



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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 of Commanding Officer
(3) Photograph of Commanding Officer
(4) Photograph of USS SALVOR (ARS 52)
(5) UH-46D Salvage Report
(6) Familygrams
(7) Commendatory Correspondence

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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Copy to: (w/o encls (2) thru (7))
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COMMAND HISTORY

1. The Command History for USS SALVOR for 1992 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 he 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:

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(3) Internal Command Organization as of 31 December 1992:

Commanding Officer: LCDR J. M. Pauls
Executive Officer: LT D. E. Davis
Operations Officer: LTJG R. C. Bigler
First Lieutenant: CWO2 J. M. Panek
Chief Engineer: CWO2 B. Kukich
Supply Officer: LTJG T. A. Madden
Diving Officer: LTJG J. P. Cox

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

JANUARY

01-02 Inport Pearl Harbor
02-05 Onload: CURV III
06-20 Test Ops: CURV III
21-28 Transit enroute Wake Island
29-28 Feb SALVOP: UH-46 BUNO

FEBRUARY

28-28 Mar Enroute Pearl Harbor

MARCH

09-22 Inport Pearl Harbor
23-31 Enroute San Diego, CA

APRIL

01-05 Inport San Diego, CA
06-18 Tow: Ex-VANCOUVER (LPD-2)
18-03 May Inport Pearl Harbor

MAY

04-12 Jul PMA Pearl Harbor

JULY

14 Sea Trials
15-30 Inport Pearl Harbor
31-04 Aug International Billfish Tournament Kailua, Kona

AUGUST

05-09 Inport Pearl Harbor
10-14 ATG Training Assist
15-31 Inport Pearl Harbor

SEPTEMBER

01-12 Tow: Ex-USS FLASHER
13-15 Inport Bremerton, WA
16-20 Visit Seattle, WA
21-24 Visit New Westminster, Canada
25-26 Enroute Portland, OR
27-30 Visit Portland, OR

OCTOBER

01-09 Enroute Pearl Harbor
10-18 Inport Pearl Harbor
19-20 CSR-5 Command Inspection
21-29 Inport Pearl Harbor
30 ISE: JO Shiphandling Contest
31-01 Nov Inport Pearl Harbor

NOVEMBER

02-05 CSRR
06-29 Inport Pearl Harbor
30-04 Dec INSURV Pearl Harbor

DECEMBER

05-13 Inport Pearl Harbor
14-17 DIVOPS MDV Evals
18-31 Holiday Upkeep Pearl Harbor