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Encl: (1) Photograph of Captain R. L. Peterson,  
Commanding Officer  
(2) Biography of Captain R. L. Peterson,  
Commanding Officer  
(3) Chronology of Events For Calendar Year 1991  
(4) The Year In Review  
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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures 1 through 5 are forwarded.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991

At the beginning of 1991 USS Shreveport was into its fourth month of deployment in support of Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates in RAV yard period	2-12JAN91
End of Operation Desert Shield 0400 local	17JAN
Start of Operation Desert Storm	17JAN
Sea Soldier IV	26JAN-02FEB
Off coast of UAE, Persian Gulf LCAC assault rehearsal	08-15FEB
Embark Kuwaiti Marines	16FEB
HMLA-269 Departed for Saudi Arabia	26FEB
4 Iraqi POW's received	28FEB-01MAR
Cease Fire with Iraq	28FEB
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates port visit	07-11MAR
HMLA-269 embarked	12MAR
USCINCLANT ship visit	21MAR
Transitted Suez Canal	22-23MAR
Arrived Rota, Spain for Washdown	30MAR-03APR
Changed out engine on AH-1W (First time on an LPD)	11APR
OPPE	12-15APR
Arrived Morehead City, NC debarked RLT-2 and HMLA-269	16APR
Tiger Cruise	16APR
Returned home to Norfolk	17APR
Post Deployment Standdown	17APR-16MAY
IMAV USS Yellowstone	17-31MAY
Command Inspection	01-05JUN
Inport Upkeep	06-23JUN

Underway Virginia Capes Operation Area	13-14 JUN
Safety Survey	20 JUN
Change of Command	27 JUN
Departed Norfolk	01 JUL
Boston, MA port visit	03-08 JUL
Burial at Sea	09 JUL
Arrived Norfolk	10 JUL
CSSR Phase/II ASRR	29 JUL-09 AUG
Ammo offload G-Anchorage	13-16 AUG
DRAV Metro Machine Inc, Norfolk	26 AUG-20 SEP
Type Commanders Amphibious Training, Virginia Capes Operation Area	02-02 OCT
MARG 1-92 Workups, conducted 2 amphibious landings diverted to Vieques, Puerto Rico and conducted 2 Amphibious Landings	02-25 OCT
Ammo onload G-Anchorage	28-30 OCT
Supply Management Inspection	29 OCT-01 NOV
POM period	04 NOV-04 DEC
Departed Norfolk on MARG 1-92	05 DEC
Arrived Morehead City, NC onloaded 24 MEU	06 DEC
Departed Morehead City	06 DEC
Rota, Spain	18-19 DEC
Spanish Phiblex, Sierra de Retin	19-20 DEC
Palma De Mallorca, Spain port Visit	23 DEC-02 JAN

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This year started with USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) deployed in it's fourth month of support for Operation Desert Shield. On January 2 the ship entered Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a ten day high intensity maintenance availability. At 0300, Persian Gulf time, on 17 January, Operation Desert Shield ended and Operation Desert Storm began. USS SHREVEPORT was ordered to proceed 100 nautical miles off the coast of Kuwait. This was followed by a six week air bombardment of Iraq by coalition forces.

As the ground war commenced on 24 February, USS SHREVEPORT continued to conduct operations in the Northern Persian Gulf, approaching 30 nautical miles Southeast of Kuwait. Iraqi troops held fast in the belief that an amphibious landing was imminent. In less than 100 hours the ground war was over. Almost as quickly as USS SHREVEPORT was deployed to the Gulf, she was detached to return to her homeport of Norfolk, VA. After 250 days deployed with only 23 days in port, USS SHREVEPORT returned home to a hero's welcome on 17 April 1991.

SHREVEPORT's crew enjoyed a well deserved one month stand down followed by a one month Intermediate Maintenance Availability with USS YELLOWSTONE, a Command Inspection and extensive preparations for ship's Change of Command in June (see enclosure 4). During this time frame the ship's next deployment was moved up to November 1991. For the Fourth of July, USS SHREVEPORT traveled to Boston, MA where she helped celebrate our Nation's birthday. Upon returning to Norfolk, SHREVEPORT entered Metro Machine Inc. drydock for a much needed month of repair work on the hull.

After completion of all repairs, on 07 October, SHREVEPORT was underway again, conducting three weeks of pre-deployment work-ups off the coast of North Carolina and Puerto Rico. During work-ups and Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group MARG (1-92), USS SHREVEPORT served as flagship for Commander, Amphibious Squadron SIX and Commanding Officer, TWO FOUR Marine Expeditionary Unit. During November SHREVEPORT entered a one month and Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) period.

On 05 December USS SHREVEPORT deployed to the Mediterranean in support of MARG 1-92 after a seven month turn around between deployments. USS SHREVEPORT ended Calendar year 1991 at the Island of Palma De Mallorca, Spain to close out an eventful year.

## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

### 1. Mission:

a. Primary mission - To provide fast transport of combat troops and rapid landing ashore by vertical envelopment and by waterborne assault.

b. Secondary mission - Evacuation and civilian disaster relief.

### 2. Organization:

a. Immediate Superior In Command: Commander, Amphibious Squadron Twelve

b. Immediate Operational Commander - Commander, Amphibious Squadron Six

c. Commanding Officer - Captain Robert L. Peterson