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From: Commanding Officer, USS TRENTON (LPD-14)  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are forwarded.

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND 1986 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Mission: To provide fast transport of marines and their combat equipment and rapidly land them ashore by vertical envelopement and board waves.
2. Commanding Officers: Captain Robert L. Cooper, 1 January to 24 February and Captain Robert J. Reader, 24 February to 31 December
3. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia
4. Command Association: Under administrative and operational command of Commander Amphibious Squadron 12, 1 January to 6 May and November to 31 December. Under operational command of Commander Amphibious Squadron 2 from 7 May to 24 November.
5. Unit under operational control: LCU - 2 from 7 May to 4 November
6. Deployments: 6 month deployment to the Mediteranean
7. Special Topics:
  - a. Public Relations:
    - (1) Change of Command 24 February
    - (2) Shipboard reception for the American consulate general, his wife and other French VIP's while in Marseille, France
    - (3) Hosted Turkish press during exercise display determination
    - (4) Hosted JNROTC during one day cruise
    - (5) Ship's childrens Christmas party at Little Creek Amphibious base theater
  - b. Statistics:
    - (1) Ships fuel burned: 3,219,924 F76
    - (2) Engine miles traveled: 14,532
    - (3) Safe flight deck evolutions: 1,840
    - (4) 20,000 accident free flight deck landing on 19 September
    - (5) Underway replenishments: 10
  - c. Special Certification/qualifications:
    - (1) Passed Operational Plant Propulsion Examination
  - d. Special Awards:
    - (1) Bronze Anchor award for high retention throughout 1986

## Chronology

6 Jan - 22 Torpedo training exercise (phase I and II) and port visits to Newport, Rhode Island and Boston, Massachusetts.

19 Mar - 4 Apr Participation in Marine Amphibious Ready Group 86

6 May Depart Norfolk (Med 2 - 86)

7 May Onload marines and equipment Morehead City, N.C.

21 May - 23 Arrive Rota Spain and turnover with USS Ponce (LPD-15)

25 May Unrep with USNS Neosho (T-AO-143)

26 May - 30 Sierra Dorétin training anchorage

31 May - 6 Jun Port visit Palma Maorcca

7 Jun - 10 Jun Towing exercise with USS Charleston (LKA-113), unrep with USS Neosho (T-AO-145), Vertrep with USNS Rigel (T-AF-58)

11 Jun - 14 Jun Capo Touladao training anchorage - phase I Ex. Tridente

16 Jun - 18 Jun Port visit Palermo, Italy and RAV

19 Jun - 26 Jun Phase II - Ex. Tridente

25 Jun Unrep with USNS Pawcatuck (T-AO-108)

27 Jun - 7 Jul Port visit Venice, Italy

7 Jul - 8 Jul Adriatic Ops

8 Jul Unrep with USS Concord (AFS-5)

9 Jul - 12 Jul National Week and NEO-OPS exercise

14 Jul Unrep with USNS Neosho (T-AO-143)

15 Jul - 27 Jul Port visit Palermo, Sicily and RAV

29 Jul - 21 Aug Port visit Naples, Italy

22 Aug Unrep with USNS Rigel (T-AF-58)

24 Aug Unrep with USS Detroit (AOE-4)

27 Aug - 19 Sep Port visit Marseille, France and RAV

22 Sep - 14 Oct Exercise Display Determination

15 Oct Unrep with USS Savannah (AOR-4) and USNS Neosho (T-AO-143)

19 Oct - 22 Oct Arrive Rota, Spain and turnover with USS Raleigh (LPD-

22 Oct - 24 Oct OPPE

3 Nov Arrive Moorehead City, N.C. for offload

4 Nov Arrive Norfolk, Va.

3 Dec Depart Norfolk and Arrive Yorktown, Va. for Ammo -  
offload

5 Dec depart Yorktown and day cruise for JNROTC to  
Portsmouth, Va

5 Dec - 31 Dec Arrive Portsmouth, Va. and Overhaul at Moon  
Engineering