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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

CHANCELLORSVILLE'S MISSION:

Continuous readiness to conduct prompt, sustained operations from the sea.

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COMMANDING OFFICER:

Captain Vincent J. Andrews, United States Navy

PERMANENT DUTY STATION:

NAVSTA San Diego, CA

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62) COMMAND HISTORY KEY

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS FOR 1997

- 01 Jan Deployed: Counter-Drug Operations, Eastern Pacific.
- 13 Jan Arrive Salinas, EC.
- 17 Jan Depart Salinas, EC enroute to Acapulco, MX.
- 26-30 Jan Engineering Readiness, Mid-cycle Assessment. Underway, Eastern Pacific.
- 30 Jan Arrive Acapulco, MX.
- 02 Feb Embark dependents and family members for Tiger Cruise
Depart Acapulco, MX enroute to San Diego, CA.
- 06 Feb Arrive San Diego, CA
- 06-21 Feb Post deployment leave and upkeep period, San Diego, CA.
- 27 Feb Underway from San Diego enroute to Monterey, CA.
Naval Gunfire Support Qualification (FIREX II) at Shore Bombardment Range, San Clemente Island.
- 28 Feb Cancel Monterey port visit due to inclement weather.
Arrive San Diego, CA.
- 04 Mar Depart San Diego enroute to Seal Beach, CA.
Arrive Seal Beach, CA.
- 04-06 Mar Ammo offload: Seal Beach, CA.
- 06 Mar Depart Seal Beach, CA enroute to San Diego, CA.
Arrive San Diego, CA.
- 24 Mar Depart San Diego NAVSTA enroute to Southwest Marine shipyard, San Diego, CA.
Arrive Southwest Marine shipyard, San Diego, CA.
ROH commences.
- 01 Apr Enter dry-dock, Southwest Marine shipyard.

25 Jun Undock Southwest Marine shipyard.

11-15 Aug Engineering Pre Light-Off Training Phase I, Inport San Diego, CA.

16 Aug Aegis Light-Off Phase I.

26 Sep Change of Command. CAPT Hebert is relieved by CAPT Andrews.

29 Sep-03 Oct Engineering Pre Light-Off Training Phase II, Inport San Diego, CA.

22-23 Oct Crew Certification Phase I, Inport San Diego, CA.

27-31 Oct Engineering Pre Light-Off Training Phase III, Inport San Diego, CA.

04-07 Nov ISIC Engineering Light-Off Assessment, Inport San Diego, CA.

12-14 Nov Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) Engineering Light-Off Assessment, Inport San Diego, San Diego CA.

01-05 Dec Harpoon Material Certification
Tomahawk Material Certification
Dock Trials

08-12 Dec Preparations for Sea Trials

09 Dec Crew Certification Phase II, Inport San Diego CA.

12 Dec Underway, Southern California Operations Area for Sea Trials (Part I).

15-17 Dec Underway, Southern California Operating Area for Sea trials (Part II).

18 Dec-05 Jan Leave and Upkeep Period.

USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)

COMMAND HISTORY

For USS CHANCELLORSVILLE, the new year began in port in Rodman, Panama after nearly two weeks underway in the Eastern Pacific conducting counter-narcotics operations. On 04 January, CHANCELLORSVILLE got underway and continued her three-month counter-narcotics deployment, sailing southward to patrol a Suspected loading area off the coast of Colombia. On 13 January, the ship at Salinas, Ecuador for a four day visit. CHANCELLORSVILLE held a reception on the night of 14 January for Ecuadorian military and civilian guests, with the U.S. naval attaché in Ecuador also in attendance. On 17 January, CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway once again, to continue her patrol. Upon leaving Rodman, Panama on 26 January, a Mid-cycle Assessment began as members of the staff of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, and members of the Regional Support Organization came aboard to evaluate our engineering department. On 28 January, CHANCELLORSVILLE outchopped from JIATF EAST and returned to JIATF WEST, continuing her support of the counter-narcotics mission. CHANCELLORSVILLE anchored in the harbor of Acapulco, Mexico on the evening of 30 January.

Dependents and relatives of crew members flew in on the afternoon of 02 February, were embarked, and the ship was underway that same evening for a Tiger Cruise enroute to San Diego, CA. On 06 Feb, CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived at NAVSTA San Diego, thus ending a successful 3-month counter-narcotics deployment. A two-week post-deployment stand down period ended on 21 February. On 27 February, CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway on the firing range off San Clemente Island for NGFS FIREX II. The ship's Naval Gun Fire Support Team scored an outstanding 103.3, which eventually turned out to be the highest score attained in the Third Fleet for 1997. Upon completion of the exercise, CHANCELLORSVILLE headed back to San Diego Naval Station. A port visit to Monterey, CA was canceled due to inclement weather.

After a weekend in port, CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway on 04 March, headed to Seal Beach, California for a pre-overhaul ammunition off load. After completing the off load on 06 March, CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to NAVSTA San Diego. On 10 March, the crew began moving off the ship and onto a berthing barge. On 19 March, CHANCELLORSVILLE hosted a breakfast for several senior officers in the Chinese People's Liberation Army (Navy). Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three and Commander, Amphibious Group Three, were also in attendance at the breakfast.

On 24 March, CHANCELLORSVILLE was set off of Pier 8 by two tugs as she began her short journey to South West Marine shipyard for commencement of Regular Overhaul. On 01 April, CHANCELLORSVILLE entered the dry-dock in South West Marine.

On 25 June, CHANCELLORSVILLE left the dry-dock. From 11-15 August, the Afloat Training Group (ATG) conducted Engineering Pre-Light-Off Training (PLOT Phase I). On 16 August, CHANCELLORSVILLE completed Aegis Light-Off Phase I. On 26 September, CAPT Hebert was relieved as Commanding Officer by CAPT Andrews. Following the change-of-command, ATG was back on board for PLOT Phase II from 29 September to 03 October.

Crew Certification Phase I was conducted from 22-23 October, and Engineering PLOT Phase III from 27-31 October. Following PLOT Phase III, CHANCELLORSVILLE successfully completed an ISIC Light-Off Assessment (LOA) on 04-07 November. PEB conducted the Engineering Light-Off Assessment from 12-14 November. The ship successfully passed both assessments.

In December, the first week included Harpoon Material Certification, Tomahawk Material Certification, and Dock Trials. On 09 December, Crew Certification Phase II was conducted. The Regular Overhaul was officially completed on 12 December. On 15-16 December, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted successful Sea Trials in the Southern California Operating Area. A holiday leave and upkeep period was conducted from 18-31 December.