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Encl (1) USS SAFEGUARD (ARS-50) Command History for 1990
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet/ Commanding Officer's Biography
(3) Photograph of Commanding Officer

1. Per references (a) and (b), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are submitted.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS SAFEGUARD (ARS-50) is a diving and salvage ship based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, under the operational control of Combat Support Squadron 5. Lieutenant Commander Donald J. Oswald, USN, , assumed command 13 July from Lieutenant Commander Michael J. O'Moore, USN, . Lieutenant Andrew B. Clary, USN, relieved Lieutenant Mark T. Helmkamp, USN, as Executive Officer on 7 December. Lieutenant Edward F. Molloy, USN, , served as 1st Lieutenant the entire year. Lieutenant Kurt E. Hedberg, USNR, relieved Lieutenant Melanie A. Knight, USNR, as Auxiliary Division Officer 20 June. Lieutenant Jacqueline M. Lemke, USNR, relieved Lieutenant Mark T. Helmkamp of Operations Officer duties on 15 January. Lieutenant (junior grade) Timothy M. Schratwieser, USN, assumed duties as Diving and Salvage Officer and was relieved as Supply Officer by Lieutenant (junior grade) Lisa D. Moore, USNR, on 04 September. Ensign Victor A. Saienni, USN, , relieved Lieutenant David J. Harrison, USN, as Engineer Officer 15 August.

CHRONOLOGY

1 Jan	Duty Section brought in the new year uneventfully while moored A-7, Bishop Point, Hawaii
2-7 Jan	Leave and upkeep, Pearl Harbor
8-12 Jan	U/W local ISE/training, returned to port 12 Jan, moored A-7
13-25 Jan	Inport, PH
26-28 Jan	Port Visit Molokai, Makahiki Games
28 Jan	Emergent Tow USNS TITAN, returned to port 28 Jan, moored A-7
29 Jan-1 Feb	Inport PH
1 Feb	CMS Inspection
2 Feb	Personnel Inspection- Service Dress Blue
3-5 Feb	Inport PH
6 Feb	Target Tow, Gunex with USS LYNDE MCCORMICK (DDG-8), returned to port 6 Feb, moored A-7
7-19 Feb	Inport PH
20 Feb-9 Mar	Diving and Salvage Training
23 Feb	Diving Operations/Cutting and Welding
27 Feb	Shifted berth to A-2
28 Feb	Fire at Sea exercise
1 Mar	Inport PH
2 Mar-6 Mar	Yellow Gear Pump exercise
7-11 Mar	Inport PH
12 Mar	U/W Trend Analysis, return to port moored M-1
12-26 Mar	Pre-DPMF Availability
13 Mar	Boat Inspection (ISIC)
14-18 Mar	Upkeep PH
19 Mar	Ammunition Offload, W-1, moored B-20
20 Mar	Fuel Offload, H-2, moored B-20
21 Mar	Safety Standown
22 Mar	Yellow Gear Offload
26 Mar-1 Jun	DPMF Topside
27 Mar	Supply Offload, commence Integrated Logistics Overhaul
28-31 Mar	Upkeep PH
1 Apr	Shutdown Galley
2 Apr	Commenced "R" Availability IMA 81
3 Apr-30 May	Upkeep PH
1 Jun	Complete topside DPMF
2 Jun	Commence "R" Availability IMA 82
3 Jun	Upkeep PH
4 Jun	Commence Drydock DPMF
5-6 Jun	Upkeep PH
7 Jun	Crew moves off ship

8 Jun	Upkeep PH
9 Jun	Shifted berths, Deadsticked, docked Drydock 4
10-12 Jun	Upkeep PH
13 Jun	Physical Readiness Test
14-29 Jun	Upkeep PH
1 Jul	Complete habitability package
2-17 Jul	Upkeep PH
18-19 Jul	Mobile Training Team, CNSGMP Pre-LOA visit
20-22 Jul	Upkeep PH
23 Jul	Bounce from position 1 to position 2
24-25 Jul	Upkeep PH
26 Jul	Space Turnover
27-31 Jul	Upkeep PH
1 Aug-30 Sep	Flagship CSR-5
2 Aug	Upkeep PH
3 Aug	"R" Availability ends
4 Aug	Crew moves aboard
5 Aug	Upkeep PH
6 Aug	Undock, moor B-20
7-8 Aug	Refuel
9 Aug	Light-Off Assessment
10-12 Aug	Upkeep PH
13 Aug	Equipment Optest
14 Aug	Dock Trials/Fast Cruise
15 Aug	Upkeep PH
16 Aug	Light-Off Assessment
17-22 Aug	Upkeep PH
23 Aug	U/W Sea Trials, return to port moor B-15
24 Aug	DPMF completed
25-26 Aug	Inport PH
27-28 Aug	Supply Stores Onload
28-31 Aug	Mobile Training Team Assist-EASTPAC
29 Aug-3 Sep	Yellow Gear Onload
4-5 Sep	U/W Precision Anchorage, Two-point Moor, return to port 5 Sep moor A-2
6 Sep	Commence Duty Salvage
8 Sep	Ammunition Onload
9 Sep	Inport PH
10-19 Sep	U/W Special Operations with USS SAM HOUSTON (SSN-609), return to port moor B-21
19 Sep	Commence "R" Availability
20-24 Sep	Inport PH
25-26 Sep	Mobile Training Team-EASTPAC
26 Sep	Shifted berths moored M-4
27 Sep-9 Oct	Upkeep PH
10-11 Oct	Inport MTT Assist Visit-EASTPAC

17-19 Oct	MTT Phase III-EASTPAC
19 Oct	U/W MTT, returned to port moored A-7
20-21 Oct	Inport PH
22 Oct	Inport MTT Phase III-EASTPAC
23-24 Oct	U/W MTT returned to port moored A-7
25 Oct-4 Nov	Inport PH
5-7 Nov	U/W OPPE Preps
6 Nov	Star Connecticut grounding, pulled off by tugs
8 Nov-27 Nov	Inport PH
28 Nov	Inport MTT Phase III-EASTPAC
29 Nov	U/W MTT Phase III-EASTPAC
30 Nov	Inport MTT
1-2 Dec	Inport PH
3 Dec	U/W OPPE Preps, returned to port moored A-7
4-5 Dec	Inport PH
6-7 Dec	Deck Plate Cleaning/Bilge Cleaning
8-12 Dec	Inport PH
13 Dec	Shifted berths, moored B-21
14-16 Dec	Upkeep PH
17 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep
17-19 Dec	Supply Management Inspection
20-26 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep
24-28 Dec	Diesel Inspection
27 Dec	U/W Engine Op Tests, Diesel Inspection
28-31 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep

NARRATIVE

USS SAFEGUARD'S (ARS-50) primary and secondary mission areas from her Pearl Harbor, Hawaii homeport involve operational support services for the combat fleet and emergent assists in the areas of diving, salvage, firefighting and towing. Most of 1990 was spent training and completing DPMF.

January started with local operations and training. On the 26th, SAFEGUARD steamed to Molokai and participated in the annual Makahiki Games, an event that celebrates Hawaiian heritage and culture. The port visit was cut short when SAFEGUARD left on the 28th for the emergent tow of the USNS TITAN which had suffered an engineering casualty.

After settling at A-7, SAFEGUARD received a OMS inspection. The ship then towed a target for a surface gunnery exercise with USS LYNDE MCCORMICK (DDG-8) on the 6th. The end of the month was used for diving and salvage training including underwater cutting and welding exercises. SAFEGUARD finished February with a Fire at Sea Exercise on the ex-TUNICA.

Moving into March, SAFEGUARD spent the 2nd-6th conducting an "outstanding" yellow gear pumping exercise. The workboats underwent an ISIC boat inspection and received a grade of "outstanding" with the comments "best boats in the squadron." SAFEGUARD summed up March with her ammunition offload, fuel offload, yellow gear offload and supply stores offload in preparation for DPMF.

April saw the shutdown of the galley and the beginning of the "R" Availability which led into DPMF.

By 9 June, SAFEGUARD had berthed in Drydock 4 and the overhaul had begun in earnest. Towards the end of July, the ship was readying itself to go back into the water. MTT was on board for pre-OPPE training and space turnover was completed.

Soon after the crew moved back on board, SAFEGUARD undocked and moored B-20. During August, the ship was refueled and in the next few days completed Light-Off Assessment, Equipment Optest, Dock Trials and Fast Cruise. Sea Trials marked the end of DPMF and SAFEGUARD geared up for steaming.

September started with an underway for precision anchorage and two-point moor. These two evolutions were completed in a timely and accurate fashion. After returning to port and onloading ammunition, SAFEGUARD went to sea on a special operations exercise

supporting USS SAM HOUSTON (SSN-609). Upon completion, the ship moored to commence another "R" Availability. MTT visited two times in order to prepare the ship for OPPE which was originally scheduled for the end of October.

In the middle of October, MTT was back aboard and EOCCs and a Main Space Fire Drill were evaluated while underway.

While underway for OPPE preps, SAFEGUARD was tasked to help the M/V STAR CONNECTICUT which grounded itself off Barber's Point. After MDSU-1 divers patched a hole in the hull, STAR CONNECTICUT was pulled off by tugs and SAFEGUARD was released from duty.

The final portion of the year was devoted to OPPE preparations. MTT arrived on board 27 November and departed 30 November after one underway on the 28th. December 3rd was spent underway conducting EOCC and Main Space Fire Drills. The deck plates and bilges were cleaned by all hands on the 6th-7th. Holiday leave and upkeep began on 17 December as well as Supply Management Inspection. SAFEGUARD received grades of "excellent" in three areas and "good" in one. Finally, SAFEGUARD was underway on the 27th for completion of the Diesel Inspection and Engine Op tests, after which holiday leave and upkeep started once again.