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Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Chronology of Events
(3) Supporting Documents

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION

USS PONCE (LPD 15), the "Proud Lion", is commanded by Captain Doyle J. Borchers II, United States Navy, and is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. PONCE's immediate unit commander is Captain Henry L. Phillips, Commander Amphibious Squadron Twelve.

The "Proud Lion's" mission as an amphibious transport dock is to embark United States Marine Corps and Navy support elements and by both water and airborne means, conduct amphibious landings to obtain beachheads, prosecute further operations ashore or deny areas or facilities to the enemy.

PONCE's crew consists of 26 officers (including one U. S. Marine Combat Cargo Officer), 25 chief petty officers and 372 enlisted personnel (including one U. S. Marine Combat Cargo Assistant) with a multitude of skills to execute the multi-mission role of a major amphibious ship.
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

(USS PONCE deployed to the Mediterranean as an element of MARG 1-86 on 21 November 1985)

01 JAN - 06 JAN  Barcelona, Spain PVST
                  SOPA

10 JAN - 14 JAN  Exercise "Rawhide" with CVBG

15 JAN - 17 JAN  Crisis Response Exercise (CRIREX)

18 JAN - 19 JAN  Torre Veneri, Italy Training Anchorage
                  Sneak Attack Defense Coordinator
                  NEO OPS Surface Evacuation Ship

20 JAN - 26 JAN  EMED Support OPS
                  Ready Helo Deck
                  Beirut, Lebanon Classified Tracking Operations

27 JAN - 02 FEB  Haifa, Israel PVST
                  SOPA

06 FEB - 08 FEB  Augusta Bay, Sicily Training Anchorage
                  EMTT/OPPE Preps

11 FEB - 19 FEB  Naples, Italy PVST
                  RAV
                  SOPA Afloat

22 FEB - 28 FEB  CAP Serrat, Tunisia PHIBLEX
                  PCS Assault/Offload/Backload

01 MAR - 31 MAR  Third best Sixth Fleet ship for Rainform Reporting

03 MAR - 08 MAR  Palma De Mallorca, Spain PVST
                  SOPA
                  Anti-Swimmer Defense Coordinator

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

12 MAR - 23 MAR  
Sardinia 86 PHIBLEX/Capo Teulado Training Anchorage  
PCS/CCS Assault/Offload/Backload  
25,000th Safe Helo Landing (21 Mar)

27 MAR - 02 APR  
Venice, Italy PVST  
SOPA  
Anti-Swimmer Defense Coordinator  
Commendation for Crew's Ashore Behavior

06 APR - 20 APR  
Augusta Bay Training Anchorage  
OPPE Preps

23 APR - 02 MAY  
Marseille, France PVST  
SOPA  
Anti-Swimmer Defense Coordinator  
RAV (25 Apr - 01 May)  
3M Inspection  
Commendation for Crew's Ashore Behavior

04 MAY - 10 MAY  
Distant Hammer 86 PHIBLEX  
PCS/CCS Assault/Offload/Backload

14 MAY - 20 MAY  
GALERA 86, Portugal  
PCS/CCS Assault/Offload/Backload

21 MAY  
Turnover with MARG 2-86 Rota, Spain  
Embark LANTRAMID I midshipmen

22 MAY  
Depart Rota for Norfolk, VA  
OPPE

04 JUN  
Return to Norfolk, VA  
Post Deployment Leave/Upkeep Period

23 JUN - 07 JUL  
Underwater Hull Cleaning  
LPD NAV Light RAV
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

06 JUL         Embark LANTRAMID III Midshipmen
08 JUL - 10 JUL  U/W CORTRAMID Training (Lynnhaven Anchorage)
10 JUL         Dependent's Cruise
11 JUL         LFTCLANT IG Inspection
12 JUL - 13 JUL  Visit Ship, Norfolk, VA
15 JUL - 16 JUL  U/W CORTRAMID Training (Lynnhaven Anchorage)
20 JUL         Peruvian National War College Visit
21 JUL - 26 JUL  Gold Eagle/RESMAUPHIBLEX East Coast 86 Onslow Bay, NC
                 PCS
31 JUL         Change of Command
               CAPT Doyle J. Borchers II relieves CAPT Robert P. Lucas
05 AUG - 07 AUG  Mine Countermeasure Operations with HELMINERON 14
                 (Lynnhaven Anchorage)
12 AUG         CINTEX 21-86
               Navy Safety Center Visit
18 AUG - 22 AUG  Board of Inspection and Survey
21 AUG - 14 SEP  Embark Commander Amphibious Squadron Twelve
25 AUG - 14 SEP  IMAV USS YELLOWSTONE (AD 41)
26 AUG         CINTEX 22-86
30 AUG - 31 AUG  NAVSTA Norfolk Weekend Visit Ship
04 SEP - 05 SEP  Nuclear Weapons Assist Visit
08 SEP - 12 SEP  RAVIR Training
09 SEP         CINTEX 23-86
12 SEP         OS "A" School Visit
16 SEP - 19 SEP  HELTACWING ONE - DLQ's
                 HELMINERON 14 Mine Countermeasure Operations
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS (CONT'D)

22 SEP - 26 SEP  Amphibious LVT Operations/HMM 261 DLQ'S/COMJSOC DLQ'S Onslow Bay, NC
Guest of Navy Cruise

29 SEP - 30 SEP  Supply Management Inspection

06 OCT  MOGAS Improvement Inspection

06 OCT - 10 OCT  TEMPEST Inspection

14 OCT - 6 OCT  FMFLANT RLT-6 Amphibious Operations Onslow Bay, NC

18 OCT - 20 OCT  Freeport, Bahamas PVST

21 OCT - 23 OCT  COMJSOC DLQ'S Jacksonville, FL

29 OCT  Deputy CNO Surface Warfare Visit

30 OCT  Supply School Visit

COSMIC Inspection

03 NOV - 14 NOV  WESTLANT Ready Duty Amphibious Readiness Group

04 NOV  CINTEX 3-87

08 NOV - 12 NOV  Boston, MA PVST/Veteran's Day Host Ship

15 NOV - 18 NOV  Exercise SAND CRAB 87 (COMNAVBEACHGRU 2)/HELTACWING ONE DLQ'S (Lynnhaven Anchorage)

29 NOV - 30 NOV  NAVSTA Norfolk Weekend Visit Ship

01 DEC - 03 DEC  HELTACWING ONE DLQ'S (Chesapeake Bay)

08 DEC - 12 DEC  HELTACWING ONE DLQ'S (Lynnhaven Anchorage)
Guest of Navy Cruise

NJROTC Cruise

13 DEC - 30 DEC  Holiday Leave/Upkeep Little Creek, VA

Winner of Ship's Christmas Lighting Award for NAB Little Creek, VA