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Encl: (1) Command History for 1991
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) Commanding Officer's Photogaph
(4) USS Dubuque Ship's Photograph

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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COMMAND HISTORY

Section One: Command Composition and Organization

USS DUBUQUE is a forward deployed Amphibious Transport Dock (AUSTIN Class LPD) homeported in Sasebo, Japan. USS DUBUQUE served as the flagship for Amphibious Readiness Group Bravo referred to as Commander Task Group 76.4 consisting of all amphibious class ships homeported in Sasebo, Japan. DUBUQUE's immediate senior in command is Commander Naval Surface Group Western Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU WESTPAC) with COMPHIBGRU ONE acting as operational commander. USS DUBUQUE'S mission is to transport and land troops and their essential equipment and supplies by means of embarked landing craft or amphibious vehicles augmented by helicopter lift. The ship is commanded by Captain Brian F. Boyce, USN, . Major department heads are as follows:

Executive Officer,	Terry C. Pierce, LCDR
Operations Officer,	Joseph R. Montgomery, LCDR
Chief Engineer,	William Hawker, LT
Supply Officer,	Thomas P. Statz, LT
First Lieutenant,	Guerry H. Hagins, LT
Air Boss,	George M. Matais, LT
Medical Officer,	Timothy C. Sorrells, LT
Dental Officer,	Hal B. Lockwood, LT
Chaplain,	Gerald C. Gonzales, LT

Section Two, Part One

Ship's Chronology:

01-03 JAN	INPORT SASEBO, JA
04 JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, YOKOSUKA, JA
07-18 JAN	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA
19 JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
23 JAN	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA ONLOAD
23 JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
26-27 JAN	INPORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES OFFLOAD
28 JAN	UNDERWAY EXERCISE VALIANT USHER 91-1
30 JAN	INPORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES ONLOAD
31 JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
03 FEB	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
03 FEB	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, NAHA, OKINAWA, JA ONLOAD
05 FEB	INPORT NAHA, OKINAWA, JA ONLOAD
06 FEB	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, POHANG, KOREA
08 FEB	INPORT POHANG, KOREA OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
09 FEB	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SASEBO, JA
10-25 FEB	INPORT SASEBO, JA
26 FEB	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, OKINAWA, JA
01 MAR	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
03 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, POHANG, KOREA FOR TEAM SPIRIT 91
06-07 MAR	INPORT POHANG, KOREA ONLOAD/OFFLOAD
08 MAR	UNDERWAY TEAM SPIRIT 91

11 MAR	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI
17 MAR	INPORT POHANG, KOREA ONLOAD
19 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
21 MAR	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD
21 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, POHANG, KOREA
23 MAR	INPORT POHANG, KOREA
24 MAR	UNDERWAY PUSAN, KOREA
24 MAR	INPORT PUSAN, KOREA
26 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
28 MAR	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD
29 MAR	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SASEBO, JA
29 MAR-02 APR	INPORT SASEBO, JA
02 APR	AMMO OFFLOAD, AMMO ANCHORAGE #39
03 APR	AKASAKI FUEL PIER FOR DEFUELING
05 APR	UNDERWAY TO INDIA BASIN BERTH #7
05 APR	ENTERED SRA
08 APR	BERTH SHIFT TO BERTH #1, INDIA BASIN
08 APR-21 JUL	INPORT SASEBO, JA FOR SRA
21 JUL	SRA COMPLETED
22 JUL	REFUELING AKASAKI FUEL PIER
23 JUL	AMMUNITION ONLOAD, AMMO ANCHORAGE #39
31 JUL	UNDERWAY SEA TRIALS ENROUTE, YOKOHAMA, JA
03 AUG	INPORT YOKOHAMA, JA ONLOAD
07 AUG	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
10 AUG	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
11 AUG	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SINGAPORE
19 AUG	INPORT SINGAPORE
20 AUG	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, LUMUT, MALAYSIA
21 AUG	INPORT LUMUT, MALAYSIA
23 AUG	UNDERWAY EXERCISE PENYU TRIDENT 1991
24 AUG	INPORT LUMUT, MALAYSIA
25 AUG	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
30 AUG-02 SEP	INPORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
03 SEP	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, HONG KONG
05 SEP	INPORT HONG KONG
10 SEP	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
13 SEP	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
14 SEP	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES
17 SEP	INPORT SUBIC BAY, PHILIPPINES OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
18-24 SEP	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, YOKSUKA, JA
25 SEP-04 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA SHIP REPAIR/OPPE
05 OCT	UNDERWAY FOR OPPE
05 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JA
06 OCT	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SASEBO, JA
08-14 OCT	INPORT SASEBO, JA
15 OCT	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA FOR EXERCISE VALIANT BLITZ 91
17 OCT	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA ONLOAD
19 OCT	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, POHANG, KOREA
21 OCT	INPORT POHANG, KOREA OFFLOAD
23 OCT	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
25-26 OCT	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA ONLOAD
27 OCT	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, POHANG, KOREA
29 OCT	UNREP WITH USS VINCENNES

30-31 OCT	INPORT POHANG, KOREA OFFLOAD/ONLOAD
01 NOV	UNDERWAY FOR VALIANT BLITZ 91
03 NOV	UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USS PONCHATOULLA
09 NOV	INPORT POHANG, KOREA BACKLOAD
11 NOV	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA
13 NOV	INPORT BUCKNER BAY, OKINAWA, JA OFFLOAD
14 NOV	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, YOKOHAMA, JA
17 NOV	INPORT YOKOHAMA, JA ONLOAD
17 NOV	UNDERWAY ENROUTE, SASEBO, JA
19 NOV	INPORT SASEBO, JA
26 NOV	BERTH SHIFT TO AKASAKI FUEL PIER FOR DEFUELING
27 NOV	BERTH SHIFT TO INDIA BASIN PIER 6
28 NOV-31 DEC	INPORT SASEBO, JA

Section Two, Part Two

Embarked Units:

Following units or elements of units were embarked on USS DUBUQUE:

1. ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT-1 DETACHMENT
   1 JAN - 31 DEC

2. BEACHMASTER UNIT DETACHMENT, CORONADO, CA
   1 JAN - 31 DEC

3. TEAM SPIRIT 91 28 - 30 JAN: DET 9TH ENGR SPT BN, HQ 35TH MEU, DET CSSD-39, 2ND BN/9TH MARINES

4. VALIANT USHER 91-1 08 MAR - 17 MAR: DET 9TH MARINES, DET BSSG-9, DET MWSG-18, RLT 9, ROK AAV BN, DET 3RD FSSG, DET 12TH MARINES

5. PENYU TRIDENT EXERCISE 91 23 AUG - 24 AUG: HQ 35TH MEU,2ND BTN/12TH MARINES, DET CSSD -32, DET 1ST AAV BN

6. VALIANT BLITZ 91 01 NOV - 09 NOV: HQ 35TH MEU, 2ND BN 9TH MARINES, DET CSSD-32, DET 1ST RECON BN

Section Three: Historical Narrative

01 January found USS DUBUQUE observing holiday routine in honor of the New Year in home port at Berth #7, India Basin, Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan. 04 January, USS DUBUQUE was underway steaming independently enroute to Yokosuka, Japan. 07 - 18 January, USS DUBUQUE was inport Berth #12, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan for ship repair availability. Ship's personnel were able to take advantage of local school quotas for schools not available in Sasebo.

19 - 22 January, USS DUBUQUE got underway and was steaming independently for Buckner Bay, Okinawa. The ship conducted various engineering casualty control drills, flight quarters and a helo crash drill. 23 January, USS DUBUQUE moored Navy Pier, White Beach, Okinawa for onloading of 35th MEU as well as other marine units and their equipment. After the marines and their equipment were onloaded, USS DUBUQUE immediately got underway steaming independently enroute Subic Bay, Philippines for exercise Valiant Usher 91-1 with Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet onboard. The ship conducted flight quarters and general quarters drills for combat readiness training of ship's personnel. 26 - 27 January, USS DUBUQUE was inport moored Alava Extension Subic Bay, Philippines to offload marines and equipment. While inport Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet had a conference onboard USS DUBUQUE with Commanding Officer, USS DUBUQUE, Captain Brian F. Boyce and the commanding officers of the USS ST LOUIS and USS SAN BERNADINO.

28 January, USS DUBUQUE got underway for exercise Valiant Usher 91-1 with RADM Conley, Commander, Task Force Group Seventy Six onboard. DUBUQUE arrives off the coast of San Miguel at 1000 to perform various drills throughout the day and evening. Drills included landing and lifting marines via helicopter to the beach. Launching the LCU/LARCS and a small boat attack followed by night recovery of AAV'S and night DLQ'S. After the day's drill, DUBUQUE was anchored overnight.

29 January started with an early 0400 reveille with NEO evacuees to Cubi Point drills commencing at 0430. USS DUBUQUE rendezvousing with USS ST LOUIS and USS SAN BERNADINO at 0500 launching LCU/LARCS and safety boats. Each ship taking their turns positioning themselves to launch three waves of AAV'S to the beach. Later that day DUBUQUE was underway to Tabones Gunnery range expending 12 rounds MT 31 and 9 rounds MT 34. DUBUQUE found herself anchoring overnight. 30 January started with 0400 reveille followed by flight quarters and launching LCU/LARCS at 0500. This was followed by a reinforcement mission to the beach by launching CH 46's. Later that day a flawless tactical withdrawal with the backload being conducted in the late afternoon. Valiant Usher was completed. DUBUQUE was to return to Alava Pier in Subic Bay. Valiant Usher provided valuable amphibious training to ship's personnel. 31 January, DUBUQUE got underway enroute, Buckner Bay, Okinawa.

03 February, DUBUQUE moored at White Beach, Okinawa to offload marines and equipment. DUBUQUE got underway later that evening enroute, Naha, Okinawa. The ship conducted a variety of drills to include general quarters, ECC drills, and an abandon ship drill. 05 February, DUBUQUE moors Naha, Okinawa for onload of marines. 06 February, DUBUQUE gets underway enroute Sasebo. 07 February, DUBUQUE anchors in Sasebo Bay for debarking of selected ship's personnel then underway to Pusan, Korea. DUBUQUE moored Pier 8, Pusan, Korea for offload. DUBUQUE is underway in afternoon and arrives in Pohang, Korea mooring at Pier 8-3 for offload and onload. 09 February, DUBUQUE is underway for Home Sweet Home, Sasebo, Japan. 10 -25 February, DUBUQUE enters home port and moored Berth #7, India Basin, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan. The days inport were enjoyed by the crew especially after participating in Exercise Valiant Usher. The crew was involved in a host of activities in addition to ship's routine such as Intercultural Workshops for newly reported ship's personnel, celebrating Black History Month, physical readiness training testing and a Community Relations Project at Tenshin Ryo Orphanage. 26 February, DUBUQUE was underway again after a much appreciated time spent inport. DUBUQUE conducted man overboard/abandon ship drills, ECC drills, helo crash drills, mass casualty drills, and general quarters drills while enroute Okinawa.

01 March, DUBUQUE moored East Navy Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa for offload and onload of marines. 02 March, RADM Conley, Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet arrives onboard. 03 March, DUBUQUE is underway for Team Spirit 91 enroute Pohang, Korea. 06- 07 March, DUBUQUE moored Berth 8-3, Pohang, Korea for offload of marines and equipment and onload of ROKN AAV's. 08 - 16 March, DUBUQUE is underway for Team Spirit 91 to TOK SOK RI op area. DUBUQUE is steaming in formation with USS TISDALE, USS COPELAND, USS RODNEY M. DAVIS, USS STERETT, USS HEWITT, USS ST LOUIS and various ROKN units. 9 - 10 March DUBUQUE was extensively engaged in launching and recovering helicopters and AAV's to land assault troops composed of United States Marines and South Korean Marines. On 11 March DUBUQUE completed an underway replenishment and a high line transfer with the USNS KAWISHIWI. Later that day DUBUQUE approached alongside the USS ST LOUIS to conduct a light line transfer. 15 March, DUBUQUE completed another underway replenishment and conducted an emergency breakaway drill with the USNS KAWISHIWI. Exercise Team Spirit included participents comprised of commanders in sea, air, special forces, destroyers, cruisers, and oilers supported the amphibious operations. The exercise provided valuable training for ship's personnel.

17 March, DUBUQUE returned to Pohang and moored Berth 8-3. Immediately DUBUQUE commenced backload and onload of marines and equipment with a Team Spirit debrief with RADM Conley. On 18 March a Community Relations painting project was performed by several DUBUQUE sailors at Sun Rin Orphanage in Pohang. 19 March, DUBUQUE is underway enroute Buckner Bay,Okinawa. Offload of marines and their equipment was completed by 21 March. After offload was completed, DUBUQUE is underway to Pohang, Korea. DUBUQUE arrived in Pohang on 23 March, early morning. 24 March, DUBUQUE is underway to Pusan, Korea and arrives late afternoon moored Pusan,Hang Harbour, Korea and commences onload. 26 March, DUBUQUE is underway enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa and completes offload on 28 March. After completion of offload, DUBUQUE is underway to Sasebo, Japan and mooring at Berth #7, India Basin, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.

On 02 April, DUBUQUE gets underway to Ammo Anchorage #39 to offload ammo. On 03 April, DUBUQUE completes ammo offload and gets underway to Akasaki Fuel Pier for defueling F76. 05 April, DUBUQUE underway to India Basin, Berth #7, Sasebo, Japan. On April 08 DUBUQUE shifts to Berth #1, India Basin where it remained until SRA was completed. April 12, DUBUQUE held an award ceremony on the flight deck followed by a command picnic at Nimitz Park. Due to ship's repair of the messdecks, ship's personnel were given comrats from 18 April through 31 June when the messdecks were completed. On 27 April, Project Handclasp materials were distributed to Sei Bo No Kishi Orphanage in Nagasaki by DUBUQUE sailors.

08 May DUBUQUE was able to have repair work done on various places on the ship due to tender availability by USS JASON. Over Memorial weekend, 17 May, the Sasebo CPO association held their annual Memorial Day Service in honor of the Soto Dam where 55 American POW's died constructing a dam. On 17 May, DUBUQUE held a ship's picnic at Nimitz Park. 29 May the semi-annual PRT test was held at Nimitz Park.

06 June DUBUQUE sailors mobilized to donate clothing and money to the MT Unzen Volcano victims in Shimabara, Japan through the Sasebo Base Chaplain's Office. 21 June a retirement ceremony was held on the flight deck with all hands present in summer whites to retire EMCS Gawthorpe who served 30 years in the United States Navy. An award ceremony and a personnel inspection followed the retirement ceremony. On 28 June USS DUBUQUE's Commanding Officer held an inspection of the ship's spaces. 01 July RADM Conley, CTF 76 inspected the ship. 09 July DUBUQUE underwent LOE drills and proceeded to perform drills with precision and skill resulting in passing LOE. On 10 July a ship's picnic was held in celebration of passing LOE. On 16 July an award and frocking ceremony was held on the flight deck by all hands. On 19 July a successful fast cruise was held pierside. On 25 July LCDR Terry Pierce arrived onboard to relieve LCDR Terry Nolan as Executive Officer. On 26 July 10 midshipman arrived onboard for training.

03 August DUBUQUE enters Yokohama port and is moored at Berth #6 & H. 04 - 06 August DUBUQUE is onloading marines and their equipment who were deployed to Mt. Fuji for exercises. During this time of being inport the crew enjoyed liberty with prearranged tours to Mt. Fuji and Tokyo Disneyland. The ship's Post Office passed with an outstanding grade on their Postal Inspection. After the onload was completed DUBUQUE was underway on 07 August enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 10 August DUBUQUE is moored Navy Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. Shortly afterward the offload and onload of marines and their equipment commenced. RADM Conley hosted an Admiral's Luncheon for local area commanders onboard. 11 - 18 August, DUBUQUE gets underway enroute to Singapore. During the transit to Singapore the ship was busy conducting general quarters drills, man overboard drills, engineering casualty control drills and one 3"/50 gun shoot. As the ship was sailing closer to the equator plans were underway for a crossing the line ceremony to turn wogs into shellbacks. 17 August was a fun day with a scheduled joint Navy and Marine Corps talent show as well as Davy Jones beauty contest all in a relaxing atmosphere of a cookout on the flight deck. The next morning de-wogging ceremonies began at 0500 with over 654 wogs were traditionally initiated into King Neptune's Royal Realm of Shellbacks. DUBUQUE crossed the equatorial line at 106 degrees 19.4' E longitude at 1443. 19 August morale on the DUBUQUE is high with anticipation of entering Singapore. That morning there was a Marine promotion ceremony on the flight deck at 0700 followed by the crew manning the rails in summer whites. DUBUQUE is moored at Sembawang Pier, Singapore. Sailors and marines enjoyed liberty with a variety of tours scheduled by the ship's tour office and the ship's chaplain arranged with a local Baptist church a religious tour of Singapore's religious sites. 20 August, DUBUQUE was underway enroute Lumut, Malaysia. 21 August, DUBUQUE moored RMN Base Lumut, Malaysia. The same evening Navy and Marine officers were invited to an officer's reception hosted by the Base Commanding Officer. The next day, 22 August, was a day of sports competition. Sailors and marines were challenged by their Malaysian counterparts to competition sports such as Hash House Hanies Run, rugby, 15M cross country team races followed by a Malaysian Sefak Tarrow demonstration. While the sports competition was taking place off the ship, the DUBUQUE was hosting a ship visit to local Malaysians. 23 August, DUBUQUE got underway for exercise Penyu Trident 1991 which was a joint Malaysian and U.S. amphibious landing exercise. DUBUQUE launched and received AAV'S as well as Helicopter landing assault troops on the beach. 24 August DUBUQUE was inport participating in a Malaysian Cultural Night of food, traditional Malaysia dances and costume appearances. 25 August DUBUQUE was underway enroute, Subic Bay, Philippines.

27 August, around 2300, a fishing boat was sighted to be in distress waving flares. The motor whale boat was lowered into the water to investigate. It was discovered that there were five people onboard and the small boat was out of fuel drifting with the nearest land to be 165 miles away. The small boat was identified to be an Indonesian fishing boat named CAHAYA ABADI. DUBUQUE gave them JP5, fuel, batteries, and a chart, #71027, and sent them on their way. The rescue event was completed by 0500. The crew involved acted with great skill.

30 August - 02 September, DUBUQUE was moored at Alava Pier, Subic Bay. As we entered port, ship's personnel were amazed at the destruction of Subic facilities as well as the enormous dumping of ash from Mt. Pinatubo. 01 September DUBUQUE conducted a Community Relations project at the Carmelite Mission. 03 September, DUBUQUE is underway with RADM Conley, Amphibious Forces Seventh Fleet onboard. As we were enroute to Hong Kong, the admiral's staff was conducting a command inspection. The ship was ready and prepared for the inspection with many departments receiving grades of outstanding. 05 September, DUBUQUE made preparation for entering port with marines and sailors manning the rails in summer dress uniform. As we continued our approach, DUBUQUE rendered passing honors to CAPIG, Hong Kong. DUBUQUE moored pierside HMS TAMAR, Hong Kong, BC. 05 - 09 September, DUBUQUE enjoyed wonderful days of liberty. 10 September, DUBUQUE was underway enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 13 September DUBUQUE moored Navy Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa for offload of marines and equipment. On 14 September, in the process of offloading, a marine SSGT fell into the bay injuring himself. Three officers reacted by jumping into the water to rescue the injured man. When the casualty was brought out of the water he was transported to Lester Naval Hospital by ambulance and later admitted to ICU in stable condition. Later that day DUBUQUE was underway enroute to Subic Bay. 17 September, DUBUQUE moored along Alava Pier, Subic Bay for offload of four H - 46 A/C helicopters for post volcano support. 18 - 24 September DUBUQUE underway to commence engineering casualty control drills throughout the day and evening. The ship anchored in anchorage Delta 5 for the evenings. Then proceeded to steam toward Yokosuka, Japan for ship's operations Propulsion Plant inspection. 25 September - 04 October, DUBUQUE moored Berth 2,Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan for OPPE. 05 October DUBUQUE got underway with RADM Conley onboard to undergo OPPE drills. Morale was high and sailors were ready to meet the challenge. General Quarters was sounded and ECC drills commenced with a mainspace fire drill. DUBUQUE sailors acted with skill and put out the fire. Other drills were conducted and when the smoke was cleared DUBUQUE had passed OPPE with flying colors. DUBUQUE entered back into port and moored a Berth 10 for OPPE debrief.

06 October DUBUQUE got underway enroute Sasebo. 08 October DUBUQUE sailors entered port manning the rails with pride over passing OPPE. DUBUQUE moored Berth #7, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan. 15 October DUBUQUE is underway enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa for Valiant Blitz. DUBUQUE rendered honors to two Japanese frigates NR 231 and 232 as she was heading out to sea. 17 October DUBUQUE moored Navy Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa for offload and onload of marines and equipment for Valiant Blitz. 19 October DUBUQUE got underway enroute Pohang, Korea for offload. 21 October DUBUQUE moored Pohang, Korea, offloaded marines, then got underway on 23 October for Okinawa. 25 October DUBUQUE moored East Army Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa for onload of marines and equipment. During onload a mogas leak was discovered and general quarters was sounded and all marines were disembarked on the pier for their safety. The mogas leak was controlled and onload proceeded again.

27 - 29 October, DUBUQUE got underway steaming in formation with USS BLUE RIDGE, USS ST LOUIS, and USS VINCINNES enroute Pohang, Korea. During the transit DUBUQUE was engaged in ECC drills, gunnery exercises, and running light and maneuvering exercises with ships in company. 29 October, DUBUQUE was conducting an underway replenishment with USS VINCENNES. VINCENNES was closing in and an emergency breakaway was sounded by DUBUQUE. VINCENNES collided with DUBUQUE sounding the collision alarm which prepared personnel for the collision followed by general quarters. DUBUQUE was struck on FWD STBD with A- 16-0-A bulkhead buckling but no flooding. 30 October, DUBUQUE moored Berth 8-3, Pohang, Korea for offload and onload.

01 - 08 November, DUBUQUE underway for Valiant Blitz 91. DUBUQUE is steaming in formation with USS BLUE RIDGE, USS ST LOUIS, USS VINCENNES. Valiant Blitz provided the DUBUQUE a variety of training evolutions. Evolutions executed during the exercise consisted of launching and recovering assault troops by AAV'S, launching and recovering assault troops by helicopters, signal light drills, an underway replenishment with USNS PONCHATOULLA, vessel in distress drills, and radio communication drill competition for the Battle E; ship maneuvering drills, general quarters, man overboard drills, flag hoist drills, shipboard battle damage drill, light line transfer with USS BLUE RIDGE, ECC drills. Special Forces units such as recon Marines, UDT SEALS, and ROK marines were onboard conducting specialized training during the mock invasion of South Korean beaches. The night before returning to port there was a planned pizza night followed by all hands games of spades, cribbage, and bingo to show appreciation of the hard work and long hours of training by the crew.

09 November, DUBUQUE moored Pier 8-3, Pohang, for onload of marines and equipment. Valiant Blitz Hot Wash-up was held on the USS BLUE RIDGE. 11 November, DUBUQUE got underway enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa. 13 November, DUBUQUE moored West Army Pier, Buckner Bay, Okinawa for offload and onload of marines and equipment. 14 November, DUBUQUE got underway and moored Yokohama, Japan for offload of marines for Mt. Fuji on 17 November. 17 November, upon completion of offload, DUBUQUE got underway for Sasebo, Japan. 19 November, DUBUQUE moored Berth 6, India Basin, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.

19 November - 31 December, DUBUQUE was cold iron during this much appreciated inport stay. Even though the hectic pace of deployment slowed down, the rhythm of work began to be focused on preparing to pass the Supply Management Assessment inspection as well as the Training Readiness Evaluation for REFTRA in which the ship passed with outstanding scores with a debrief by RADM Conley.

26 November, DUBUQUE got underway to Akasaki Fuel Pier for defueling F-76 and mogas. 27 November, upon completion of defueling, DUBUQUE shifted back to Berth 6, India Basin. Over the Thanksgiving holidays, DUBUQUE sailors signed up for the Thanksgiving Host -A- Sailor program, enjoying a dinner and company in the homes of Navy families. Many sailors took leave during this time, flying back to the States to be with family. 13 December, DUBUQUE held a Christmas party at the Harbor View Club where hundred of dollars in door prizes were given away. 21 December, DUBUQUE held a dependent's Christmas party with GMGC Carr as Santa Claus, giving away presents and posing with children for pictures. That same afternoon the ship held a Christmas party for 48 children from Tenshin Ryo Orphanage. Sailors participated as tour guides and interpreters. Sailors gathered around and sang Christmas carols to the children. Ship's ball caps were passed out to the children as presents. On 24 December, a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held in the library. New Year's was observed as holiday routine and the USS DUBUQUE remained in Sasebo until 07 January 1992.