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COMMAND HISTORY

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 Weapon System. Designed for anti-air warfare, her other primary capabilities of anti-surface warfare, anti-submarine warfare, and command and control give her a tremendous multi-warfare capability to strengthen 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 Edward F. Messina.

2. CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN - 06 JAN	Holiday leave and upkeep- Norfolk
07 JAN	Inport Norfolk
08 JAN	Underway Norfolk Naval Shipyard
08 JAN - 13 MAR	SRA 4-91 Norfolk Naval Shipyard
08 MAR - 13 MAR	Baseline 1.3 Software Installation
14 MAR - 15 MAR	Post SRA Sea Trials
16 MAR - 17 MAR	Inport Norfolk
18 MAR - 20 MAR	Weapons Onload Yorktown, Virginia
21 MAR - 04 APR	Inport Norfolk
25 MAR	Harpoon Tactical Qualification
05 APR - 16 APR	Underway Type Commander's Core Training 4-91 WESTLANT/Puerto Rico OPAREA
05 APR - 08 APR	EMAT
17 APR - 18 APR	Enroute Port Visit Nassau, Bahamas
19 APR - 21 APR	Port Visit Nassau, Bahamas
22 APR - 23 APR	Enroute Norfolk
24 APR - 13 MAY	Inport Norfolk
29 APR - 03 MAY	Aviation Certification
14 MAY - 17 MAY	Underway VACAPES OPAREA - EMAT
18 MAY - 23 JUN	Inport Norfolk
10 JUN - 14 JUN	Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I
17 JUN - 20 JUN	Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase II
21 JUN	Change of Command
24 JUN - 25 JUN	Underway VACAPES OPAREA - CG 47/DDG 51 PHOTOEX
26 JUN - 16 JUL	Inport Norfolk
10 JUL - 12 JUL	PQS Assist Visit
17 JUL - 19 JUL	Underway VACAPES OPAREA - Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
20 JUL - 22 JUL	Inport Norfolk
23 JUL - 08 AUG	Underway FLEETEX 4-91
09 AUG - 11 AUG	Underway SOCEX 3-91
10 AUG - 13 AUG	Pre Overhaul Test and Inspection
14 AUG - 27 AUG	Inport Norfolk
14 AUG - 24 AUG	CSSRT
28 AUG - 31 AUG	Underway VACAPES OPAREA - Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
01 SEP - 09 SEP	IMAV - USS Puget Sound, Inport Norfolk

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10 SEP	-	12 SEP	Weapons Onload Yorktown, Virginia
01 SEP	-	25 SEP	Pre-Overseas Movement-Norfolk
26 SEP	-	07 OCT	Enroute Mediterranean Sea
08 OCT			INCHOP Sixthfleet
08 OCT	-	12 OCT	Underway - Mediterranean
13 OCT			Suez Canal Transit
14 OCT	-	22 OCT	Underway - Red Sea
23 OCT			Strait of Bab El Mandeb Transit
24 OCT	-	27 OCT	Gulf of Aden/North Arabian Sea/ Gulf of Oman Transit
28 OCT			Strait of Hormuz Transit
29 OCT	-	08 NOV	Underway Arabian Gulf
09 NOV	-	12 NOV	Port Visit - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
09 NOV	-	10 NOV	Supply Management Inspection
13 NOV	-	26 NOV	Underway - Arabian Gulf
27 NOV	-	03 DEC	Restricted Availability - Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
04 DEC	-	21 DEC	Underway - Arabian Gulf
22 DEC	-	31 DEC	Holiday Upkeep - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

3. NARRATIVE

TICONDEROGA spent the first week of 1991 enjoying the holiday leave and upkeep period while inport at Norfolk Naval Base. On January 8th, the ship left Norfolk Naval Base enroute to Norfolk Naval Shipyard for a ten week selected restricted availability. While the availability period was very "ship's force work" intensive, it also allowed time for the crew to attend required schools and training. During the last week of the SRA, the AEGIS weapon system was updated with baseline 1.3 software installation. The ship was underway from Norfolk Naval Shipyard on March 14 for post SRA sea trials. This two day underway period was used to determine the success of the maintenance performed during the SRA. The evolution was completed and we arrived in Norfolk on 15 March.

Because of Operation DESERT STORM, employment schedules were uncertain. As a result, TICONDEROGA was in a constant preparation period for the deployment. From March 18 to March 20, TICONDEROGA unloaded STANDARD Missiles, HARPOON and Five Inch gun ammunition at Yorktown Naval Weapon Station. The ship returned to Norfolk Naval Base where she remained until 04 April. During this period, the Operations and Combat Systems Departments successfully completed their Harpoon Tactical Qualification.

April was a very busy month for TICONDEROGA. On 05 April, TICONDEROGA left Norfolk for the Puerto Rican OPAREAS for her first operational employment of the year, TYPE COMMANDER CORE TRAINING 4-91. Training scenarios were conducted for Anti-air, Anti-surface and Anti-submarine warfare. A very successful Naval Gunfire Support Qualification was conducted at the island of Vieques, resulting in a score of 96.2%. In addition to the regularly scheduled exercises, an Engineering Material and Training visit was conducted. The busy schedule was followed by a brief port visit in Nassau, Bahamas from 18 April until 21 April.

The ship arrived at Norfolk Naval Base on 23 April and remained inport for three weeks. During this period, the Operations and Engineering Departments completed the Aviation Certification. The month of May also found TICONDEROGA inport Norfolk Naval Base with the exception of one week in the VACAPES OPAREA for an Engineering Material and Training visit.

During June, the ship completed Combat Systems Readiness Review, phase I and II. The crew was also busy preparing for a change of command. On 21 June, Captain Morris C. Foote was relieved by Captain Edward F. Messina. Captain Messina is the fifth officer to take command of USS TICONDEROGA. The ceremony was attended by RADM John Scott Redd, COMCRUDESGRU TWELVE. 24 June marked the first day underway under the command of Captain Messina. As the first AEGIS Cruiser, TICONDEROGA sailed to the VACAPES OPAREA to escort USS ARLEIGH BURKE, the first AEGIS Destroyer, into Norfolk for her commissioning.

July was one of the busiest months for TICONDEROGA. All hands were involved in the preparations for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination and FLEETEX 4-91. The ship was underway for the VACAPES OPAREA on 17 July and returned to Norfolk Naval Base on 19 July to repair a seawater service engineering casualty. After another brief inport period, TICONDEROGA was enroute the Caribbean for FLEETEX 4-91. TICONDEROGA was Anti-Air Warfare Commander for the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Battle Group which was commanded by Rear Admiral John Scott Redd, USN, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group TWELVE. Exercises stressed all warfare areas and culminated in a multi-ship MISSILEX in which TICONDEROGA had three successful STANDARD missile shots. Prior to returning to Norfolk on 13 August, the ship operated in support of a Marine Amphibious Readiness Group in SOCEX 3-91. From 14 August through 24 August the ship remained in Norfolk during which time she completed a CSSRT. On 24 August, TICONDEROGA was underway for the VACAPES OPAREA to complete the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. The ship returned to Norfolk on 31 August after successfully completing OPPE.

During September, the ship remained in Norfolk for pre-overseas movement. A two week Intermediate Maintenance Availability with USS PUGET SOUND (AD 38) and a weapons onload in Yorktown, Virginia completed deployment preparations.

On 26 September, TICONDEROGA departed Norfolk and embarked on a deployment to the Arabian Gulf. After a two week transit of the Atlantic, TICONDEROGA entered the Mediterranean Sea on 08 October. On 13 October, TICONDEROGA transitted the Suez Canal, in company with the EISENHOWER Battle Group. This marked the second time in slightly more than a year that the USS TICONDEROGA and the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER transitted the Suez to serve in the DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM theatre.

During the period of 14 October to 28 October the ship transitted the Red Sea, Bab El Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, North Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman and finally the Strait of Hormuz. For the remainder of the year TICONDEROGA operated with the EISENHOWER Battle Group in the Arabian Gulf. TICONDEROGA served as the

Battle Force Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator ("ZW") for all US and multi-national naval forces in the Arabian Gulf. During this period, the Supply Department completed a very successful Supply Management Inspection while inport Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

On 27 November, the ship arrived in Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates for a Restricted Availability.

TICONDEROGA completed the year by enjoying the holiday upkeep period while inport Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 22 December to 31 December.