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From: Commanding Officer, USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47)  
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Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) TICONDEROGA Command History for 1989

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted  
for historical record.

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## 1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS TICONDEROGA is the lead ship of her class of guided missile cruisers, the first surface combatants equipped with the AEGIS weapons system. Designed for anti-air warfare, her other primary missions of anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, and command and control combine to give her a tremendous multi-warfare capability, strengthening a battle group's effectiveness defense, and survivability. Homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, as a member of Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT, she is commanded by Captain Morris C. Foote, who relieved Captain James M. Arrison III in August 1989.

## 2. CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 07 FEB	DSRA-3, Norfolk Naval Shipyard
08 FEB	Sea Trials, VACAPES OPAREA
09 FEB - 10 FEB	Weapons Onload, Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
11 FEB - 12 FEB	Inport Norfolk
13 FEB - 14 FEB	Sea Trials, VACAPES OPAREA
15 FEB - 13 MAR	Inport Norfolk
14 MAR - 17 MAR	Enroute Vieques Island
18 MAR	Naval Gunfire Support Qualification - Vieques
19 MAR	Enroute Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
20 MAR - 19 APR	Interim Refresher Training, Guantanamo Bay
20 APR	Enroute Grand Cayman
20 APR - 22 APR	Port visit Grand Cayman
23 APR - 25 APR	Enroute Norfolk
26 APR - 27 APR	Inport Norfolk
28 APR	Enroute New York City (Tiger Cruise)
29 APR - 04 MAY	Port visit New York City - Fleet Week '89
04 MAY	Enroute Norfolk (Tiger Cruise)
05 MAY - 11 MAY	Inport Norfolk
12 MAY - 15 MAY	Enroute Puerto Rico OPAREA
16 MAY - 17 MAY	MISSILEX Puerto Rico OPAREA
18 MAY	Port visit Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
19 MAY - 21 MAY	Enroute Norfolk
22 MAY - 06 JUN	Inport Norfolk
07 JUN - 17 JUN	Enroute Northern Europe - BALTOPS '89
18 JUN - 25 JUN	Port visit Kiel, West Germany
26 JUN - 01 JUL	Underway Baltic Sea
02 JUL - 06 JUL	Port visit Stockholm, Sweden
07 JUL - 09 JUL	Enroute Amsterdam, the Netherlands
10 JUL - 15 JUL	Port visit Amsterdam
16 JUL - 26 JUL	Enroute Norfolk
27 JUL - 03 AUG	Inport Norfolk
04 AUG	Change of Command Ceremony - Captain Foote relieves Captain Arrison
05 AUG - 21 AUG	Inport Norfolk
22 AUG - 24 AUG	Underway VACAPES OPAREA (Engineering Mobile Assist Team)

25 AUG - 28 AUG	Inport Norfolk
29 AUG - 10 SEP	Underway Puerto Rico OPAREA - FLEETEX 4-89 (Basic)
11 SEP - 13 SEP	Port visit St. Maarten's
14 SEP - 15 SEP	Enroute Norfolk
16 SEP - 19 SEP	Inport Norfolk
20 SEP - 21 SEP	Underway VACAPES OPAREA (Combat Systems Assessment)
22 SEP - 22 OCT	Inport Norfolk
23 OCT - 27 OCT	Underway VACAPES OPAREA (Engineering Mobile Assist Team, VANDALEX)
28 OCT - 12 NOV	Inport Norfolk
13 NOV - 17 NOV	Underway VACAPES OPAREA (Guest of the Navy Cruise)
18 NOV - 26 NOV	Inport Norfolk (Aviation Assist Visit)
27 NOV - 29 NOV	Underway VACAPES OPAREA (Operational Propulsion Plant Examination rehearsal)
30 NOV - 06 DEC	Inport Norfolk
07 DEC - 08 DEC	Underway VACAPES OPAREA (Operational Propulsion Plant Examination)
09 DEC - 12 DEC	Inport Norfolk
13 DEC - 10 JAN 90	Holiday leave and upkeep

### 3. NARRATIVE

TICONDEROGA began 1989 in Norfolk Naval Shipyard completing a three-month selected restrictive availability. Important work accomplished included incorporation of improvements to LAMPS Mk I, the Mk 26 missile launchers, and the Harpoon Weapon System, as well as overhauls for the AN/SQS-53A sonar and AN/SPY-1A cooling systems. Following completion of sea trials and a weapons onload, TICONDEROGA returned to Norfolk Naval Base on 15 February.

On March 14, TICONDEROGA left Norfolk enroute to the Caribbean and her first operational employment of the year. The ship completed Naval Gunfire Support qualifications at Vieques Island, firing 120 rounds and receiving a score of 97.4, which equalled her previous best effort. TICONDEROGA arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 20 March to begin a month of Interim Refresher Training. While being trained and tested in a wide variety of operational scenarios, the ship completed TYCOMEX, Operational Readiness Exams for engineering and combat systems, and numerous seamanship and damage control exercises. TICONDEROGA's six weeks in the Caribbean concluded with a three-day port visit to Grand Cayman. Following a two-day breather in Norfolk, TICONDEROGA departed again on 28 April enroute to New York City and participated in "Fleet Week '89". The ship was honored to participate in and host dedication ceremonies for Stapleton Pier, Staten Island's newest naval facility. During

their week-long visit, the crew participated in countless civic and social functions, including an appearance by the TICO color guard at a New York Yankees baseball game.

On 5 May, TICONDEROGA's Sailor-of-the-Year, OS1(SW) Edward Doyle, and Captain Arrison attended the "Big T" Veteran's Association reunion in South Carolina, celebrating with servicemen who served on the aircraft carrier TICONDEROGA in World War II. The remainder of the month saw the ship with RADM Guilbault embarked, return to the Caribbean for 10 days to conduct a multinational missile exercise. May ended with TICONDEROGA inport Norfolk for two weeks.

A seven week underway period began on 7 June as TICONDEROGA transitted the Atlantic enroute to Northern Europe and participation in BALTOPS '89. The ship moored in Kiel, West Germany on 18 June to begin a week-long port visit. Arriving in the middle of a 10-day waterfront festival called "Kiel Week", TICONDEROGA proved to be a major attraction for the populace as over 2000 Germans visited her during four hours of ship tours. Following a week of training in the Baltic Sea, the ship pulled in to Stockholm, Sweden on 2 July, experiencing a much-publicized encounter with "Greenpeace". The final port visit of the cruise was to Amsterdam, 10-15 July. TICONDEROGA returned to Norfolk on 26 July.

On 4 August, Captain Morris C. Foote relieved Captain Arrison as Commanding Officer of TICONDEROGA. Captain Foote's first 16 days were spent in Norfolk; from 22-24 August, the ship steamed in the VACAPES OPAREA under the scrutiny of the Engineering Mobile Assist Team.

On 29 August, TICONDEROGA departed Norfolk to participate in FLEETEX 4-89 in the Puerto Rico OPAREA. RADM T. C. Lynch (Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12) was embarked on TICO for the exercise. While avoiding inclement weather and seas caused by Hurricane Hugo, the ship was tested by a series of challenging scenarios designed to prepare her for deployment scheduled for the spring of 1990; included were four successful training ASW engagements involving the firing of an over-the-side torpedo, an ASROC, and two air-dropped MK 46 torpedoes from a LAMPS MK I. The exercise ended with a port visit to St. Maarten's from 11-1 September.

During the remaining fourteen weeks of the year, TICONDEROGA completed a series of challenging inspections, examinations, and public relations visits, as well as another missile exercise. From 20-21 September, the ship performed well on her first-ever Combat Systems Assessment, conducted in the VACAPES OPAREA. Later that fall, following a second visit by the Engineering Mobile Assist Team, the ship passed the difficult Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Other inspections completed during this period included the Aviation Readiness Examination and a Planned Maintenance System Inspection.

6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

CO biography/Ship's Welcome Aboard pamphlet

CO photo

Ship's color photo