

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY USS SHREVEPORT (LPD 12) FPO AE 09587-1714

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 To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard,
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- Subj: 1998 COMMAND HISTORY
- Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E
- Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
 - (2) Chronology of Events for Calendar Year 1998
 - (3) Narrative
 - (4) Supporting Documents
- 1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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By direction

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 Group TWO.

b. Immediate Operational Commander: Commander, Amphibious Squadron TWO from Jan 98 through Jun 98.

c. Commanding Officer: Captain Michael R. Groothousen

d. Executive Officer: LCDR Frake/LCDR Fuller

e. Department Heads: Operations Officer LCDR

CHRONOLOGY 1998

January					
22-30	Inport Valencia Spain				
30	Zone Inspection Deck Dept				
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01-03	Inport Valencia Spain				
03	Underway				
04	ENS CICWO Board				
	UAV Operations				
	BECCES/Main Space Fire Drill				
05	BECCES				
	General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill				
07	Advanced Clocks One Hour to -2B				
	UNREP with USNS LARAMIE				
08	Anchored Port Said				
09	Underway Transit Suez Canal				
10	ENS OOD Board				
10	ENS CICWO Board				
11	General Quarters-Mass Conflag Drill				
12	Advance Clocks One Hour to -3C				
12	Annual Heat Stress Training				
13	CBR Drill				
15	General Quarters				
14	25MM/.50 Cal Pacfire				
14	UNREP with USNS WALTER S.				
15	DIEHL				
16	Xsit Strait of Hormuz				
10					
10	Captain's Mast				
18	LCU Operations Moored Bahrain				
19					
20	Awards Ceremony				
	Underway General Quarters				
22	General Quarters UNREP with USS SEATTLE				
23					
	UAV Operations				
24	Rhib Operations				
24	UAV Operations				
	Flight Operations				
25	Rhib Operations/SVBSS Drill				
25	BECCES				
26	Flight Operations				
	General Quarters-Battle Problem				
27	Moored Kuwait				
28	COMGWBATGRU, RADM Mullen,				
	Visit				
March					
01	Flight Operations				
	MM3 Reenlistment				
	RM3 Reenlistment				
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March	cont.				
	US Ambassador to Kuwait, Honorable				
	Mr. Larocco, Visit				
02	ENS SWO Board				
	MJRGEN Bolden, Commanding				
	General I MEF FWD Visit				
	ENS CICWO Board				
03	E-4 Exam				
04	COMFIFTHFLT, VADM Fargo, Visit				
05	Underway from Kuwait E-5 Exam				
	LTJG OOD Board				
06	General Quarters/MSFD				
	Customs Inspection				
07	UNREP USNS WALTER S. DIEHL				
	VERTREP				
	PXO LCDR Fuller Reported				
08	Transit Western Traffic Separation				
	Scheme				
	Transit Strait of Hormuz				
09	Flight Operations				
	UAV Operations				
10	E-6 Exam				
12	RM3 Reenlistment				
13	ESWS Pining Ceremony				
14	Zone Inspection Operations Dept. Steel Beach Picnic				
14	Small Boat Operations				
15	Anchor Port Suez				
15	Man Overboard Port Suez				
17	Underway Transit Suez Canal				
17	Shipwide Saltwater Washdown				
	LT CDO Board				
	OS2 CICWO Board				
19	UNREP USNS BIG HORN				
20	Freshwater Washdown				
	Zone Inspection - Troop Spaces				
21	LT CDO Board				
22	Transit Strait of Gibraltar				
23	UNREP USS MERRIMACK				
	LTJG CDO Board				
	MMC EOOW Board				
24-26	Safety Standdown				
24	LT CDO Board				
25	3 Section Duty DC Training				
	LT LT Medical				
	SWO Board				
26	SOQ Board Engineering Evolutions/BECCES				
20 29	Awards Ceremony				
30	ENS OOD Board				
50	UNREP				
	Retard Clocks to +5 R				
31	Arrive Morehead City				

	Shipwide Zone Inspection
	24 MEU Offload
April	
01	Tigers Arrive
	Underway
02	Arrive Norfolk, VA
	Homecoming
02-18	First Leave Period
19-31	Second Leave Period
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<u>May</u> 01-04	Second Leave Devied (cont.)
01-04	Second Leave Period (cont.) PATG Visit
04-07	Light Off/Steam Testing
07	Fast Cruise
07	Work Definition Conference
11-19	TCAT
11-19	AAV Operations
	Flight Operations
	LCU Operations
	Small Boat Operations
11	Underway from Norfolk VA
13	Swing Ship
16	BECCES
10	General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
	Rehearsal H-Hour
17	Assault H-Hour
17	Offload
	Administrative General Quarters
18	Awards Ceremony
10	BECCES
	Main Space Fire Drill
19	Moor NAVSTA Norfolk
17	UAV Onload
20	General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
21	General Quarters/Main Space Fire Drill
	UAV Onload
22	Promotion Ceremony for ENS
	ENS E
	Frocking Ceremony for FTCS
25-29	PLOT I
25	Midshipmen Embark LANTRAMID I
29	Ammo Offload
	AS2 Reenlistment Ceremony
	WPIC
June	
01-04	Ammo Offload
01	Underway
	Arrive Yorktown VA

04	Underway
	Arrive Norfolk VA

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05	Onload SBU 22 / 2nd RECON BN /				
VC-6					
	DPMA Pre-Arrival Conference				
08-21	Exercise MARCOT/UNIFIED SPIRIT				
	UAV Ops				
	Flight Ops				
	Rhib Ops				
	LCU Ops				
	Man Overboard Drills				
08	Underway				
	MSFD				
10	Advance Clocks to +3P				
	At Sea Fire Drill				
	Safety Standdown				
	EN2 Reenlistment				
11	Arrive Halifax, Nova Scotia				
	HDU Launch Rehearsal				
	Underway				
14	UNREP USS WHIRLWIND /				
	USS TEMPEST				
16	Awards Ceremony				
	Moor Halifax Nova Scotia				
18	Midshipmen Debark				
19	Underway				
	OOD Board ENS				
20	Stream Nixie				
	Retard Clocks to +4 Q				
21	Family Day Cruise				
	Moor Norfolk VA				
22	Defuel				
	Crane Inspection				
	NATO Secret Control Inspection				
	Offload RATO				
	GSE Offload				
	UAV Offload				
24	Underway				
	Moor Metro Machine Shipyard				
25	Shipyard Arrival Conference				
26	ESWS Pinning Ceremony				
	Ship Offload				
27	MOGAS Tank Cleaning				
29-30	Stores Offload				
July					
01-02	Stores Offload				
01	SWO Board LTJG				

CPG2 RADM Holder Visit 04

PLOT II 07-10 SK1 Reenlistment Awards Ceremony EM3 Reenlistm 08 10 Reenlistment 14 HMC **CAP** Ceremony f Reenlistment

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17	Frocking Ceremony				
21	OMBUDSMAN Meeting with CO				
	Intel Oversight Inspection				
23	LDO Board MM1				
27	Awards Ceremony				
28	Sponsor TRENTON Homecoming				
30	CCO Frocking Ceremony				
	CPG2 RADM Holder Visit				
August					
03-14	Snapshot Inspection				
05	CO's CPG2 Meeting				
12	OMBUDSMAN Luncheon				
14	ABFC(AW) Retires				
	YN1(SW) Reenlistment				
	Safety Stand Down				
20	Prevent Training				
31	Prevent Training				
Septeml	ber				
01-02					
	Hail and Farewell CPO/Officer Bowl				
	Off				
02	DPMA Fifty Percent Conference				
	SM2(SW) Reenlistment				
08-18	Indoc				
09	XO Command Qual Board				
10	E4 Advancement Exam				
	SIMA Mid-availability Conference				
11	LTJG CDO Board				
14	ENS SWO Board				
15	E5 Advancement Exam				
	PMS Reduction Brief				
16	OSSN Advancement Ceremony				
16-18	Shiphandling Complex MSI				
17	E6 Advancement Exam				
18	SK2 Reenlistment				
	BM2 Reenlistment				
21	ET2 Reenlistment				
22	CO's Flight Physical				
23	Golden Anchor Inspection				
	COMPHIBGRU TWO Visit				
28	Crew Photo in Drydock				
30	APL Movement				
	Pizza Night				
October					
01	Exit Drydock				
02	Awards Ceremony				
05	Refuel DFM				
	FAADCLANT Surprise Inspection				
06	Refuel DFM/JP-5				
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October cont.					
	C4I Symposium				
08-09	Class A School Detailer Visit				
09	Awards Ceremony				
12	E6 and Below Dry Stores Movement				
15	LT CDO Board				
19-23	Pre LOA Assist Visit				
21	MSSN Reenlistment				
23	RM2 Reenlistment				
25	Retard clocks to +5R				
26	Crew move back aboard				
	CPG-2 RADM Holder Visit				
	Mess Decks Grand Opening				
27-30	Light Off Assessment				
30	Light Off				
Novemb	er				
01-06	Steam Testing				
02	MM3 Reenlistment				
03	Awards Board				
	LTJG SWSCO Board				
04	Shipwide Zone Inspection				
05	Navigation Brief				
06	Dock Trials				
	Fast Cruise				
09	Navigation Brief				
	Sea and Anchor				
	ULM Run				
	AFFF Shoot				
	Full Power Run				
	Anchor Drop Test				
	Ballast Operations				
	Swing Ship				
10	BECCES/MSFD				
	Sea and Anchor				
	Moored Norfolk VA				
	AVCERT				
12	RM2 Reenlistment				
16-20	HORSE				
16 18	Awards Board Pre Arrival Conference Yorktown				
18	General Medical Officer's Conference				
19	TCAT Planning Conference				
20	SK3 Reenlistment				
20	SN Reenlistment				
24	SIMA IMAV Outbrief				
30	Navigation Brief				
50	Sea and Anchor				
	Moored Yorktown Naval Weapons				
	Station				
	Ammo Onload				
	ITT Drill				

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01-03	Ammo Onload			
	ITT Drill			
03	Sea and Anchor			
	Moored Norfolk VA			
04	BECCES/MSFD			
	SH3 Reenlistment			
07-11	CART II			
	ITT Drill			
08	CO visit CPG-2			
10	BECCES/MSFD			
	Navigation Brief			
11	Sea and Anchor			
	Underway VACAPES			
	ECERT			
	ABH3 Reenlistment			
	Moored Norfolk VA			
12	Holiday Children's Party			
14	ITT Drill			
	CART II Outbrief			
	COMNAVSTA Norfolk Visit			
15-17	TSTA I CSTG			
	ARE			
17	Ship Holiday Party			
18-28				
28-31	Second Leave Period			

Enclosure (2)

USS SHREVEPORT began 1998 with the second half of her Mediterranean deployment. During a port visit to Valencia Spain in January, SHREVEPORT was unexpectedly ordered to the Arabian Gulf to support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Fortunately, the ship's deployment was not extended and SHREVEPORT returned to Norfolk VA in the beginning of April.

After a well deserved stand-down period, the ship's next commitment included Type Commander's Amphibious Training (TCAT) in Onslow Bay, North Carolina. TCAT provided a good warm-up for Exercise MARCOT/UNIFIED SPIRIT which was held in June. SHREVEPORT filled the role of Advanced Force Command during the mock amphibious operation and assault in St. George's Bay, Canada.

Upon completion of the exercise, SHREVEPORT launched into a four month drydock maintenance availability at Metro Machine Shipyard, Norfolk VA. The ship had significant work done on both main propulsion boilers, ballast tanks, and hull preservation.

After the availability, the ship began in earnest the inspection cycle leading into the basic phase of training. From November through the first half of December, SHREVEPORT successfully completed Light Off Assessment (LOA), Aviation Certification (AVCERT), HORSE, Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART II), Engineering Certification (ECERT), and ARE. The ship finished out the year with an outstanding holiday party and a leave period.

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