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History of USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) 1975

SHREVEPORT began the year 1975 moored at South Annex, Norfolk Naval Station. Captain Curtis A. KARVALA was in command, COMPHIBRON TWO was embarked with his staff. Between 17 and 20 January the ship participated in EXERCISE ALOUD XRAY off Onslow Beach, North Carolina.

On 6 March, with COMPHIBRON EIGHT embarked, SHREVEPORT sailed as Flagship of Caribbean Amphibious Ready Group 1-75. During the cruise she participated in LANTREADEX 75, EXERCISE RUM PUNCH, EXERCISE ESCORT TIGER, and EXERCISE AGATE PUNCH, operating from Onslow Beach, North Carolina, to Vieques Island, with liberty stops in San Juan and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

The ship returned to Norfolk on 28 April, mooring at Pier 2, and COMPHIBRON EIGHT disembarked. COMPHIBRON TWO returned several days later. On 9 May, Captain KARVALA was relieved by Captain Alan W. CRANDALL as Commanding Officer. Present at the ceremony were COMPHIBGRU TWO, Rear Admiral PALMER; and Deputy COMNAVSURFLANT, Rear Admiral WENTWORTH. On 30 May, SHREVEPORT manned the rails at Pier 12 for the CINCLANTFLT change of Command when Admiral KIDD relieved Admiral COUSINS. Between 16-19 and 23-27 June, the ship conducted a series of type training exercises in the Virginia Capes area.

On 28 July, SHREVEPORT sailed for the Mediterranean as Flagship of Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 2-75. In company with the four other ships of the group, she embarked the 32nd Marine Amphibious Unit at Morehead City, North Carolina and crossed the Atlantic, enjoying excellent sailing weather all the way. Upon arriving in Rota, Spain, on 8 August, MARG 2-75 relieved MARG 1-75 as TASK FORCE 61 and sailed into the Mediterranean Sea.

In the course of the deployment, SHREVEPORT participated in a turnaway landing exercise at Carboneras, Spain, on 17-18 August; PHIBLEX 3-76 at Porto Scudo, Sardinia, on 30 August - 7 September; PHIBLEX 3A-76 at Gythion, Greece, on 10-15 September; PHIBLEX 4-76 - as part of NATO exercise DEEP EXPRESS in company with Turkish, Italian, and Royal Navy forces - at Antalya, Dogenbay, and Saros Bay, Turkey, on 17-28 September; PHIBLEX 5-76 at Monte Romano, Italy, on 31 October - 6 November; PHIBLEX 5A-76 at Carboneras, Spain, on 1-8 December; and PHIBLEX 6-76 at Porto Scudo, Sardinia, on 17-22 December. Port visits were made to Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, and Barcelona, Spain; Naples and Livorno, Italy; and Cannes, France, during the cruise.

At year's end, SHREVEPORT was moored in Palma de Mallorca enjoying a holiday port visit and looking forward to returning to the U.S. in January.

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