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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology of Events for Calendar Year 1999  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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D. K. BAGGETT  
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 SIX

c. Commanding Officer: Captain E. W. Herbert, III

d. Executive Officer: LCDR D. E. Gilbert

e. Department Heads: Operations Officer LCDR [REDACTED]

Chief Engineer LT [REDACTED]

Air Boss LCDR [REDACTED]

Supply Officer LT [REDACTED]

First Lieutenant LCDR [REDACTED]

Medical Officer LT [REDACTED]

Dental Officer LT [REDACTED]

January

01-08 Second Leave Period  
13 CICWO Board LTJG [REDACTED]  
Visit by Capt Starling  
14 Awards Ceremony  
CDO Board LTJG [REDACTED]  
15 IC1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
EM3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
20 Sea and Anchor Detail  
Low Visibility Drill  
Stop and Lock Engineering Drills  
Swept Channel/Loss of Gyro Drills  
Moored NAVSTA Norfolk  
Embark USMC Students  
21 E7 Exam  
Moor to a Buoy Exercise  
School Partnership Orientation  
Ombudsman Luncheon  
NEO Brief/Walkthru  
22 Zone Inspection  
25-29 TSTA II (CSTG)  
26- Indoc  
27-28 50 Man Working Party – Stores Onload  
29 Awards Ceremony  
Mini Conflag Drill  
WPIC (SIMA)

February

01-11 TCAT  
Precision Anchorage  
Man Overboard Exercises  
EW EMCON Drills  
General Quarters/Mass Conflag  
LCU Operations  
Flight Operations  
BECCES  
LCU Operations  
At Sea Fire Party Drills  
PUBEX  
01 Nav Brief  
Stern Gate Marriage  
Sea and Anchor  
Low Visibility Drill  
Loss of Gyro/Swept Channel Drill  
Stop and Lock Drills  
LCU Alongside Cargo Handling  
02 LCAC Operations  
Awards Ceremony  
NEO Exercise Walkthrough  
CONN/Steer at Secondary Station  
SNOOPY Exercise  
03 ARG Rendezvous  
CIWS/25MM/50 Cal PACFIRE  
Detect-to-Engage Exercise

04 Helo Crash and Salvage Drill  
 05 Swing Ship  
 06 RM1 ██████ Reenlistment  
 EW Detect-to-Engage Drill  
 07 Rehearsal/Assault Brief  
 ATG Arrives  
 09 Assault  
 10 CBR Drill  
 12 Awards Ceremony  
 Sea and Anchor Detail  
 Moor Miami, FL  
 13-14 Ship tours  
 16 Underway  
 LTJG ██████ OOD Board  
 Flight Ops  
 17 Zone Inspection  
 UNREP USNS PATUXENT  
 18 CIWS TDU shoot  
 Sea and Anchor Detail  
 Moor Norfolk VA  
 19 30 Man Working Party  
 24 OS1 ██████ Reenlistment  
 26 MM1 ██████ Reenlistment  
 CICWO Oral Boards

March

02-05 TSTA III  
 General Quarters Drills  
 Flight Operations  
 EMCON Drill  
 BECCES  
 02 E-4 Exam  
 Underway  
 Loss of Gyro/Low Vis Drills  
 Precision Anchorage  
 Small Boat Attack  
 Swept Channel  
 03 TOWEX with USS ASHLAND  
 Swing Ship  
 04 E-5 Exam  
 Stream Nixie  
 CBR Drill  
 05 Moor Norfolk VA  
 08-10 FEP  
 08 Underway  
 LCU Operations  
 NVG DLQ's  
 09 E-6 Exam  
 NVG DLQ's  
 10 Moor Norfolk VA  
 11-12 ARG Commander's Conference  
 15-19 MEUSOC Work Conference  
 15 20 Man Working Party  
 16- IMAV  
 16 50 Man Working Party

23 CDO Board - LTJG [REDACTED]  
 24 MMC [REDACTED] EOOB Board  
 LTJG [REDACTED] SWO Board  
 25 LT [REDACTED] SWO Board  
 26 CWO2 [REDACTED] OOD Board  
 ENS [REDACTED] OOD Board  
 27 Admin Boards  
 29-31 PARSE  
 Hull Cleaning  
 30 Berth Shift  
 Quality of Life Inspection  
 31 CWO2 [REDACTED] CDO Board  
 LTJG [REDACTED] CDO Board  
 Fast Cruise

April

01-02 PARSE  
 Hull Cleaning  
 01 DT2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
 Promotion Ceremony  
 02 HT1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
 MMCM [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
 06 Change of Command  
 08-15 Industrial Hygiene Survey  
 12 ARG Commander's Conference  
 12-15 Environmental Health Survey  
 13 Small Arms Qualls  
 Light Off/Steam Testing  
 German Navy Band Tour  
 14 Frocking Ceremony  
 15 100 Man Working Party  
 16 Fast Cruise  
 MM1 [REDACTED] Reenlistment  
 19 Boiler Light Off  
 PMINT Advance Party arrives  
 PMINT Presail Conference  
 20-29 PMINT  
 LCU Operations  
 Small Boat Operations  
 Man Overboard Drills  
 Flight Operations  
 SBU Operations  
 CRRC Operations  
 AAV Operations  
 LCAC Operations  
 Anchor Operations  
 At Sea Fire Party drills  
 BECCES  
 EMCON Drills  
 20 Underway  
 Low Vis/Swept Channel Drill  
 21 Arrive/Depart Moorhead City  
 Amphib Onload  
 23 Leap Frogs  
 Synthetic Highline Transfer with BATAAN

- 24 Mass Casualty Exercise
- 26 Rehearsal Assault
- 27 Assault
- 28 UNREP USNS PATUXENT  
Moor Norfolk VA
- 29 Retirement STGCM(SW) [REDACTED]  
20 Man Working Party

May

- 5 I Division  
HURREX 99 Brief
- 7 Awards Ceremony  
I Division  
Counterfeit Currency Training
- 10 Fresh Water Washdown  
TARGET/CSRR PHASE I/SESI INBRIEF
- 11 CLEVELAND INST OF TECH REP BRIEF  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- 12 MANPOWER DOCUMENT REVIEW  
SPONSOR PROGRAM TRAINING  
CO'S MAST  
TOP TEN GOALS REVIEW
- 13 CO'S CALL  
OVRB BRIEF
- 14 MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY LUNCH
- 18 DIESEL TREND  
MHE TRAINING  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
CO/DH MEETING  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
SECURITY TRAINING
- 19 DIESEL TREND  
MHE TRAINING  
FINANCIAL TRAINING (E3 & BELOW)
- 24 CSRR/TARGET INBRIEF  
LMA INBRIEF  
PROMOTION CEREMONY  
GRAND OPENING CEREMONY-CHIEFS MESS
- 25 LFORM ONLOAD  
PLANT LITE-OFF  
SAFETY COUNCIL MEETING
- 26 PLANT LITE-OFF (STEAM TESTING)  
BLOOD DRIVE  
SNA MEETING
- 27 50 MAN WORKING PARTY  
HAZMAT SURVEY  
PACE INSTRUCTOR BRIEF  
LMA OUTBRIEF  
MS1 [REDACTED] REENLISTMENT

June

- 1 MIDSHIPMAN ARRIVAL
- 2 50 MAN WORKING PARTY  
MIDSHIPMAN ORIENTATION

C4I FAST CRUISE  
 OPLAW PLANNING  
 WARGAME BRIEF  
 OPLAW BRIEF  
 3 WARGAME TACTRAGRULANT  
 4 FROCKING CEREMONY  
 PROMOTION CEREMONY  
 7 FAST CRUISE  
 NAV BRIEF/AMMO ONLOAD BRIEF  
 8 UNDERWAY ENROUTE YORKTOWN NAVAL WEAPONS STATION  
 MOORED YORKTOWN  
 AMMO ONLOAD  
 9 NROTC ACADEMY DEBRIEF  
 11 AWARDS CEREMONY/TOP TEN GOALS PRESENTATION  
 ONLOAD LIMA COMPANY  
 SNA MIDSHIPMEN GATHERING  
 12 CRRC OPS  
 14 SEMI-ANNUAL PRT  
 LIMA COMPANY CARGO ONLOAD  
 MK V REFUEL BRIEF  
 CRRC CONOPS BRIEF  
 15 NAVOSH INSPECTION INBRIEF  
 SEMI-ANNUAL PRT  
 CRRC OPS  
 PACE ORIENTATION  
 MEDICAL READINESS EXAMINATION INBRIEF  
 ONLOAD MEUEX CARGO  
 16 AMMO ON LOAD  
 PLANT LIGHT-OFF FOR STEAM TESTING  
 MEUEX EMBARK CONFERENCE  
 Y2K FAST CRUISE  
 USS ASHLAND COC  
 NAVOSH OUTBRIEF  
 CRRC OPS  
 17 ONLOAD SBU  
 QOL INSPECTION  
 MEUEX/SACEX FPC - CAMP LEJUNE  
 18 FROCKING CEREMONY  
 CRRC OPS  
 COMPHIBRON FOUR COC (USS NASSAU)  
 OFFICER CALL WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
 UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BRIEF (ATG)  
 21 EMBARK COM ELE/ADV PARTY/MEU STAFF  
 PRE-SAIL CONFERENCE - BATAAN  
 22 LCU OPS  
 SESEF RANGE  
 23 LCU OPS  
 PIERSIDE MOREHEAD CITY  
 AMPHIB ONLOAD  
 REENLISTMENT CEREMONY  
 C2W PUBEX  
 24 DWTS TESTING  
 EMCON EXERCISE  
 BECCES  
 MED REG EXERCISE  
 EDATF EXERCISE

25 EMCON EXERCISE  
 CRRC OPS  
 DWTS TESTING  
 26 EMCON EXERCISE  
 CRRC OPS  
 Y2K TESTING  
 DWTS TESTING  
 27 ES RAPID SIGNAL RECOGNITION  
 28 EMCON EXERCISE  
 SOQ BOARD  
 29 C2W PUBEX  
 30 LCU OPS  
 BECCES/MSFD  
 OOD BOARD  
 TRANSIT TO NORFOLK  
 TACTICAL MANEUVERS/FLAG HOIST  
 CIWS PACFIRE  
 .50 CAL SHOOT  
 ASFP  
 FLASHING LIGHT  
 STREAM NIXIE

July

1 UNREP W/USNS BIG HORN  
 .50 CAL FAMFIRE/CIWS PACFIRE  
 LCU OPS  
 MOORED  
 2 MOGAS INSPECTION  
 RETIREMENT CEREMONY  
 6 AVCAL ON LOAD  
 7 PACE ORIENTATION  
 8 AVCAL ON LOAD  
 PACE ORIENTATION  
 12 RETIREMENT CEREMONY  
 13 Y2K TESTING  
 SIMA ARRIVAL CONFERENCE  
 14 PLANT LIGHT-OFF  
 15 UNDERWAY  
 LCU OPS  
 ASFP EXERCISE  
 BECCES  
 16 LCU OPS  
 MOORED MOREHEAD CITY  
 ONLOAD  
 UNAIDED VERTREP  
 17 C2W PUBEX  
 RHIB OPS  
 EDATF  
 LCU OPS  
 RAID WILMINGTON NC (ARG SPLIT)  
 18 JTFEX 99-2  
 BACKLOAD RAID PACKAGE  
 SPLIT ARG CROSS DECK  
 FAST ROPE/SPIE EXTRACT - EOD  
 19 C2W PUBEX



CLOSE IN REFUEL  
 LDO BOARDS  
 MASS CASUALTY/MED REG EXERCISE  
 H-HOUR  
 MK V RDVU/REFUEL  
 20 SMALL BOAT OPS  
 HVBSS W/NSW  
 21 LCU OPS  
 H-HOUR  
 SACEX ASSAULT  
 22 LCU OPS  
 23 C2W PUBEX  
 TEST RUN EDGS  
 OFF LOAD  
 SACEX FINEX  
 24 LCU OPS  
 MOORED NORVA  
 26 CSRR  
 28 FMAV  
 CSRR  
 29 FMAV  
 CSRR  
 30 FMAV  
 CSRR  
 31 FMAV  
 MOGAS ONLOAD

August

1 FMAV  
 2 FMAV  
 3 FMAV  
 SOCEX FPC  
 4 FMAV  
 SOCEX CARGO ON LOAD  
 5 FMAV  
 6 FMAV  
 BOAT DAVIT WEIGHT TEST  
 MSA TRAINING  
 7 MOGAS ON LOAD  
 PWC CRANE OPS  
 8 PLANT LIGHT-OFF  
 9 SOCEX  
 LCU OPS  
 10 LCU OPS  
 MOORED MOREHEAD CITY  
 11 RHIB OPS  
 MED REG EXERCISE  
 PHOTO EX (ARG)  
 12 CIWS DTE  
 CRRC OPS  
 13 SOCEX  
 RHIB OPS  
 NEO  
 DECEPTIVE LIGHTING  
 14 SOCEX

LCU OPS  
 LCAC OPS  
 15 SOCEX  
 BGEN FLANAGAN ARRIVES  
 16 SOCEX  
 PHIBGRU TWO ARRIVES  
 17 SOCEX  
 19 UNREP RAS/SYNTH HIGHLINE  
 EWSW PINNING CEREMONY  
 LCU OPS  
 MOORED NORVA  
 FIRST LEAVE PERIOD  
 20 RHIB OFF LOAD  
 STERNGATE SEAL WORK  
 23 MESS DECKS RESURFACING  
 28 USMC FAMILY DAY TOURS  
 30 PLANT LIGHT- OFF/STEAM TESTING  
 CDO BOARD  
 AFT DIESEL TREND  
 FORCE MASTER CHIEF VISIT  
 31 PARENT/CHILD DEPLOYMENT BRIEF

September

1 RETIREMENT CEREMONY  
 7 CNSL VISIT  
 8 SHORE/AFLOAT COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE  
 9 GATOR JOIN-UP  
 E-4 EXAM  
 STARBOARD WINCH WEIGHT TEST  
 10 FAST CRUISE  
 11 UNDERWAY  
 OMBUDSMAN APPRECIATION PRESENTATION  
 MOORED NORVA  
 13 CRUISEBOOK PHOTOS  
 14 CARGO ON LOAD  
 AMMO ON LOAD  
 15 HURRICANE SORTIE  
 16 ASFP DRILL  
 CPO PINNING CEREMONY  
 17 UNREP  
 EOOW BOARD  
 18 CFC KEYPERSON MEETING  
 ANCHOR MILE HAMMOCK BAY  
 19 LCU OPS  
 SHIFT ANCHORAGE  
 20 LCU OPS  
 PACE REGISTRATION  
 LCAC OPS  
 COMMENCE TRANSLANT  
 21 I DIVISION  
 UNREP USNS BIG HORN  
 DECEPTIVE LIGHTING  
 22 PUBEX  
 ADVANCE CLOCKS +3P  
 CHAFF LAUNCH

SMOKING CESSATION CLASS  
 BECCES  
 23 C2W PUBEX  
 NIXIE DETAIL  
 ASW EXERCISE  
 VISUAL COMMS DRILL  
 Y2K COMMS COOP  
 EMCON DRILLS  
 MASS CASUALTY DRILL  
 24 EMCON EXERCISE  
 LT COL ADDRESS TROOPS  
 25 C2W PUBEX  
 UNREP  
 ADVANCE CLOCKS TO +2"O"  
 26 NIXIE STREAM  
 27 PHOTO-EX  
 ADVANCE CLOCKS TO +1N  
 ROE/LAW AT SEA TRAINING  
 CPR6/22MEU VISIT  
 C2W EXERCISES  
 28 ADVANCE CLOCKS TO +0 "Z"  
 STT  
 29 ADVANCE CLOCKS -1"A"  
 CPR6 VISIT  
 30 C2W PUBEX  
 ADVANCE CLOCKS -2 "B"

October

1 INCHOP COMSIXTHFLT  
 ANCHOR ROTA SPAIN  
 CRRC LAUNCH  
 TURNOVER W/CPR2&26 MEU  
 4 INPORT PALAMOS SPAIN  
 6 VISIT SHIP  
 MEDIEVAL FEAST  
 9 SBU CRRC PROFICIENCY RUNS  
 11 C2W PUBEX  
 UNREP  
 CRRC/SBU OPS  
 12 EW EXERCISE  
 CONREP  
 13 MAIN PROP SHAFT THRUST READINGS  
 C2W PUBEX  
 14 C2W PUBEX  
 FLASHING LIGHT DRILL  
 AWARD CEREMONY  
 EMCON EXERCISE  
 CLIMBING OPS  
 15 EXERCISE BRIGHT STAR  
 LCU OPS  
 16 LARC OPS  
 17 PL-2 LAUNCH  
 SHR ADMIN BOAT  
 H HOUR  
 WET WELL OPS

LCAC OPS  
CRRC OPS  
18 ANCHOR AOA A-4  
WET WELL OPS

November

6 INPORT RHODES GREECE  
10 UNDERWAY  
13 INPORT HAIFA ISRAEL  
15-18 PMA SHIP CHECKS  
16-17 ETG MCA  
26-27 BACKLOAD  
27 UNDER SECNAV VISIT  
28 UNDERWAY (ENROUTE) SIRACUSA SICILY

December

03-09 INPORT SIRACUSA, SICILY  
9 UNDERWAY (ENROUTE) MALTA  
10 RAS (F) WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL  
11 RAS(S) WITH USNS CONCORD  
12 FLIGHT OPS  
14 PHOTOEX  
FLIGHT OPS  
15 MSSG-22 MACHINE GUN FAMFIRE  
FLIGHT OPS  
16 FLIGHT OPS  
SNIPER HELO SHOOT  
LTGEN PACE VISIT - COMARFORLANT  
17 PHOTOEX  
FLIGHT OPS  
18 RAS/VERTREP WITH USNS JOHN LENTHALL  
19 LCU OPS  
SWO BOARD  
20 INPORT MALTA  
25 CHRISTMAS MEAL

Following holiday stand down, SHREVEPORT returned to the fast and furious pre-deployment work up schedule. In February SHREVEPORT was underway for TESTA I and TCAT. This underway period included a port visit to Miami, FL.

While March was spent inport, it was no less busy. SHREVEPORT completed TESTA III, FEP, and an IMAV. The ship also began a major communications upgrade, replacing the antiquated LAN with the new IT-21 system. This was also the month the 22<sup>nd</sup> MEU, SHREVEPORT's Marine Corps element stood up. The 22<sup>nd</sup> MEU and LPD-12 would be partnered up for the rest of the year, including the deployment in September.

April was a significant month for SHREVEPORT, starting off with the Change of Command. Capt M. R. Groothusen was relieved as Commanding Officer of SHREVEPORT by Capt E. W. Herbert on 6 April 1999. The rest of the month was just as eventful. The middle of the month was taken up with the Industrial Hygiene Survey, ARG Commander's conference, and Environmental Health Survey. The month was wrapped up with SHREVEPORT getting underway for 9 days to conduct PMINT with the BATAANARG.

The month of May was spent inport. However, it was no less busy. SHREVEPORT successfully completed 4 major inspections. TARGET, CSRR, and SESI were completed concurrently. LMA was completed at the end of the month.

June saw the end of SHREVEPORT's inter-deployment training cycle. It was now time to integrate with the rest of the ARG. After SHREVEPORT's weapons on-load in Yorktown, on-loading of MSSG 22, the 22<sup>nd</sup> MEU's Lima Company, and the Quality of Life inspection the entire ARG got underway for MEUEX.

The ARG was again underway during the middle of July for SACEX. Upon SHREVEPORT's return home she quickly and successfully completed CSRR PHASE II and FMAV.

August began the last phase of the BATAANARG's pre-deployment work-ups. The first half of the month was consumed by an underway period to conduct SOCEX. Upon returning, SHREVEPORT's crew began a well-deserved POM stand down.

After the stand down, SHREVEPORT and the rest of the ARG deployed three days early due to a hurricane sortie. This led to the ARG conducting the first "over the beach" on-load of the 22<sup>nd</sup> MEU because of hurricane damage to Moorhead City.

Upon completion of a successful Atlantic Ocean transit, the BATAANARG in-chopped to SIXTH Fleet. After relieving the KEARSARGEARG in Rota, Spain, the SHREVEPORT had the pleasure of conducting a port visit to Palamos, Spain. This was the first U. S. warship to visit Palamos since World War II. After Palamos, the rest of the month was spent in the multi-national exercise Operation Bright Star in Egypt.

With the completion of Bright Star in the beginning of November, SHREVEPORT pulled into Rhodes, Greece for some well-deserved liberty. After Rhodes, it was on to Haifa, Israel for the pre-PMA inspection, tender availability ship checks, and engineering focused visit from ATG Norfolk. While the SHREVEPORT Sailors were immersed in their jobs, the Marines conducted Operation Noble Shirley.

The excitement of the holiday season saw SHREVEPORT on her way to Siracusa, Italy for a port visit after conducting Adriatic operations supporting NATO interests. After Italy, it was off to Valetta, Malta for Christmas and New Years.