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USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62) MISSION

The multi-faceted mission of USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62) includes:

- To be prepared to conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea in support of national policy.
- To detect, classify and track hundreds of potential targets simultaneously in the air, on the surface, and under the sea.
- To destroy hostile targets using a variety of weapons: surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, ship-launched torpedoes, air-launched torpedoes, deck guns, rapid-fire close-in weapons, and electronic jammers and decoys.
- To carry out, as required:
  - Escort of military and merchant ship convoys
  - Amphibious assault support
  - Surveillance and tracking of hostile ships
  - Blockade
  - Search and rescue at sea

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USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62) COMMAND HISTORY  
KEY CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
26 NOV 84	CONTRACT AWARD, PASCAGOULA, MS.
26 JUL 86	START SHIP FABRICATION
24 JUN 87	KEEL LAID AT INGALLS SHIPBUILDING, PASCAGOULA, MS.
01 APR 88	CAPT G. H. RHEINSTROM ARRIVED FOR DUTY AS PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER (PCO)
12 APR 88	FCC(SW) GARY M. HARBURN, USN, FIRST CREW MEMBER ORDERED TO CHANCELLORSVILLE
13 MAY 88	<u>PRECOMMISSIONING DETACHMENT, SAN DIEGO, CA.</u> ESTABLISHED BY ENS TODD A. COOK, USN,
15 JUL 88	FLOAT OFF, INGALLS SHIPBUILDING, PASCAGOULA, MS.
23 JUL 88	CHANCELLORSVILLE CHRISTENED BY MRS. EDWARD H. MARTIN (SHIP'S SPONSOR)
12 OCT 88	<u>PRECOMMISSIONING UNIT, PASCAGOULA, MS.</u> ESTABLISHED BY FCC THOMAS D. BEEMAN, USN,
12 DEC 88	AEGIS SYSTEM LIGHT OFF, PASCAGOULA, MS.
03 JAN 89	PHASE I CREW REPORTS TO SAN DIEGO, CA.
03 FEB 89	COMBAT SYSTEM OPERATIONAL SEQUENCING SYSTEM (CSOSS) PHASE I IMPLEMENTED, PASCAGOULA, MS.
27 FEB 89	PHASE I CREW REPORTS TO PASCAGOULA, MS.
06 MAR 89	RADIOMAN TEAM TRAINING, ST. INIGOES, MD.
20 MAR 89	SHIPBOARD ELECTRONIC READINESS TRAINING (SERT), PASCAGOULA, MS.
21 MAR 89	MAIN PROPULSION LIGHT OFF, PASCAGOULA, MS.
27 MAR 89	(TO1) COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER TEAM TRAINING, GODDARD FLIGHT CENTER, WOLLOPS ISLAND, VA.

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01 APR 89 CREW PREPARATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT COMBAT SYSTEMS EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (CSEDS), MOORESTOWN, N.J.

27 APR 89 DRYDOCK SHIP, PASCAGOULA, MS.

28 APR 89 PHASE II CREW REPORTS TO PASCAGOULA, MS.

01 MAY 89 (TO2) COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER TEAM TRAINER, CSEDS, MOORESTOWN, N.J.

15 MAY 89 IMPLEMENT ENGINEERING OPERABILITY SEQUENCING SYSTEM (EOSS), PASCAGOULA, MS.

15 MAY 89 AVIATION SAFETY INSPECTION AND REVIEW (ASIR), PASCAGOULA, MS.

17 MAY 89 CREW PREPARATION FOR FIRST BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (ALPHA)

19 MAY 89 FIRST BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (ALPHA) - INPORT

22 MAY 89 FIRST BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (ALPHA) - UNDERWAY

24 MAY 89 IMPLEMENT MAINTENANCE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT (3M) SYSTEM PHASE I, PASCAGOULA, MS.

02 JUN 89 CREW PREPARATION FOR SECOND BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (BRAVO)

05 JUN 89 TRIAL BRAVO AMMUNITION HANDLING TRAINING, FIRING REHEARSALS, AND CREW PREPARATION

21 JUN 89 SECOND BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (BRAVO) - INPORT

24 JUN 89 SECOND BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (BRAVO) AMMUNITION ONLOAD

26 JUN 89 SECOND BUILDER'S SEA TRIAL (BRAVO) - UNDERWAY

03 JUL 89 PHASE III CREW REPORTS TO SAN DIEGO, CA.

05 JUL 89 CREW PREPARATION FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE SEA TRIAL (CHARLIE)

15 JUL 89 FINAL NAVY ACCEPTANCE SEA TRIAL (CHARLIE)-INPORT

17 JUL 89 FINAL NAVY ACCEPTANCE SEA TRIAL (CHARLIE)-UNDERWAY

26 JUL 89 PRE LIGHT-OFF EXAMINATION (PLOE) I, PASCAGOULA, MS.

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15 AUG 89 IMPLEMENT MAINTENANCE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT (3M) SYSTEM PHASE II, PASCAGOULA, MS.

21 AUG 89 NAVSEA CERTIFICATION OF SNAP II SYSTEM, PASCAGOULA, MS.

25 AUG 89 CLOSEOUT OF PRECOMMISSIONING DETACHMENT SAN DIEGO, CA.

28 AUG 89 PHASE III CREW REPORTS TO PASCAGOULA, MS.

28 AUG 89 SHIP CUSTODY TRANSFER TO FROM INGALLS SHIPBUILDING TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY

28 AUG 89 CHANCELLORSVILLE CREW MOVES ABOARD SHIP

28 AUG 89 IMPLEMENT SNAP II MAINTENANCE DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

01 SEP 89 COMMUNICATION SECURITY ACCOUNT (CMS) ESTABLISHED

05 SEP 89 IMPLEMENTED TOTAL SHIP TEST PROGRAM (TSTP) BY NAVAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEM ENGINEERING (NESEA), ST. INIGOES, MD.

06 SEP 89 AVIATION ASSIST VISIT (AAV) BY COMNAVSURFPAC AVIATION DEPARTMENT

07 SEP 89 INTERIM COMNAVSURFPAC CRYPTOLOGIC COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM (CCSS) CERTIFICATION RECEIVED

11 SEP 89 IMPLEMENT COMBAT SYSTEM OPERABILITY SEQUENCING SYSTEM (CSOSS) PHASE II

18 SEP 89 TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE TAPE DELIVERY FOR CRYPTOLOGIC COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM (CCSS)

25 SEP 89 PRE LIGHT-OFF EXAMINATION (PLOE) II, PASCAGOULA, MS.

26 SEP 89 NAVSEA CERTIFICATION OF CHANCELLORSVILLE CALIBRATION LAB

01 OCT 89 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT (3M) CYCLE BEGINS

02 OCT 89 MEDICAL READINESS EVALUATION

02 OCT 89 TOMAHAWK SYSTEM MATERIAL CERTIFICATION

02 OCT 89 MICRO-MINIATURE (2M) REPAIR STATION CERTIFICATION

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02 OCT 89 VERTICAL LAUNCH SYSTEM (VLS) MATERIAL  
CERTIFICATION

06 OCT 89 CHANCELLORSVILLE TOUR BY SIR JULIAN OSWALD,  
FIRST SEA LORD OF THE ROYAL NAVY

06 OCT 89 PRESS CONFERENCE ON INGALLS SHIPBUILDING PIER  
BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE HONORABLE  
RICHARD CHENEY

09 OCT 89 COMMUNICATION STANDARD OPERABILITY TEST  
(COMSOT)

14 OCT 89 TRANSIT DEFENSIVE AMMUNITION ONLOAD

16 OCT 89 ENGINEERING LIGHT OFF EXAMINATION (LOE)

16 OCT 89 NAVAL SURFACE WEAPON SYSTEM ENGINEERING  
SUPPORT CENTER (NSWSES) UNDERWAY  
REPLENISHMENT SHIP QUALIFICATION TEST VISIT  
PHASE II

21 OCT 89 FIRST FIRING OF CHANCELLORSVILLE'S SALUTING  
BATTERY

21 OCT 89 FIRST MARRIAGE CEREMONY HELD ON BOARD - SMSR  
TIMOTHY S. LIKENS, USN, [REDACTED], WED MISS  
MARY KATHERINE HODGE OF PASCAGOULA, MS.

23 OCT 89 COMBINED CREW CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING  
READINESS EVALUATION (CREWCERT/TRE)

23 OCT 89 HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE (LIGHT) SQUADRON 43  
DETACHMENT 9 DEPARTURE FROM SAN DIEGO ENROUTE  
PASCAGOULA, MS.

30 OCT 89 HSL 43 DET 9 LAMPS MK III FLY ON

04 NOV 89 USS CHANCELLORSVILLE COMMISSIONED BY  
VADM JOHN W. NYQUIST. OVER 2,000 FRIENDS AND  
RELATIVES ATTENDED CEREMONY

04 NOV 89 CAPT RHEINSTROM TITLE CHANGES TO COMMANDING  
OFFICER, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE

04 NOV 89 FC1(SW) JAMES A. HIRSCH, USN, [REDACTED]  
BECAME FIRST CREW MEMBER TO REENLIST ON BOARD  
USS CHANCELLORSVILLE

06 NOV 89 DEPENDENTS CRUISE WITH 917 GUESTS

07 NOV 89 SAILAWAY FROM PASCAGOULA, MS. ENROUTE SAN

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DIEGO, CA. VIA PANAMA CANAL

11 NOV 89 USS CHANCELLORSVILLE ARRIVES ATLANTIC SIDE OF PANAMA CANAL

11 NOV 89 TRANSIT OF PANAMA CANAL

11 NOV 89 ARRIVE RODMAN NAVAL STATION, PANAMA CANAL ZONE

12 NOV 89 UNDERWAY ENROUTE PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

14 NOV 89 USS CHANCELLORSVILLE CHANGES OPERATIONAL CONTROL FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC FLEET

17 NOV 89 PORT VISIT - PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

18 NOV 89 VICE ALMIRANTE AUGUSTO ESPARZA RODRIGUEZ, MEXICAN NAVY, DINES WITH COMMANDING OFFICER IN WARDROOM AND TOURS USS CHANCELLORSVILLE

19 NOV 89 UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN DIEGO, CA.

22 NOV 89 USS CHANCELLORSVILLE MOORS AT NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CA. - HER NEW HOMEPORT. GREETED BY SHIPS SPONSER, VADM R.K.U. KIHUNE, USN, COMNAVSURFPAC, AND MARY HERON, MAYOR OF CORONADO CA.

27 NOV 89 AVAILABILITY WITH SHORE INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITY (SIMA), NAVAL STATION, SAN DIEGO, CA.

27 NOV 89 PACIFIC FLEET COMMUNICATIONS READINESS ASSESSMENT TEAM (CRAT) VISIT

04 DEC 89 SHAKEDOWN REFRESHER TRAINING (REFTRA), WEEK ONE

06 DEC 89 FIRST UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT (UNREP) - USNS KAWISHIWI (T-AO-146)

11 DEC 89 SHAKEDOWN REFRESHER TRAINING (REFTRA), WEEK TWO

15 DEC 89 USS CHANCELLORSVILLE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD FOR CREW AT SHERATON HOTEL HARBOR ISLAND, SAN DIEGO, CA.

18 DEC 89 COMBAT SYSTEM SHIP'S QUALIFICATION AND TRIAL (CSSQT) INITIAL SCENARIO DELIVERY

25 DEC 89 CHRISTMAS DINNER SERVED ON BOARD FOR CREW MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

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09 JAN 90 COMMENCE COMBAT SYSTEMS SHIP QUALIFICATION TRIALS (CSSQT)

09 JAN 90 COMMENCE COMBAT SYSTEMS SHIP QUALIFICATION TRIALS (CSSQT)

24 JAN 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS STATION

24 JAN 90 CHICAGO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY CURATORS RIDE SHIP CONDUCTING FIELD RESEARCH FOR PLANNED SURFACE NAVY EXHIBIT

25 JAN 90 BURIAL AT SEA OF JACKIE NEAL OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPERATING AREA

25 JAN 90 WEAPONS ONLOAD AT SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS STATION AND RETURN TO SEA

26 JAN 90 INPORT SAN DIEGO

26 JAN 90 EMBARK HSL 43 DET 9 OCEANLORD 21 & 23

29 JAN 90 UNDERWAY CSSQT

29 JAN 90 CSSQT GUN QUALIFICATION FIRING, MOUNTS 51 AND 52.

31 JAN 90 AMMUNITION UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS KISKA.

01 FEB 90 NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT (NGFS) WITH 5"/54 GUNS, SCORED OUTSTANDING

03 FEB 90 LUBE OIL LEAK, MAIN ENGINE ROOM #1. RETURNED TO SAN DIEGO. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. MINIMAL EQUIPMENT IMPACT

05 FEB 90 UNDERWAY CSSQT. SCORED OUTSTANDING ON CLOSE-IN WEAPONS SYSTEM (CIWS) TOWED TARGET FIRING EXERCISE

13 FEB 90 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

20 FEB 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE BARSTUR/BSURE RANGES, CSSQT

01 MAR 90 ANCHORAGE LAHAINA, MAUI

05 MAR 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE BARKING SANDS MISSILE RANGE

08 MAR 90 CSSQT MISSILE FIRINGS, SCORED OUTSTANDING

12 MAR 90 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI

15 MAR 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE SAN DIEGO

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21 MAR 90 ARRIVE INPORT SAN DIEGO. COMPLETE CSSQT

21 MAR 90 DISEMBARK HSL 43 DET 9, OCEANLORD 21 & 23

26 MAR 90 COMMENCE HARPOON CERTIFICATION.

27 MAR 90 VADM DORSEY, COMMANDER THIRD FLEET, HELD NEWS CONFERENCE ONBOARD.

09 APR 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE SOCIAL OPERATING AREA, FCT PREPS

10 APR 90 VISIT BY STEVE CORTESE, MINORITY STAFF MEMBER, SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE, ESCORTED BY CAPT. CLEMENT WARD, USN, NAVCOMPT

11 APR 90 INPORT NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND FOR WEAPONS OFFLOAD AND RETURN TO NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO

16 APR 90 COMMENCE FINAL CONTRACTOR TRIALS (FCT), CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY (INSURV) TEAM, INCLUDING HABITABILITY INSPECTION

17 APR 90 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OPERATING AREA FOR FCT AND RETURN TO SAN DIEGO

18 APR 90 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED FCT.

21 APR 90 VADM KIHUNE, COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCES PACIFIC AND LUBBOCK, TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIT

25 APR 90 CHIEF OF INFORMATION WEST COAST DETACHMENT FILMS COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER (CIC)

27 APR 90 VADM NYQUIST, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (SURFACE WARFARE), REENLISTED PNC BALBIN AND PRESENTED SAILOR OF THE QUARTER HONORS TO GSM2 SANBORN AND BLUEJACKET OF THE QUARTER ACCOLADES TO PN3 HODGSON. FAMILY DAY FESTIVITIES HELD ONBOARD, INCLUDING LUNCH AND SITE TV ENTERTAINMENT FOR MEN AND FAMILIES

27 APR 90 CHANCELLORSVILLE MILITARY CHILDREN'S DAY

01 MAY 90 UNDERWAY NAVAL STATION LONG BEACH, CA

02 MAY 90 SINGLE SHOT SHOCK TEST (SSST)

03 MAY 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO

05 MAY 90 'AFTER SHOCK' SHIP'S PARTY AT ADMIRAL BAKER FIELD

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26 MAY 90 COMMENCE MOVE ABOARD BARGE IN PREPARATION FOR POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY AT NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY, SAN DIEGO

01 JUN 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE NASSCO FOR PSA. ARRIVE SAME DAY IN DRYDOCK

06 JUN 90 ADOPTION OF COMPANY 152, RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND, NAVAL TRAINING COMMAND, SAN DIEGO

16 JUN 90 COMPANY 152 SPORTS DAY AT NTC, SAN DIEGO. SUPPORTED ADOPTED COMPANY OF RECRUITS WITH T-SHIRTS AND MORAL SUPPORT BY CREWMEMBERS

23 JUN 90 UNDERWAY FROM DRYDOCK TO BERTH 2, NASSCO

02 JUL 90 FCC (SW) GARY HARBURN PROMOTED TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CW02) ON STAR OF INDIA IN SAN DIEGO HARBOR

16 JUL 90 COMMENCE SHIP'S PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL SURFACE LINE WEEK EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDE COMPETITION IN SPORTS AND SHIPBOARD EVOLUTIONS. SHIP TAKES SECOND IN OVERALL SPORTS COMPETITION.

20 JUL 90 CAPT G. H. RHEINSTROM, COMMANDING OFFICER, SERVED AS REVIEWING OFFICER FOR PASS AND REVIEW OF RTC COMPANY 152, NTC, SAN DIEGO

21 JUL 90 MOVE ABOARD SHIP FROM BARGE, NASSCO

07 AUG 90 FAST CRUISE, INPORT NASSCO

14 AUG 90 UNDERWAY SEA TRIALS #1 OFF COAST OF ST. CLEMENTE, SOCAL OP AREA. RETURNED TO NASSCO

20 AUG 90 SHIFT BERTH TO NAVSTA SAN DIEGO

21 AUG 90 UNDERWAY SOCAL OP AREA FOR SEA TRIAL #2 AND 5"/54 MK 45 GUN, CLOSE IN WEAPON SYSTEM (CIWS) FIRING EXERCISES

23 AUG 90 INPORT SAN DIEGO.

25 AUG 90 COMMAND PICNIC, NAVSTA SAN DIEGO

27 AUG 90 UNDERWAY NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE POINT LOMA CA MOOR DEPERMING FACILITY PIER

28 AUG 90 DEPERM SHIP

29 AUG 90 UNDERWAY NAVSTA SAN DIEGO. ARRIVE SAME DAY.

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20 AUG 90 COMMAND FAMILY NIGHT GATHERING AT NAVSTA  
SAN DIEGO BOWLING CENTER

17 SEP 90 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OP AREA

18 SEP 90 BURIAL AT SEA OF THOMAS LASKOWSKI, GRANDFATHER OF  
CREWMEMBER FC3 JAMES BRANDIMARTO OF USS  
CHANCELLORSVILLE

18 SEP 90 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT, REFUELING, WITH  
USS KANSAS CITY (AOR 3)

20 SEP 90 INPORT SEAL BEACH NAVAL WEAPONS STATION FOR  
WEAPONS ONLOAD

24 SEP 90 EMBARK MOBILE TRAINING TEAM PERSONNEL. UNDERWAY  
SOCAL OP AREA FOR MTT PHASE II

28 SEP 90 INPORT NAVAL AIR STATION NORTH ISLAND,  
CORONADO, CA

01 OCT 90 COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM PHILIP QUAST, ASSUMED  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF USS  
CHANCELLORSVILLE.

01 OCT 90 0024 NUCLEAR WEAPONS TRAINING

04 OCT 90 CHAIRMAN, U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF GEN. COLIN  
POWELL AND HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, MARSHALL  
MIKHAIL MOISEYEV, VISIT AND TOUR USS  
CHANCELLORSVILLE. CINCPACFLT, COMNAVSURFPAC,  
COMNAVAIRPAC, ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

05 OCT 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO. ARRIVED  
SAME DAY

09 OCT 90 AVIATION ASSIST VISIT (AAV)

10 OCT 90 UNDERWAY FOR TRAINING READINESS EVALUATION (TRE)  
CONDUCTED AT ANCHORAGE IN SAN DIEGO HARBOR

12 OCT 90 INPORT SAN DIEGO

15 OCT 90 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OP AREA FOR MTT PHASE III

19 OCT 90 INPORT NAVSTA SAN DIEGO

22 OCT 90 NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSISTANCE TEAM (NWAT)

26 OCT 90 UNDERWAY ENROUTE NAVAL STATION NORTH ISLAND CA FOR  
MISSILE ONLOAD AND RETURN TO NAVSTA SAN DIEGO SAME  
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26 OCT 90 EMBARK HSL 43 DET 9, OCEANLORD 32  
29 OCT 90 UNDERWAY REFRESHER TRAINING - WEEK ONE  
31 OCT 90 UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS NAVASOTA  
02 NOV 90 INPORT SAN DIEGO  
05 NOV 90 UNDERWAY REFRESHER TRAINING - WEEK TWO  
06 NOV 90 GUN PACFIRE PMTC RANGE  
08 NOV 90 MISSILE FIRING PMTC RANGE.  
09 NOV 90 TORPEDO FIRING EXERCISE 18/24-SF SCORE RANGE  
10 NOV 90 INPORT SAN DIEGO  
13 NOV 90 UNDERWAY REFRESHER TRAINING - WEEK THREE  
15 NOV 90 DISEMBARK HSL 43 DET 9, OCEANLORD 32  
16 NOV 90 COMPLETE REFRESHER TRAINING. INPORT SAN DIEGO  
27 NOV 90 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OP AREA, OPERATIONAL PROPULSION  
PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE)  
29 NOV 90 INPORT SAN DIEGO  
30 NOV 90 TWCS CNO PROJECT SUPPORT  
03 DEC 90 NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACCEPTANCE INSPECTION (NWAII)  
07 DEC 90 UNDERWAY SOCIAL OP AREA FOR READINESS EXERCISE  
(READIEX 91-1A) WITH USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) AND  
REMAINDER OF BATTLE GROUP BRAVO  
07 DEC 90 EMBARK HSL 43 DET 9, OCEANLORD 20  
13 DEC 90 CONDUCTED MIDDLE EAST FORCE EXERCISE (MEFEX 91-2) /  
VESSEL BOARDING SEARCH AND SEIZURE (VBSS)  
14 DEC 90 COMPLETE READIEX. INPORT SAN DIEGO  
15 DEC 90 DISEMBARK HSL 43 DET 9, OCEANLORD 20  
15 DEC 90 SHIP'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TOWN AND COUNTRY HOTEL  
REGENCY BALL ROOM SAN DIEGO CA  
18 DEC 90 CRUISE MISSILE TACTICAL QUALIFICATION (CMTQ)  
19 DEC 90 HOLIDAY PARTY HELD ON BOARD FOR 20 CHILDREN FROM

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SAN DIEGO HOMELESS CENTER.

25 DEC 90

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)  
COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62) is a Ticonderoga-class AEGIS Cruiser assigned directly to Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (VADM Robert K.U. Kihune, USN), and homeported at Naval Station, San Diego, CA.

The ship's AEGIS technology brings to the fleet computer-integrated anti-air, anti-submarine, and anti-surface warfare systems.

Additionally, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE is equipped with two Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) Mark III SH-60B helicopters, manned by HSL 43 Detachment 9 of Naval Air Station, North Island, CA.

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE is commanded by Captain Gordon H. Rheinstrom, USN, 337-34-6884/1110. The Executive Officer is Commander Scott E. Lustig, USN, 077-590-0368/1110. Both officers' biographies are provided.

The following are the ship's Department Heads and Command Master Chief:

Supply Officer	LCDR David C. Ruff, SC, USN
Combat Systems Officer	LCDR Edward S. Hebner, USN
Engineering Officer	LCDR Patrick W. O'Kane, USN
Operations Officer	LT Robert A. Kurzawa, USN
Weapons Officer	LT Steven C. Rosser, USN
Command Master Chief	NCCM (AW) Harold R. Neeley, USN

The keel was laid at Ingalls Shipbuilding, Pascagoula, Mississippi, on 24 June 1987, beginning the three-year road to commissioning. Mr. M. B. Mitchell and Mr. R. D. Roberts were the General Ship Superintendents, with Mr. J. D. Lewis and Mr. W. J. Kennedy as the Ship's Superintendents. On 15 July 1988, the ship was placed in a dry dock and lowered into the sea for the first time. Seven days later, on 23 July 1988, CHANCELLORSVILLE, the first ship to bear this name, was formally christened by her sponsor, Mrs. Sharron M. Martin.

Mrs. Martin has been deeply involved in civic, charity, and community relations activities in support of the U.S. Navy, including efforts to improve treatment and obtain the release of

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American prisoners-of-war in Vietnam, which included her husband, now retired Vice Admiral Edward H. Martin.

On 22 May 1989, CHANCELLORSVILLE began her first underway pre-commissioning sea trial (TRIAL ALPHA). Trial Alpha was the engineering and deck trial, during which every piece of engineering and deck equipment was operated to its designed parameters. Main engines and generators, plant logics, and their monitoring and support systems were tested, as were the rudders and ship's control equipment.

Soon after, on 26 June 1989, the ship was underway for Trial Bravo, with the principal purpose of testing the ship's combat system suite. Tests ranging from 5"54 Cal. gun firings, SLQ-32 tracking of airborne emitters, and SPS-49 and SPY-1B tracking of live air targets were conducted on a round-the-clock basis. The sea trial was highlighted by the successful live firings of two SM-2 MR missiles at drones. In addition, all engineering and deck equipment previously tested were again demonstrated by Ingalls personnel. On 17 July 1989, the ship went through Trial Charlie, during which the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV), after combing every inch of the ship and pinpointing every discrepancy possible, accepted the ship for the Navy.

Following crew move aboard on 28 August 1989, the ship went through a myriad of highly successful inspections, starting out with an Aviation Readiness Examination (ARE), and then followed by a Light-Off Examination (LOE), Tomahawk Material Certification, Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE), and Crew Certification (CREWCERT).

Even before CHANCELLORSVILLE's commissioning on 4 November 1989, there were a series of firsts. Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, toured the ship on 6 October 1989 as the ship's first visiting dignitary. On 12 October 1989, Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Richard Cheney, held a press conference on the pier with CHANCELLORSVILLE as the background. Captain Rheinstrom, Prospective Commanding Officer, attended the briefing and conversed briefly with Secretary Cheney.

The first marriage ceremony performed on board was held on 21 October 1989. SMSR Timothy Likens married Miss Mary Katherine Hodge of Pascagoula, MS. The Reverend Murphy Young performed the ceremony on the flight deck. A reception with wedding cake and ice cream followed in the helicopter hangar decorated with signal flags spelling out "JUST MARRIED".

Although the date of the commissioning itself was 4 November, the celebration stretched four days. It began Friday night with the Commanding Officer's Reception at the Ocean Springs Civic Center, with the exchange of gifts and best wishes and the recognition of achievement by the shipyard and the

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Fredericksburg Commissioning Committee. The following gifts were presented to the ship:

<u>GIFT</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
Green ball caps, pens, and matchbooks	Joy Construction Company
Pike and pike sheath; Rifle with bayonet; Battlefield artifacts (belt buckles)	Fredericksburg Commissioning Committee
Commissioning painting (framed)	Martin Marietta
Fredericksburg newspaper (framed)	Ingalls Shipbuilding
Ship's wheel	VADM and Mrs. Edward H. Martin
Shield of the Fleet mounted pewter platter	Raytheon

Additional gifts received were a horse saddle, a MK 45 gun mount model, a TOMAHAWK cruise missile model, and a pewter plate engraved with the ship's seal.

Commissioning Day arrived at the end of a week of rehearsal, a sunny day with a light breeze filling the rainbow of flags of a full dress ship. The Chancellor High School band of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, had arrived the night before, as had the Navy Band from New Orleans, LA, and the color guard from Gulfport, MS. The following flag officers were part of the official party: Vice Admiral John W. Nyquist, USN, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare); Vice Admiral R.K.U. Kihune, USN, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Vice Admiral P.M. Hekman, Jr., USN, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command; and Rear Admiral John T. Hood, USN, Program Manager, AEGIS Shipbuilding. Distinguished guests in attendance included the following: VADM and Mrs. Edward H. Martin; the Honorable Gene Taylor, Congressman from Mississippi; and the Honorable Charles S. Robb, Senator from Virginia and principal speaker. VADM Nyquist placed the ship in commission. To the sounds of "Anchors Aweigh" by the Navy Band, the crew manned the ship, using brows placed fore and aft. On the command of Captain Gordon H. Rheinstrom, now Commanding Officer, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE, and to the applause of the guests, the ship was brought to life in a sequence which included the sounding of alarms, ringing of the ship's bell, unfurling signal flags, fining torpedo tubes, and training gun mounts and fire control directors. A nineteen-gun salute was sounded rendering honors to the Honorable Charles S.

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Robb. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the ship was opened for general visiting with crewmembers providing informal tours.

Later the same day, at the Commissioning Banquet, FCl(SW) James A. Hirsch, USN, became the first crewmember to reenlist on board USS CHANCELLORSVILLE, followed by BML Christopher A. Henderson, USN.

The ship's Dependents Cruise on Monday, 6 November 1989, was the ship's first voyage as a commissioned ship. This six-hour trip into the Gulf of Mexico featured tours, seapower demonstrations, and a cookout lunch on the flight deck capably prepared by the ship's Supply Department. The ship was shown off to 917 proud Pascagoula citizens and family members.

Sailaway on 7 November 1989 marked the final day of the Commissioning Weekend celebration.

The ship arrived at the Cristobal, Panama breakwater at first light on 11 November, only to wait for an available pilot to transit the Canal. USS CHANCELLORSVILLE, under escort by U.S. Navy gunboats and U.S. Army helicopters, made the transit without incident and moored sixteen hours later at Rodman Naval Station, CZ Panama, to refuel and take on stores throughout the night. The ship resumed its journey early the next morning as it proceeded out of port toward the California coast.

On 17 November, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE anchored in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, sending the crew ashore for their first liberty port visit. Although it was a rainy several days, the crew welcomed the chance to relax and explore the beaches and shops as well as the people to be found in this Mexican vacation spot. A dinner was held in the Wardroom for Vice Admiral Augusto Rodriguez, Mexican Navy. A grand meal was prepared and served along with wine bottled with CHANCELLORSVILLE labels by Ingleside Plantations of Virginia.

Following the meal, the Admiral was given a tour of the ship and later taken ashore on the Captain's gig.

On 22 November 1989, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE entered San Diego for the first time. Vice Admiral R.K.U. Kihune, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, flew out to welcome the newest AEGIS cruiser into port. Joining the Admiral were VADM and Mrs. Edward H. Martin; Mary Herron, Mayor of Coronado; and various local media representatives. The crew manned the rails as USS CHANCELLORSVILLE proceeded to the Naval Station to her berth. To the sounds of a Mariachi Band and the cheering of a crowd of supporters, USS CHANCELLORSVILLE moored starboard side to Pier 8. Following the brief words of VADM Kihune and CAPT Rheinstrom to the crowd, ship's families embarked the ship to welcome their

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loved ones home.

Following a four day stand down for the Thanksgiving Holiday, it was back to work to prepare for and complete a very successful Shakedown Refresher Training (REFTRA) in the SOCAL Operating Area. These exercises determined the crew's readiness for demanding training and actual knowledge of how to respond in battle scenarios. During this training period, the ship came alongside USNS KAWISHIWI (T-AO 146) to perform it's first underway replenishment. A full day of deck evolutions ran smoothly and professionally, earning praise from the oiler, which described the cohesiveness of the crew to be that of a much more experienced ship.

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to port on 15 December to begin her first holiday leave and upkeep period. That night, the Christmas Party for the crew and their guests was held at the Sheraton Hotel, Harbor Island. A chapter that had begun three years earlier, a time of construction, trials, certifications, commissioning, and a quick transit to be home for the holidays was coming to a close. USS CHANCELLORSVILLE would end the year with their families and friends sharing the CHANCELLORSVILLE spirit.

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE began 1990 inport moored pier 8 at the 32nd Street Naval Station San Diego, California. After the holiday leave period, the rigors of qualifying a newly commissioned ship began with Combat Systems Ship Qualification evaluation of a ship's ability to operate her combat systems under simulated battle conditions. After two weeks of inspecting and grooming the combat systems suite, CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway to Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station for ammunition onload. Embarked for the transit were the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry Curators who had chosen CHANCELLORSVILLE to collect information for a planned Surface Navy exhibit.

While sailing north, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted her first burial at sea. The ashes of Jackie Vernon Neal of Stafford, Virginia, a Navy veteran of World War II, were ceremoniously scattered at sea. Before he died, Mr. Neal had requested cremation and burial at sea. As a Civil War buff, he took special interest in the fact that a ship was named after the Battle of Chancellorsville and his family petitioned to have his burial conducted from the battle's namesake. The ceremony was conducted with dignity and solemnity by a seven-man rifle squad, two flag bearers, two urn bearers and a 12-man honor platoon formed from the crew.

After the ammunition onload, CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to San Diego on 26 January and embarked HSL 43 Det 9, Oceanlord 21 and 23 in preparation for a Monday morning departure. The eight week CSSQT qualification started smoothly on 29 January with

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5\*/54 pacfires with Mounts 51 and 52, running the ULM-4 range to exercise the SLQ32 electronic warfare equipment, tracking and controlling A-4 and Lear aircraft. The ship's first Naval Gunfire Support qualification was an outstanding success with mount 51 and 52 firing 52 and 37 rounds respectively. However the ship suffered an unexpected "fly in the ointment" on 03 February. At 0745 a 'sump level low alarm' was received at the CCS PACC console. It was discovered that the #2 Controllable Reversible Pitch (CRP) system was leaking lube oil. The EOOW ordered the port shaft secured and at 0756 local AFFF/Bilge Sprinkling was activated. Because of the outstanding response from the engineers, there were no personnel casualties and minimal equipment damage. However, the leak could only be temporarily repaired at sea and required technical assist in order to continue with the transit to the Hawaiian operating area. Therefore, on one shaft, the CHANCELLORSVILLE proceeded back into port, and the majority of the crew enjoyed an unexpected day at home.

Upon effecting repairs, the ship was underway again on 05 February, conducting a live firing exercise with the Close In Weapon Systems (CIWS) at TDU towed targets. Mounts 21 and 22 fired 180 rounds each and qualified. During the transit to Hawaii, antisubmarine exercises were conducting using the SQQ-89 sonar suite and Oceanlord 21 and 23. During CSSQT, the ship was notified by Commander Third Fleet that a civilian Cessna Piper Cub aircraft was enroute Hawaii from the mainland was experiencing low fuel difficulty and there was serious doubt if the aircraft would reach the islands. CHANCELLORSVILLE was instructed to proceed to a point that the plane may exhaust its fuel and conduct a search and rescue mission if needed. After several exasperating hours worrying about the plane, COMTHIRDFLT report the aircraft landed safely and directed CG62 to proceed on duties assigned.

February 13th found CHANCELLORSVILLE on a transit past Diamondhead and Waikiki into Pearl Harbor. The next week was spent not only at briefings for upcoming exercises, but also enjoying CHANCELLORSVILLE's first trip into Hawaii. February 20th, the ship proceeded Barking Sands/Barstur portion of the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) for additional antisubmarine exercises including shipboard and helicopter torpedo launches.

On 01 March, CHANCELLORSVILLE was lucky enough to visit the port of Lahaina, Maui. The ship anchored approximately a mile from the pier landing near the Pioneer Inn and sounded liberty call. The crew was treated to the unspoiled beauty that has made Hawaii a famous vacation spot. March 5th arrived and the ship departed the scenic, sleepy town of Lahaina, for what was to be one of the most exciting periods of CHANCELLORSVILLE's short life. It was time to demonstrate the Aegis Weapon System and

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standard missile firing capabilities on the Barking Sands Missile Range. The ship was allotted ten SM-2's for the qualification test. Each of the missile firings were scenario driven, utilizing different target profiles, altitudes, and speeds. Support aircraft were used to hinder CG62's electronic detection capability and add to the deconfliction confusion encountered in the real world. The scenarios were made even more realistic as the ship had to identify the potential threat, notify "higher authority" and obtain permission to engage the target. The first on 08 March was a direct hit. On 10 March, three more missiles were fired and all evaluated as kills. March 11th, six more missiles were fired and five were evaluated kills. CHANCELLORSVILLE had successfully defended herself against all "enemies".

March 12th found CHANCELLORSVILLE heading past Ford Island into Pearl Harbor for three days of rest, relaxation and CSSQT debriefing prior to heading home. The Combat Systems Officer, LCDR E. Scott Hebner, addressed more than 100 CHANCELLORSVILLE combat system personnel gathered on the flight deck. He commended their performance by stating they had triumphed over all their "adversaries" and set the standard for all Aegis Cruisers. "In all the weapon firings, from the five-inch guns, over-the-side torpedoes, surface to air missiles...your performance has been nothing less than superb." His comments were echoed by Rear Admiral Stephen K. Chadwick, Commander Naval Surface Group Mid Pacific, the next day at a wardroom briefing.

The trip home also had its exciting moments. CG62 had the opportunity to conduct an Over The Horizon Targeting Exercise with the USS Reid and USS Vandergrift. This EncounterEx allowed the ship to demonstrate its long range detection and targeting abilities utilizing organic and inorganic assets including our own SH-60 helicopters. CHANCELLORSVILLE was also alerted that a merchant ship in the area had a medical emergency, one of the crewmembers had fallen down a shaft and injured his back. The possibility existed that OCEANLORD would have to conduct a medical evacuation. However no assistance was required and CHANCELLORSVILLE proceeded into San Diego on 21 March and disembarked HSL 43 Det 9 Oceanlord 21 and 23.

On 27 March, Vice Admiral James Dorsey Jr, Commander Third Fleet held a news conference on the foc'sle. The primary emphasis was on the need for congressional support for boosted forces in the Pacific Fleet. He warned that the Soviet Union's "glasnost" has produced a different world but not necessarily a safer world, citing the continuing build up of the Soviet Union's naval forces.

April 9th found CHANCELLORSVILLE underway for two days in the Southern California operating area for Final Contractor Trials (FCT) dress rehearsal. This was an excellent opportunity

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for a visit and demonstration for Steve Cortese, Minority Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, Defense Subcommittee escorted by Captain Clement Ward, USN, Navy Comptroller.

The ship's first opportunity to present itself to the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) started on 16 April for Final Contractor Trials (FCT). FCT was a thorough review of our material status and ability to maintain and operate all shipboard equipment. It was also the last opportunity to document shipbuilder deficiencies that needed to be corrected during the upcoming Post Shakedown Availability (PSA). The inspection lasted three days and included one day underway. The Board's comments included "The ship was exceptionally clean, well presented and prepared for the Final Contract Trial. The best gas turbine ship ever inspected by the INSURV Board. The Board recommends contract settlement for CHANCELLORSVILLE..."

The ship was visited by the Lubbock, Texas Chamber of Commerce escorted by Vice Admiral Robert Kihune, Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific on 21 April. The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce makes an annual trip to a defense installation and this was their first trip to a naval ship.

On 25 April, CHANCELLORSVILLE got another opportunity to be in the "movies". The Chief of Information, West Coast Detachment was onboard to film the Combat Information Center in action. The movie depicted the capabilities of a surface vessel against a compilation of airborne, surface and subsurface adversaries. Upon completion, the movie is scheduled to be shown continuously at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Vice Admiral John W. Nyquist, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) was the ship's honored guest on 27 April. Vadm Nyquist addressed the crew on the foc'sle, reenlisted PNC Balbin and presented Sailor of the Quarter honors to GSM2 Sanborn and Bluejacket of the Quarter accolades to PN3 Hodgson. Immediately following was the crew's chance to honor a very important part of our lives; our children. In commemoration of the sense of service which our kids faithfully demonstrate, "Children's Day" was held onboard, complete with hamburgers, hotdogs, cake and ice cream on the mess decks followed by a movie. It was a wonderful evening and a great way to show what "Daddy" does at work.

With weeks of preparations complete, CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway 01 May to Naval Station Long Beach California to pick up personnel and conduct final preparations for its Single Shot Shock Test (SSST) to be held on 02 May. The crew had trained extensively on bracing for shock, examining and restoring equipment, damage control and first aid. Numerous monitoring devices were specially installed to measure the effects of the explosion. On Wednesday afternoon, the 127th anniversary of the

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Battle of Chancellorsville, which was fought near Fredericksburg, Virginia, the USNS Navajo had the 10,000 pound charged streamer and CHANCELLORSVILLE was in position. Upon detonation, with the ensuing geyser, all hands relaxed from their brace and checked equipment, the ship and crew had survived. The test had allowed the men to demonstrate their ability to restore equipment exposed to shock to operational status in war-like scenarios. The crew rose to the occasion. As the Commanding Officer stated "There's no doubt we could have taken on whatever was thrown at us (if this had been a 'real' attack). All of you should be proud of your efforts." The week's events ended with the "After Shock" ship's party at Admiral Baker Recreation Center.

The next and final major milestone to be completed during the "Post Commissioning Testing and Trials" phase of a new Aegis cruiser is the Post Shakedown Availability (PSA). This was the last opportunity for the contractor, Ingalls, to correct any remaining discrepancies and add new modifications. The National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) of San Diego was awarded the contract to conduct CHANCELLORSVILLE's PSA. The major modifications to be installed included the Onboard Trainer (OBT) for the sonar suite, structural strengthening in the forward part of the ship and, SPY 1B Moving Target Indicator (MTI). On 26 May the crew commenced move aboard to the living barge in preparation for the trip to NASSCO. At midnight on 01 June, the ship was underway in San Diego harbor, transited by the Exxon Valdez, in NASSCO undergoing repairs, and crossed the sill into drydock before dawn, where she would remain until 23 June. While entering the drydock, the guiding wire on the port side parted. The ship swung to the right, knocking over two blocks and damaging the sonar dome rubber window. After divers checked the position of the remaining blocks, the docking continued.

While in overhaul, CHANCELLORSVILLE adopted, on 06 June, the 152nd Company at Recruit Training Command, Naval Training Command, San Diego. On 16 June, Company 152 had a sports day which the ship promoted with T-shirts and moral support. For their graduation, Captain G.H. Rheinstrom served as reviewing officer for the pass and review.

July 2nd was a special day for CHANCELLORSVILLE. FCC (SW) Gary Harburn became the first crewmember to be commissioned as an officer. Before a gathering of family, friends, officers and chief petty officers, Chief Harburn was commissioned a Chief Warrant Officer onboard the Star of India, moored near the Broadway Pier in San Diego Harbor. The ceremony was followed by an enjoyable lunch at Anthony's Harborside.

Commencing 16 July, CHANCELLORSVILLE participated in the annual COMNAVSURFPAC's Surface Line Week. Competitions between ships and shore commands in shipboard and athletic events were conducted all week. CHANCELLORSVILLE was a major force in its

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first year of competition, placing second in athletics behind the amphibious aircraft carrier, USS Belleau Wood and ahead of the cruiser, USS Long Beach. The ship captured first place in singles and double tennis, racquetball, chili cookoff, and boiler water/feed water testing. In addition the crew took second in sailing, marlinspike seamanship and golf, with third place finishes in basketball, "snoopy" team and tug of war.

As the end of July approached, the ship was preparing for the conclusion of overhaul and making preparations for the numerous inspections that lay ahead. On 21 July, crewmembers were able to move off the barge back onboard the ship. On 07 August, the ship conducted a fast cruise for the first time in over three months to work out the "kinks" in manning the Sea and Anchor detail. August 14th CHANCELLORSVILLE manned the Sea and Anchor and steamed out off the coast of San Clemente to conduct Sea Trials #1 for NASSCO during the day with a return trip to NASSCO that night. August 20th CG62 shifted berths to Pier 8 which marked the ship's first trip to 32nd Street Naval Station in almost three months. The next day the ship was underway for Sea Trials #2, conducted for NAVSEA. As many systems as possible were operated, tested and evaluated including 5"/54 guns and the Close In Weapon Systems during the one day underway period. To mark the end of PSA, the ship held a command picnic at the Admiral Baker Recreation Center.

The next major milestone achieved was truly an all hands (and backs) evolution. On the morning of 27 August, CHANCELLORSVILLE steamed towards Point Loma and moored at the Naval Submarine Base deperming facility pier. After the last line was secured an E-6 and below working party was called away to haul cables. The remainder of the day was spent rigging the 36 deperming cables. Each cable was pulled up and over the top of the ship, down the side, under the keel and connected. After a backbreaking day of hauling cables, the ship was breasted out and depermed on 28 August. The next day, all cables were taken apart and returned to the pier. After two degaussing runs past Ballast Point and the short trip back to Pier 8, the command held a Family Night at the Admiral Robinson Center.

The week of 17 September, the ship was underway for local ops in the southern California operating area. On 18 September, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted an underway replenishment with the USS Kansas City (AOR 3). Also the same day, the second burial at sea was performed. This time the ceremony was for the grandfather of a crewmember, FC3 James Brandimarto. Mr. Thomas Laskowski's ashes were ceremoniously scattered on an overcast day in a ceremony performed by a seven-man rifle squad, two flag bearers, two urn bearers and a 12-man honor platoon formed from the crew. The week ended with an ammunition onload at Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station and a return to San Diego for the weekend.

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Preparations for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) continued the week of 24 September with Mobile Training Team (MTT) Phase II. Upon completion of five days underway conducting main space fire and general quarters drills, the ship moored on 28 September at the Naval Air Station North Island California. The Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific passed operational control of CHANCELLORSVILLE to Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, Rear Admiral Philip Quast, on 01 October. On the same day, the three day 9024 Nuclear Weapons Training commenced. This was the ship's first opportunity to demonstrate its ability in storing/handling of special weapons, damage control and command and control.

A very special event occurred on 04 October. After weeks of meticulous preparations, CHANCELLORSVILLE looked better than it did Commissioning Day. On this sultry afternoon, the highest ranking military officers of the U.S. and Soviet Union toured CHANCELLORSVILLE. Chairman, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin L. Powell and his Soviet counterpart, USSR General of the Army, General Mikhail Moiseyev, toured the ship. Among those in attendance were Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet, Vice Admiral C. R. Larson; Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific, Vice Admiral J. H. Fetterman; Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific, Vice Admiral Robert Kihune; Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, Rear Admiral Philip Quast and numerous other Soviet flag officers. After the ship tour, all were treated to a spectacular reception on the flight deck prepared by the Supply Officer and his men. Members of the delegation sampled both native American and Russian cuisine and exchanged souvenirs. The soiree proved to be an excellent occasion for discussion of the differences in the Soviet navy and the United States navy.

The demanding inspection cycle continued the following week with the Aviation Assist Visit (AAV) on 09 October. The AAV was upgraded to an Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE) due to the excellent material condition and high level of training of the crash and rescue detail and other flight deck team members. The next day, the ship was underway to Fleet Training Group (FTG) anchorage for two days of Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE). A detailed TRE is conducted prior to commencement of underway training to reveal deficiencies in organization, material, and personnel that may hamper the conduct of underway training exercises. The final grade, assigned by FTG, reiterated what we felt all along, the administration was outstanding and the ship was ready for Refresher Training (REFTRA).

Preparations for OPPE continued with a week of underway commencing 15 October with the Mobile Training Team for Phase III training. The week of 22 October, the ship was visited by COMNAVSURFPAC's Nuclear Weapons Assistance Team (NWAT). CHANCELLORSVILLE was deemed ready for Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai).

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Starting 29 October CHANCELLORSVILLE with HSL 43 Det 9 embarked commenced three weeks of intense Refresher Training with Fleet Training Group (FTG). REFTRA was conducted underway between Monday and Friday, with weekends spent moored pierside at the 32nd Street Naval Station. The training consisted of FTG observing and grading every exercise required for the Type Commander's competitive cycle. There were no stones left unturned during this rigorous period, covering everything from navigation, missile exercises, communications, damage control, and aviation to engineering casualty control drills. The culmination of training was the Total Ship Survivability (TSS) exercise. TSS judged the ship's ability to continue to engage the enemy at reduced capability after receiving battle damage. It provided the crew an excellent opportunity to demonstrate their resourcefulness in evaluating damage to their equipment and reconfiguring in order to carry out the assigned mission. The entire final battle problem was based on simulated real world conditions and was extremely taxing. Not only did the crew benefit from the increased gain in knowledge and experience, it built confidence and was exceptionally fun. In order to show future ships how to properly conduct a REFTRA, FTG brought along their photo crew to capture CHANCELLORSVILLE in action by filming various evolutions including TSS. The training/evaluation ended on 15 November when the ship returned to Naval Station San Diego and HSL 43 Det 9 disembarked.

After a restful Thanksgiving weekend, the Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) from the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet arrived on 26 November to administer the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). The prelightoff checks completed satisfactorily, the ship was underway on 27 November and demonstrated the ability to operate the engineering plant at its designed capabilities and obtain a satisfactory score.

The next major inspection was the Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWA) conducted by the Weapons Training Group Pacific. The inspection was difficult, but upon successful completion, CHANCELLORSVILLE was positively certified.

On 07 December, HSL 43 Det 9 Oceanlord 20 embarked for Readix 91-1A in the southern California operating area. CHANCELLORSVILLE was in company with USS Nimitz (CVN 68), USS Texas (CGN 39), USS Stein (FF 1065) and USS Rentz (FFG 46). Readix was the first opportunity for the ships of Battle Group Bravo to work together. The BG concentrated on coordination and preparing for real world situations such as Vessel Boarding Search and Seizure (VBSS), combating small boat attacks and incoming missiles and aircraft. Readix gave the ship another opportunity to participate on the Naval Gunfire Support Range at San Clemente. On 08 December, Mounts 51 and 52 fired 34 and 5 rounds respectfully. CHANCELLORSVILLE scored over 100 percent because of the bonus points awarded to the radio telephone

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talker. Upon completion of Readix on 14 December, HSL 43 Det 9 disembarked.

On 15 December, the ship held its annual Christmas party at the Town and Country Hotel Regency Ball Room. The room was tastefully decorated, the food delicious and the comedians whimsical. The lighthearted evening was the perfect remedy for the strenuous five months of inspections and underway periods that are required of a ship after commissioning.

Unfortunately, not everyone could go from the Christmas party immediately into the holiday vacation period because from 18 to 21 December, CHANCELLORSVILLE was clearing its last obstacle enroute to full combat system qualification. The Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) tested the crew's ability to receive mission tasking, maintain proper security and effectively execute the orders and employ cruise missiles. This last inspection complete, the ship was certified capable of employing cruise missiles.

Also on 19 December, CHANCELLORSVILLE hosted its second annual party for the St. Vincent de Paul/Joan Kroc Center for the homeless. The party started with video tape in the wardroom showing CHANCELLORSVILLE on missile exercises. Next was a tour of the ship, including a stop on the bridge to enjoy the view from the Captain's chair. The finale was in the Chief's mess eating cake and ice cream. The ship's own Santa Claus, EMCS (SW) Stephen Sellers, distributed gifts to each of the 20 children, including ball caps, coloring books, crayons, playing cards and candy. All gifts were crew donations.

CHANCELLORSVILLE ended the year moored to pier 8 at the 32nd Street Naval Station San Diego California on holiday standdown.