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**From:** Commanding Officer, USS SHREVEPORT LPD-12  
**To:** Chief of Naval Operations

**Subj:** Submission of Annual Command History

**Ref:** (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following command history is submitted.
2. USS Shreveport LPD-12 participated in six major amphibious exercises in calendar year 1982: Alloy Express '82, Ocean Venture '82, Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 3-82, Northern Wedding, Bold Guard '82, and Display-Determination '82. Shreveport also spent the last two months of the year on station off Beirut, Lebanon, as part of the Multi-National Peacekeeping Force.

**a. Summary of Operations**

**Date:** 27 January — 15 April

**Operation:** Alloy Express '82

**Embarked Staff:** Commander Amphibious Squadron Six (from 3 April)

**Narrative:** Shreveport participated in the largest amphibious assault exercise north of the Arctic Circle in Bjerkvik, Norway, from 12 to 19 March. The exercise tested the ship's amphibious capability in extreme cold weather. The Marines of Battalion Landing Team 2/2 were embarked on board. Norwegian and English forces participated in the NATO joint exercise. Port visits made were: Plymouth, England; Harstad, Norway; and Le Havre, France. An equipment washdown was completed in Rota, Spain.

**Date:** 28 April — 28 May

**Operation:** Ocean Venture '82

**Embarked Staff:** Commander Amphibious Squadron Six

**Narrative:** After only a 12 day inport period, Shreveport sailed to Isla de Vieques, Puerto Rico to participate in the nation's largest amphibious assault exercise during peace time. The simulated war involved all branches of the U. S. Armed Forces, and several units of the NATO alliance. The Marines of Battalion Landing team 6/2 were embarked on board from Wilmington, North Carolina, for the exercise. A port visit was made to St. Thomas, Virgin Island prior to the equipment washdown in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

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Date: 23 August — 31 December

Operation: Marine Amphibious Ready Group (MARG) 3-82

Embarked Staff: Commander Amphibious Squadron Six  
Commander Marine Amphibious Unit Twenty Four

Narrative: Shreveport deployed with the Commander Marine Amphibious Unit Two Four, commanded by Colonel Thomas Stokes, Jr., and participated in two major amphibious exercises in Northern Europe, and one in the Eastern Mediterranean prior to assuming the duties of peacekeeping in Beirut. Port visits were made to Naples, Italy, and Antalya, Turkey.

Date: 13 September — 19 September

Operation: Northern Wedding

Embarked Staff: Commander Amphibious Squadron Six  
Commander Marine Amphibious Unit Twenty Four

Narrative: This annual amphibious assault was a joint NATO exercise conducted in the Northern European theater. NATO forces from England, Norway, and Netherlands combined to make successful amphibious landings on the western coast of Denmark on the Jutland Peninsula. Once the Marines were disembarked, Shreveport steamed around the northern tip of the country to backload the Marines in the eastern coastal city of Aarhus.

Date: 20 September — 24 September

Operation: Bold Guard '82

Embarked Staff: Commander Amphibious Squadron Six  
Commander Marine Amphibious Unit Twenty Four

Narrative: This exercise was staged at Lolland, Denmark. This was the final amphibious assault exercise scheduled for Northern Europe for Shreveport, during this deployment.

Date: 5 October — 11 October

Operation: Display-Determination '82

Embarked Staff: Commander Amphibious Squadron Six  
Commander Marine Amphibious Unit Twenty Four

Narrative: This yearly amphibious assault was held at Saros Bay, Turkey. To arrive on time, Shreveport had to steam approximately 4,000 miles, 2,800 of which were done at full power, because the ships of MARG 2-82, who were originally scheduled for D-D '82, were in Beirut. Again, this was a joint NATO exercise, and Greek, Italian, and Turkish forces participated.

Date: 29 October — 31 December

Operation: Multi-National Peacekeeping Force (MNF)

Embarked Staff: Commander Amphibious Squadron Six  
Commander Marine Amphibious Unit Twenty Four

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*Narrative: Shreveport's primary mission in Beirut, Lebanon was to support the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit with food, supplies, and equipment.*

*b. Special Topics*

*(1) Command Organization: Captain Keith S. Jones relieved Captain Gary F. Wheatley as commanding officer on 13 February.*

*(2) Major Command Problems: None*

*(3) Significant Statistical Data: Shreveport logged its 18,000 mishap free helicopter landing in December during routine MNF operations.*

*(4) New Equipment and Major Material Casualties: None*

*3. Security Classification: Confidential*

  
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