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## HISTORY OF USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) 1977

SHREVEPORT ushered in 1977 at Naval Station, Norfolk, VA in a restricted availability status, tying up the loose ends after a 10 month major overhaul. With Captain B. C. MCCAFFREE in command, the ship made preparations to rejoin the operational amphibious fleet. January and February were occupied with on-loading stores, ammunition, and fuel.

A successful NAEC Flight Facilities Certification was conducted between 1-4 March with SHREVEPORT receiving full level one, class one status. After the Light-Off Examination in early April, the ship got underway for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the crew was put through their paces during a highly beneficial Refresher Training period, punctuated with three well deserved liberty days in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

June and July were spent in restricted availability status at Naval Station, Norfolk, VA with Rear Admiral PALMER, COMPHIBGRU TWO, visiting the ship on 20 July. The underway portion of the engineering MTT was conducted 26-29 July.

An Airborne Mine Countermeasures Inspection started August, with this successful inspection being observed additionally by some 35 civilians and dependants who were invited along for a week at sea. Additional observers for the rest of the inport month included USNA Midshipmen and Women and U. S. Navy Sea Cadets. August also saw the COMPHIBRON SIX staff move aboard with Commodore P. J. MULLOY breaking his broad command pennant aboard SHREVEPORT.

September saw SHREVEPORT preparing for Amphibious Refresher Training which commenced on 12 September and lasted for two and a half worthwhile weeks, covering completely all phases of amphibious operations.

Following workups with a Marine Corps Battalion Landing Team off Onslow Beach, N. C. during 3-7 and 9-21 October, SHREVEPORT joined with BLT 1/2 and assumed duties in the Atlantic Amphibious Ready Group (LARG) on 24 October.

Harrier (AV-8A) Qualification was gained on 4 November following several operations by AV-8 jets on SHREVEPORT off Onslow Beach. Following an OPPE attempt which was aborted due to weather, and weekend liberty in Charleston, S. C., SHREVEPORT operated off Savannah, GA to qualify 90 Army pilots from the 24th AVN Battalion in afloat operations. Qualifications were gained in the UH-1, AH-1G, H-58, and CH-47. Visiting the ship to observe operations were Major General J. B. VAUGHT, Commander 24th Infantry Division and FT. STEWART, and the Brigadier General G. C. MARINE, Assistant Division Commander, 24th Infantry Division. Also, in November the LARG held a no notice underway and landing operation at Onslow Beach, N. C. during 15-18 November.

December saw the successful completion of the OPPE on 7 December and two days of underway Senior Officer Engineering Training 10-12 December. The rest of the month was spent for well deserved holiday leave periods.

Accomplishments covering the whole year included the Supply Department winning the "E", and SHREVEPORT being a retention Superstar in COMNAVSURFLANT throughtout the year.