



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
FLEET POST OFFICE NEW YORK, NEW YORK 09532-2830

5750

Ser CVN 69-114/0654

4 FEB 1991

From: Commanding Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,  
Washington, DC 20374-0571

Subj: SUBMISSION OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Command History for USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) for  
operational period 1 January - 31 December 1990

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

*W. V. Cross*  
W. V. CROSS

Copy to:  
CINCLANTFLT  
COMNAVAIRLANT  
COMCARAIRWING EIGHT

1990



USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
COMMAND HISTORY - 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1990

Table of Contents:

-Command Composition and Organization

-Chronology of Events

-Narrative of Operations

-Supporting Documents

- I. Biography of CAPT W.V. Cross
- II. Biography of CAPT J.J. Dantone
- III. Biography of CAPT R. C. Klosterman
- IV. Deployment statistics
- V. Command Chronology for embarked Marine Detachment
- VI. Photographs:
  - (1) Commanding Officer, CAPT W. V. Cross
  - (2) Commanding Officer, CAPT J.J. Dantone
  - (3) Executive Officer, CAPT R. C. Klosterman
  - (4) USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)
- VII. Change of Command booklet
- VIII. Ship's "Welcome Aboard" pamphlet
- IX. Ship's VIP "Welcome Aboard" booklet
- X. Ship's Cruise Book

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

I. Mission of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

The mission of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is to provide sea-based tactical air power for the defense of America's right to freedom of the sea as well as the protection of United States sovereignty. As part of this mission, IKE is capable of projecting tactical air power over sea and land, as well as providing tactical air defense, anti-submarine and anti-surface capabilities.

II. Background

Named after the 34th president of the United States, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is the third nuclear-powered aircraft carrier ever built. Originally named EISENHOWER on Feb. 21, 1970, the ship was renamed DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER on May 25, 1970.

The keel of the ship (designated hull 599 by Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company) was laid on Aug. 15, 1970, and was authenticated by the late president's grandson, D. David Eisenhower II. Five years later, on Oct. 11, 1975, Mrs. Mamie Doud Eisenhower, widow of the former president and the ship's sponsor, christened the ship during launching ceremonies at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) was commissioned Oct. 18, 1977 at Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, Va.

III. Organization Structure

- a. Immediate Senior in Command is Commander, U. S. Naval Air Forces, Atlantic.
- b. The Commanding Officer is CAPT W.V. Cross, USN, whose biography is attached. He assumed command Sept. 28, 1990.
- c. The former Commanding Officer was CAPT J.J. Dantone, USN, whose biography is attached. He completed his command tour Sept. 28, 1990.
- d. The Executive Officer is CAPT R.C. Klosterman, USN, whose biography is attached.
- e. The Heads of Departments as of Dec. 31, 1990 were:

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance | CDR Gene Thomas    |
| Air                               | CDR William Magnan |
| Communications                    | LT Lee Johnson     |
| Deck                              | LCDR Douglas Bird  |
| Dental                            | CDR James Carney   |
| Engineering                       | CAPT G. M. Ziller  |

Heads of Departments (Cont.):

|                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Executive                     | LT Donald Holmes     |
| Legal                         | LT Rynn Parsons      |
| Marine Detachment             | CAPT Henry Goodrum   |
| Medical                       | LCDR Frank Speidel   |
| Navigation                    | CDR George Moore     |
| Operations                    | CAPT Kenneth McCrorv |
| Reactor                       | LCDR Mark Ferguson   |
| Religious Ministries          | CAPT James Mennis    |
| Repair                        | LCDR Patrick Baldwin |
| Safety                        | CDR Keith Jewell     |
| Ship Intermediate Maintenance | LCDR Roger Wendt     |
| Supply                        | CDR Michael Finley   |
| Training                      | LCDR Bill Smyth      |
| Weapons                       | CDR John Christman   |

- f. The Airwing assigned to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is Carrier Airwing Seven, commanded by CAPT J.M. Luecke, USN. The squadrons of CVW 7 and the commanding officers are:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| VF-142  | CDR Hamlin Tallent   |
| VF-143  | CDR Gary Jack  |
| VFA-131 | CDR Jerry Singleton (until June)<br>CDR Robert Rubel (June-present)    |
| VFA-136 | CDR John Sandknop  |
| VA-34   | CDR E.K. Nielson (until May)<br>CDR Ronald Alexander (May-present)     |
| VS-31   | CDR Jansen Buckner   |
| VAW-121 | CDR Mark Milliken  |
| VAQ 140 | CDR Donald Stoner (until May)<br>- CDR Steven Underriter (May-present) |
| HS-5    | CDR George Kovach  |

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS - 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1990

1-14 JAN In port Norfolk, Va.  
 15-22 JAN CQ, Virginia Capes/Puerto Rican Operating Area  
 23-24 JAN In port Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
 25 JAN-10 FEB Fleet Exercise 1-90  
 10 FEB-8 MAR Pre-Overseas Movement, Norfolk, Va.  
 8 MAR Underway, MED 2-90  
 8-19 MAR CQ, Atlantic transit  
 20 MAR USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER inchops to Sixth Fleet. Commander,  
 Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve embarked in IKE.  
 20-27 MAR Exercise National Week 90B  
 28-29 MAR Turnover with USS FORRESTAL CVBG in Augusta Bay  
 29 MAR-1 APR West Med Ops  
 2-9 APR Port visit Toulon, France  
 10-12 APR West Med Ops  
 13-14 APR Central Med Ops  
 14-21 APR East Med Ops, Exercise Distant Thunder  
 22-28 APR Port visit Haifa, Israel  
 29 APR-17 MAY Exercise Dragon Hammer 90, Damsel Fair MINEX  
 18-24 MAY Port visit Cannes, France  
 25 MAY -1 JUN West Med, Exercises Dasix (France) and Poopdeck (Spain)  
 1-5 JUN IKE and SCOTT transit to Normandy  
 5-6 JUN "Journey to Victory"  
 6-10 JUN Port visit Portsmouth, England  
 11-14 JUN IKE and SCOTT transit to West Med  
 15-21 JUN Port visit Palma, Spain  
 22-25 JUN West Med Ops  
 25-28 JUN Port visit Marseille, France  
 29 JUN-2 JUL West Med Ops - IKE, JOHN RODGERS  
 2-16 JUL Port visit Monaco  
 7-12 JUL West Med Ops  
 12-20 JUL Port visit Cannes, France  
 21-27 JUL West and Central Med Ops  
 27 JUL-2 AUG Port visit Naples, Italy  
 3-7 AUG Transit East Med - IKE, TICONDEROGA, SCOTT, JOHN L.  
 8 AUG Transit Suez Canal - IKE, TICONDEROGA, SCOTT, JOHN L.  
 HALL, SURIRACHI, NEOSHO  
 9-24 AUG Desert Shield, Red Sea  
 23 AUG Red Sea turnover with SARATOGA  
 24 AUG Transit Suez Canal  
 25 IKE anchors in Augusta Bay  
 25 AUG IKE underway with TICONDEROGA CENTMED  
 1 SEP IKE and TICONDEROGA turn over with JFK CVBG in Augusta  
 Bay  
 3 SEP SIXTHFLT Outchop - IKE, TICONDEROGA  
 10 SEP IKE anchors in Bermuda  
 12 SEP IKE arrives Norfolk, Va.  
 12 SEP-11 OCT In port Norfolk  
 28 SEP IKE change of command  
 12-19 OCT Independent Steaming Exercises in the Virginia Capes

Chronology of events (Cont.):

19 OCT In port Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.  
19 OCT-31 DEC SRA, NNSY, Portsmouth, Va.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS - 20 MARCH - 31 AUGUST 1990

JANUARY 1990

- 4 Players from the Hampton Roads Admirals semi-pro hockey team visited IKE while in port. Members of the IKE Icers hockey team escorted the players on a ship tour.
- 6 Sign up weekends for "IKE Tikes" begins. IKE Tikes is a program for children and young friends of IKE sailors where they visit the ship during weekends to tour and learn about life aboard ships.
- 9 Mr. Larry Prior, a professional staff member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and CAPT Robert Juengling, USN, General Defense Intelligence Programs Staff, visited IKE while in port to tour operational spaces.
- 13 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service was conducted on board. Mr. Mervin McCoy, principal of Jacox Elementary School in Norfolk was the guest speaker and the school's choir provided music.
- 22 IKE hosted several distinguished visitors, media and members of the general public during a two-day port call in Port Everglades, Fla. Distinguished visitors included members of the local Navy League chapters, Broward County judges, and students from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School in Lake Park, Fla. Media coverage of IKE's visit included television from Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Sunshine Network cable channel and area newspapers.
- 24 Wings of Gold editor, retired CAPT Zip Rausa, embarked IKE while underway to gather information on a series of articles highlighting carrier life. During his one-week stay, he researched stories on Grapes, Mess Management Specialists, the Captain, and off duty life. His desire was to present reading that will educate young aviators on areas away from the ready room and flight deck.
- 25 The IKE Battle Group formed in the Puerto Rican Operating Area to participate in FLEETEX 1-90. A second carrier battle group, led by USS John F. Kennedy, also participated. FLEETEX 1-90 tested the battle groups' ability to fight and counter the full range of threats that Navy units can expect. FLEETEX concluded on Feb. 10.

First employment of the TACRAL communications pod aboard IKE occurred during FLEETEX 1-90. Employment continued through MED 2-90.

IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.

FEBRUARY 1990

- 2 A series of distinguished visitor embarks began with the arrival of Secretary of the Navy H. Lawrence Garrett III, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition John A. Betti and ADM P.F. Carter, CINCLANTFLT. The three leaders toured IKE and visited other ships in the battle group. Secretary Garrett addressed the crew on SITE-TV and met with ship's company and airwing officers for discussions on current Navy plans.

Between Feb. 2 and 5, several U.S. and allied military officials visited IKE and other battle group ships, including ADM Sir Benjamin Bathurst, RN, CINCEASTLANT and RADM L.G. Mason, CF, Deputy Chief of Staff, SACLANT.

- 7 Burial at Sea of MM3 William E. Martens and Grace L. Spencer.
- 12 The Supply Management Inspection Team from COMNAVAIRLANT came aboard for a four-day inspection of IKE's Supply Department. The inspection resulted in an overall grade of "Outstanding." The department received "Outstandings" in 10 of the 11 areas inspected.
- 21 Deployment briefings for families conducted in Hangar Bay 2. Featured speakers from Norfolk Family Services, IKE's disbursing, personnel and legal offices.
- 22 IKE personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 27 The annual IKE Gala was held at the Virginia Beach Pavillion. The "Bon Voyage Gala" was coordinated by Dental Department and subsidised with \$75,000 from the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund. One thousand crew members and guests attended.
- 28 Avionics Division was acclaimed "the best in AIRLANT" following a Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance/Supply Effectiveness Evaluation.

MARCH 1990

- 1 Retired LTJG Robert Arter, special consultant to the Secretary of Defense for commemorative events, visited IKE while in port to discuss plans for the IKE Centennial Cruise program.

IKE wins the 1989 COMNAVAIRLANT "Quality of Life" award

- 8 IKE departed Norfolk for its sixth Mediterranean Sea deployment. In honor of the 100th anniversary of Dwight D. Eisenhower's birth, the deployment was named the "IKE Centennial Cruise." Mrs. Donna Pope, director of the U.S. Mint, visited the ship to present special edition Eisenhower Centennial Silver Dollars to RADM Thomas Lynch, CCDG-12; CAPT J.J. Dantone, CO; and CAPT Mike Luecke, CAG. The ceremony was also the official introduction of the coin to the Hampton Roads area.

MARCH 1990 (Cont.)

- 13 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 17 More than 1,000 IKE and CVW-7 sailors gathered on the flight deck for "Operation SPELLEX." The crew members formed five stars and the numbers "1890-1990" in honor of the centennial celebration. Photos of the event were widely published.
- 19 USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER battle group inchopts the Mediterranean Sea under the command of Commander, U.S. Sixth Fleet.
- 20 Battle group conducts its first in-theater exercise, National Week 90B. The exercise presented all types of maritime threat scenarios, with the USS FORRESTAL battle group opposing. National Week 90B ended 27 March.
- 23 A group of Swedish media embarked in IKE to cover CV operations. The resulting reports centered on the importance a U.S. Naval presence in the Mediterranean, noting the forces are a symbol of stability in an era of unpredictable change in Eastern Europe.
- 24 VADM Williams, COMSIXTHFLT, embarked in IKE for conferences and to address the crew over CCTV.
- 28 IKE and FORRESTAL battle groups dropped anchor in Augusta Bay for battle group turnover. All ships were again underway on 29 March.
- 29-30 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 31 An F/A-18 aircraft from VFA-136 crashed into the water at 1610 during routine operations in the Western Mediterranean Sea. The pilot, LCDR William Henderson, was rescued within 10 minutes of the crash by an SH-3 Sea King from HS-5. The rescue was unique in that LCDR Henderson held radio contact with a VS-31 S-3 operating in the vicinity, which vectored the helicopter into position. The crew on the S-3 never saw the downed pilot, but was able to use voice communication and aircraft maneuvering to accurately guide the helicopter. LCDR Henderson suffered minor injuries.

APRIL 1990

- 2-10 IKE visited Toulon, France. More than 550 visitors toured IKE.
- 6 IKE hosted an Evening Review for 350 guests. The guest of honor was ADM Tripier, Military Prefect.

Volunteers from IKE painted exterior portions and an attic room of the Toulon USO office. Second team of volunteers completed renovation of rooms; painted decks and rooms of Little Sisters of the Poor Old People's Home in Toulon.

APRIL 1990 (Cont.)

- 10 VFA-136's "Gunstar 302" launched from IKE's flight deck at 1415 and into aviation history, logging the one-millionth flight hour for the Hornet. The jet was piloted by LCDR Randy Causey, who also recorded a personal milestone by completing his 1,000th hour in the strike-fighter jet.
- 11 ADM Jonathan Howe, CINCUSNAVEUR, embarked IKE for briefings with RADM Lynch, CAPT Dantone and CAPT Luecke. He also addressed the crew on SITE-TV.
- 14 Battle group units participated in the joint exercise Distant Thunder. U.S. and Turkish naval and air forces participated. The exercise concluded 21 April.
- 15 Easter Sunrise Service celebrated on the flight deck.
- 18 A group of U.S. and Turkish army officers embarked IKE for a daylight visit. The visiting party included MGEN Rigg, Deputy Commander 6ATAF and MGEN Dalkilic, Chief of Staff 6ATAF.
- 20 Commander of the Israeli Air Force MGEN Avihu Ben-Nunn and three other Israeli Air Force officers embarked IKE for a daylight visit. MGEN Ben-Nunn also flew in a VF-143 F-14.
- 21 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 22-29 IKE called on Haifa, Israel. During the visit, sailors toured historic areas such as Jerusalem and The Dead Sea. Several dignitaries visited IKE, including: RADM Ram, Commander of the Israeli Navy; E. Strod, honorary Thailand Consul; Haifa USO Council; Israeli National Defense College students; RADM Rafi Appel, Israeli Director of Naval Intelligence. During the stay, more than 2,100 citizens embarked for formal tours.
- 24 Volunteers from IKE painted and provided general maintenance assistance to the Mental Health Center in Tirat Carmel, Israel.  
  
Holocaust Remembrance Services were conducted on the Forecastle while in port Haifa, Israel. Rabbi Cohen, from Haifa, was the guest speaker.
- 29 IKE battle group began Exercise Dragon Hammer 90, a NATO exercise that focused on joint and combined operations, coordinated air defense, maritime and amphibious training. This year's exercise was reduced in scope from the previous Dragon Hammers to provide maximum training in the minimum time. The training area was reduced to cut costly transit times, also. Exercise Dragon Hammer ended 15 May.

MAY 1990

- 2 Belgian Minister of Defense Guy Coeme and U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Maynard Glitman embarked IKE for an overnight visit.

Media representatives from Italy, Spain and France embarked IKE for a daylight visit to cover Dragon Hammer.

- 4 Deputy CINCSOUTH, GEN Gargioli and ADM Geraci embarked IKE for a daylight visit. The visit was hosted by VADM Williams, COMSIXTHFLT.

- 7 Vice President Dan Quayle embarked IKE to observe flight operations and meet crew members. His visit was part of an Eisenhower Centennial tour to England and Italy. He was joined by Italian Vice Prime Minister Claudio Martelli, former U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers, former U.S. Ambassador Max Rabb, Eisenhower Centennial Commission Chairman James D. Robinson, Ms. Susan Eisenhower, U.S. Ambassador to Italy Peter Secchia, Italian CNO ADM Ruggiero, and various U.S. and Italian media. The vice president addressed the crew in Hangar Bay no. 2 and re-enlisted 19 IKE and CVW-7 sailors.

London Daily Telegraph reporter Robert Fox embarked IKE to report on U.S. Navy operations in the Mediterranean Sea and the importance of NATO.

- 9 VADM Williams, COMSIXTHFLT, hosted a luncheon and ship tour for 20 distinguished visitors from Rome and Gaeta, Italy.

- 10 Media representatives from France, Italy and Spain embarked IKE for an overnight visit to report on Dragon Hammer.

VADM Williams, COMSIXTHFLT, hosted a luncheon and ship tour for 24 distinguished visitors from Cevinia, Italy.

- 11 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.

- 12 NBC Pentagon Fred Francis embarked IKE to report on the need of naval forces in a world after the cold war.

- 17 A group of 17 Cannes, France, municipal leaders embarked IKE for an overnight visit. The guests included the assistant to the mayor for maritime affairs; Cannes maritime administrator; and representatives from France/USA, USO and Navy League.

- 18-25 IKE called on Cannes, France. IKE's visit coincided with the last week of the International Film Festival. More than 800 visitors toured IKE.

- 19 During the visit, volunteers from IKE painted and cleaned "J'avais Faim," a basement in an apartment building set aside to help feed the hungry.

MAY 1990 (Cont.)

- 25 IKE hosted a daylight embark of 24 French mayors as part of the "Welcome U.S. Navy" program that hosts functions for visiting Navy ships. The embark was the such visit arranged to show appreciation for the communities' generosity.
- 25 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 26 FRG Navy RADM Christian Giermann embarked IKE and TICONDEROGA to observe CVBG operations.
- 28 Memorial Day Service was conducted in Hangar Bay 2. RADM Lynch and CAPT Dantone were the guest speakers.
- 31 Nine Spanish journalists embarked IKE and TICONDEROGA to observe operations during Exercise Poopdeck.

JUNE 1990

- 1 IKE and SCOTT began their transit to the English Channel to participate in the DOD-sponsored "Journey to Victory." JTV was one portion of DOD's year-long tribute to Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 100th year since his birth.
- 2 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 5 Journey to Victory celebration begins aboard IKE when Mr. John Eisenhower, Kansas Congressman James Slattery, U.S. Ambassador to France Walter Curley, CINCUSNAVEUR ADM Howe, former Ike cabinet members and Royal Navy D-Day veterans embark IKE. The guests were aboard while IKE transited the English Channel along the same track as the invading forces in 1944. The guests viewed flight operations, a Marine Parade and gathered in IKE's wardroom for a reception and briefing by naval historian John Rielly.
- 6 Tomcats from VF-142 and VF-143 flew a missing man formation over American Cemetery at Omaha Beach during D-Day ceremonies there.
- 6-11 IKE visited Portsmouth, England. More than 1,000 visitors toured IKE.
- 11 Nine guests of CINCUSNAVEUR embarked IKE for a daylight visit. The group included U.S. Air Force and British Air Force officers and Navy League members.
- 12 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 19 A pool of Spanish media visited IKE while in port Palma de Mallorca.
- 21 LTJGEN Thomas Griffin, USA, Chief of Staff, Allied Forces Southern Europe, embarked IKE for a CVN orientation visit and F-14 FAMFLIGHT.

JUNE 1990 (Cont.)

- 23 GEN Sir Brian Kenny, U.K. Army, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe; MGEN Alan Rogers, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division; MGEN Albert Weber, FRG Air Force, Force Commander, NATO AWACs; and RADM Don W. Baird, Chief Operations and Readiness Branch, SHAPE, embarked IKE for a CVN orientation visit. GEN Kenny flew a FAMFLIGHT in the S-3B and MGEN Rogers and MGEN Weber flew a FAMFLIGHT in the E-2C.
- 24 A group of distinguished visitors and media from the Marseille, France area embarked IKE for a daylight visit. The DVs included the senator-mayor of Siant-Remy-De-Provence, several vice mayors from surrounding communities and business leaders. All three of Marseille's daily newspapers reported the embark on page one.
- 25-28 IKE visited Marseille, France. More than 350 visitors toured the ship.
- 27 Volunteers from IKE conducted general repairs and painting at the Monastery of St. Claire in Marseille, France.
- 40 members of the Austrian Militia Association of Vorarlberg visited IKE while in port Marseille, France, for a ship tour and lunch with CAPT Dantone.

JULY 1990

- 2-5 IKE visited Monaco. More than 600 visitors, including 55 8-12-year-old orphans, toured IKE.
- 3 LCDR David Belt, USN, CHC, conducted Baptism Services in Cannes, France.
- 10 ADM James Hogg, U.S. representative to the NATO Military Committee, embarked IKE and TATINALL to visit sailors and observe operations.
- MGEN Copin, Grench Air Force 4th Air Defense Region, embarked IKE while underway for an F-14 orientation flight with VF-142.
- 11 Mayor of Cannes Michel Mouillot headed a group of 21 French dignitaries who embarked IKE for a daylight visit.
- 12-20 IKE visited Cannes, France. More than 1,450 visitors toured the ship.
- 13 IKE hosted an Evening Review in Cannes, France. Approximately 500 guests attended, including ADM Jonathan Howe.
- 14 IKE and TICONDEROGA crewmen attended the annual USO Gala at the Palais de Festival in Cannes, France. The theme of the formal gathering was "America Celebrates Bastille Day - The Eisenhower Centennial." CINCUSNAVEUR ADM Howe, COMSIXTHFLT VADM Williams, Cannes Mayor Michel Mouillot and actor John Forsythe attended.

JULY 1990 (Cont.)

- 16 VADM Jack Ready, COMNAVAIRLANT, visited IKE while in port Cannes for discussions with RADM Lynch, CAPT Dantone, CAPT Luecke and squadron commanders.
- 16 The City of Cannes "adopted" IKE during a picnic hosted by the city on St. Marguerite Island.
- 19 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 23 RGEN Jay Blume, USAF, embarked IKE for a carrier orientation visit and E-2 familiarization flight.
- 24 A group of NATO flag officers embarked IKE for a daylight visit. The guests included flag officers from the Italian and Turkish air forces, Hellenic army and Royal Navy.
- 25 GEN Stelio Nardini, Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force, embarked IKE with VADM Williams to observe carrier operations.
- 27 IKE visited Naples, Italy. More than 500 visitors toured the ship. During the five day visit, USS RECOVERY (ASR 41) was alongside to conduct a sea chest inspection.
- 30 CREDO retreat held for IKE personnel in Naples.
- 31 William Cardinal Baum, an American Bishop serving in the Vatican Cabinet as the Prefect of Apostolic Penitentiary, celebrated Confirmation aboard IKE on the Forecastle. 15 IKE crew members were confirmed.

More than 500 NATO military and Italian civilian officials were guests aboard IKE for an Evening Review. ADM Jonathan T. Howe, CINCUSNAVEUR and CINC Allied Forces Southern Europe, was the guest speaker. The ceremony included a multi-national color guard, with flags from each NATO nation.

AUGUST 1990

- 1 IKE crew members travelled to Rome for an audience with Pope John Paul II.
- 8 IKE, TICONDEROGA, JOHN L. HALL, SURIBACHI and NEOSHO transited the Suez Canal to bolster U.S. forces in the Middle East after Iraq's 2 August invasion of Kuwait. The Red Sea Battle Group, along with USS INDEPENDENCE CVBG in the North Arabian Sea, were the first forces on station to help Saudi Arabia defend against a possible attack by Iraq. IKE's air wing was prepared for any contingency -- whether fending off an Iraqi attack or providing air cover for U.S. ground and air forces deploying to the region. During IKE's watch, the ship became the first modern carrier to actually set MOPP Level I.

AUGUST 1990 (Cont.)

- 14-17 IKE and CVW-7 personnel conducted a safety standdown.
- 16 The Red Sea Battle Group's mission shifted to maritime interception to support United Nations Security Council Resolution 51, imposing an embargo on shipping to or from Iraqi or Kuwaiti ports.
- 18 Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney embarked IKE to meet with crew members. He was accompanied by key staffers and 15 members of the Pentagon press corps. During his stay, he visited SCOTT. Reporters visited SCOTT, TICONDEROGA and SURIBACHI.
- 23 Red Sea Battle Group turned over duties to USS SARATOGA CVBG. IKE CVBG transited the Suez Canal and arrived in the Mediterranean on 24 August.

SEPTEMBER 1990

- 1 IKE and TICONDEROGA turned over with the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY battle group at Augusta Bay, Italy.
- 3 IKE and TICONDEROGA outchopped COMSIXTHFLT.
- ADM Pedro Regalado, commander of the Spanish Fleet, embarked IKE for a daylight visit.
- 10 IKE anchored in Bermuda to onload the Inspection and Survey team for the triennial inspection of operational capability (ASW, AAW, ELW, communications) and the health and well-being of the crew. After the four-day inspection, the INSURV team reported that IKE was found fit for further service, further stating that IKE's was the best held inspection aboard and AIRLANT carrier to date.
- Sir Desmond Langley, governor of Bermuda; Enbersole Gaines, American consul general; and Sir John Swan, premier, embarked IKE for a daylight visit.
- 11 Radio personalities from Norfolk's WNOR, Henry "The Bull" DelToro and Les Wooten embarked IKE to broadcast the station's "Dawn Patrol" morning show live. Between 0530 and noon, the duo entertained their radio audience with sailor banter and interviews.
- Homecoming Thanksgiving Services were conducted on the Flight Deck. RADM Lynch and CAPT Dantone were the guest speakers.
- 12 IKE moored at Pier 12S, Naval Station Norfolk at 1330 to a homecoming crowd of more than 7,000 family members and friends. Prior to arrival, the following media embarked to report IKE's return: Norfolk's television channels 3, 10 and 13, the Detroit CBS-TV affiliate; print representatives from Virginia Pilot, Newport News Daily Press, Navy News and UPI; and radio stations 2WD and WNVZ.

SEPTEMBER 1990 (Cont.)

- 28 CAPT William V. Cross relieved CAPT J.J. Dantone as Commanding Officer of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) in a flight deck ceremony. More than 500 military officials, family members and friends attended. Media from Norfolk television channels 3, 10 and 13, radio station 2WD and the Newport News Daily Press covered the ceremony.

OCTOBER 1990

- 1 Special Services Division moved from Executive Department to Training Department.
- 10 IKE personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.
- 12 IKE got underway for the first time with the new Commanding Officer, CAPT Cross, for fleet CQ and shipboard training.

The AIRLANT 3-M inspection team embarked to conduct the annual 3-M inspection. IKE received a final score of 88 percent, three points higher than in 1989.

- 19 IKE moored at Pier 5, Berth 3, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, commencing a four month SRA. The SRA work package includes 6,346 jobs to be completed by ship's force, NNSY, Ships Intermediate Maintenance Activities and defense/private contractors.
- 27 IKE day a Busch Gardens

NOVEMBER 1990

- 1 "I" Division formed as part of Training Department. New personnel reporting to IKE are initially assigned to "I" Division and attend a familiarization and indoctrination course before assuming duties in their assigned departments. Upon completion of the familiarization and indoctrination course, all personnel are proficient in the use of OBAs and EEBDs, and are well on their way with Basic DC and 3-M qualifications.
- 2 IKE adopts Jacox Elementary School in Norfolk. CAPT Cross was the guest speaker at the adoption ceremony held in the school's auditorium.
- 22 Thanksgiving Dinner was served for all crew members aboard IKE during the holiday. CAPT Cross was aboard to help serve the meal on the mess decks and to greet officers in the Wardroom.

DECEMBER 1990

- 1 Operations Department reorganized to form the Command Direction Center, placing the ship's defensive weapons systems, as well as the warfare modules, under the direct control of the CDC officer.

DECEMBER 1990 (Cont.)

- 1 CS Division (Signalmen) moved from Communications Department to Navigation Department.

IKE joined forces with the Salvation Army and WEVC Channel 13 to bring Christmas joy to the needy in Hampton Roads. An "Angel Tree" was placed on the Hangar Deck. The tree was decorated with cards identifying a child (by age, sex and clothes size). More than 100 cards were taken from the tree and returned with gifts. IKE was the first ship ever to participate in the program.

- 7 More than 1,000 IKE crew members, families and friends gathered at the Virginia Beach Pavilion for the annual IKE Gala. The event was sponsored by IKE's Special Services and featured: Surf and turf dinner; live entertainment with the "Voltage Bros."; and door prizes ranging from free pizza to round trip tickets to Jamaica and Disneyworld.

- 12 Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group Eight Classified Material System inspection team inspects IKE's CMS program. Program graded with 99 percent.

- 14 IKE Children's Christmas Party

IKE personnel conducted a ship-wide safety standdown.

- 18 IKE was named the recipient of the Golden Anchor, the Navy's award recognizing commands for exceptional retention programs. IKE was the winner in the aircraft carrier category.

- 19 E-2 Division's ship lighting display won first prize in the shipyard's annual holiday lighting competition. More than 2,000 colored light bulbs and nearly a mile of light strands were used to light the ship from bow to stern.

- 31 SRA work package is 25 percent complete

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
YEAR END STATISTICS - CALENDAR YEAR 1990

AIMD

- Processed 21,898 repairable items with an average turn around time of 4.42 days and ready for issue rate of 77.15 percent
- Provided maintenance support for first extended deployment with F110 and F404 engines

AIR

- 11,611 incident-free aircraft launches and recoveries
- 42,535 aircraft flight deck moves with zero reportable crunches
- 6,557 aircraft hangar deck moves with zero reportable crunches
- Surpassed 135,000 incident-free recoveries
- 98.9 percent catapult and arresting gear availability rate
- Zero accidents or major personnel injuries
- Zero missed sorties for operational shortfalls
- Zero missed sorties for equipment non-availability
- 22,037,713 gallons of aviation fuel pumped to 13,921 aircraft
- 100 percent aviation fuels system availability
- 19 replenishment at sea operations with zero spills
- 99.6 percent competitive exercise score

DENTAL

- Provided 5,741 annual examinations
- Recorded more than 16,000 patient visits
- Fabricated and delivered 320 crowns and bridges
- Fabricated and delivered 70 partial or complete dentures
- Extracted more than 2,500 teeth
- Treated four facial fractures

ENGINEERING

- Completed all damage control competitive exercises with an average grade of 98 percent
- Completed more than 9,000 plumbing-related trouble calls
- Completed complex overhaul of the Aft CHT Tank and System
- Assisted USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47) with installation of a replacement aft mooring capstain motor.
- Major SRA work included repairs to all four main engine thrust bearing caps, replacement of worm drive gears on the main engine jacking gears and retubing the No. 1 LPSDCT, 1 Reboiler Feedheater Drain Cooler and 2 Distilling Unit Feed Heater and Air Ejector Condenser.

EXECUTIVE

Civilian Education/Navy Campus:

-Administered 35 ACT, 69 SAT and 8 GRE (6 general, 2 subject) standardized tests

-Administered 302 CLEP exams (160 general, 142 subject). College credits were awarded to 100 taking the general test and 43 taking subject tests. Monetary value saved on credits earned through CLEP is \$74,358.

-Administered 37 GED exams. 35 personnel earned high school diploma.

-24 PACE courses were conducted with 450 personnel earning college credit.

-185 personnel completed Basic Skills courses in English and math.

Command Career Counselor:

-Recorded following retention statistics:

| <u>Term</u> | <u>Eligible</u> | <u>Not Eligible</u> | <u>Re-enlisted</u> | <u>Gross/Net</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| First       | 533             | 117                 | 215                | 30.5/40.3%       |
| Second      | 72              | 4                   | 56                 | 73.7/77.7%       |
| Career      | 142             | 3                   | 110                | 75.3/77.4%       |

-840 personnel in paygrades E-5 through O-4 completed Career Information Training Course

Educational Services

-Recorded following advancement examination statistics:

| <u>Cycle</u> | <u>Participated</u> | <u>Passed/Selected</u> | <u>Advanced</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 125 (E-8)    | 84                  | NA/84                  | 10              |
| 125 (E-9)    | 19                  | NA/19                  | 4               |
| 126 (E-7)    | 190                 | 183/128                | 21              |
| 127 (E-6)    | 155                 | 108/NA                 | 38              |
| 127 (E-5)    | 460                 | 338/NA                 | 77              |
| 127 (E-4)    | 310                 | 153/NA                 | 137             |
| 128 (E-6)    | 179                 | 168/NA                 | 36              |
| 128 (E-5)    | 582                 | 550/NA                 | 126             |
| 128 (E-4)    | 438                 | 433/NA                 | 260             |

## Executive (Cont.)

### Human Relations:

- 125 petty officers graduated from Professional Management Leadership Training, a course designed to develop better middle-management leadership.
- 1,035 sailors completed "Getting It Together," a three-hour program that assists newly-arrived personnel in their transition to shipboard life.
- Aftercare, for personnel who have received or are undergoing treatment for alcohol abuse, is a continuous program with an average of 45 active participants.
- 316 crew members completed Navy Alcohol Drug Safety Action Program, a 36-hour course intended to prevent Navy personnel from developing difficulties with drugs and alcohol.
- 1,448 crew members completed the Navy Rights and Responsibilities workshop.

### Public Affairs:

- 24 hour programming on two television channels and three radio stations while underway
- Daily newspaper throughout deployment
- Daily newspaper while underway CONUS, weekly while in port CONUS
- Bi-monthly familygram
- Awarded two Chief of Information Merit Awards:
  - Third place for familygram
  - Third place for IKE/CWV-7 18-month calendar
- 125 news releases
- More than 22,000 Fleet Hometown News releases
- Visit program that included:
  - 42 Distinguished Visitor embarks while underway
  - 22 Distinguished Visitor embarks while in port
  - 10,100 Visitors during port visits

## LEGAL

- 0 General Courts-Martial convened
- 11 Special Courts-Martial convened
- 107 Summary Courts-Martial convened
- 834 cases of Nonjudicial Punishment tried
- 131 Administrative Separations processed
- 22 JAGMAN Investigations conducted
- More than 600 powers of attorney prepared
- More than 200 wills prepared
- 100 claims for damaged or lost personal property processed

## MEDICAL

- Completed 15 major surgical cases
- Completed 126 minor surgical cases
- Completed 50 Medevacs
- Treated 349 inpatients
- Completed an average of 1,110 outpatient visits per month

## OPERATIONS

- CDC organization combined OI and OEM divisions. New divisions in CDC organization are OI (OSs), OW (EWs), OT (AWs and DPs) and OF (FCs).
- Successfully deployed full Battle Group Intermediate Maintenance Activity during MED 2-90, performing 180 electronic component repairs and saving \$223,000 in off-ship repair costs.
- TFCC INCREMENT I installed and successfully deployed MED 2-90.
- Electronic Material Office completed overhauls on more than 200 pieces of electronic gear.
- TFCC Increment II Plus installed.
- 642B NIPS system removed
- Tactical Aircraft Mission Planning System cross-decked to USS Forrestal (CV 59).
- Ship's Internal Navigation System upgraded with OF-454 (V) /UYK Data Display Console and the RD-358 magnetic tape unit.

## SAFETY

- No motor vehicle deaths
- No CV fatalities
- Major injury-free SRA from 21OCT to 31DEC

## SHIP INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE

- Board of Inspection and Survey:
  - Survey conclusion: Fit for further service
  - 105 discrepancies dealing with safety
  - 11 discrepancies dealing with reliability
  - 10 recommended alterations
  - 481 minor discrepancies (combined number from aviation, auxiliaries, boilers, combat systems, damage control, deck, electrical, environmental protection, habitability, medical/dental, main propulsion, navigation, occupational safety/health and supply inspections)
- SRA:
  - 6,346 jobs scheduled
    - 4,501 to be completed by ship's company
    - 933 to be completed by NNSY shops
    - 644 to be completed by SIMA
    - 268 to be completed by defense/private contractors

**SIMD (Cont.)**

**-COMNAVAIRLANT 3-M inspection:**

- Overall PMS Performance Rate of 88 percent
- Accomplishment Confidence Factor of 97 percent (254 of 295 performance walk-throughs satisfactorily accomplished, 25 partially accomplished, 16 unsatisfactorily accomplished and zero gundecks)
- Recorded Accomplishment Rate of 97 percent (19,238 of 19,996 maintenance actions recorded as completed, 313 recorded as partially completed, 445 deferred)

**SUPPLY**

- Ship's stores sold more than \$4 million in merchandise, turning over a record \$640,000 to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund.
- Nominee for AIRLANT's Best Sales and Service Award.
- Catered three evening reviews and Journey to Victory.
- NAVSUP review noted that IKE's deployment was statistically the third-best ever and the best ever for a carrier with F/A-18s.
- First carrier to implement SSRE.
- Leading the environmentalist effort, recycled bubblewrap, cutting consumption by 80 percent.
- Earned the MATCONOFF SuperStar each month during the six-month Med 2-90.

**TRAINING**

**Special Services:**

-Coordinated tours for crew members in all nine port calls during the deployment. Special Services arranged group tours to:

| <u>Port</u>                              | <u>Tour</u>  |
|--|--|
| Toulon, Cannes<br>Marseille, Monte Carlo | Paris, perfume factories, Avignon wine country                     |
| Haifa                                    | Jerusalem, Masada, Golan Heights, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea         |
| Portsmouth                               | London, Stonehenge, Bath   |
| Palma de Mallorca<br>Naples              | Medieval Banquets, Caverns of Drach<br>Pompeii, Rome, Vatican City |

- Provided \$42,000 to subsidise tours program during the deployment
- Supported active softball, basketball, football, soccer and hockey teams
- Supported two ship's bands which performed at various community and ship's functions throughout the deployment

TRAINING (Cont.)

Training:

- Qualified 95 percent of personnel attending familiarization and indoctrination courses in Basic DC and 3-M
- Filled more than 2,500 quotas for Navy schools
- Coordinated training for 500 Reservists and 300 Midshipmen