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Encl: (1) USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47) Command History for 1990

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

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1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47) is the lead ship of her class of guided missile cruisers, the first surface combatant 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 give her a tremendous multi-warfare capability strengthening a battle group's effectiveness, defense, and survivability. Homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, as a unit of Cruiser-Destroyer Group EIGHT, she is commanded by Captain Morris C. Foote.

2. CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 07 JAN	Holiday leave and upkeep-Norfolk
08 JAN - 24 JAN	Inport Norfolk
19 JAN	Norwegian Ambassador Visit
25 JAN - 10 FEB	FLEETEX 1-90 (Advanced)-Puerto Rico OPAREA, SOCEX 1-90-Vic Onslow Bay, NC
03 FEB	SECNAV Visit
04 FEB	CINCLANTFLT Visit
05 FEB	CINCHAN Visit
11 FEB - 14 FEB	Inport Norfolk
12 FEB - 13 FEB	Supply Material Inspection
14 FEB	Visit by the Supreme Soviet Committee on Defense and State Security
15 FEB - 07 MAR	Pre-Overseas Movement-Norfolk
08 MAR - 18 MAR	Enroute Mediterranean Sea
19 MAR	INCHOP SIXTHFLEET
20 MAR - 27 MAR	Underway Western Mediterranean-National Week (Forrestal/Eisenhower Battle Group)
31 MAR	Training Anchorage-Augusta Bay, Sicily
02 APR - 11 APR	Port visit-Toulon, France
12 APR - 21 APR	Underway Western/Central/Eastern Mediterranean- Exercise Distant Thunder
22 APR - 29 APR	Port visit-Haifa, Israel
30 APR - 17 MAY	Underway Eastern/Central/Western-Exercise Dragon Hammer
18 MAY - 24 MAY	Port visit-Cannes, France
25 MAY - 03 JUN	Underway Western Mediterranean-Exercise Poopdeck
04 JUN - 18 JUN	Port visit-Naples, Italy
07 JUN	USO Gala
19 JUN - 24 JUN	Underway Western Mediterranean
25 JUN - 29 JUN	Port visit-Marseille, France
30 JUN - 01 JUL	Underway Western Mediterranean
02 JUL - 07 JUL	Port visit-Marseille, France
04 JUL	COMSIXTHFLT Fourth of July Celebration
08 JUL - 11 JUL	Underway Western Mediterranean-Tunisian PASEX

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12 JUL - 16 JUL Port visit- Villefranche, France
16 JUL Guest cruise enroute Menton
16 JUL - 17 JUL Port visit Menton, France
18 JUL Underway Western Mediterranean

19 JUL - 31 JUL Port visit-Palma De Mallorca, Balleric Islands,
Spain
01 AUG - 07 AUG Underway Western/Central/Eastern Mediterranean-
Exercise Flashing Scimitar
08 AUG Suez Canal Transit
09 AUG - 23 AUG Underway Red Sea - Operation DESERT SHIELD
24 AUG Suez Canal Transit
25 AUG Underway Eastern/Central Mediterranean
Operation DESERT SHIELD
26 AUG Training Anchorage-Augusta Bay, Sicily
27 AUG - 31 AUG Underway Central Mediterranean - Operation
DESERT SHIELD

01 SEP Moored Augusta Bay, Sicily
02 SEP Underway Western Mediterranean
03 SEP Moored Rota, Spain
04 SEP - 11 SEP Enroute Norfolk, Virginia
10 SEP Brief Personnel Stop - Bermuda
12 SEP - 30 OCT Inport Norfolk
31 OCT - 01 NOV Underway VACAPES OPAREA- Combat Systems
Assessment rehearsal
02 NOV - 04 NOV Inport Norfolk
05 NOV - 08 NOV Combat Systems Assessment
09 NOV - 27 NOV Inport Norfolk
28 NOV - 29 NOV Underway VACAPES OPAREA-Underway Material
Inspection rehearsal
30 NOV - 02 DEC Inport Norfolk
03 DEC - 07 DEC INSURV
04 DEC Underway Material Inspection
08 DEC - 09 DEC Inport Norfolk
10 DEC - 14 DEC Command Inspection
15 DEC - 16 DEC Inport Norfolk
17 DEC Underway VACAPES OPAREA
18 DEC - 19 DEC Inport Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, Virginia
Complete Ammunition Offload
20 DEC - 31 DEC Inport Norfolk- Holiday leave and upkeep

3. NARRATIVE

TICONDEROGA began 1990 at Norfolk Naval Base enjoying the holiday standdown, completing a three-week maintenance availability period with Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Norfolk, and making operational and logistical preparations for the upcoming MED 2-90 deployment. On January 25, the ship left

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Norfolk enroute to the Caribbean and her first operational employment of the year, Advanced FLEETEX 1-90. The ship's primary role was as anti-air warfare commander for the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Battle Group, which was then in the final stages of preparation for overseas movement. The Battle Group was commanded by Rear Admiral Thomas C. Lynch, Jr, USN, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group TWELVE. Anti-submarine and anti-surface scenarios were also included, as well as Naval Gunfire Support exercises at the island of Vieques. TICONDEROGA replenished at sea five times and completed several required exercises including a graded refueling evolution for which the ship received a perfect score. Prior to returning to Norfolk on February 11, the ship operated off the coast of North Carolina in support of a Marine Amphibious Read Group in SOCEX 1-90 seeing AEGIS work in defense of the air envelope in the amphibious objective area.

During the month of February TICONDEROGA received her first VIP visits of the year. On February 3, while underway in the Caribbean, the ship was graced with a visit by the Honorable H. Lawrence Garrett III (Secretary of the Navy) and Admiral P. F. Carter (CINCLANTFLT). As part of a busy itinerary, SECNAV conducted the reenlistment of two of TICONDEROGA's sailors in the ship's aviation facility. The following day saw the arrival of the Honorable John A. Betti (Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition) and Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Royal Navy (UK), CINCHAN/CINCEASTLANT/UK CINCLANTFLT, who observed FLEETEX evolutions from an AEGIS cruiser's perspective. On February 14, following TICONDEROGA's return to Norfolk, the ship hosted a visit by members of the Supreme Soviet, the national legislature of the USSR. The Soviet delegation was headed by Vladimir Lapygin, Chairman of the Committee for Defense and State Security, and Colonel Valerij Ochirov, vice chairman. Congressmen of the House Armed Services Committee, Representatives Les Aspin (D-WIS) and Owen Pickett (D-VA), escorted the visit of the Soviet Supreme.

From February 11 to March 7, the ship remained in Norfolk for pre-overseas movement. TICONDEROGA's Supply Department also completed an outstanding Supply and Material Inspection, the ship's first major inspection of the year. For her efforts TICONDEROGA was nominated for the "Blue E" for supply excellence, an important milestone in the competitive cycle for warships.

On March 8, TICONDEROGA departed Norfolk and embarked on a Mediterranean deployment 2-90, her fourth major six month deployment in seven years of commissioned service. After passing through the Straits of Gibraltar on March 20, the ship participated in "National Week" with the EISENHOWER and FORRESTAL

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Battle Groups serving as the combined carrier force anti-air warfare commander and officer in tactical command of a ten ship surface-to-air missile firing exercise in the Gulf of Sidra. On 25 March, prior to a 31 March training anchorage in Augusta Bay, Sicily, TICONDEROGA relieved USS YORKTOWN (CG 48) as anti-air warfare commander for the Battle Force Sixth Fleet. The ship arrived in Toulon, France on April 2 for her first port visit of the deployment.

For the remainder of the spring, TICONDEROGA participated in exercises and enjoyed port visits which took her from the French Riviera to the coast of Israel and back again. Exercise "Distant Thunder" saw TICONDEROGA transit with the EISENHOWER through the Greek isles to the Turkish coast for several days of carrier flight operations in fjord-like coastal waters. Exercise "Dragon Hammer" integrated the armed forces of six nations and featured the interaction of five aircraft carriers in the central and western Mediterranean. For this major NATO southern region joint exercise, TICONDEROGA served as the multi-group anti-air warfare commander. Exercise "Poopdeck" involved simulated anti-surface and anti-air operations with Spanish coastal defense capabilities. While underway TICONDEROGA was visited by the two highest ranking U. S. naval officers in Europe, ADM Jonathan T. Howe, USN (CINCSOUTH and CINCUSNAVEUR) and VADM Joseph D. Williams, USN (COMSIXTHFLT), as well as media representatives and midshipmen from several European countries. Separating these underway periods were port visits to Haifa, Israel (April 22-29) and Cannes, France (May 18-24).

TICONDEROGA observed the half-way point of the deployment during a port visit to Naples, Italy from June 4-18. The highlight of these two weeks occurred on June 7 when the ship hosted the "USO Gala" and over 400 civilian and military VIP's. Naples provided the opportunity for the ship's first intermediate maintenance availability of the cruise (with USS SIERRA (AD 18) and allowed crewmembers to participate in several renovative and artistic community relations projects.

Showing the flag in support of international relations, TICONDEROGA spent most of July in port. The ship hosted the COMSIXTHFLT Fourth of July Celebration in Marseille where diplomatic representatives from over 25 countries attended. TICONDEROGA was formally adopted by the city of Villefranche on July 15 in conjunction with French Independence Day celebrations. Further, over 570 persons traversed the decks of the first AEGIS cruiser during a single afternoon of ship's tours in Menton. While enjoying a thirteen-day stay in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, TICONDEROGA completed another successful intermediate maintenance

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availability with USS SIERRA and ship checks by Norfolk Naval Shipyard in preparation for a future selected restricted availability.

On August 1, TICONDEROGA left Spain enroute to the eastern Mediterranean to participate in a scheduled exercise, "Flashing Scimitar". After the Iraq invasion of Kuwait on 2 August and President Bush's decision to deploy naval forces as the initial stage of what would become DESERT SHIELD and ultimately DESERT STORM, TICONDEROGA transitted the Suez Canal on August 8 to lead the EISENHOWER Battle Group into the Red Sea. TICONDEROGA became the first U.S. force to arrive on station in the Red Sea in support of DESERT SHIELD. The following 14 days, TICONDEROGA's Commanding Officer, Captain Morris C. Foote, served as both anti-air warfare commander and surface screen commander for the initial Red Sea Battle Group consisting of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69), USS SCOTT (DDG 995), USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32), USS SURIBACHI (AE 19), and USNS NEOSHO (T-AO-143). TICONDEROGA controlled much of the air and surface action in the Red Sea theater, supervising employment of the Navy and Air Force Airborne Early Warning aircraft in support of DESERT SHIELD objectives and providing surface-to-air protection for USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. These functions proved vital during the weeks when U.S. and multinational air and ground strength on the Saudi mainland was first materializing. In support of United Nations Security Council Resolution 51, TICONDEROGA conducted and directed other ships in the interception operations on merchant traffic transitting in the vicinity of the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba.

Following the arrival of the USS SARATOGA Battle Group in the Red Sea, TICONDEROGA completed the northbound journey through the Suez Canal on August 24. Operations in the eastern and central Mediterranean in support of DESERT SHIELD continued for IKE and TICONDEROGA until September 2 with relief by the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY Battle Group. A high speed transit of the western Mediterranean and Atlantic enabled TICONDEROGA and EISENHOWER to celebrate homecoming in Norfolk on September 12.

TICONDEROGA began an aggressive post-deployment inspection cycle with a Combat Systems Assessment on November 5; it would be the ship's second successful CSA in less than 14 months. During consecutive weeks in December, she completed an INSURV inspection and a Command Inspection. From December 18-19, TICONDEROGA offloaded Harpoon and Standard Missiles and 5-inch gun ammunition at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, and returned to Norfolk Naval Base to enjoy Christmas and prepare for her fourth selected restricted availability scheduled to begin shortly after the new year.