

**RUSSELL (DDG-59) 1 January 2022**

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MIDNIGHT ENTRY NYE!

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Another year passed, another year down,  
While on the mid watch we stop and take a look around,  
Although 2021 was similar to the year before.  
Old DDG-59 had many new places left to explore.  
We bid farewell to the land of the free,  
And headed off into 3<sup>rd</sup> fleet with foreign waters to see.  
We made decent headway across the Pacific,  
No port calls no problem, we sailed amidst a global pandemic.  
We left the states for good, past the first island chain we crossed,  
With twenty degree rolls, by Poseidon we were tossed.  
The crew became tried and true trusty shellbacks,  
With sunburns on our noses, and WOG shirts on our backs.  
It would be awhile until we could really set foot on land,  
186 days due to COVID with a cold beer in our hand.  
New to Seventh Fleet we were joined by our CSG-9 peers,  
Eventually we headed north, ready to conquer new frontiers,  
After floating with glaciers on the edge of the north,  
We turned and headed south where we welcomed the warmth.  
Returning to Naval Base San Diego was all in the cards,  
And soon after mooring, we prepped for the yards.  
Through all the grit and grind our equipment works just fine,  
Even if the fire and seawater pumps are not currently online.  
The fireman and other temp services BAE will provide,  
While tireless sailors work hard so the ship can thrive.  
With six mooring lines, port side moor,  
CDO is [REDACTED], Section Leader is FCC, while the triad is ashore.  
During the past year the crew has experienced numerous highs and lows,  
But through strength we find freedom, and now draw this entry to a close  
2021 was a year of the red dragons, a warship backed by a warfighting crew

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All engines ahead flank, come year two thousand twenty two!