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Command History of USS KNOX (FF 1052)

1. Chronology of Significant Events:

01 - 06 JAN Upkeep - Yokosuka, Japan.

07 JAN - 08 MAR SRA NAVSHIPREPFAC Yokosuka, Japan.

09 - 17 MAR Inport - Yokosuka, Japan.

11 - 15 MAR Combat Systems Material Review - Yokosuka, Japan.

18 - 23 MAR Battle Group "A" workup. Group Sail. Underway with Fleet Training Group Western Pacific Reps embarked conducting interim refresher training. Enroute to Hong Kong, B.C.C..

24 - 27 MAR Port Visit - Hong Kong.

28 - 30 MAR Underway. Enroute Subic Bay, R. P.

31 MAR - 08 APR Drydock - NAVSHIPREPFAC, Subic Bay, R. P.. Repair of Cathodic Protection.

09 - 13 APR Enroute - Yokosuka, Japan.

14 - 16 APR Inport - Yokosuka, Japan.

16 - 20 APR Underway Material Inspection.

17 - 18 APR Underway Material Inspection - Philippine Sea.

19 - 20 APR Inport Underway Material Inspection - Yokosuka, Japan.

21 APR - 14 MAY Upkeep & Drydock - Yokosuka, Japan. Repairs of Sonar Dome Rubber Window.

15 MAY - 02 JUN Sea Trials & Operations - Philippine Sea.

03 - 09 JUN Upkeep - Yokosuka, Japan. (Predeployment Preps)

10 - 18 JUN Operations - Philippine Sea enroute Subic.

19 - 23 JUN Upkeep - Subic Bay, RP.

24 - 25 JUN Underway - Subic OPS Areas.

26 - 29 JUN Underway - Enroute Malacca Straits.

28 JUN PASSEX with Royal Singapore Navy.

29 - 30 JUN Transit Malacca Straits.

30 JUN - 22 JUL Underway - Indian Ocean/North Arabian Sea.

04 JUL Turnover between Battle Group ALFA and outchopping Battle Group. (CONSTELLATION)

15 - 17 JUL COMDESRON 15 visit; presents LAMPS 1984 Safety Award.

16 JUL Successful PASSEX with FSQM ANQUETIL (French ship).

17 JUL Anchor - RAS Al Haad - DOD Show USS KANSAS CITY. Late P.M. anchor aweigh; Enroute Diego Garcia, B.I.O.T..

22 JUL Crossing the Line Ceremony - 127 Pollywogs to Shellbacks.

23 - 28 JUL Upkeep - Diego Garcia, B.I.O.T. Availability with USS SIERRA.

29 JUL - 12 SEP Underway - Indian Ocean/North Arabian Sea.

04 AUG Anchored - Al Masirah, NAS.

08 AUG Anchored - RAS Al Hadd, NAS.

11 AUG Anchored - Al Masirah.

17 - 18 AUG ASWEX.

18 AUG Entertained by four beautiful runner-up Miss America members of "Queen's" group.

28 - 29 AUG CONVOYEX.

29 - 31 AUG Mini Weapons Week - vicinity Diego Garcia, B.I.O.T..

03 SEP INCHOP Exercise.

04 SEP Turnover between Battle Group ALFA and Inchopping Battle Group (KITTY HAWK).

05 - 12 SEP Enroute - Geraldton, Western Australia.

13 - 18 SEP Port Visit - Geraldton, Western Australia.

19 - 23 SEP Underway - Participation in VALIANT USHER.

20 - 22 SEP NGFS.

23 SEP - 01 OCT Enroute - Subic Bay, RP.

25 - 29 SEP 9024 Team Assist Visit.

29 SEP "Crew Appreciation Day".

02 - 06 OCT Upkeep - Subic Bay, RP.

04 OCT Aviation Readiness Examination.

07 - 08 OCT NGFS EX-II - Tabones Range, Philippines. (Score of 100%)

09 - 19 OCT Underway - Philippine Sea.

10 - 14 OCT ANNUALEX 60G.

20 OCT - 03 NOV Upkeep - Yokosuka, Japan.

29 - 31 OCT Supply Management Inspection.

03 NOV Dependents Cruise.

04 - 05 NOV Underway. Enroute - Chinhai, South Korea.

06 - 12 NOV Inport - Chinhai, South Korea. Surprise NITPI/NWAT.

12 NOV Ship's Tour to Korean Demilitarized Zone.

13 - 26 NOV Underway - East China Sea, South China Sea, and Philippine Sea.

20 - 21 NOV SAR MIDWAY Man Overboard.

21 - 25 NOV MULTIPLEX 86-1, Modular ASW.

27 NOV - 01 DEC Port Visit - Hong Kong.

02 - 12 DEC Underway - South China Sea and Philippine Sea.

05 - 11 DEC ASWEX 86-1J with JMSDF; HARPOONEX/SAGEX.

12 - 13 DEC TORPEX - Northern Japan with USS TOWERS, USS COCHRANE and USS OLDENDORF.

13 - 31 DEC Leave/Upkeep - Yokosuka, Japan. Dependents Children's Christmas Party. KNOX Christmas Party.

2. Narrative.

a. USS KNOX is a forward deployed unit of the Overseas Family Residency Program in Yokosuka, Japan assigned to Destroyer Squadron Fifteen and Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific.

b. Major evolutions for USS KNOX in 1985 included:

Selected Restricted Availability	-----	Shipwide
Interim Refresher Training	-----	Shipwide
INSURV Inspection	-----	Shipwide

Indian Ocean Deployment -----	Shipwide
AAV Inspection -----	Weapons, Operations and Engineering Departments
Supply Management Inspection -----	Supply Department
NTPI -----	Shipwide
VALIANT USHER (NGFS) -----	Weapons/Operations Departments
ANNUALEX 60G -----	Shipwide
ASWEX 86-1J -----	Weapons/Operations Departments

c. During 1985, USS KNOX began the year with a Selected Restricted Availability in Yokosuka, Japan. Material Inspections and CSMR then followed until 18 March when USS KNOX was underway enroute for Hong Kong participating in Group Sail exercises and conducting interim refresher training conducted by Fleet Training Group Western Pacific. USS KNOX arrived inport Hong Kong on 24 March and enjoyed the sights for four days.

On conclusion of her Hong Kong port visit, USS KNOX transitted to NAVSHIPREPFAC, Subic Bay, RP to repair her Cathodic Protection System. USS KNOX also used the 31 March - 08 April drydock period to conduct upkeep of the ship. Following drydocking, USS KNOX transitted to Yokosuka and conducted underway Material Inspections before being drydocked once more, this time in Yokosuka, Japan for repairs to the Sonar Dome Rubber Window, which was damaged in rough weather enroute to Yokosuka. USS KNOX was drydocked from 21 April to 14 May. USS KNOX got underway to conduct Sea Trials and general operations in the Philippine Sea 15 May through 02 June, and returned to Yokosuka 3 June to complete Indian Ocean predeployment preps in Yokosuka. USS KNOX was underway again on 10 June to begin the Indian Ocean Deployment, conducting operations in the Philippine Sea and then entering Subic Bay 19 June for a final upkeep period before continuing to the Indian Ocean on 25 June.

USS KNOX transitted the Malacca Straits in the last days of June before participating in a turnover on 4 July with the outgoing Battle Group (CONSTELLATION). USS KNOX remained in the North Arabian Sea area with Battle Group ALFA until detaching 17 July. USS KNOX arrived at anchorage at Ras Al Haad, Oman, for a concert where 168 crewmembers attended the "ACTS Concert" conducted on board the USS KANSAS CITY. Following the concert USS KNOX weighed anchor enroute to Diego Garcia, B. I. O. T. for an availability upkeep period with USS SIERRA. Before reaching Diego Garcia on 23 July, USS KNOX conducted crossing the line ceremonies initiating 127 Pollywogs as honorable Shellbacks.

After an intensive six day upkeep period, USS KNOX was soon underway to rejoin the Battle Group in the North Arabian Sea. USS KNOX completed many types of exercises throughout the Indian Ocean deployment and many anchorage evolutions off the coast of Al Masirah and Ras Al Hadd, Oman. Battle Group "ALFA" was relieved on 4 September by the KITTY HAWK battlegroup.

USS KNOX accompanied Battle Group ALFA to Western Australia. On 12 September, USS KNOX and USS TOWERS departed the Battle Group enroute to Geraldton, Western Australia for six days of fun in the Western Australian springtime atmosphere. This was the ship's first stop after being underway 47 days. The hospitality was great and many friends were made before departing.

USS KNOX was underway on 19 September to participate in VALIANT USHER, a combined amphibious and anti-air/surface exercise off the coast of Western Australia. Heavy seas and marginal weather conditions made this exercise particularly challenging. Upon completion of VALIANT USHER, USS KNOX embarked the 9024 Training Team to assist in preparing for the upcoming NIPI. USS KNOX was inport Subic Bay 2 - 6 October for a short upkeep period which included completion of an Aviation Readiness inspection and Medical Assist Visit. USS KNOX departed Subic enroute to the Philippine Sea with the Battle Group to participate in ANNUALEX 60G (a joint USN/JMSDF exercise). USS KNOX held a short upkeep period in Yokosuka, 20 October to 4 November, which included conducting a satisfactory Supply Management Inspection, and also a Dependents' Cruise of Tokyo Bay on 3 November.

USS KNOX arrived inport Chinhae, South Korea, on 6 November to conduct and satisfactorily complete a surprise NIPI. On 12 November many crewmembers went to the Korean Demilitarized Zone, north of Seoul, to visit the dividing line between North and South Korea.

USS KNOX departed the Korean naval base of Chinhae 13 November, enroute to Battle Group ALFA to participate in MULTIPLEX 86-1. Following MULTIPLEX 86-1, USS KNOX entered Hong Kong for a six day port visit on 27 November and celebrating Thanksgiving Day while moored in this colorful port.

USS KNOX rounded out her underway schedule in 1985 by departing Hong Kong 2 December with the Battle Group to participate in ASWEX 86-1J with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force. ASWEX 86-1J commenced 5 December and was completed 11 December. A Torpedo Exercise followed 12 and 13 December which included USS TOWERS, USS COCHRANE, and USS OLDENDORF. USS KNOX was responsible for orchestrating the tracking of a target submarine, authorizing torpedo launches and recovering expended exercise torpedoes. USS KNOX finished the exercise and arrived pierside Yokosuka on Friday, 13 December. A leave and upkeep period, which included various Christmas parties for the Officers, Crew and families, concluded another typical year for USS KNOX.