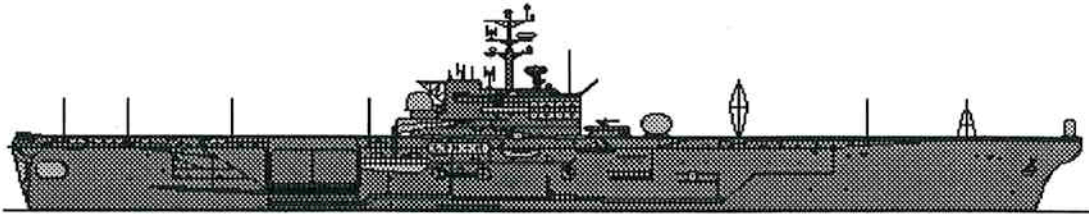


# USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH 11) PLAN OF THE DAY



**Commanding Officer.....Captain R. C. Perkins**      **Executive Officer.....Captain R. F. Sears**  
**Command Master Chief.....ENCM(SW) J. L. Smith**      **Sailor of the Year.....ET1(SW/AW) Baker**  
**Command Ombudsman.....Irene Felix (497-7178)**      **Ombudsman Voice Mail.....(619) 685-3495**

USS NEW ORLEANS MISSION: TRANSPORT AND LAND ELEMENTS OF THE LANDING FORCE WITH THEIR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT BY MEANS OF EMBARKED HELICOPTERS.

THE DEFINITION OF A SAILOR: I AM A UNITED STATES SAILOR. I REPRESENT THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF NAVY BLUEJACKETS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE ME TO DEFEND FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD. I PROUDLY SERVE MY COUNTRY'S NAVY COMBAT TEAM WITH HONOR, COMMITMENT AND COURAGE. I AM COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE AND THE FAIR TREATMENT OF ALL. I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF MY SUPERIORS. I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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SHIP'S ROUTINE: TO CARRY OUT THE NORMAL INPORT ROUTINE AS PRESCRIBED IN NEWORLEANSINST 3120.32C EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BELOW. ALL HANDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.  
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**FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1997**  
**INPORT DUTY SECTION FOUR WATCHBILL**  
**CDO: CWO3 HUFEMAN**

**SECTION LEADER: ABHCS WEBER**

<b>ADMIN:</b> YN2 VANORDEN	<b>DECK:</b> AO1 JONES	<b>ENG:</b> MMCS WRIGHT	<b>MAA:</b> MA1 THOMPSON
<b>AIMD:</b> AT1 WARD	<b>MED:</b> HM2 EASTEP	<b>F/M:</b> HT1 ENSIGN	<b>AIR:</b> ABH1 WILLIS
<b>OPS:</b> ET1 HALE	<b>COMM:</b> RM1 GARCIA	<b>SUP:</b> LTJG RETZLAFF	

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 0600 - REVEILLE  
 0700 - LIBERTY EXPIRES ONBOARD FOR ALL HANDS/MUSTER BY DEPARTMENT/DIVISION  
 0730 - MUSTER DUTY SECTION FOUR (FLIGHT DECK)  
 1100 - DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY  
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1. **COMMANDING OFFICER'S FINAL COMMENTS.** Today, as we decommission the NEW ORLEANS, my thoughts are of this great crew that has served so professionally making this warship the best it could be. Through your superior leadership and skill this ship has for 29 years served our country honorably, a clear testament to your dedication, patriotism and deep love of country. You have superbly carried out all our national tasking with hard work, personal sacrifice and dedication. I wish every shipmate and their families the best of luck as we all go on to our next challenge. It has been my honor to serve as your Commanding Officer. Sincerely, Captain R. C. Perkins.

2. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S FINAL COMMENTS.** Today, as we officially decommission NEW ORLEANS, we will stand tall to salute the proud history of this mighty warship. Your accomplishments, as her last crew, along with those of former crew members are worthy of this memorable occasion. NEW ORLEANS crews have responded with dignity and pride on every mission, whether it involved going into harm's way to protect our national interests; performing humanitarian actions; or completing the difficult task of decommissioning a historic national asset. You have done your job exceptionally well, particularly when faced with adversity. You have represented your country with patriotism and dedication. I want to thank you for a job well done and bid you all fair winds and following seas. We will always be proud to say we served aboard the USS NEW ORLEANS!

3. **COMMAND MASTER CHIEF'S FINAL COMMENTS.** The time has come for all of us move on to better things as we walk off the "NO BOAT" for the last time. I want to let you know that I had a lot of fun as the CMC of the best group of professionals in the Navy. I can honestly say that you all acted professionally, while each of you posed different situations which deserved personal attention. There are no harder working young men in the world. I'm convinced that you can complete any project equal to or better than any major corporation in the world. We all know that the Navy requires a lot of professionalism and sacrifice, which you delivered daily over the past 14 months. We have been through a lot together: TSTA I-III, FEP, "the" NEW ORLEANS port visit, two different decomm dates, Tandem "Justin" Thrust, new policies changes and 800 PCS orders. All these things make us a better force because of you. My precepts have remained constant throughout my tenure. Seek to diversify, qualify for the most senior watch, strive to be the subject matter expert in your field, and establish both long and short term goals along with the prowess to achieve them. Thanks again for making my tour a memorable one and I look forward to seeing you in the fleet.

R. F. SEARS  
 EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
