metro Machine Shipyard
08 JAN - 15 JAN	Inport: Light-off Assessment (LOA)
21 JAN - 25 JAN	Underway: Sea Trials VACAPES OPAREA
26 JAN - 30 JAN	Inport: Aviation Certification
31 JAN - 28 FEB	Underway: New Orleans, LA Port Visit
14 FEB	NASHVILLE's 32nd Birthday
01 MAR - 18 MAR	Inport: Pre-INSURV, Supply Management Assessment, Well Deck Assessment
19 MAR - 22 MAR	Underway: LTT VACAPES OPAREA
23 MAR - 02 APR	Inport: Norfolk Naval Base
03 APR - 12 APR	Underway: Annapolis, MD Port Visit
12 APR - 22 APR	Inport: Initial Assessment
23 APR - 03 MAY	Underway: TCAT 2-02 Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA
04 MAY - 20 MAY	Inport: Norfolk Naval Base
21 MAY - 24 MAY	Underway: AAV Ops Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA
25 MAY - 03 JUN	Inport: 3M Assessment
04 JUN - 07 JUN	Underway: FEP VACAPES OPAREA
08 JUN - 16 JUN	Inport: Norfolk Naval Base
17 JUN - 19 JUL	Underway: INSURV VACAPES OPAREA
20 JUL - 08 AUG	Inport: C5RA, SEMAT II, Dental Readiness Assessment
08 AUG - 22 AUG	Underway: PMINT Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA
23 AUG - 22 SEP	Inport: FMAV Norfolk Naval Base
23 SEP - 29 SEP	Underway: Ammo Onload Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA
30 SEP - 10 OCT	Inport: Norfolk Naval Base
03 OCT	Change-of-Command Ceremony
11 OCT - 26 OCT	Underway: ARGEX Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA Underway Demonstration
27 OCT - 31 OCT	Inport: Norfolk Naval Base
01 NOV - 17 NOV	Underway: SACEX/SOCEX Onslow Bay, NC OPAREA
18 NOV - 31 DEC	Inport: Holiday Leave Standdown Norfolk Naval Base

## NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

January 2002 saw the continuation of NASHVILLE's Phased Maintenance Availability in Metro Machine Shipyard. On January 21<sup>st</sup> NASHVILLE left the shipyard for sea trials with repairs totaling 20 million dollars and over 200,000 man-hours expended to ensure continued ship operability. NASHVILLE also completed her Light-off Assessment in January, marking the first of many inter-deployment training cycle exercises. February marked NASHVILLE's 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday and NASHVILLE celebrated in style by visiting New Orleans, LA. She transited the mighty Mississippi River and docked in downtown New Orleans, LA for a port visit during the famous Mardi Gras festival. She welcomed many Midshipman aboard during her stay in New Orleans and provided them with food, lodging and various training. In March, NASHVILLE completed a successful Well Deck Assessment, Supply Management Assessment, and completed one of many Pre-INSURV exercises. Shortly thereafter in April, she made a port call to Annapolis, Maryland to visit the U.S. Naval Academy. This exciting port visit was a great time that NASHVILLE Warriors will remember for a lifetime.

For the next six months, NASHVILLE was engaged in numerous amphibious operations with the USS IWO JIMA ARG and the 26<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. These exercises included TCAT, PMINT, ARGEX, and SACEX/SOCEX. NASHVILLE Warriors referred to these exercises as "Gator Ops". All exercises took place off the coast of North Carolina in Onslow Bay, with an occasional port visit to Morehead City for a night of liberty.

In June 2002, NASHVILLE successfully completed her five year Inspection and Survey evaluation and proudly earned one of the highest INSURV scores fleet wide for her class ship. Other successful accomplishments included Final Evaluation Period and 3M Assessment.

In September, NASHVILLE unloaded nearly 500 pallets of ammunition from Naval Weapons Station Yorktown in preparation for her upcoming 2003 deployment. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> while in port Norfolk, NASHVILLE's Commanding Officer Captain John K. Stuart, was relieved by Captain Shawn R. Tallant, in a change-of-command ceremony held on the flight deck. Captain Tallant assumed command of the USS NASHVILLE and led the NASHVILLE Warriors through her final two amphibious operations, ARGEX and SACEX/SOCEX. After completing these final exercises, the USS NASHVILLE and her crew were certified operationally capable and mission ready.

Overall, 2002 was a highly successful year for NASHVILLE. She has set the standard among her class platform and has established a reputation throughout the fleet for mission readiness; no matter how difficult the task may seem These remarkable accomplishments were a result of a year of hard work and teamwork by all NASHVILLE Warriors.

***"Forever on the side of Liberty and Country."***

EVENT TOTALS FOR 2002

Ballast Ops	100 evolutions
DFM transferred	2.5 million gallons
Flight Hours:	Day 110
	Night 185.5
	Total 295.5
Landings:	Day 396
	Night 465
	NVG 247
	Total 1108
Passengers	224
Cargo Transferred	13 tons