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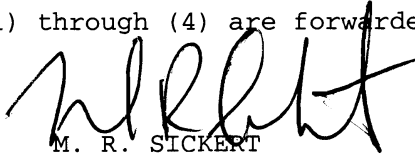
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Encl: (1) Command History for USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) for period
1 January to 31 December 2002
(2) Biographical Information on Commanding Officer
(3) All Editions of the Ship's Newspaper "The Statesman"
(4) Welcome Brochure

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USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) 2002 COMMAND HISTORY

1. Part I - Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74). The mission of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) and her embarked Air Wing is to conduct sustained combat air operations while forward deployed in the global arena.

b. Organizational Structure

(1) Immediate Senior in Command is Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN.

(2) The Commanding Officer is Captain James A. McDonell. He assumed command of USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74) on 16 November 2001.

(3) The Executive Officer is Captain Mark Sickert, USN. He assumed duties as Executive Officer in July 2001.

(4) The Command Master Chief is CMDCM(SW) Terry Etherton, USN. He assumed duties as Command Master Chief in March 2002.

(5) The Department Heads as of 31 December 2002 were:

Department	Name
Administration	LCDR Ellen H. Duffy
Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department	CDR Fred Melnick
Air	CDR Paul Hennes
Combat Systems	CDR Frank A. Arata
Deck	LCDR Laurence W. Fitzpatrick
Dental	CDR Patrick Steiner
Engineering	CAPT Anthony J. Gonzales
Legal	LCDR Robert Hunt
Medical	CDR James A. Black
Navigation	CDR S. Galbreath
Operations	CDR Victor G. Warriner
Reactor	CDR Gordon Rutherford
Religious Ministries	CDR Luis F. Garcia
Safety	CDR George Jacobs
Supply	CDR Vincent Griffith
Training	LCDR Alvaro Lima
Weapons	CDR Diann Pape

c. On 1 January 2002, 3,479 JCS personnel were on board: 215 Officers and 3,264 enlisted personnel. Since we were deployed until 28 May 2002, the following numbers are provided for Carrier Group SEVEN, Carrier Air Wing NINE and Destroyer Squadron TWO ONE which was embarked on board USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74): Total of 1,846 personnel; 319 Officers and 1,527 enlisted personnel. Total personnel deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM were 5,325.

d. On 31 December 2002, 3061 personnel were on board: 199 Officers, 212 Chief Petty Officers and 2862 enlisted personnel.

e. The command's Senior Sailor of the Year was MM1 (SW/AW) Phillip Dennis. The command's Junior Sailor of the Year was PN3 (SW/AW) Pedro Guterrez. The command's Straight Furrow Award winner was CDR Gordon Rutherford, the Reactor Officer. The command's Look Ahead Award winner was AMCS (SW/AW) Angel Afan from Engineering Department.

2. Part II - Chronological list of Events/Accomplishments

JANUARY

- 01 Jan Supply Department (S-2) held New Years Day Special meals in both galleys, karaoke and a pie eating contest.
- 01 Jan Operation Enduring Freedom /Cruise AMRR Daily AVG:
Total OFFSHIPS 31.9
National Military Command System (NMCS)/Projected Management and Control System (PMCS) Demands 67.4
NMCS/PMCS Issues 56.4
- 01-06 Jan Two .50 caliber shoots were conducted for crew training with 9600 rounds of ammunition expended.
- 02 Jan Replenishment at Sea (RAS) with USS Bridge (AOR 9) - Received 1,300,000 gal of JP5. Received and stowed a small onload of Rockeye, Seawares, and Flares. Tracked and planned an onload 6 CBU-99's, 3003 MJU-38 flares, 3444 5.56MM, and 12 CADs (8992 lbs).
- 02 Jan Charles DeGaulle Battle Group visit to USS John C Stennis.
- 05 Jan Combat Systems installed Linked Operations-Intelligence Centers Europe (LOCE) for European LNO's from Germany, England, Italy, France and Belgium.
- 05-06 Jan Supply (S-7) hosted Comedian Jeff Mishler and his son Aaron onboard to entertain the troops on our first no fly day since leaving Singapore on Dec 10. Contracted through BUPERS Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and sent out via MWR Bahrain.
- 07 Jan RAS with Concord STV. Received 197 pallets of food items valued at \$80,000.00.
- 07 Jan VADM Ronald Buck, Chief of Maritime Staff, Canada visit USS John C. Stennis.
- 07-08 Jan VADM Timothy Keating, Commander FIFTH Fleet visit to USS John C. Stennis.
- 07-13 Jan Conducted 4 9MM live firing exercises for 200 personnel, expending 9600 rounds for qualification. Three M-14/M-16 rifle shoots qualified 110 personnel and expended 3300 rounds.
- 09 Jan RAS with USS Bridge (AOE 10). Food service received 71 pallets of food items valued at 124,000.00. Received 701,471 gallons of JP -5. Tracked and planned the onload of 54 MK-84 JDAM Kits (10,989 lbs).
- 10 Jan Rear Admiral Maurizio Geggignani, Commander, Italian Task Group visits USS John C. Stennis
- 10 Jan Supply (S-2) held India Night on the messdecks. Special meal between dinner and midrats of various types of curry and all the condiments.
- 15 Jan Tracked and planned an onload from USNS FLINT of 1020 MJU-27's, and 42 JDAM Fuze Kits (1345 lbs).

- 16-17 Jan Admiral Vernon Clark, Chief of Naval Operations arrives onboard USS John C. Stennis. Holds "All Hands" Call with Sailors on Hangar Bay.
- 17 Jan RAS with USS Bridge (AOE 10). Received 210 pallets of food items valued at \$148,000.00. Offloaded a total of 75 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EHM). Received 973,000 gal of JP5.
- 20 Jan No-fly day. Steel beach picnic on flight deck. Swim Call. Personnel entered water via starboard accommodation ladder and/or by jumping off elevator 3. Lines were rigged from elevator 2 to the stern dock. Swimmers exited the water from the stern dock via cargo nets and 3 aluminum ladders manufactured by Repair Division. Both Rigged Haul Inflatable Boats (RHIB) were lowered into the water and retrieved from the water via B&A Crane. RHIB's served as safety boats.
- 21 Jan RAS with the CONCORD-STV (S-2) Delivered pastries. Received 510 pallets of food items valued at \$865,000.00. Conducted Emergency Breakaway drill.
- 21 Jan Supply (S2) served soul food meal on the mess decks to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday.
- 21 Jan Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 138 (VAQ-138) Change of Command (AIRBORNE).
- 22 Jan Torpedo Evasion/Evasive Steering Drill.
- 23 Jan RAS with USS Bridge (AOE 10).
- 24 Jan RAS with the USNS John Lenthall-FTA (S-2) Offloaded a total of 56 DR of excess Hazardous Materials (EHM). Received 785,343 gallons of JP-5.
- 27-29 Jan Commander Task Force 50 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise
- 29 Jan Commander Destroyer Squadron 50 visit to USS John C. Stennis
- 29 Jan-02 Feb Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team Visit
- 30 Jan RAS with USS Detroit - Received 755,235 gallons of JP-5.
- 31 Jan Closed the inaugural open season for Thrift Savings Plan, 1300 crewmembers signed up.

FEBRUARY

- 01 Feb ADM Burnell Nugent Commander, Task Force 59 Visit
- 01 Feb Coalition Forces Photoex (Big Decks)
- 01 Feb OEF/Cruise AMRR Daily AVG:
 Total OFFSHIPS 33.3
 NMCS/PMCS Demands 73.1
 NMCS/PMCS Issues 61.7
- 01-10 Feb Tracked and planned an onload from USNS Flint of 1020 MJU-27's, and 42 JDAM Fuze Kits (1345 lbs).
- 02 Feb RAS (vertrep only) with USS Concord. Received 120 pallets valued

at \$380,000.00.

- 03 Feb Super Bowl Party in Hanger Bay 2 - First Beer Day
- 04 Feb Underway Replenishment (UNREP)/In Connection With Replenishment (CONREP) Brief for USNS John Lenthall. Planned and tracked onload 48 BDU-45's (23,345 lbs).
- 04 Feb Black History Month Meal
- 04 Feb VERTREP with USNS Saturn
- 04 Feb Commander Carrier Group 8 Visit
- 06 Feb Combat Systems successfully completed underway installation and testing of Linked Operational Intelligence Centers Europe (LOCE), Voice over IP and IP connectivity between U.S. and NATO coalition forces.
- 06 Feb RAS with the USNS Saturn. Received 65 pallets of food items valued at \$48,000.00. Received 665,513 gallons of JP-5.
- 08 Feb Carrier Air Wing NINE (CVW-9) Change of Command (Airborne)
- 12 Feb UNREP with USNS John Lenthall - Received 665,513 gallons of JP-5.
- 12 Feb Vice President Dick Cheney's Advance Team arrives for meeting with CO/XO for upcoming Vice Presidential visit to USS John C. Stennis.
- 12 Feb UNREP with USNS Saturn
- 13 Feb RAS with USNS John Lenthall. Received 643 pallets valued at \$1.4 million.
- 16 Feb Combat Systems conducted Family Morale VTC between JOHN C. STENNIS and NAS Whidbey Island for crewmembers of VAQ 138.
- 16-17 Feb Brigadare General John R. Hawkins, USA, Military Director CIS visits USS John C. Stennis
- 18-19 Feb Commodore D. DuToit, Commander, Royal Australian Navy, visits USS John C. Stennis
- 18-24 Feb Two .50 caliber shoots expending 6000 rounds of ammunition were conducted.
- 20 Feb UNREP with USNS John Lenthall - Received 812,109 gallons of JP-5.
- 20 Feb Combat Systems installed new Technical Manual (T/M) Server for AIMD and Air Wing. This provides remote technical information via LAPTOP for maintenance.
- 21 Feb UNREP with USNS Concord. Received 143 pallets of food items valued at \$84,000.00. Offloaded a total of 53 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EHM) and 16 CY of Argon.
- 25 Feb Combat Systems established "Internet Café" for crew members - provided 15 additional computers for crew to send and receive email to family members, loved ones and friends.
- 25-28 Feb Conducted 3 9MM live ranges, qualifying 150 personnel and expending 7200 rounds of ammunition. Two rifle shoots qualified 100 personnel and expended 3000 rounds of 7.62 and 5.56

ammunition.

- 26 Feb UNREP with USNS Saturn. Received 233 pallets of food items valued at \$350,000.00.
- 27 Feb UNREP Brief for USNS John Lenthall. Received 879,517 gallons of JP-5.

MARCH

- 01 Mar OEF/Cruise AMRR Daily AVG:
Total OFFSHIPS 32.9
NMCS/PMCS Demands 71.6
NMCS/PMCS Issues 60.6
- 01 Mar Movie night on the Flight Deck.
- 01-02 Mar Switch from night operations to day operations.
- 01-10 Mar One 9MM, M16, and M-14 small arms qualification shoot each for 160 Security Self Defense Force (SSDF) personnel were conducted, expending 5,800 rounds of small arms ammunition.
- 02 Mar Second Beer Day - Steel Beach Picnic on the Flight Deck
- 02 Mar Damage Control Olypmics held on Flight Deck.
- 04 Mar UNREP with USNS John Lenthall - Received 20 pallets of food items valued at \$8,500.00 and 456,872 gallons of JP-5. Received and stowed a small onload of MXU-650 Airfoil groups, MK-82 GP Bombs and Aircraft flares.
- 06 Mar Commodore Eric Lehre, Commander Canadian Task Force visits onboard USS John C. Stennis.
- 07 Mar VERTREP with USNS Flint - Offloaded a total of 59 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EHM). Tracked and planned an onload with USNS FLINT of 7680 MJU-52, 30 MK-82's, 200 GBU-12, and AFG MXU-650 (44,209 lbs).
- 08-12 Mar Mobile Training Team Exercises
- 09 Mar Both crewmembers of a Navy F-14 "Tomcat" strike fighter aircraft were recovered safely following a mishap while attempting to land aboard USS John C. Stennis operating in the North Arabian Sea at 6:20 p.m. (local). The aircraft, from Fighter Squadron 211, was returning from a combat mission over Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom when it crashed into the sea after an unsuccessful landing attempt aboard the carrier. The pilot and Radar Intercept Officer were recovered from the water using the ship's SAR helicopter. Neither appears to have serious injuries.
- 09-12 Mar Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team visit.
- 13 Mar UNREP with USNS Concord - Received 271 pallets valued at \$141,000.00. Offloaded a total of 59 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EHM).
- 15 Mar Vice President Dick Cheney arrives onboard. Held "All Hands" Call, and multiple re-enlistments in Hangar Bay 2. White House Media coverage nationally.

- 15 Mar Combat Systems conducted dual path VTC and telephone connectivity between JCS and White House Situation Room in support of Vice President Cheney's visit.
- 16 Mar Transit through Straits of Hormuz. Manned all ten .50 caliber gun mounts for Straights of Hormuz transits and entering Bahrain port visit.
- 17 Mar Anchored off of Bahrain. Port Call for crewmembers.
- 17 Mar NBC Tom Brokaw Advance Team arrives onboard.
- 18-24 Mar Provided .50 caliber live firing exercise for 60 supplemental personnel for initial qualification resulted in expending 3000 rounds of ammunition. Participated in 4 RAS details.
- 20-27 Mar SHAREM/Arabian Shark Exercise with USS Lake Champlain, USS Decatur and USS Port Royal.
- 21 Mar Underway - Transit through Straits of Hormuz
- 21 Mar Command Master Chief Terry Etherton arrives.
- 21 Mar NBC's Tom Brokaw 18 Camera Media Crew arrives.
- 22 Mar Arrive North Arabian Sea - Commenced Flight Operations
- 23 Mar UNREP with USNS Pecos - Offloaded a total of 68 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EHM) and received 1,560,463 gallons of JP-5.
- 24 Mar NBC Tom Brokaw Arrives to film "Carrier At War" documentary.
- 25 Mar UNREP with USNS Concord - Received 25 pallets of food items valued at \$30,000.00.
- 26 Mar NBC Tom Brokaw and media crews depart.
- 27 Mar UNREP with USNS Spica - Received 250 pallets of food items valued at \$242,000.00. Offloaded a total of 46 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EHM).
- 30 Mar UNREP with USS Bridge - Received 10 pallets of food items valued at \$15,000.00 and received 748,685 gal of JP-5. Offloaded a total of 41 DR of Excess Hazardous Materials (EMH).
- 30 Mar No-fly Day. MWR movie on the Flight Deck
- 31 Mar Commodore Eric Lehre, Commander Canadian Task Force visits onboard USS John C. Stennis.
- 31 Mar No-fly Day. MWR Big Bucks Bingo on SITE TV.

APRIL

- 01 Apr OEF/Cruise AMRR Daily AVG:

Total OFFSHIPS	31.4
NMCS/PMCS Demands	70.7
NMCS/PMCS Issues	60.7
- 01 Apr VERTREP with USNS Flint

01 Apr Commence Flight Operations

01-15 Apr Command Assessment Team conducts Command Equal Opportunity Assessment Survey

04 Apr VERTREP with USS Port Royal.

04 Apr Delivery Unrep with USS Port Royal. JCS fuel probe broken delivery UNREP incomplete. No fuel delivered, Flow-Through Saddle damaged when over-tensioned.

04 Apr VERTREP with USS Bridge.

07 Apr UNREP with the USNS Concord.

07 Apr MWR Bingo on SITE TV.

08 Apr Major General Rob Fry, United Kingdom Maritime Component visited USS John C. Stennis.

10 Apr C-2 Crossdeck to Charles De Gaulle.

11 Apr VERTREP with USNS Pecos.

13 Apr UNREP with USS Seattle - received 518,686 gallons JP5.

13-14 Apr Pakistanian Navy visit.

14 Apr Delivery UNREP with USS Port Royal. Rigging evolution only, no fuel sent.

15 Apr Fighter Squadron 211 (VF-211) Change of Command (Airborne)

16 Apr UNREP with USNS Concord.

16 Apr VADM Timothy Keating, Commander, FIFTH Fleet visited. All Hands Call w/C5F in Hangar Bay Two

17 Apr Last combat fly day. Days of Combat Flight Operations: 107

18 Apr Torpedo Evasion Exercise

18 Apr VERTREP with USS Bridge

18 Apr Out chop to Commander SEVENTH Fleet AOR.

18 Apr Indian Delegation overnight visit onboard.

19 Apr Combat Systems conducted VTC between John C. Stennis and Naval Station Bremerton for "New Dads" onboard the USS Bridge.

19 Apr Air Power Demonstration for Indian delegation

21 Apr Delivery UNREP with USS Port Royal. Sent 317,000 gallons of JP-5.

21 Apr Crossing the Line Ceremony

22-25 Apr Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Team visit.

25 Apr USS John C. Stennis outchopped COMFIFTFLT. Activated SEVENTHFLT COMMAREA OPTASK COMMS.

28 Apr Anchored, Perth, Australia Port Visit.

28 Apr Perth reception onboard

MAY

01-06 May Cleaned and inspected air launched missiles in preparation for missile pre-sentencing inspection.

02 May Underway

05 May Melbourne, Australia visit onboard. Air power demonstration held.

06 May Anchored, Hobart, Australia Port Visit

07 May Hobart reception onboard

07-09 May Completed missile pre-sentencing.

11 May Underway

12-15 May Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination

15 May UNREP with USS Bridge

17 May UNREP with USNS Shasta - Ammunition Off Load. Total weight offloaded was 3,236,298 lbs via 756 lifts. Originally scheduled as a 2-day evolution, missiles and bombs were offloaded in a record 18 hours.

18 May USS John C. Stennis outchopped COMSEVENTHFLT. Activated THIRDFLT COMMAREA OPTASK COMMS.

21 May Port visit Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

22 May Tigers check onboard

23 May Underway - Tiger Cruise to San Diego, Calif.

25 May Air Power Demonstration for Tigers

26 May Fly off Air wing

26 May Flight Deck Steel Beach picnic

27 May Combat Systems processed over 6 million emails during Deployment (Jan-May 2002)

27 May National Moment of Silence observed

27 May World Trade Center Flag ceremony

27 May USO Show onboard

28 May Return to San Diego, Calif.

28 May Air wing off load

28 May POM Begins

29 May Official "Early Start" of Planned Incremental Assessment 02

JUNE

01-05 Jun Combat Systems installed LAN for trailers located in Hangar Bay 1 for Engineering, Reactor, and NAVSEA ship yard workers in preparation for the Planned Incremental Availability (PIA).

01-30 Jun Conducted multiple ordnance offloads totaling 207,945 lbs of small arms ammunition at NAS North Island.

15 Jun POM Leave turnover

15 Jun Commence Steam Plant Dryout

16 Jun Second POM Leave begins

JULY

01 Jul Offloaded 12,705 lbs of bomb components for transfer to NAS Fallon, NV.

01-07 Jul Transferred 20,741 lbs of missile cradles to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68). Wing and fin adapters were transferred to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) as well. A total of 168 lifts took place.

08 Jul Commence cooldown of Propulsion Plants

09-11 Jul Offloaded 152,525 lbs of ordnance to USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64).

09-11 Jul Conducted gun shoots at the firing range to maintain SSDF and shipboard qualifications. Expended 7,552 rounds of .9mm and 1,780 rounds of M-14 ammunition.

09-12 Jul Supply Management Assist Visit

11 Jul Combat Systems completed Comprehensive Communications Assessment (CCC-19-SF). Achieved a grade of 98.40.

11 Jul Berthing Barges Arrive

12 Jul Sailors move onto Berthing Barge

15 Jul Commence Planned Incremental Availability (PIA) 2002

17 Jul Offloaded 20,741 lbs of ordnance to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68).

30 Jul "All Hands Call" with Commanding Officer and Executive Officer

AUGUST

06 Aug Offloaded 2,909 lbs of ordnance to Ammunition Depot Crane, IN.

12 Aug Completed Sems modification to weapons elevators.

14 Aug Motorcycle Safety Training

31 Aug Reactor Accident Drill

31 Aug Surgeon General visits

SEPTEMBER

01-08 Sep Broke out and expended 4282 rounds of .9mm ammunition.

26 Sep Offloaded 3720 lbs of ordnance to MCAS Miramar, CA and NAS Fallon, NV.

30 Sep-03 Oct Commenced Damage Control University to start qualifying newly reported personnel in Basic DC

OCTOBER

01 Oct Combat Systems completed transfer of over 1500 shipboard users from Joint Message Handling System(JMHS) to MS Outlook for GENSER message dissemination.

01-31 Oct PIA work continued rehabilitation of magazine trunks and increasing the size of the weapons magazine 4-74-0-M. A ship alteration also took place in Forward and Aft SASS for conversion to Universal Weapons Magazines.

02-04 Oct Type Commander Site Visit for AMMO/WEPS

11 Oct Combat Systems completed installation and System Operation and Verification Testing (SOVT) of NAVMACS II SMS message distribution system.

11 Oct An ordnance offload of 5500 lbs took place at NAS North Island.

22 Oct Over 24,000 lbs of ordnance was offloaded in homeport.

24 Oct More ammunition totaling 20,482 lbs was offloaded on base.

28 Oct Over 6150 lbs of ammunition was transferred to USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) in port NAS North Island.

28-30 Oct Combat Systems satisfactorily completed EKMS/CMS Inspection conducted by COMNAVAIRPAC.

31 Oct Combat Systems completed refurbishment of 8 Antenna Tilt Groups and associated HF whip antennas.

NOVEMBER

08 Nov An ordnance offload exceeding 2500 lbs took place in homeport. Transferred 29 EA ADU-483/E adapters for use in USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 77).

14 Nov Combat Systems completed installation and SOVT of WSC-6 (V5) SHF satellite transceiver system.

14 Nov Combat Systems completed installation and SOVT of Element Management System (EMS).

19 Nov Combat Systems successfully increased bandwidth on Commercial Wideband Satellite Program (CWSP) to 2.048mbs.

DECEMBER

02-05 Dec The Integrated Training Team attended the Afloat Training

Group taught Shipboard Training Team Course, the first step of the Inter-Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC)

- 05 Dec John C. Stennis Holiday Party held at the San Diego Convention Center
- 07 Dec John C. Stennis Children's Holiday Party held at Admiral Baker Field
- 09 Dec Combat Systems completed upgrade of CS1 berthing ventilation system.
- 11 Dec Ship Power Range Testing
- 11 Dec Ship-wide Safety Standdown
- 13-30 Dec First Holiday Leave Period Begins
- 20 Dec Combat Systems completed upgrade of Main Communications ventilation system.
- 23 Dec Combat Systems completed Server Groom and configuration on network servers for SIPRNET and NIPRNET.

3. Part III - Narrative Summary of Events/Accomplishments

JANUARY

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - AIMD maintained all 334 complex avionics test benches at an availability rate of 99%. AIMD's RADAR shop troubleshot and repaired an F-14 RADAR antenna. The entire dismantling and reassembling process took 3 days. This depot level repair SAVED \$42,410 in depot repairable charges and kept the critical asset in theater.

In January, the Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team (NPMTT) conducted their first visit, in a series of three, in preparation for the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

Public Affairs - Media embarked: San Diego KNSD 7/21; ARTE German Network, Canadian Broadcast Corporation, TV6 Russian Network, Fresno Bee

FEBRUARY

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - Ground Support Equipment (GSE) division maintained a noteworthy 97.4% support equipment ready for issue (RFI) rate for all support equipment. The also maintained a record 100% availability for all mission essential support equipment. SE maintained 1,242 pieces of support equipment (aircraft) with an availability of 99%. The Micro-miniature 2M Work center performed 5,065 cable and circuit board repairs during deployment. Of note, they fabricated a cable for a weapons elevator.

Public Affairs - Media embarked: Mr. Morgan Wilbur, Aviation News, Canadian Maclean's Magazine, Haridy Hussein, Associated Press Television News based in Cairo, Rabih Moghrabi Agence France Presse AFP, Ahmed Assar Reuters, Dubai; Adnan Malik Associated Press writer, Bahrain; Ali Frai Doon Associated Press Photographer, Bahrain; Linden Mary Kemkaren BBC Britian; Anthony John Dolce, BBC Britian. Egyptian Television: Zohair Ashraf Gamal, (Pakistani); Egyptian Television: Mohamed Asif Khan, Pakistani; Pakistan Television Corporation: Mr. Arsha Saleem; Pakistan

Television Corporation: Mr Salahuddin; The Nation Newspaper: Javed Akhtar Siddiq (Pakistani); MBC Television: Baker Abdullah Atyani, Jordanian; Radio Interviews: Lena Younes - interviews Sailors from Puerto Rico.

MARCH

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - The outstanding performance of the Ship's Calibration Lab resulted in JOHN C STENNIS winning the Measure Outstanding Activity Award. An overdue rate of less than 2% is required to qualify for this award. Our rate is under 1%. Best rate in the fleet. During combat operations, AIMD's Infra-red (FLIR) shop repaired 23 FLIR Pod Aft Sections. The rapid turnaround times ensured maximum flexibility in combat mission assignment between all three Air Wing F/A-18 squadrons.

The Educational Services Office held March exams totaling 1,062 Navy-Wide examinations for the following paygrades: 298 for E-4 paygrade (180 advanced = 60.73%); 574 for E-5 paygrade (123 advanced = 21.42%); and 190 for E-6 paygrade (44 advanced = 22.63%).

During March, the COMNAVAIRPAC NPMTT returned for their second visit to assess the department's progress in preparing for ORSE. The inspection included casualty control drills, level of knowledge testing and interviews, and a thorough administrative review. The NPMTT determined the department was progressing in the right direction.

Public Affairs - Encouraged by the tremendous success of the documentary, "The Real West Wing," NBC came onboard USS John C. Stennis to follow this up with an even bigger and better production tentatively called "Inside an Aircraft Carrier." The show, which aired in prime time on 17 Apr 02 was hosted by Tom Brokaw. The premise of the program was an intense, never before seen look at 24 hours in the life of an aircraft carrier at war. NBC's plan was to conduct two survey visits to JCS (20-24 Feb & Week of 4 Mar) and to shoot the documentary on 25 Mar. Brokaw arrived on the ship on 24 Mar and departed 26 Mar. Other unit production members arrived on 17 Mar to facilitate streaming the rest of the NBC crew to the ship. Total number of NBC personnel reached to 35 made this production a success.

APRIL

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - The ship's Calibration Lab completed 2668 IMRL calibrations and repaired 426 Avionic items. The Jet Engine Repair shop repaired and issued 65 engine assemblies in support of Carrier Air Wing NINE. AIMD's Avionics modular repair shop performed depot level maintenance on two Control Indicators. SAVED \$115,500. AIMD-BFIMA completed 15 line item repairs and calibration support for 657 items with over 3,000 man-hours expended. 99.6% of jobs submitted were completed.

In April, the Chaplain's department coordinated community relations (COMREL) projects at the Children's Ward and the Painted Sea Faring Center in Perth, Australia.

Reactor department made significant improvements in casualty control response, level of knowledge, and cleanliness in preparation for ORSE. NPMTT completed the third of three visits. This visit served as a dress rehearsal for the upcoming ORSE.

Weapons department began breakdown and restowage of precision guided munitions and components in preparation for weapons offload. The following weapons were expended:

1 GBU-31
2 CBU-99
12 MK 82 GP Bombs
1200 Rds CIWS 20mm
3854 Rds .50 Cal
Total Dollar Amount Expended: \$75,481

Cleaned and inspected 600 air-launched missiles in preparation for missile pre-sentencing inspection. Broke out and expended:

3930 Rds 12-Gauge Shotgun
740 Rds 5.56mm M-16
7196 Rds 5.56mm M-16
2407 Rds 7.62mm M-14
3000 Rds 7.62mm M-60
3100 Rds .50 Cal
22,261 Rds 9mm
55 Rds 40mm Grenades
24 Rds 40mm Grenades
22 Rds 4 UNREPs
20 Rds Grenade Cartridges

Support SEAL Team 5 expended:
500 Rds 5.56mm M-16
2000 Rds 9mm

Public Affairs - Shot and edited clips of Sailors working for the San Diego Padres Opening Game to be aired on the Jumbotran. Shot and edited clips of Family greetings for the "Price is Right" which aired 22 Apr. VH1 Video Production embarked onboard, working with 20 Sailors, shooting segments called, "Military Diaries" to be aired nationally.

MAY

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - AIMD's Intermediate level repair of 24,892 aircraft components. Outstanding maintenance support resulted in Carrier Air Wing Nine achieving a 81.5 percent Full Mission Capable (FMC) rate, well above both the COMNAVAIRPAC average and the CNO's goal. AIMD's Non-Destructive Inspection (NDI) shop repaired, completed, tested and checked 10,000 components/assets during deployment and maintained a 78% Ready-for-Issue rate.

Chaplain's department held COMREL projects in Hobart, Australia. Various speakers, both officers and enlisted, visited St Virgil School and Adventist High School and were interviewed on local radio station.

In May, Reactor Department successfully completed another Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, continuing a high standard set during three previous examinations.

Weapons department Built up, broke out, struck up, restowed, inspected and maintained numerous types of air launched weapons to include precision guided munitions, general purpose bombs, air launched missiles and related ordnance items for multiple air power demonstrations.

Broke out and expended:
15 Rds Grenade Cartridges
280 Rds 12-Gauge
4454 Rds .50 Cal

Public Affairs - KNSD San Diego, CNN, LA Times, San Diego Union Tribune Embarked onboard during transit from Hawaii to San Diego for homecoming.

More 35 local, national and international media on pier awaiting our arrival after seven months at sea.

JUNE

AIMD's Oil Lab processed over 5,000 oil, hydraulic, and coolant samples with a correlation ratio of 95 percent. Despite the high number of samples processed, the fleet wide average of 93 percent correlation ratio was surpassed.

Deck Department, Both Motor Whale Boats lowered into water to begin removal of boat davits for new Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) Davit installation.

In June, with the ship enjoying post deployment leave, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) personnel began preparations for the upcoming Planned Incremental Availability (PIA). PSNS commenced the steam system dryout to establish conditions for shipyard work.

JULY

In July, extensive training began to prepare for cooldown of the propulsion plants. The cooldown was the last evolution to mark the beginning of the PIA. The PIA start date had been advanced approximately two months.

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

Planned Incremental Availability - Provided liaison with Type Commander resulting in a smooth Jet Engine Test Instrumentation (JETI) installation. Among many advantages, this install will allow Stennis to support the F414 engine, used on the F-18 Super Hornet.

The Chaplain's department coordinated a COMREL project involving 250 JCS Sailors contributing 2,000 man hours to brush removal to prevent further fires in Julian California. Front page news in the "San Diego Tribune" and "Coronado Eagle" newspapers.

Public Affairs - Chargers Visit: Several members of the San Diego Chargers

signed autographs, met with the crew and signed autographs. Local NBC, ABC, Fox covered. Chargers television also covered. 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony: LA Times Tony Perry covered remarks by RADM Mofitt and raising of new Navy Jack. San Diego Daily Transcript: Provided information and quotes from Commanding Officer on JCS deployment during OEF. Article ran in their September 11th issue. WTC Flag: Executive officer received WTC flag flown by JCS during deployment during VFW remembrance event in Chula Vista. Stennis will now retain permanent custody of flag onboard. KNSD covered. Julian Clean Up: Local NBC, ABC and UT covered Sailors from Stennis and other area ships assisting residents of Julian clean up brush in an effort to prevent future wildfires. AEA Conference: Provided access to flight deck and ready room to tape CEO of Titan Corp interview with AEA representative. AEA is an trade association for business technology companies and this was interview was used during their conference. NBC Concert for America: Stennis gospel singers performed at the Kennedy Center during the concert for America hosted by Tom Browkaw. POW/MIA Speech: Executive Officer gave speech to Chula Vista VFW post during POW/MIA remembrance ceremony.

VIP TOURS of interest: James Donald Pugh, the Maritime Port of San Diego Senior Director and guests Clarke Construction, working on the new ballpark Mrs. Lisa Davis, Principal Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Policy) Captain Larry Ernst, Former CO of USS Midway and guests.

OCTOBER

AIMD completed more than 1000 Technical Directive (TD) compliance actions designed to ensure thousands of components and the support equipment to repair them was maintained in the appropriate configuration and the highest state of material readiness.

Public Affairs - Shipyard Repair Association provided media access to shipyard workers working Stennis PIA. Local TV KNSD 7/39, FOX-6, KFMB-8 and Bremerton Sun all covered. Sea and Air Parade - Coordinated inputs from Navy participants for Fleet Week Sea and Air Parade for CNAP/CNRSW PAOs. Surface Warfare magazine - Provided quotes from RP's on different aspects of rate for article in Surface Warfare magazine. NBC Tom Brokaw Lunch - CO, PAO and two squadron COs attended lunch with NBC Nightly News anchor and KNSD 7/39 studio. Other San Diego area community leaders also attended.

Tours of Interest: Will DeJesus Secret Service Agent for Vice President, Employees of Sony Electronics, Naval Weapons Station China Lake personnel, USS Solace Reunion, NCIS, Dept of Treasury Special Agents, Academy for Life Long Learning, and Navy Recruiting District Portland, Oregon.

NOVEMBER

AIMD Quality Assurance Division completed 188 Work Center and Program Audits on 40 Naval Aviation Maintenance Programs (NAMP). Submitted a Technical Publication Deficiency Report (TPDR) correcting the schematic diagram for the GTC-36-200 APU.

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DECEMBER

Paraloft work center manufactured and designed 524 items for the ship and air wing. Items ranged in complexity from flag passageway curtains to anti-chaffing mats. Working closely with engineers and COMNAVAIRPAC developed a temporary depot level repair for the F404 bell mouth. Actions directly contributed to eight F404 engines being repaired during a critical stretch of the deployment.

Deck Department, weight test conducted for both the port and starboard new RHIB Davits. RHIB hoisted and stowed in starboard davit.

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