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Encl: (1) 1986 Command History of USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is forwarded.
2. The year of 1986 saw USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) in the yards for most of the period. The year began in Coastal Dry Dock, Brooklyn, NY, as the ship continued her scheduled nine month Regular Overhaul (ROH) which began in October, 1985. Following several contract delays and labor problems, the ship departed Brooklyn on 2 July for a short stay at Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA. On 28 July, USS SHREVEPORT entered Jonathan Shipyard, Norfolk, Va, for a three month Restricted Availability (RAV). Following sea trials, preparations began for Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, scheduled for early 1987.


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JANUARY - JUNE 1986

USS SHREVEPORT began 1986 continuing her scheduled Regular Overhaul (ROH) at the Coastal Drydock Corporation, Brooklyn, NY. Major yard projects included installation of new communications equipment and antennas, and extensive reworking of the engineering plant. Other yard improvements included flight deck resurfacing, sandblasting of the ship's sides, and acquisition of new small boats. The yard period was marked, however, by shipyard labor and financial problems which ultimately resulted in bankruptcy proceedings being filed by Coastal Corporation. On 2 July, USS SHREVEPORT departed Brooklyn for Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, VA.

JULY 1986

USS SHREVEPORT pulled into Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, on 3 July to await orders for her upcoming Restricted Availability (RAV), the purpose of which was to complete jobs which had begun in Brooklyn. The location of the RAV was undecided until 16 July when the ship was ordered to Jonathan Corporation, Norfolk, VA. USS SHREVEPORT departed Little Creek 28 July for Norfolk.

AUGUST - OCTOBER 1986

USS SHREVEPORT spent the months of August, September, and October at the Jonathan Corporation undergoing RAV. During this period work on the ship's combat systems were completed, various offices refurbished, a new ship's store installed, and crew and troop living spaces were renovated. USS SHREVEPORT successfully passed the Command Inspection in September and completed RAV during October.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1986

The months of November and December saw USS SHREVEPORT transition from shipyard to the operational fleet. The final shipyard work was completed 25 November. Captain Henry Phillips, Commander, Amphibious Squadron TWELVE, cut a ceremonial ribbon to officially open the "Pelican's Roost", the crews newly renovated mess decks. Beginning in early November the ship started workups and intensive training in preparation for Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) scheduled for January.