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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05D2)  
Subj: Command History (OPNAV Report 5750-1) (U)  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C  
Encl: (1) (U) USS TARAWA Officer Precedence List 28 October 1982  
(2) (U) Change of Command Information

1. (U) The calendar year 1982 Command History for USS TARAWA (LHA 1) is submitted in accordance with guidance contained in reference (a).

a. (C) Basic History

(1) (U) Command Organization

(a) (U) Commanding Officer

1 Jan 82-26 Feb 82: Dwight D. TIMM, Captain  
US Navy, [redacted]  
Lineal #001478-60  
DOR 1 Jul 1976

26 Feb 82-31 Dec 82: Kent R. SIEGEL, Captain  
US Navy, [redacted]  
Lineal #001478-60  
DOR 1 Mar 1979

(b) (U) Mission and Function of Command:

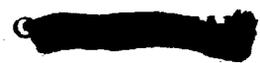
The Amphibious Task Force, which executes tasks in support of the Navy's force projection mission, can be composed of LHA, LPH, LPD, LSD, LKA and LST class ships. TARAWA, the lead ship of the LHA class of General Purpose Amphibious Assault Ships, combines the functional capabilities of the LPH, LPD/LSD and LKA to deliver a balanced payload, by air and/or surface operations, in an amphibious assault. Explicitly, a former Chief of Naval Operations defined the LHA's mission: "To embark, deploy, and land elements of a Marine Landing Force in an assault by helicopters, landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and by any combination of these methods."

(c) (U) Composition of Command

The command is composed of USS TARAWA (LHA 1) and organic assets which include one UH-1H helicopter BUNO 160830, and 2 LCM-6 and 4 LCPL assault boats. Ship's complement includes 61 commissioned officers and 851 enlisted personnel as of 31 December 1982.

(d) (U) TARAWA was homeported at Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA from 1 January 82 to 5 August 82 while undergoing a complex overhaul. On 6 August 82 TARAWA's homeport was shifted to Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

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(2) (C) Summary of Operations and Special Events for Calendar Year 1982

1 Jan-6 Jul 82 Inport Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA

26 Feb 82 Change of Command

14 Apr 82 Awarded Navy "E" Ribbon for Operations during the period of 1 July 1980 - 31 December 1982

7-10 Jul 82 Sea Trials #1

11-19 Jul 82 Inport Long Beach Naval Shipyard, continuation of Complex Overhaul

20-23 Jul 82 Sea Trials #2

24 Jul-11 AUG 82 Inport Long Beach Naval Shipyard, continuation of complex overhaul

6 Aug 82 Homeport shifted from Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Long Beach, CA, to Naval Station, San Diego, CA

12 Aug 82 CHOP TO COMPHIBRON ONE

24-27 Aug 82 Exercise KERNEL EGRESS CPX

28-31 Aug 82 Inport Long Beach, CA

1 Sep 82 At sea, transit to San Diego, CA

2 Sep 82 Arrived Naval Station, San Diego, CA

3 Sep-3 Oct 82 Inport San Diego, CA

27 Sep 82 Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trial (CSSQT - Inport Phase)

4-8 Oct 82 At sea for CSSQT SOCAL Op Area

9-11 Oct 82 Inport San Diego, CA

12-15 Oct 82 Refresher Training (REFTRA) SOCAL Op Area

16-17 Oct 82 Inport San Diego, CA

18-22 Oct 82 At sea, REFTRA SOCAL Op Area

23-24 Oct 82 Inport San Diego, CA

25-29 Oct 82 At sea, REFTRA SOCAL Op Area

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- 30 Oct-1 Nov 82 Inport San Diego, CA
- 02 Nov 82 Transit to Seal Beach, CA
- 03-04 Nov 82 Seal Beach, LFORM/MLA Ammunition on load
- 05 Nov 82 Transit to San Diego, CA
- 06-23 Nov 82 Inport San Diego, CA
- 24 -30 Nov 82 At sea for INSURV Underway Material Readiness Inspection, and drills, SOCAL Op Area
- 1 Dec-10 Dec 82 Inport San Diego, CA
- 11 Dec-16 Dec 82 At sea, SOCAL Op Area, Engineering Casualty Control Drills, Boat operations, Wet Well operations.
- 17 Dec-31 Dec 82 Inport, San Diego, CA. Holiday Upkeep Period.

**b. (U) Narrative History and Special Topics**

(1) (U) The major event of 1982 was TARAWA's completion of her complex overhaul. This event, which began on 22 July 1981 and which was completed 14 months later on 27 August 1982, was a major evolution which involved all departments on the ship.

(a) (U) The engineering plant received extensive modifications with the installation of SHIPALT 165K, and the following propulsion and auxiliary control systems were overhauled or extensively modified:

- a. Main Steam
- b. Feedwater
- c. Fuel Oil
- d. Combustion Air
- e. Burner Management
- f. Soot Blower
- g. Sea Water Circulation
- h. Deaerating Feed Tank
- i. Condensate
- j. Lubricating Oil
- k. Turbine/Bearing Temperature
- l. Status Indication and Alarm

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- m. Main Engine Throttle
- n. Ship Control
- o. Electric Power Generator
- p. Fire Alarm
- q. Drainage Alarm
- r. Fuel Oil Heating Steam Contamination
- s. Fresh Water Indication and Alarm
- t. Auxiliary Steam Valve Control
- u. Compressed Air
- v. Ventilation Control
- w. Refrigeration Control
- x. Air Conditioning Plant Monitoring
- y. Turbine Driven Fire Pumps
- z. Propulsion Control and Indication Power Supplies

From 20-21 May, and 8-9 June, the Engineering Department successfully completed light-off examinations for Number 2 and Number 1 main machinery spaces, respectfully.

(b) (U) The Operations Department received refurbishment to TARAWA's NTDS system, radars, and communications equipment. Additionally the ship's AN/WLR-1 electronic warfare suite was replaced by an AN/SLQ-32 V-3 electronic warfare system, which provides TARAWA with a quantum increase in her defensive electronic warfare capability.

(c) (U) The Communications Department received a general overhaul/refurbishment of its computer and peripheral gear. Additionally, TARAWA's message handling capability was substantially increased by the receipt and installation of the following equipment: A double density thin film memory for the AN/UYK-7 computer to increase computer snap time, an AN/SA-1848 comm switching unit to provide increased patching capability, and two AN/USQ-69 message preparation terminals were added.

(d) (U) Medical/Dental spaces were completely refurbished by the ship's work force during the complex overhaul. This quality improvement program has resulted in a higher state of readiness being available.

(e) (U) TARAWA's Air Department received an expansion of her flight deck handling capability, when spot #3 was moved forward and spot #3A (and associated lighting equipment) was established between spot #3 and the forward edge of the island

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structure. Air Department also completed preservation and refurbishment of its work spaces during the complex overhaul.

(f) (U) AIMD Department conducted an overhaul of all TARAWA's Material Handling and Ground Support Equipment during this yard period. The department's work force also conducted preservation and refurbishment of all AIMD spaces. Efforts were initiated to consolidate the on board AIMD and OE Division calibration facilities.

(g) (U) Deck Department received shipyard support in refurbishment of TARAWA's MK-86 gun fire control system, AN/SPS-52B Radar, BPDMS system, and additional work was conducted on the 5" 54 gun mounts. The Deck Department work force completed extensive preservation and renovation of work spaces during this time frame.

(h) (U) TARAWA's Supply Department received an Integrated Logistics Overhaul during her time in Long Beach, and completed a security upgrade of eleven storerooms. The aviation stores, stock central, and supply officers' offices as well as interconnection vestibules were redesigned and upgraded as well. All food service equipment was repaired/replaced. CPO Mess decking was replaced, and berthing spaces on the 02 level were refurbished. Throughout the period of TARAWA's Complex Overhaul, TARAWA's crew subsisted on board, with a resultant savings of many thousands of man-hours and associated dollars.

(2) (C) Prior to completion of from her complex overhaul, TARAWA conducted two sea trials on 7-10 July and 20-23 July. TARAWA chopped to COMPHIBRON ONE on 12 August in time for the 24-27 Aug KERNEL EGRESS CPX. On 1 September, TARAWA slipped her berth at Pier #2 Naval Station, Long Beach and commenced her transit to Pier #7 Naval Station, San Diego, homeport of the "Eagle of the Sea." September saw TARAWA begin an accelerated post-overhaul predeployment schedule. A five week routine WCAP (Waterfront Corrective Action Program) post-overhaul survey commenced. The inport phase of CSSQT (Combat System Ship's Qualification Trial) began on 27 September and the intensive 4-8 October at sea phase of CSSQT was conducted thereafter. The following three days inport (9-11 Oct) in San Diego gave TARAWA time to finalize preparations for her 12-29 October REFTRA (Refresher Training).

(3) (U) REFTRA was a structured, coordinated, multiship training period designed to train ship's force personnel and exercise equipment in primary and secondary mission areas. Emphasis was placed on realism of operations which demanded that TARAWA respond as each situation unfolded. TARAWA was OTC/CWC (AB) for this complex five ship evolution. At the conclusion of REFTRA, TARAWA returned to Naval Station, San Diego to offload Fleet Training Group personnel, replenish stores and on 1 November 1982 commenced a transit to Seal Beach, CA to commence its ordnance loadout prior to deployment.

(4) (C) The ammunition onload at Seal Beach was an extremely successful evolution during which TARAWA loaded 693 pallets (1,280,000 lbs) of Marine ordnance (LFORM/MLA) in 36 hrs (29 hrs of actual work time). Prior planning and coordination were the controlling factors of the ammunition onload. During this complex evolution safety was not compromised in the interest of speed.

(5) (U) On 7 November, TARAWA returned to Naval Station, San Diego and on 24 November, TARAWA put to sea to conduct various drills in the SOCAL OP Area, and

to finalize material readiness conditioning. On 30 November the Sub-Board of Inspection, Pacific, completed TARAWA's INSURV underway Material Readiness Inspection, two weeks of Pre-INSURV checks.

(6) (U) From 13 to 16 December, TARAWA conducted landing craft and wet well operations in the SOCAL operations area. Of particular value were the boat control and engineering casualty control training evolutions.

(7) (U) On 17 December TARAWA returned to her berth at Naval Station, San Diego for a holiday upkeep period. The preceding operations augured well for TARAWA's forthcoming 1983 deployment schedule.

c. (U) Statistical highlights for 1982

(1) During 1982 TARAWA's two boilers were steamed as follows:

#1 Boiler	1069.9 hrs
#2 Boiler	1072.3 hrs

TARAWA consumed 1,677,109 gallons of fuel while steaming 5,635 nautical miles, and her shafts made 2,586,089 revolutions. TARAWA also utilized 6,297 gallons of lube oil, and 3,151,134 gallons of feed water (1,186,401 gallons of potable water was produced).

(2) (U) TARAWA conducted 49 ballast/deballast operations during the short at sea time available in 1982.

(3) (U) TARAWA conducted 1,144 aircraft landings and launches, and handled the following types of aircraft; UH-1N (ship's organic A/C), AH-1J, SH-2, HH-3, CH-46 F/E, CH-53 A/B.

(4) (U) TARAWA's Dental Department treated 2,213 patients during 1982. The treatments consisted of restorative denistry, oral surgery, oral prophylaxis, intra-oral X-ray, preventive dentistry and annual examinations.

(5) (U) TARAWA's Medical Department workload consisted of the following:

Outpatients	3295
Lab Tests	3211
Prescriptions Filled	3045
Audiograms	863
Electrocardiograms	374
X-Rays	1294
Glasses ordered	436 (sets)
Physicals Conducted	292

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Immunizations	3124
Ward Patients	2

(6) (U) The Supply Department conducted the following fiscal operations during 1982:

Public Vouchers Processed - 1313; valued at \$7,900,000

Collection Vouchers Processed - 166; valued at \$650,000

Travel Claims Processed - 924

Retail Store Sales - \$283,586.79

In July, the Stores Division back loaded 35,000 line items into TARAWE's 21 storerooms. In November 1982 TARAWE provided messing and berthing service to USS JOHN PAUL JONES during her decommissioning period. In December TARAWE hosted the crew of the USS ACADIA while work was being conducted on that ship's Enlisted Dining Facility.

(7) (U) From 1 January 82 - 31 December 82, AIMD supported the one ship's organic UH-1N helicopter. It flew 532.6 flight hours with a Full Mission Capable Rate of 77.3%. Overall Mission Capable Rate was 84.5%. The latter part of the year was utilized to train personnel and prepare work center equipment, test benches, etc., for the upcoming deployment in which AIMD will support the following aircraft: 12 CH-46E's, 3 UH-1N's, 4 AH-1T's, and AV-8A Harriers.

(8) (U) TARAWE expended the following ordnance in 1982:

Sea Sparrow	2 Missiles
5" Ammunition	96 Rounds
20mm Ammunition	None

(9) (U) Flagship Assignments: USS TARAWE served intermittently as flagship for Commander Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific (RADM W. A. WALSH, USN) and Commander Amphibious Squadron One (CAPT D. R. MORRIS, USN) during this calendar year.

(10) (U) Legal Statistics for 1 January 1982 - 31 December 1982:

Non-judicial Punishments and Civil Convictions:	217
U.S. Federal and State Felony Convictions:	1
Drug and Marijuana Offenses (NJP-Art:15)	

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Possession	29
Use	14
Transfer	2
Sale	1
Other	12

**Discharges Executed:**

By Special Court-Martial	9
Undesirable Discharge in lieu of SPCM	1

**Courts-martial Convened:**

Special Courts-martial	23
Summary Courts-martial	12

**(11) (U) Retention Statistics:**

TARAWA's retention statistics for calendar year 1982 are as follows:

	Medical Dept	Communications Dept	Supply Dept	Executive Dept
Eligible	4	6	22	10
Ineligible	0	2	7	1
Reenlisted	2	5	15	7
	Deck Dept	Operations Dept	Air Dept	Engineering Dept
Eligible	14	29	22	31
Ineligible	6	3	8	11
Reenlisted	8	29	12	17

**Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department**

Eligible	12
Ineligible	0

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Reenlisted = 9

Total Eligible in 1982 = 144

Total Reenlisted in 1982 = 95

Reenlistment Rate of those Eligible = 65.97%

Gross Reenlistment Rate = 52.2%

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