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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1988

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Chronological Sequence of Events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded for calendar year 1988.

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Chronological Sequence of Events:

- 01 Jan 88 Leave and upkeep period, inport San Diego, CA following deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and North Arabian Sea (holiday leave and upkeep period, 50% of the crew on leave). Operational Commander is CTU 035.3.1.
- 30 Jan 88 End of leave and upkeep, ship remains inport, San Diego, CA (crew has returned from leave).
- 03 Feb 88 Refuel from barge prior to underway.
- 04 Feb 88 Underway for the SOCAL (Southern California) OPAREA (Operational training/exercise AREA) for type training.
- 10 Feb 88 Return to port, San Diego. Commence inport training in Engineering Casualty Control for OPPRE (Operational Propulsion Plant Re-Examination).
- 16 Feb 88 Fast Cruise (Steaming alongside the pier with all ship's company onboard) for Engineering Plant Hot and Cold checks; inport portion of OPPRE.
- 17 Feb 88 Underway for SOCAL OPAREA, OPPRE in progress.
- 18 Feb 88 Conclusion of OPPRE, return to port in the evening to disembark observers.
- 19 Feb 88 Commence upkeep period inport, San Diego, CA.
- 25 Feb 88 Underwater hull cleaning performed by divers.
- 01 Mar 88 Commence INSURV (inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey), Inspection is stopped and rescheduled due to ship's davits being inoperable.
- 14 Mar 88 Commence POT&I (Pre Overhaul Testing and Inspection) for NTU (New Threat Upgrade) availability.
- 18 Mar 88 Conclude upkeep period and POT&I, ship remains inport, San Diego, CA.
- 21 Mar 88 Commence restricted upkeep period with USS JASON ("A" Avail) for INSURV, Commence Boiler Inspection.
- 25 Mar 88 Conclude Boiler Inspection.
- 02 Apr 88 Embark Midshipmen for PACTRAMID I.

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Chronological Sequence of Events (cont'd):

07 Apr 88     Conclude restricted upkeep period with USS JASON

08 Apr 88     Preparations for INSURV, inport San Diego, CA.

12 Apr 88     Underway for Pre-INSURV/UMI tests.

13 Apr 88     Inport for weapon offload at NAS North Island, shift berth back to NAVSTA San Diego, continue INSURV preparations.

18 Apr 88     Commence INSURV inport San Diego, CA.

19 Apr 88     Underway for UMI, INSURV continues, SOCAL OPAREA.

20 Apr 88     Inport San Diego, CA, INSURV continues.

22 Apr 88     Conclude INSURV.

23 Apr 88     Commence post INSURV upkeep period to correct INSURV discrepancies.

23 Apr 88     Disembark Midshipmen from PACTRAIMID I, commence NTU availability shipchecks by Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

24 Apr 88     Embark Midshipmen for PACTRAIMID II.

03 Jun 88     Underway for Santa Catalina Island, anchor Avalon Bay.

04 Jun 88     Visit Santa Catalina Island.

06 Jun 88     Underway for Type Training, SOCAL OPAREA.

09 Jun 88     Inport San Diego, weapon onload NAS North Island, shift berth to NAVSTA San Diego.

10 Jun 88     Commence upkeep period.

13 Jun 88     Commence Harpoon Missile Certification Inspection.

17 Jun 88     Conclude Harpoon Missile Certification Inspection, Disembark Midshipmen from PACTRAIMID II.

20 Jun 88     Commence ACDUTRA for Reserve Unit, Commence ASIR, Commence Diesel Engine Inspection, Commence Safety Inspection, Commence "A" Availability with USS CAPE COD.

24 Jun 88     Conclude ASIR, conclude Diesel Engine Inspection, Conclude Safety Inspection.

01 Jul 88     Conclude ACDUTRA, conclude USS CAPE COD "A" Avail.

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04 Jul 88     Conclude upkeep period.

05 Jul 88     Underway for Type Training, SOCAL OPAREA.

08 Jul 88     Return to port, conclude Type Training.

09 Jul 88     Commence upkeep period, San Diego, CA.

11 Jul 88     Commence ASIR, Commence AAV, Commence 3-M Inspection.

13 Jul 88     Conclude 3-M Inspection.

14 Jul 88     Conclude ASIR and AAV, shift Operational Commander to CTU  
030.9.4.

17 Jul 88     Conclude upkeep period.

18 Jul 88     Underway for Type Training, SOCAL OPAREA.

21 Jul 88     Fire exercise MK-46 Torpedo at MK-27 target.

22 Jul 88     Conclude Type Training, return to port, San Diego, CA.

23 Jul 88     Commence upkeep period.

25 Jul 88     Commence Harpoon Missile Material Certification Inspection.

26 Jul 88     Commence full underwater hull cleaning by divers.

29 Jul 88     Conclude Harpoon Missile Material Certification Inspection and  
hull cleaning.

01 Aug 88     Aviation Readiness Evaluation.

10 Aug 88     Shift berth to Broadway pier, downtown San Diego.

11 Aug 88     Visit Ship, Broadway pier, downtown San Diego.

12 Aug 88     RADM(UH) J. F. Smith Jr. relieves RADM(UH) R. K. U. Kihune as  
Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Five in ceremonies aboard  
USS GRIDLEY.

13 Aug 88     Conclude Visit Ship, final visitor count is 5,143 over a three  
day period. Embark Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment for  
concurrent law enforcement operation.

14 Aug 88     Underway for Type Training, SOCAL OPAREA.

19 Aug 88     Return to Port, weapons onload at NAS North Island.

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20 Aug 88 Underway for Type Training, SOCAL OPAREA.

23 Aug 88 Conclude Type Training, return to port, disembark Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment.

24 Aug 88 Commence upkeep, San Diego, CA. Commence preparations for IERA (Intermediate Engineering Readiness Assessment).

30 Aug 88 Training Readiness Evaluation, inport.

31 Aug 88 Commence IERA, inport.

01 Sep 88 Underway for IERA, SOCAL OPAREA.

02 Sep 88 Conclude IERA, return to port.

03 Sep 88 Commence upkeep period, commence "R" and FVMF (Fleet Valve Maintenance Facility) availabilities with SIMA San Diego.

12 Sep 88 Commence Electronic Warfare onboard simulation/training.

13 Sep 88 Conclude onboard Electronic Warfare training.

25 Sep 88 Conclude upkeep period, conclude "R" and FVMF availabilities with SIMA.

26 Sep 88 Commence CSRT (Combat Systems Readiness Testing), inport San Diego.

29 Sep 88 Shift berth to NAS North Island for onload, underway for CSRT, SOCAL OPAREA.

30 Sep 88 Return to port, conclude CSRT.

01 Oct 88 Shift Operational Commander to CTG 11.1, commence IRFT (Intermediate Refresher Training) underway SOCAL OPAREA.

05 Oct 88 Suspend IRFT.

06 Oct 88 Commence Type Training, SOCAL OPAREA

07 Oct 88 Conclude Type Training, return to port.

10 Oct 88 Inport San Diego.

13 Oct 88 Resume IRFT, underway SOCAL OPAREA.

14 Oct 88 Suspend IRFT while at anchor off Coronado Roads due to engineering casualties caused by ingested kelp in the main condenser.

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15 Oct 88     Inport San Diego for unscheduled repairs to #1 Main Engine  
                  Condenser.

17 Oct 88     Resume IRFT, Underway SOCAL OPAREA.

18 Oct 88     Conclude IRFT, return to port.

19 Oct 88     Commence upkeep period, San Diego. Shift Operational Command to  
                  CTU 030.9.4 .

30 Oct 88     Conclude upkeep period.

31 Oct 88     Commence MEFEX (Mid East Force Exercises), underway SOCAL OPAREA.

04 Nov 88     Conclude MEFEX, return to port.

05 Nov 88     Commence upkeep period.

10 Nov 88     Conclude upkeep period.

11 Nov 88     Commence POM (Prior to Overseas Movement, stand down of crew for  
                  leave), inport San Diego, CA.

14 Nov 88     Commence "A" availability with USS JASON, commence FVMF  
                  availability with SIMA San Diego.

02 Dec 88     Conclude "A" availability with USS JASON, and FVMF Availability  
                  with SIMA San Diego.

08 Dec 88     Shift berth to NAS North Island, onload weapons, shift berth to  
                  NAVSTA San Diego.

12 Dec 88     Underway for dependents cruise, SOCAL OPAREA, return to port same  
                  day.

13 Dec 88     Conclude POM. Inport for stores onload and refueling.

14 Dec 88     Underway for 1988/1989 deployment to Joint Task Force Mid East  
                  with USS JOHN YOUNG in company. Captain Donald R. Hess,  
                  Commanding Officer of USS GRIDLEY, is OTC.

20 Dec 88     Arrive Pearl Harbor, HI, and moor at Alava Pier outboard of  
                  USS JOHN YOUNG. Refuel inport.

22 Dec 88     Underway from Pearl Harbor, HI, with USS JOHN YOUNG in company.  
                  Conduct missile firing exercise against drone while transiting  
                  Pacific Missile Test Range.

29 Dec 88     Shift to Seventh Fleet, shift Operational Commander to CTU  
                  075.9.1.