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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History for 1994
(2) Welcome Aboard pamphlet

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted for historical record.

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COMMAND HISTORY

1.COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47) is the lead ship in her class of guided missile cruisers, the first surface combatant equipped with the AEGIS Weapons 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 Carrier Group Eight, she is commanded by Captain Gary A. Storm, United States Navy.

2. USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47)

HISTORY OF KEY EVENTS - - 1994

TICO's capabilities are further extended by 1SH-60B LAMPS MARK III Helicopter for ASW and over the horizon targeting. HSL 46 from Jacksonville, FL provides CUTLASS 462 for all major ship employments.

DATE	EVENT
01 - 17 January	Counter-Narcotics Operations (CDOPS)-CUTLASS 462 Embarked
17 - 20 January	Enroute Norfolk
18 - 21 January	CIC Team Trainer/CSOSS Phase II
20 January	H-3 DLQ Services
24 January - 14 February	IMAV Norfolk
27 January	SLAMEX
31 January - 01 February	LMA Assist Visit
01 - 18 February	Flex Hose Management Program
07 - 11 February	AWS 1.4.1 AEGIS Computer Program Update
09 - 10 February	Nearland Test Kirtlan AFB
14 - 18 February	USS TICONDEROGA/TACCSF Tactical Integration Exercise
21 - 25 February	SM-1 BLK VI Training
22 - 25 February	CIC Team Training
22 - 25 February	JTIDS Training
24 February	Missile Onload
04 - 08 March	Enroute PROA - CUTLASS 462 Embarks
04 March	DLQ Services
09 - 11 March	US/FGN Missilex (TICO OCE)
14 - 16 March	Port Visit Nassau, Bahamas
20 March - 01 April	Joint Air Defense Operations/Joint Engagement Zone Exercise
26 - 27 March	Port Visit Pascagoula, MS
01 April - 30 June	Assigned TG 040.2
08 - 22 April	RAV Norfolk
18 - 22 April	CIC Team Training/CSOSS Phase II
21 April	Australian Chief of Chaplains/Ukrainian Deputy Defense Minister Visit
22 April	Congressman Dellums Visit
25 - 27 April	QCI Refresher Training
30 April - 18 May	Upkeep Norfolk

05 May
06 May
09 - 12 May
13 May
19 - 22 May

Ammo Onload
USS TICONDEROGA Family Day
CART Phase II
Big "T" Reunion Tour
CSTG Training (SPS-49/RSC Training)

DATE

EVENT

23 May - 30 June

Counter-Narcotics Operations (CDOPS) - CUTLASS 462 Embarks
Assigned as CJTF-4 AAWC

01 June

BSF Cartagena, Columbia

09 - 13 June

Port Visit Barbados

30 June - 03 July

Enroute Norfolk/TSTA I ETG Training

04 - 10 July

Upkeep Norfolk

11 - 22 July

TSTA I CSTG Training

RSC Bees Box Training

Harpoon Team Training

Intel/Crypto Training

Link 11 Training

ASW/EW Threat Training

Core Doctrine Review

18 - 19 July

TSTA I FTG Training VCOA

25 - 29 July

LINKEX/TRACKEX/Tactical Maneuvering Training
with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71)

26 - 27 July

TSTA I FTG Training (VCOA)

30 July - 05 August

Upkeep Norfolk

06 - 11 August

Port Visit Winter Harbor, ME

12 - 14 August

Enroute Norfolk/ETG Training

15 - 19 August

Upkeep Norfolk

19 - 21 August

OPPE Preparations VCOA

22 - 24 August

OPPE Preparations

25 - 29 August

Harpoon Team Training

30 August - 02 September

OPPE VCOA

03 September - 02 October

Upkeep Norfolk

12 - 16 September

TSTA II/CSTG Training

14 September

FAAWC Training

19 September

JTG 95-II Conference

19 - 23 September

QA Quicklook

26 - 30 September

PATG Visit

28 - 29 September

TSTA II/CSTG Training

03 - 04 October

Submarine TRE Services

05 October

Ammo Onload NWS Yorktown

06 - 10 October

Family Cruise

11 - 13 October

Upkeep Norfolk/CSA Preparations

CSA VCOA

17 - 19 October
17 - 21 October
17 October - 04 November

Diver/Limpet Mine Training Support
CSRR Phase I/Sonar Dome X-ray
Battle Group Commander's Conference

DATE	EVENT
21 October	FOTC Workshop Air Control Tactics Seminar
24 - 28 October	NGFS Team Training
24 October - 04 November	CSRR Phase II
25 October	Link 11 Quick-look
01 - 04 November	ASW Team Training
02 November	TLM Onload
03 November	Command Safety Survey Safety Stand-down
07 November - 15 December	TRBATGRU COMPTUEX - CUTLASS 462 Embarks
08 November	VANDALEX VCOA
09 - 17 November	ASW Proficiency Training CDS - 22 Flagship
18 November	SM-2 BLK III Surface-Surface Missilex
19 - 22 November	Battle Group Training PROA
23 - 26 November	Port Visit NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads, PR
27 November	NGFS Qualification Vieques Island Range
02 December	Surface to Air Missile Firing Exercise AAW-11-SF/AAW-19-SF
03 - 05 December	COMPTUEX ITA
06 - 14 December	JTF 95-II Integration Training - CUTLASS 462 Embarks ADZC Training
15 - 31 December	Inport Norfolk, VA
20 December	TYCOMMEX

3. Narrative:

The New Year saw the officers and crew of TICONDEROGA steaming in the south west Caribbean as the primary Anti-Air asset for Joint Task Force Four. TICONDEROGA provided the primary detection, tracking and identification of all aircraft flying from Columbia to points northward, and also served as a primary surface interdiction platform in conjunction with a seven member Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment embarked on a seven week Counter Narcotics Operation which began in early December of 1993. Although the holidays were spent away from loved ones and family members at home, the seven weeks steaming was the first extended employment away from home port since coming out of the First Aegis Overhaul in Metro Machine Shipyard, Norfolk Va in June of 1993. TICONDEROGA measured her success in the numerous aircraft which she detected and handed off to Drug Enforcement Agency assets that resulted in arrests and confiscation of illegal narcotics. One major highlight of the operation included the recovery and subsequent destruction of 19 million dollars worth of marijuana (50, 100 pound bails).

Upon relief from her duties in mid-January, TICONDEROGA steamed North and returned to a happy homecoming 21 Jan 94 in Norfolk, Virginia.

After the conclusion of a brief leave and stand down period, TICONDEROGA conducted a successful Logistics Management Assessment which would eventually lead to the Supply "E," and the first step in TICONDEROGA's serious bid for the elusive Battle Efficiency or Battle "E" award. February was spent making preparations for March's underway commitments, which included a two week period operating in the waters North of Puerto Rico for USN-FGN MISSLEX '94, followed by two weeks involved in the first ever Joint Air Defense Operation, Joint Engagement Zone, Near Land Test (JADO JEZ NLT) in the Gulf coast off of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

As Officer in Tactical Command (OTC) and Officer in Charge of the Exercise (OCE), for USN/FGN MISSILEX, TICONDEROGA was tasked with safety and conduct of three other US Naval vessels, a Dutch and a Canadian Frigate, and four German ships. In a challenge which crossed national and language barriers, TICONDEROGA conducted three days of surface to surface, and surface to air gunnery exercises, as well as the pinnacle of the event, four live exocet missile firings. The rare opportunity to exercise several different platforms and weapon systems against a live target was a rare treat for all crews involved, and provided several spectacular views.

At the successful conclusion of USN/FGN Misslex '94, TICONDEROGA pulled in to the port of Nassau, Bahamas for four days, where the crew was able to enjoy the pleasures of a Caribbean Island and also contribute to the local community with several crew members volunteering time to assist in the clean up and repair of a local orphanage. From Nassau, TICONDEROGA steamed north west into the Gulf of Mexico to represent the Navy in a historic Joint Air Defense Exercise off the gulf coast of Mississippi. JADO/JEZ was, A two week exercise designed to test the inter-operability of the Aegis Weapon System with Air Force E-3 Sentries, Marine Hawk and Army Patriot missile batteries in a near land, littoral environment. The compressed battle space provided valuable lessons to Command and Control personnel from all services, and proved that all services could operate an overland and sea Joint Engagement Zone where fighter/interceptor aircraft and surface to air missiles could provide a strong air defense for landing forces of an amphibious operation. The two week operation also allowed nearly seventy distinguished visitors from the other armed services, including General Sheehan, USMC, now CINCUSACOM, to see how Aegis provides the most formidable Anti-Air defense at sea.

The visit to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, provided the crew of TICONDEROGA a rare treat with her return to her building yard, Litton Ingalls shipyard, in Pasacagoula Mississippi for the first time since TICONDEROGA passed her sea trials and was commissioned in 1983. While in Pasacagoula, Litton Ingalls in conjunction with the Navy League and the city of Pascagoula sponsored "The Aegis Alpha and Omega Celebration" in honor of TICONDEROGA and her youngest sister, the last Aegis Cruiser PORT ROYALE (CG-73), also built at Litton Ingalls. A truly extraordinary event, that encompassed the last weekend in March, concluded with a reception with comments from the President of Litton Ingalls shipyard, the Mayor of Pascagoula, RADM George Huchting, Director of PMS 400 (AEGIS programs), and the Commanding Officers of the TICONDEROGA and PORT ROYALE.

Upon her return to Norfolk in early April, TICONDEROGA entered into a Restricted Availability and took time to improve the training and readiness of her crew through several inport training exercises and workshops. The months of April and May also brought several Distinguished Visitors, including the Ukrainian Defense Minister and the 50th reunion of the Big "T" association of World War II veterans who served aboard USS TICONDEROGA (CVE-14). Over 400 veterans and their families toured the latest version of TICONDEROGA during the reunion in mid-May.

23 May 1994, TICONDEROGA departed Norfolk with another Law Enforcement Detachment for a second, seven week employment in the Caribbean as Anti-Air warfare commander for Commander Joint Task Force Four. TICONDEROGA was again tasked with providing the primary means of detection and tracking of air and surface contacts in the War against Drugs in the Caribbean. Returning home in time to celebrate the Fourth of July in home port, TICONDEROGA again distinguished herself by leading several interdiction efforts.

July and August 1994 brought several underway training opportunities in the Virginia Capes Operating Area as the ship and crew made preparations for its second Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) and first Combat Systems Assessment (CSA) since the completion of Regular Overhaul One. A short respite from the busy training schedule in mid August was provided as TICONDEROGA sailed to Maine for a four day port visit and to participate in Lobsterfest '94 in Winterharbor, Maine. 29 August was the first day of the most successful OPPE in TICONDEROGA's twelve years of service. After three days of intense scrutiny by CINCLANTFLT's Propulsion Examining Board, an overall grade of "Good," earned TICONDEROGA her first ever red Engineering "E," and allowed her to overcome her second major hurdle in her bid for a Battle "E."

With a successful OPPE to her credit, all efforts during the months of September and early October were focused upon preparations for the CSA. During the early fall months several more Distinguished Visitors came to TICONDEROGA, including the Minister of the Japanese Self Defense Force in mid September, and the Secretary of Defense William Perry in early October. Ten crew members were honored by Secretary Perry with the Navy Achievement Medal for distinguished service while onboard TICONDEROGA during 1994. 11-13 October 1994, TICONDEROGA completed a successful Combat Systems Assessment (CSA) while underway in the Virginia Capes Operating Area, scoring an overall grade of good. Success in both the OPPE and the CSA, provided TICONDEROGA her best grounds for success in receiving a Battle "E."

Shortly after the CSA, TICONDEROGA chopped to Commander in Chief Second Fleet and was assigned the duties of Air Defense Zone Coordinator, for Joint Task Force 95-2 Amphibious Readiness Group. Underway 7 November, TICONDEROGA embarked Commander Destroyer Squadron 22, for the commencement of the TRBATGRU Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX). TICONDEROGA'S first commitment led her to rendezvous with five other second fleet ships off the coast of Wallops Island, Virginia to conduct a live firing missile exercise entitled Vandlex '94. In the exercise, TICONDEROGA'S SPY-1A proved itself once again to be as effective as the newest SPY-1D radar found aboard the recently commissioned USS STOUT (DDG-55). TICONDEROGA was the first platform to acquire and intercept the low and fast inbound missile fired from a missile sight at Wallops Island.

Moving south towards Puerto Rico, COMDESRON 22 conducted a ten day exercise entitled Anti-Submarine Warfare Proficiency Training (ASWPT). Four US Submarines provided live training opportunities for watch teams to familiarize themselves with localizing, tracking and prosecuting submarines. At the conclusion of ASWPT ships engaged in several days of missile and gun shoots, and the opportunity to conduct underway replenishment with Combat Logistic Force ships. The crew was able to enjoy a five day respite at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for the Thanksgiving holiday, which allowed enough time to rest for TICONDEROGA's Naval Gun Fire Support qualification the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Scoring a resounding 97% in the exercise TICONDEROGA moved on to rendezvous with the battle group in order to participate in the Integrated Training Assessment, the graduation exercise for the TR Battle Group from COMPTUEX 94. A four day long exercise, the ITA allowed the battle group to work against an opposing force for the first time.

At the conclusion of the ITA, TICONDEROGA steamed north to Onslow Bay off the coast of North Carolina to conduct Air Defense Zone Coordinator duties with the Amphibious Readiness Group led by USS Kersarge (LHD-3). There, the crew were able to put into practice the many lessons learned during JEDO JEZ and develop new procedures in defense of Amphibious forces going ashore during the week long exercise.

TICONDEROGA departed Onslow Bay 14 December, and arrived in Norfolk in the mid Morning of the 15th of December, 1994 to conclude the most successful year of operations in TICONDEROGA's 12 year history. The Officers and crew performed magnificently and produced exceptional results through a long and demanding year of training and operational commitments. USS TICONDEROGA has demonstrated through every inspection, evolution, and exercise that she is ready to perform any mission. In 1994, TICONDEROGA completed all requirements of the Battle Efficiency award, and expects to be awarded the Battle "E" for the first time. The crew of this superb ship has set a new standard of excellence for Surface Warfare and have proudly earned the title of AEGIS WARRIORS.