

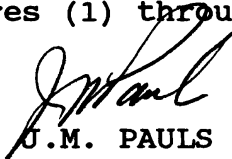


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USS SALVOR (ARS-52)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)
Subj: 1991 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E
Encl: (1) Command History
(2) Biography and Photograph of Commanding Officer
(3) Photograph of USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
(4) Personnel Roster
(5) Familygrams
(6) Commendatory Messages
(7) Press Release
(8) Unit Letter of Commendation
(9) SALVEX 91-1K Post-Ex Salvage Report
(10) Report of OPPE

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (10) are submitted.


J.M. PAULS

Copy to: (w/o encls (2) thru (10))
COMSUPPRON FIVE

COMMAND HISTORY

1. The Command History for USS SALVOR for 1991 is as follows:

a. Command Composition and Organization

(1) The mission of USS SALVOR is fourfold:

(a) Salvage of Stranded Vessels: SALVOR carries portable cutting and welding equipment, power sources, dewatering repairs. She carries six legs of beach gear which can be rigged to exert over 300 tons of retracting force to the stranded vessel.

(b) Rescue and Assistance. For fighting fires alongside, SALVOR is equipped with two manually operated fire monitors on the signal bridge, one remotely controlled fire monitor on the forward kingpost, and a manual portable monitor on the fo'c'sle. These monitors can be supplied with 1,000 gallons per minute of sea water or fire fighting foam. SALVOR is designed for open ocean towing. The power from her main engines is sufficient to tow a Nimitz class aircraft carrier at a speed of 3-5 knots.

(c) Recovery of Submerged Objects: SALVOR is equipped with a 5 ton capacity boom forward and a 40 ton capacity boom aft. A dynamic 150 ton lift is possible over the main bow or stern rollers using deck machinery and purchase tackle or hydraulic pullers. She can make a dynamic lift of 300 tons using the main bow rollers and stern rollers in unison.

(d) Manned Diving Operations: The MK12 and MK21 MOD 1 diving systems provide SALVOR divers the capacity of air diving to depths of 190 feet. The divers descend to depth on a diving stage lowered by a power davit. There is a hyperbaric chamber aboard for diver recompression following a dive or for the treatment of divers suffering from decompression sickness. For shallow inspections, searches, and other tasks which require mobility, there is a full complement of SCUBA equipment on board.

(2) Administrative Chain of Command:

USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
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(3) Internal Command Organization as of 31 December 1991:

Commanding Officer: LCDR J.M. Pauls
Executive Officer: LT P.J. Ricciuti
Operations Officer: LTJG R.C. Bigler
First Lieutenant: CW02 J.M. Panek

Encl (1)

Chief Engineer: CWO2 B. Kukich
Supply Officer: ENS T.A. Madden
Damage Control Asst: ENS J.P. Cox
Communications Off: ENS C.P. Collins IV

Enlisted Manpower assigned as of 31 December 1991:

Chiefs: 8 Total Enlisted: 86

(4) Home Port: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

JANUARY

01-03 Inport Pearl Harbor
04-17 Tow: AFDL-40
18 Inport Kwajalein, Refuel
19-27 Tow: AFDL-40
28 Inport Guam, Refuel
29-07FEB Tow: AFDL-40

FEBRUARY

08-26 Inport Subic Bay, Philippines, Upkeep and Repairs
27-03MAR Enroute Philippine Sea

MARCH

04-05 Towing Service 91: AGI-EX
06-07 Inport Pohang, ROK
08-17 Towing Service 91: Target Tows
18 Enroute Sasebo, Japan
19-21 Inport Sasebo, Japan
22 Enroute Pusan, ROK
23-27 Inport Pusan, ROK
28 Enroute Chinhae, ROK
29-07APR SALVEX: ROKN

APRIL

08-12 Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
13-14 Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
15-26 Refresher Training, Subic Bay
27-29 Inport Subic Bay, Philippines
30-05MAY Enroute Surabaya

MAY

06-17 SALVEX with the Indonesian Navy
18-21 Port Visit Bali
22-26 Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines
27-04JUN Upkeep Subic Bay, Philippines

JUNE

05-10 Enroute Yokosuka, Japan
11 Inport Yokosuka, Japan
12-24 Tow Ex-USS COCHRANE (DDG 21)
25 Inport Midway, Refuel
26-02JUL Tow Ex-USS COCHRANE (DDG 21)

JULY

03 Arrive Pearl Harbor
04-06AUG Inport Pearl Harbor for Leave and Upkeep

AUGUST

06-09 Underway, Support Ship for SPECWAREX
09-11 Inport Pearl Harbor
12-16 Underway, Support Ship for SPECWAREX
16-20 Inport Pearl Harbor
21 Underway MTT II
22 Inport Pearl Harbor
22 Underway MTT II
23-25 Inport Pearl Harbor
26-31 Underway Molokai, EOD OPS ISE

SEPTEMBER

01-24 Inport Pearl Harbor for Upkeep
25 Underway MTT III
26-30 Inport Pearl Harbor for ISE OPPE PREP

OCTOBER

01-04 ISE: MIDPAC OPPE PREPS
05-06 Inport Pearl Harbor
07-11 ISE: MIDPAC OPPE PREPS
12-15 Inport Pearl Harbor, Upkeep
16 Inport Pearl Harbor, OPPE
17-18 OPPE MIDPAC
19-21 Inport Pearl Harbor
22 ISE: MIDPAC JO Shiphandling
23-24 Inport Pearl Harbor
25 Change of Command
26-27 Inport Pearl Harbor
28-01NOV DIVOPS: MIDPAC Trng for DORA

NOVEMBER

02-03 Upkeep Pearl Harbor
04-05 DORA Material Inspection: Pearl Harbor
06 DORA DIVOPS: MIDPAC
07-08 ISE: MIDPAC
09-11 Inport Pearl Harbor
12 Salvage Training Pearl Harbor: Prep Hulk for Fire at Sea
13 SALVEX MIDPAC: Fire at Sea
14-15 SALV TRNG Pearl Harbor: Clean Hulk, Prep for Debeaching
16-17 Inport Pearl Harbor
18 SALV TRNG Pearl Harbor: Rig Beach Gear/Beach, U/W Survey

NOVEMBER (CONT)

19-22 SALVEX MIDPAC: Debeaching East Loch
23-24 Upkeep Pearl Harbor
25-13DEC IMAV: SIMA Pearl Harbor

DECEMBER

14-15 Upkeep Pearl Harbor
16-17 ISE: Pearl Harbor
18-31 Inport Pearl Harbor