

USS Gunston Hall (LSD-5)
1968 Command History

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONS

COMMANDER W.A. SUNDT, USN was Commanding Officer of USS
GUNSTON HALL from 01 January 1968 to 03 October 1968
COMMANDER G.R. WEST, USN assumed command and remained in command
Through 31 December 1968.

BASIC CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN	San Diego, California, Leave and upkeep period
29 JAN	Underway for Alameda, California
31 JAN	Arrive Alameda
01 FEB	Underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
07 FEB	Arrived Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
08 Feb	Loaded YC 1396 and her cargo of 16" gun barrels (3) and boxes of breech mechanisms (12) bound for USS New Jersey
12 FEB	Underway for Subic Bay, Philippines
29 FEB	Arrived Subic Bay
01 MAR	Off loaded YC and her cargo
02 MAR	Underway for DaNang, Vietnam
04 MAR	Arrived DaNang
05 MAR	Underway CamRanh Bay
06 MAR	Arrived CamRanh Bay
07 MAR	Underway for Saigon. Arrived Saigon
08 MAR	Underway for Nhabe. Arrived Nhabe. Underway for Vung Tau. Arrived Vung Tau. Underway for DaNang
10 MAR	Arrived DaNang. Underway for Tan My. Arrived Tan My.
11 MAR	Underway for Cua Viet. Arrived Cua Viet
12 MAR	Underway for CamRanh Bay
13 MAR	Arrived CamRanh Bay. Underway for Manila Bay, Philippines
16 MAR	Arrived Manila Bay. Underway for Subic Bay. Arrived Subic Bay
17 MAR	Underway for San Fernando Bay. Arrived San Fernando Bay
18 MAR	Underway for Subic. Arrived Subic Bay. Commenced R&R period
25 MAR	Underway for DaNang
27 MAR	Arrived DaNang. Underway for Vung Tau.
29 MAR	Arrived Vung Tau. Underway for Subic Bay
01 APR	Arrived Subic Bay
06 APR	Underway for Cua Viet
08 APR	Arrived Cua Viet. Underway for Subic Bay
11 APR	Arrived Subic Bay. Underway for DaNang
15 APR	Arrived DaNang
16 APR	Underway for Kaohsiung, Taiwan
19 APR	Arrived Kaohsiung. Commenced R&R period.

24 APR Underway for Hong Kong
 25 APR Arrived Hong Kong. Commenced R&R period.
 30 APR Underway for Subic Bay, Philippines
 02 MAY Arrived Subic Bay, Commenced R&R
 08 MAY Underway for DaNang
 10 MAY Arrived DaNang. Underway for My Thuy. Arrived My Thuy
 11 MAY Underway for DaNang. Arrived DaNang
 12 MAY Underway for Cam Ranh Bay. Arrived Cam Ranh Bay
 14 MAY Underway for Vung Tau. Arrived Vung Tau. Underway for Subic Bay
 17 MAY Arrived Subic Bay
 20 MAY Underway for DaNang
 22 MAY Arrived DaNang. Underway for Subic Bay
 25 MAY Arrived Subic Bay
 27 MAY Underway for DaNang
 29 MAY Arrived DaNang. Underway for Cua Viet. Arrived Cua Viet. Underway
 for Vung Tau
 01 JUN Arrived Vung Tau. Underway for Nhabe. Arrived Nhabe.
 02 JUN Underway for Manila Bay
 05 JUN Arrived Manila Bay
 07 JUN Underway for Subic Bay. Arrived Subic Bay.
 08 JUN Embarked 101 Midshipmen for transport to Yankee Station.
 09 JUN Underway for Yankee Station
 11 JUN Arrived Yankee Station. Commenced helo transfer of Midshipmen to
 USS YORKTOWN, USS ENTERPRISE, USS AMERICA, USS
 PARICUTIN, and USS TICONDEROGA
 12 JUN Enroute DaNang
 13 JUN Arrived DaNang. Underway for Cua Viet. Arrived Cua Viet
 14 JUN Underway for Kaohsiung
 16 JUN Arrived Kaohsiung
 17 JUN Underway for Vung Tau
 21 JUN Arrived Vung Tau
 22 JUN Underway for Tan My
 24 JUN Arrived Tan My. Underway for Subic Bay
 27 JUN Arrived Subic Bay. Commenced R&R period
 12 JUL Underway for DaNang
 14 JUL Arrived DaNang
 15 JUL Underway for CamRanh Bay
 16 JUL Arrived CamRanh Bay. Underway for DaNang
 18 JUL Arrived DaNang. Underway for Poro Point, Philippines
 21 JUL Arrived Poro Point. Underway for Subic Bay. Arrived Subic Bay
 22 JUL Underway for Tan My
 25 JUL Arrived Tan My. Underway for Vung Tau
 27 JUL Arrived Vung Tau. Underway for Subic Bay, Philippines
 29 JUL Arrived Subic Bay. Commenced R&R period
 04 AUG Underway for DaNang
 07 AUG Arrived DaNang

10 AUG Underway for Sasebo, Japan
 18 AUG Arrived Yokosuka. Commenced R&R period
 27 AUG Underway for Pearl Harbor
 06 SEP Arrived Pearl Harbor
 08 SEP Underway for San Diego, California
 16 SEP Arrived San Diego, California. Commenced Leave and Upkeep period
 03 OCT CDR W.A. Sundt relieved by CDR G.R. West as Commanding Officer.
 05 NOV Underway for ISE
 06 NOV Returned to San Diego, California
 10 NOV Celebrated ship's 25th birthday
 11 NOV Admin Inspection by COMPHIBRON ONE
 18 NOV Underway for AMPHIB CPX (CAMPEN)
 20 NOV Returned to San Diego. Commenced R&R period
 31 DEC San Diego, California. Moored at pier three, Naval Station. R&R Period.

SPECIAL TOPICS

Operational Statistics

- Fuel oil expended 3,178,490 GAL
- Miles Steamed 40,212
- Ballasting Operations 73
- Floating craft carried: 82 craft for 9,197.65 tons
- Vehicles, helos and Misc. carried: 319 for 641.47 tons
- Fleet freight and handclasp carried: 95 pieces fleet freight, 40 drums PCL, 52 Pieces handclasp, for 50.7 tons
- Total cargo weight carried 9,889.82 tons
- Total personal carried 500

Performance of material and weapons systems

All systems performed satisfactorily

Intelligence collected

121 Sight Reports submitted

Communications

Outgoing Messages: 1,564

Incoming Messages: 2,985

Supply and Logistics

- Salaries/wages paid: \$654,826.96
- OPTAR spent: \$ 69,194.60

- Meals served: 77,822
- Gross income Ship's Store: \$67,729.47

Casualties to men and equipment

Personnel: 5 serious injuries
 Equipment: 16 CASREPTS submitted

Personnel

Manning level: 220 enlisted, officers 16
 Reenlistments: 6
 Extensions: 11
 Transfers: 107
 Separations: 16

Legal:

- NJP 63
- Court martial 7
- Shore Patrol Reports 53
- Promotions Enlisted 182, Officers 5

Medical/Dental Activities

Treatments by Sick Bay: 3,060
 Referrals to hospitals: 65
 Injuries: 5

Awards

Navy Achievement Medal awarded to the following personnel:

LT M.J. BEECHER, USN
 LT J.J. KIRALY, USN
 LT A.D. CAMPFIELD, USN
 LCDR G.K. MOYERS, USN

Notable Firsts

- Transported three 16" gun barrels to Subic Bay, Philippines, for battleship USS NEW JERSEY
- Story of Gunston Hall transporting New Jersey's gun barrels was carried in the following publication: Amphibian; Stars and Stripes; Navy Supply Corps Newsletter

Distinguished Visitors

- 10 FEB Captain W.D. Owen, USN COMPHIBRON ONE paid an official visit.
- 6 JUN RADM KOSSER, USN COMNAVPHIL, paid an official visit.
- 3 OCT RADN W.W. BEHRENS, JR., USN, COMPHIBGRU ONE, present for change of command ceremonies.

Special Ceremonies

- 17 SEP Participated in a parade in downtown San Diego honoring the return of the 27th Marines from Vietnam.
- 3 OCT Ceremony for Change of Command – CDR W.A. SUNDT relieved as Commanding Officer USS GUNSTON HALL by CDR G.R. West.

Alameda, CA	1
Pearl Harbor, HI	2
Subic Bay, PI	12
DaNang	12
CamRanh Bay	4
Saigon	1
Nhabe	1
Cua Viet	4
Manila Bay, PI	2
San Fernando Bay, PI	1
Vung Tau	5
Kaoshjiung, Taiwan	2
Hong Kong	1
Yankee Station	1
Tan My	3
Poro Point, PI	1
Yokosuka, Japan	1
My Thuy	1