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## **COMMAND HISTORY – USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62)**

### ***KEY CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS FOR 2000***

01 Jan	CHANCELLORSVILLE celebrated the new millennium in dry dock five, Yokosuka, Japan
12 Jan	Workers from SRF Yokosuka and BF Goodrich teamed up to install CHANCELLORSVILLE'S new Sonar Dome Rubber Window
04 Feb	Dry dock five is flooded, setting CHANCELLORSVILLE afloat for the first time since 23 November 99. The ship is then pushed/pulled over to pier six.
10-11 Feb	Conducted fast cruise and dock trials at pier six, Yokosuka.
17-18 Feb	Underway for sea trials, R-116 operating area.
20 Feb	Hosted bowling party with the Yurikagoen Orphanage at Yokosuka's newly remodeled bowling alley.
22-24 Feb	Anchored at anchorage A-12 in Yokosuka harbor for munitions on load. Ship then left from anchor to conduct an additional two days of sea trials.
01 Mar	Assumed Duties as the Ready Cruiser in Yokosuka.
07 Mar	Message received stating CINCPACFLT awarded CHANCELLORSVILLE the Battle "E" for 1999.
09 Mar	Underway for local area operations, R-116 operating area. Returned to port that evening due to a medical emergency; one of the ship's two SAR swimmers was injured during small boat operations.
14-17 Mar	Underway for local area operations, R-116 operating area. Completed CART II preparations, including LTTE Drills and CSTT drills.
20-24 Mar	NSFS Course of Instruction completed on board with Afloat Training Group, WestPac.
27-31 Mar	CART II Inspection conducted onboard by ATGWP. Ship was originally scheduled to get underway Tuesday, 28 March, but delayed over 24 hours due to high winds and seas in Sagami Wan and the R-116 operating area. Ship expedited returning to port early Friday afternoon due to a medical emergency with one of the embarked ATGWP staff.
03-07 Apr	PRT conducted for all hands.

06 Apr Ship conducts unveiling ceremony for the new Battle "E." This marks CHANCELLORSVILLE's third Battle "E" award since commissioning.

07 Apr Three Chief Petty Officer were "frocked" to Senior Chief Petty Officer: FCC(SW) [REDACTED], FCC(SW) [REDACTED], and PNC(SW/AW) [REDACTED].

11 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE departs with USS KITTY HAWK and USS O'BRIEN for an eight-week spring training cruise. CHANCELLORSVILLE's air detachment, HSL-51 Det 4 led by LCDR Barta, also arrived with one helo, Hellfire 01.

11-21 Apr The ship immersed itself in the Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA I), conducting extensive training in NSFS, SUW, USW, Damage Control, Engineering, Strike Warfare, Air Warfare.

12 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE conducts its first underway replenishment of the spring cruise, refueling with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK.

15 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted both an underway replenishment with USNS FLINT o receive stores and ammunition.

16 Apr Ensign [REDACTED], CHANCELLORSVILLE's Food Service Officer, was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

16 Apr Steel beach picnic #1 allowed the crew to enjoy the 85-degree weather.

17 Apr Lieutenant [REDACTED] the Chief Engineer, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

17 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE pulled in to Outer Apra Harbor, Guam to drop off five Afloat Training Group riders and to embark a team of Navy and Marine Corps spotters for an upcoming Naval Surface Fire Support Exercise.

19 Apr Conducted live-fire, NSFS exercises on the island of Farralon de Medinilla (FDM), 180 miles north of Guam. The ship used both of its five-inch mounts to fire rounds at the small, uninhabited island.

20 Apr Conducted a towed drone shoot, engaging the drone with both 5" mounts and both CIWS mounts.

20 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a night underway replenishment with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, receiving 210,000 gallons of DFM over a two hour alongside period.

21 Apr Conducted a simulated "hot gun" emergency, having EOD members parachute in from Guam to simulate cool down and recovery procedures.

22 Apr Pulled in to Guam for a three day port visit.

23 Apr Conducted a Community Relations Project while visiting Guam. 10 CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors delivered PROJECT HANDCLASP materials to the Aleo Shelter for Abused Children.

24 Apr Captain Dorsey and members of the wardroom attended a reception hosted by the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

25 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE supported KITTY HAWK in her missile exercise off the Guam Coast. CHANCELLORSVILLE was supposed to fire two standard missiles of her own, but was forced to cancel after the target drones were stranded in Kawajein.

28 Apr Conducted an early morning, two-hour RAS with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, followed by a one hour vertrep with the USNS SAN JOSE.

28 Apr CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with RAPPAHANNOCK, O'BRIEN, and KITTY HAWK began their transit westward, away from the Guam operating areas and towards the Philippines and, eventually, Singapore.

01-03 May CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with KITTY HAWK, O'BRIEN, RAPPAHANNOCK and FLINT passed through Leyte Gulf, the Balabac Straits the Sulu Sea, and the Surigawa Straits on their way to Singapore.

03 May Conducted an early morning RAS with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, receiving over 250,000 gallons of DFM.

05 May Conducted an early morning RAS with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, receiving over 100,000 gallons of DFM.

06 May CHANCELLORSVILLE moored at Sembawang Shipyard, Singapore for a four day port visit.

10 May Departed Sembawang for Phattaya, Thailand.

14 May Anchored in Phattaya, Thailand.

14 May Members of the crew conducted a community relations project in Phattaya.

17 May Departed Phattaya, Thailand.

- 17-21 May CHANCELLORSVILLE participated in COBRA GOD 2000 with KITTY HAWK, O'BRIEN and a host of other U.S. and Thai forces.
- 18 May Conducted an early morning RAS with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, receiving over 250,000 gallons of DFM.
- 19 May Conducted a REXTORP exercise in the Gulf of Thailand.
- 20 May Ship was visited by Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander In Chief, Pacific Fleet. Admiral Fargo conducted a tour of the ship, spoke briefly before the wardroom, and addressed the crew on the forecastle. He also presented Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) pins to four crewmembers: CTRC(SW/SS) [REDACTED], ICC(SW) [REDACTED], MS2(SW) [REDACTED] and DC3(SW) [REDACTED].
- 21 May CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a connected replenishment alongside the USNS SAN JOSE (AFS-7), receiving 25 pallets of food and dry stores.
- 22 May Three members of the wardroom were promoted to Lieutenant (Junior Grade): LT(j.g.) [REDACTED], Ordinance Officer; LT(j.g.) [REDACTED], Strike Officer; and LT(j.g.) [REDACTED], First Lieutenant.
- LT(j.g.) [REDACTED] earned his coveted Surface Warfare Officer qualification, now entitled to wear the gold SWO pin.
- 26-30 May CHANCELLORSVILLE moored to a buoy to enjoy a four-day port visit in Hong Kong. Crewmembers relaxed and shopped, while also taking in the local attractions.
- A number of sailors also has the chance to participate in the "Meals in the Home" program, enjoying meals with various American citizens within the Hong Kong area.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE established "Project Good Neighborhood," a joint relationship between CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors and the Methodist Epworth Village Community Center, Social Welfare, in the Chai Wan area of Hong Kong. STG1(SW) [REDACTED] and FC1(SW) [REDACTED] spearheaded the effort.
- LCDR [REDACTED] reported aboard as the ship's new Operations Officer.
- 30 May CHANCELLORSVILLE departed Hong Kong for the final leg of its spring training cruise.

CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted another replenishment alongside with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (T-AO 204), receiving over 100,000 gallons of DFM.

The ship embarked riders from the Afloat Training Group (ATG) Western Pacific for the ship's second Tailored Ships Training Availability (TSTA).

01 Jun The ship conducted a connected replenishment alongside the USNS FLINT (T-AE 32), receiving three pallets of ammunition.

Two members of the wardroom were promoted to Lieutenant: LT [REDACTED] Fire Control Officer; and LT [REDACTED] Auxiliaries Officer.

03 Jun Rear Admiral Timothy Keating, USN, Commander, CTF 70, arrived for a visit to CHANCELLORSVILLE. He spoke briefly to the crew assembled on the forecastle, thanking the sailors for their service to the country, the Navy, and to the FDNF. Admiral Keating also officially presented the ship with its Battle "E" award plaque.

LT(j.g.) [REDACTED] earned Surface Warfare Officer qualification and the coveted gold SWO pin that comes with it.

04 Jun The ship conducted a nighttime firing demonstration, firing many of the ship's smaller weapons – including M60's and the 25mm Chain Gun – for observers on both CHANCELLORSVILLE and on the USS KITTY HAWK. Vice Admiral Norbert Ryan, Chief of naval Personnel, was onboard the KITTY HAWK for the demonstration.

OS2(SW) [REDACTED] was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his service as one of the ship's Anti-Submarine tactical Air Controllers for the past four months. OS2(SW) [REDACTED] was "on loan" from the USS CHOSIN.

The ship conducted its final Steel Beach picnic of the cruise, allowing crewmembers a chance to relax and enjoy some great food on the fantail.

CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted its final underway replenishment of the spring training cruise. The ship came alongside the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK and received over 252,000 gallons of DFM, topping off her tanks prior to returning to Yokosuka.

The ship concluded its second Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA II) with ATG WestPac. The primary focus of TSTA II was engineering and damage control evolutions. The ship did well during the availability, achieving adequate proficiency in its main space fire fighting capability so

that the Final Evaluation Period requirements – requirements not due until September – were achieved this day.

- 05 Jun CHANCELLORSVILLE, KITTY HAWK, and O'BRIEN returned to many joyous families in Yokosuka upon completion of their eight week spring training cruise. The ship moored at pier six, Yokosuka.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE started a brief post-cruise standdown.
- 10 Jun CHANCELLORSVILLE's wardroom held a Dining Out at the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo.
- 13 Jun The officers and crew returned to work, completing an eight-day standdown period.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE held a frocking ceremony on the flight deck, frocking all of the new third, second, and first class Petty Officers. CTR3 [REDACTED] CHANCELLORSVILLE's Junior Sailor of the Year, was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance during the year.
- 14 Jun CHANCELLORSVILLE departed for a four day underway to conduct an LTT-E, preparing the ship for its upcoming Engineering Demonstration.
- 22 Jun CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted its Engineering Underway Demonstration during a one-day underway. The ship swept all drill sets and passed its evolutions, passing the overall inspection.
- 26-30 Jun ATGPAC and ATGWESTPAC were aboard to conduct the ship's Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, evaluating both the Harpoon and the Tomahawk watch teams. The ship passed the evaluation with flying colors, earning honors as "the best I have seen in my two years at ATG" according to one inspector.
- 30 Jun LT [REDACTED] CHANCELLORSVILLE's weapons officer, was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.
- LCDR Mike Ford, USN, relieved CDR Fred Harr, USN, as CHANCELLORSVILLE's Executive Officer.
- 02 Jul The ship conducted another COMREL project with the Yurikagoen Orphanage, hosting a softball game and picnic at the Thew Gym fields.
- 10 Jul A planned 10-day underway to Pusan, Korea was cancelled for budgetary reasons, leaving CHANCELLORSVILLE with an additional two weeks in Yokosuka.

- 11 Jul USS COWPENS (CG 63) moored alongside CHANCELLORSVILLE as she conducted her turnover/crew swap with USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53).
- 12 Jul Seventh Fleet held its change of command ceremony on the USS BLUE RIDGE (LC 19) across the pier from CHANCELLORSVILLE.
- 15 Jul Four ROKN Midshipmen embarked CHANCELLORSVILLE for a week and a half summer training evolution. Originally, the ship was to pick the four up in Pusan, Korea. When the Pusan visit was cancelled, the four instead flew to Japan to meet the ship.
- 20 Jul CHANCELLORSVILLE and USS CUSHING transited to the JMSDF side of Yokosuka harbor to participate in the Chibikko Youth Festival. Over 12,000 people attended the festival and over 7,400 of them toured CHANCELLORSVILLE.
- 24 Jul CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a brief berth shift, moving outboard of USS COWPENS to facilitate COWPEN's change of command ceremony.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE received seven U.S. Midshipmen as part of the Block III summer training schedule.
- 25 Jul CHANCELLORSVILLE debarked the four ROKN Midshipmen.
- 28 Jul CHANCELLORSVILLE departed for a two-week transit to Quindao, China. The track to China was altered a number of times due to a typhoon active in the Western Pacific.
- 01 Aug Rear Admiral Tim Keating, Commander, Battle Force Seventh Fleet (CTF 70), embarked CHANCELLORSVILLE to accompany the ship on her trip to China.
- 02 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived in Qingdao, becoming the first warship to visit Mainland China since the accidental U.S. bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Kosovo. Waiting on the pier was Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, CINCPACFLT and a host of Chinese Admirals.
- The People's Liberation Army (Navy) hosted a reception for 95 crewmembers in Qing Dao in honor of CHANCELLORSVILLE's visit.
- 03 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE held tours for many of the PLA(N) officers and sailors, showing over 1500 military personnel through the ship.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE hosted a reception for the PLA(N) on the ship's flight deck.



CHANCELLORSVILLE received word that four of its sailors were promoted to Chief Petty Officer: BM1(SW) [REDACTED] GSM1(SW) [REDACTED] SK1(SW) [REDACTED] and GM1(SW) [REDACTED]

- 04 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE opened its doors for general tours, hosting over 3800 Chinese citizens in only two and a half-hours.
- 05 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE departed Quindao, on its way to conduct a CSOFEX off the coast of Korea.
- Senator Jack Reed, the Rhode Island Democrat, came aboard for breakfast and a brief office call with Captain Dorsey.
- 06 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a replenishment at sea with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, receiving over 260,000 gallons of fuel.
- 07 Aug CSOFEX commenced off the Korean coast, bringing together U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army assets as well as ROK Navy assets in an exercise designed to test allied efforts to counter North Korean special operations forces.
- 08 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE deployed a number of "killer tomatoes" for use as live-fire targets in the CSOFEX. CHANCELLORSVILLE and its embarked SH-60B controlled U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopters and U.S. Air Force A-10 Warthogs and F-16's in multiple attacks on the floating targets.
- 12 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to Yokosuka a day earlier than scheduled due to multiple typhoons in the Western Pacific.
- 19 Aug The officers and crew of the JMSDF ship JDS HATAKAZE, CHANCELLORSVILLE's sister ship, joined CHANCELLORSVILLE's officers and crew in a picnic, mixing American and Japanese fare. The afternoon also included a softball match between the two crews. The two dueled to a tie.
- 20 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE debarked its four PACTRAMID Midshipmen.
- 21 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE embarked 21 ATGWP riders for a third Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA III) in preparation for the upcoming FEP. To support the training, the ship headed to sea to operate in R-116 for the week.
- 25 Aug CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to Yokosuka after completing a precision anchorage at the A-12 anchorage in Yokosuka Harbor.

01 Sep LT9j.g.) [REDACTED] CHANCELLORSVILLE's Training Officer, was promoted to Lieutenant.

06 Sep CHANCELLORSVILLE departed for a three-day cruise to the R-116 operating area for the ship's Final Evaluation Period (FEP). The ship conducted a number of drills and evolutions, including: man overboard, loss of steering, loss of gyro, damage control, and combat systems scenarios.

07 Sep A small Class "C" fire broke out in a CPS riser near the wardroom. No significant damage was sustained to the ship or the crew.

08 Sep CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to Yokosuka successfully after completing its Final Evaluation Period. All training teams and watchstanders were rated at "A" or "B."

15 Sep CHANCELLORSVILLE frocked all of her newly selected Chief Petty Officers in a ceremony in the ship's helo hangar.

25 Sep The ship conducted a small ammunition onload, receiving a number of five-inch rounds and powders, 25-mm rounds and exchanging of one damaged harpoon missile.

25-29 Sep The annual PRT was held on base in Yokosuka.

02 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE departed for fall exercises. The ship was one of many to depart Yokosuka early that Monday morning. The ship transited at high speeds to join the USS KITTY HAWK and USS COWPENS already to sea.

Two helicopters from HSL-51 Det 4 flew out to meet the ship. The two helo's, Warlord 16 and Warlord 05, and six pilots led by LCDR Barta will be embarked onboard until the ship returns in December.

03 Oct The ship conducted a CIWS and five-inch PACFIRE as well as a number of engineering and damage control evolutions, including a Main Space Fire Drill.

05 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted her first refueling of the fall underway, receiving over 200,000 gallons of DFM and JP5 from the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK.

06 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a JAMEX/CHAFFEX, firing ten rounds of Mk214 SRBOC at a simulated inbound anti-ship missile.

After a rigorous selection process, STG3(SW) [REDACTED] and DC2(SW) [REDACTED] were named CHANCELLORSVILLE's "Junior and Senior Sailors of the Quarter," respectively.

- 07 Oct      The ship conducted a TDU shoot, using various sensors to track a towed drone then engage the target with both CIWS and five-inch guns.
- The ship went to General Quarters for an afternoon of drills and training. Both Engineering and Combat Systems conducted considerable training on a variety of subjects.
- 08 Oct      The crew enjoyed the first steel beach picnic of the fall underway, basking in the 80+ degree weather on the fantail. During the picnic, aircraft from CVW-5 flew overhead as part of an air demonstration rehearsal.
- 09 Oct      CHANCELLORSVILLE took her second fuel hit from the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK, receiving almost 200,000 gallons of DFM during a two hour underway replenishment.
- 10 Oct      Rear Admiral R. F. Willard, the new Commander, Task Force 70 (CTF 70), flew aboard from the KITTY HAWK to take lunch and tour the ship.
- 12 Oct      The ship took a third fuel hit from USNS RAPPAHANNOCK and, while transferring fuel, also completed a Connected Replenishment to receive stores.

After escorting the KITTY HAWK to her port visit in Otaru, Japan, CHANCELLORSVILLE detached to head back south for her port visit to Fukuoka, Japan.

- 13 Oct      LT9j.g.) [REDACTED] was awarded his Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer (SWSCO) pin. Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED] was also awarded his coveted Surface Warfare Officer's pin.
- 14 Oct      CHANCELLORSVILLE held a major awards ceremony, awarding over twenty Navy Achievement Medals and over thirty Letters of Commendation of Letters of Appreciation.
- 15 Oct      CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived in Fukuoka, Japan for a four-day port visit.
- The ship held an afternoon of open ship tours for the general public in Fukuoka.
- 16 Oct      The Fukuoka Japanese-American Society hosted a reception for twenty members of the wardroom.

- 18 Oct Twenty-one crewmembers participated in a Community Relations (COMREL) project at the Fukuoka Kodomo Orphanage, painting playground equipment and playing games with the children.
- 19 Oct The ship departed from Fukuoka, Japan, headed towards Chinhae, Republic of Korea for a brief stop.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE held a PAOFIRE, firing both 5-inch guns and both CIWS mounts.
- 20 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived in Chinhae, ROK for a brief stop to allow various crewmembers to attend the pre-planning conference for Exercise FOAL EAGLE '00.
- 21 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE departed Chinhae for the Yellow Sea, between Korea and China.
- 23 Oct Exercise FOAL EAGLE '00 began. The first days were filled with a number of passenger transfers both via small boat and via helicopter. LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Auxiliaries Officer, and FC1(SW) [REDACTED] left CHANCELLORSVILLE for a stay on the ROKS SEOUL while CHANCELLORSVILLE embarked a variety of riders, including four ROK Navy Officers, two civilian LAWS technicians, three U.S. Army liaisons and CDR [REDACTED] a representative from the U.S. Naval Special Warfare community.
- Throughout the five days of FOAL EAGLE '00, CHANCELLORSVILLE and CURTIS WILBUR participated in six Counter-Special Operations Forces (CSOF) Exercises where the ships employed their capabilities to track and prosecute simulated invasions by special operations forces. The exercises flexed all of CHANCELLORSVILLE's capabilities, especially the ship's LIKN and communications capabilities.
- A number of different "joint" training opportunities were had during the exercise. CHANCELLORSVILLE controlled U.S. Air Force aircraft operating from bases in Korea and U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopters and Aircraft Reconnaissance Low (ARL's)/
- The ship also braved poor weather conditions to conduct DIVTACS with ROK ships and the CURTIS WILBUR.
- 26 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted an Expendable Mobile ASW Training Target (EMATT) exercise, tracking the target for almost two hours.

27 Oct HSL-51 DET 4 was all set to conduct a live fire of a hellfire missile, but had the shot cancelled at the 5 minute mark due to a fouled range.

28 Oct For the first time ever, a U.S. Navy ship received fuel from a South Korean oiler as CHANCELLORSVILLE refueled alongside the ROKS HWACHON.

Exercise FOAL EAGLE '00 officially came to a close as the ships of Commander, Maritime Action Group – West (CMAG – WEST) came together for a photo exercise before departing for their respective home ports. CHANCELLORSVILLE and CURTIS WILBUR departed to rejoin the battle group on the east side of Korea.

LCDR [REDACTED] officially turned over with LT [REDACTED] as the ship's weapons officer. LCDR [REDACTED] departed to be MPA on the USS JOHN C. STENNIS.

29 Oct CHANCELLORSVILLE took a break, relaxing at sea as she transited to the east side of Korea to rendezvous with the KITTY HAWK.

01 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with KITTY HAWK, COWPENS, and JOHN S. MCCAIN, drove over one hundred miles at max speed to help six ROK Navy ships search for a ROK Air Force F-5 that went down off the Korean coast.

02 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with KITTY HAWK, and COWPENS, pulled in to Pusan, Republic of Korea.

03 Nov Thirty CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors conducted a community relations (COMREL) project at the U.N. cemetery in Pusan. The group conducted a small wreath laying ceremony, followed by a sermon from Chaplain [REDACTED]. The group then spent the afternoon cleaning the cemetery grounds.

05 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with KITTY HAWK and COWPENS, departed Pusan to begin ANNUALEX 12G in the Sea of Japan.

06 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE took fuel from the USNS PECOS (T-AO 197) for the first time during the fall cruise. PECOS will be operating with the battle group instead of the group's usual oiler, the RAPPAHANNOCK, as RAPPAHANNOCK goes into the shipyard for annual maintenance.

09 Nov The U.S. and Japanese ships involved in ANNUALEX 12G came together for their initial rendezvous in the northern Sea of Japan. There were seven U.S. ships involved, including KITTY HAWK, COWPENS, JOHN S. MCCAIN, GARY, CUSHING, and PECOS, as well as one U.S. submarine, the HONOLULU. These U.S. ships were in addition to over ten various JMSDF ships.

After their initial rendezvous, the ships completed a morning of close maneuvering divtacs, followed by a brief photo exercise and a passenger transfer. CHANCELLORSVILLE embarked three representatives from the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF), and transferred Ensign [REDACTED] and FC1(SW) [REDACTED] to the JDS CHOKAI.

- 10 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE participated in a number of structured USW events with the JOHN S MCCAIN and three JMSDF ships. CHANCELLORSVILLE and the other ships tracked the HONOLULU in a variety of formations and situations while HONOLULU maneuvered at a variety of depths.
- 11 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE refueled from the JDS TOWADA, receiving 150,000 gallons of DFM and 5,000 gallons of JP-5.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE continued operations as part of ANNUALEX 12G, protecting the KITTY HAWK against opposing force submarines.
- 12 Nov After completing a morning of passenger transfers, CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with the JOHN S MCCAIN, CUSHING and GARY formed Task Group 75.1 and departed the ANNUALEX operating area and began the trek south to Okinawa in preparation for the upcoming MISSILEX.
- 14 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE, GARY, JOHN S MCCAIN and CUSHING participating in a PACFIRE, shooting their respective five-inch or MK75 guns as well as their CIWS. Following the firing, the ships conducted some divtacs, maneuvering into various different formations.
- 15 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with the USS GARY, USS CUSHING, USS JOHN S MCCAIN, arrived in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. With USS VINCENNES, they conducted a final day of planning for the upcoming MISSILE-EX.
- 16 Nov All ships departed Okinawa for the W-173 operating area off the Okinawan Coast. Upon arrival, final preparations were made for the following day's MISSILE-EX.
- 17 Nov MISSILE-EX 01-1 began after brief delays for weather and technical difficulties with the target drones. The five ships formed a column and traveled north, tracking a number of different target drones flown from the CUSHING. CHANCELLORSVILLE engaged two drones, firing two SM2 STANDARD missiles.
- 18 Nov MISSILE-EX 01-1 finished with CUSHING, GARY, and VINCENNES all firing missiles at target drones.

Upon completion of events, CHANCELLORSVILLE, GARY, JOHN S MCCAIN and VINCENNES departed for Yokosuka. CUSHING departed for White Beach, Okinawa to return the MISSILE-EX drones.

19 Nov The four ships of Task Group 75.1 conducted a full power drag race on the return to Yokosuka. JOHN S MCCAIN won the race, with VINCENNES taking second, CHANCELLORSVILLE finishing third, and GARY finishing fourth.

The four ships also held a man overboard competition where each ship simulated a man overboard, then raced to see who could recover the man the fastest.

CHANCELLORSVILLE held an M-14 familiarization firing on the fantail.

WARLORD 16 and WARLORD 05, CHANCELLORSVILLE's two helicopters, flew off the ship, returning to Atsugi Naval Air Station.

On the eve of her return to port Yokosuka, CHANCELLORSVILLE held the traditional pre-port fiesta.

20 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE had an early morning replenishment with the USNS PECOS (T-AO 197), receiving over 200,000 gallons of DFM before returning to port in the afternoon. GARY, JOHN S MCCAIN, and VINCENNES also topped off their fuel tanks with the USNS PECOS.

CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to port Yokosuka, ending the fall training cruise and beginning a brief post-cruise standdown.

27 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE was again underway, headed for the Guam operating areas to conduct as NSFS shoot on Farralon de Medinilla. Much of the transit to Guam was dedicated to practicing for the actual gunshoot.

Two helicopters from HSL-51 Det 4 arrived for the cruise: Warlord 00 and Warlord 05.

28 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted its first PAC fire of the underway, firing over 40 rounds from the two five-inch guns.

Man overboard drills were the topic of the day as CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted simulated small boat and forecastle recoveries.

29 Nov LT(j.g.) [REDACTED] CHANCELLORSVILLE's Undersea Warfare Officer, earned his coveted Surface Warfare Officer qualification and the gold pin that goes with it.

30 Nov CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a counter-battery exercise, in which the ship trained its five-inch guns at a smoke float to simulate prosecuting a hostile gun battery.

CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted its second REXTORP exercise of 2000, this time launching the simulated torpedo from one of the helicopters.

01 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE held a Main Space Fire Drill for training.

WARLORD 00 conducted SAR jumper training during the morning. The detachment's four SAR aircrewmen all took turns jumping out of the helo to practice water entry procedures. To support the event, CHANCELLORSVILLE put the Captain's Gig in the water due to a casualty with the ship's RHIB.

02 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived off Farralon de Medinilla (FDM), 180 miles north of Guam for FIRE-EX 1. By the end of the day, CHANCELLORSVILLE had shot a 105.1, a score that would be the U.S. Navy's highest score for calendar year 2000.

05 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived in Guam for a four-day port visit.

06 Dec Fifteen sailors from CHANCELLORSVILLE headed to St. Mary's Shelter on Guam for a community relations project.

09 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE embarked seventeen Tigers for a "Tiger Cruise" en route to Yokosuka.

CHANCELLORSVILLE departed Guam for a four-day transit home.

10 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE held a gun exercise, firing sixteen rounds from each five-inch gun and hundreds of rounds from the ship's SCAT combined team.

11 Dec The ship allowed the embarked Tigers to conn the ship and drive the ship through a number of maneuvering exercises.

The ship held a General Quarters in the afternoon, giving the Tigers a chance to see the repair teams in action.

CHANCELLORSVILLE operationally tested MT21 with a three hundred round pacfire.

12 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived back in Yokosuka for the Holiday period.



- 13 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE successfully completed its INSURV material Inspection Deferral Assessment.
- The CHANCELLORSVILLE wardroom said goodbye to LT [REDACTED] and LT(j.g.) [REDACTED] who PCS'ed off the ship.
- CHANCELLORSVILLE held its annual Holiday Party on the second deck of the Yokosuka Chief Petty Officer's Club.
- 17 Dec Twenty-five children from the Yurikagoen Orphanage came to CHANCELLORSVILLE for a Christmas party. CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors brought the children to the ship for a tour, as well as cookies and juice on the messdecks. The group then moved to the bowling alley on base to bowl, enjoy pizza and visit with Santa.
- 18 Dec The CHANCELLORSVILLE wardroom and CPO mess teamed up with their counterparts from the JDS HATAKAZE, CHANCELLORSVILLE's sister ship, for a holiday party at the Yokosuka CPO Club. Over one hundred-eighty sailors and their spouses attended.
- 22 Dec Captain Imi, Commanding Officer of the JDS HATAKAZE, presented Captain Dorsey with two KADOMATSU (traditional Japanese holiday decorations made from hollow bamboo and baughs) for New Years at a ceremony on CHANCELLORSVILLE's quarterdeck. In turn, Captain Dorsey presented Captain Imi with a holiday wreath.
- 28 Dec The HATAKAZE wardroom presented CHANCELLORSVILLE with a traditional KAGAMI MOCHI for the New Year.
- 31 Dec CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with the other ships in Yokosuka, rang in the New Year as part of the FIRST NIGHT celebration. Just prior to midnight, all the ships turned off all of their topside lights. At the stroke of midnight, the ships turn on all their lights, blow their horns and shine their searchlights in the air.

## **COMMAND HISTORY – USS CHANCELLORSVILLE**

### ***HISTORICAL NARRATIVE FOR 2000***

The coming of the new millennium found USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (Cg 62) in dry-dock Dry-dock five, Fleet Activities Yokosuka. The ship had been in dry-dock since 23 November 1999, involved in a dry-dock selective restrictive availability (D-SRA). By January, the ship had little more than one-third of the D-SRA remaining, with some of the most substantial work – including the rehabilitation of one of the ship's berthing compartments and the replacement of the sonar dome rubber window (SDRW) – still awaiting completion. Work, however, was on schedule and without any major safety incidents.

On 12 January, representatives from BF Goodrich, Ship's repair Facility Yokosuka, and CHANCELLORSVILLE teamed up to install the new SDRW. The going was slow and not without challenges, many of which stemmed from the day's frigid temperatures. The team completed the project the following day, however, removing one of the largest obstacles to CHANCELLORSVILLE's return to the water.

On 04 February, workers from Commander Fleet Activities, Yokosuka Port Operations division flooded dry-dock five and CHANCELLORSVILLE was again afloat. Tugs pulled the ship to pier six, where CHANCELLORSVILLE would complete the remaining projects of the maintenance availability.

While inport during February, work continued to restore the ship to mission ready status. The crew continued to paint, clean and apply the finishing touches to the major projects of the D-SRA. Off the ship, on 20 February, CHANCELLORSVILLE sponsored a community relations project with the local Yuriokagoen Orphanage at the local Yokosuka bowling alley. Thirty crewmembers came out for a Sunday of bowling and pizza with over fifty children from the orphanage.

As part of returning the ship to full mission readiness, CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway on a number of occasions throughout February. On 10-11 February, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a "fast-cruise" to simulate the underway routine. On 17-18 February, CHANCELLORSVILLE departed Yokosuka harbor for the first time since November, 1999, spending two days in the local R-116 operating area conducting sea trials. CHANCELLORSVILLE would again head to R-116 23-24 February upon completion of a full day ammunition onload at anchorage A-12 in Yokosuka Harbor.

On 01 March – little more than three weeks after CHANCELLORSVILLE was returning to the water – CHANCELLORSVILLE assumed the duties as the Battle Force Seventh Fleet Ready Cruiser, returning the ship to full combat readiness.

On 07 March, CHANCELLORSVILLE received word that the ship was awarded the Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific (COMNAVSURFPAC) Battle "E" for 1999. The award was CHANCELLORSVILLE's first since joining the Forward Deployed Naval

Forces in 1998 and the ship's third overall award. Additionally, the ship earned its fifth command excellence award for maritime warfare, second award for engineering and survivability, its sixth award for command and control, and its seventh award for logistics management. The Battle "E" would be unveiled in a ship-wide ceremony on 06 April.

March continued with a number of short underway periods to support the ship's training cycle and the upcoming spring cruise. On 09 March, the ship departed Yokosuka for a scheduled three day underway, only to return that evening after one of the ship's SAR swimmers was injured during a simulated man-overboard recovery. On 14 March, CHANCELLORSVILLE departed for a three day underway in the local operating area, completing preparations for the second phase of the Command Assessment of readiness and Training (CART II).

On 27 March, Afloat Training Group Western Pacific (ATGWP), embarked CHANCELLORSVILLE for the ship's actual CART II evaluation. CHANCELLORSVILLE's underway was delayed over twenty-four hours due to high winds and seas in Sagami Wan and the R-116 operating area. The ship expedited returned to port early on the 27<sup>th</sup> due to a medical emergency with one of the embarked ATGWP staff. In spite of the delays and the short underway period, the ship performed well during the inspection, receiving its final critique before the Tailored Ship's Training Availability III (TSTA III) and Final Evaluation Period (FEP) scheduled through the summer and early fall.

The first week of April was filled with last minute preparations for the ship's upcoming spring cruise as well as a number of command events and ceremonies. On 06 April, the new Battle "E" was unveiled at a pier-side ceremony recognizing many of the key individuals and efforts that helped CHANCELLORSVILLE's Battle "E" success. On 07 April, the ship recognized three of its Chief Petty Officers who were selected for Senior Chief Petty Officer.

The spring cruise kicked off on 11 April, as CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) and USS O'BRIEN (DD 975) departed for sea. Shortly after departing from Yokosuka, HELLFIRE 01, a SH-60B Seahawk from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (Light) Fifty-One (HSL-51) met the ship as the ship's helicopter detachment for the cruise. LCDR Jeff Barta led the four-pilot detachment.

The spring cruise was to be a mix of both mission specific training and multinational exercises. On the training side, members from ATGWP rode CHANCELLORSVILLE from 11-21 April for the ship's first Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA I), training the ship in all mission areas, including extensive work with the ship's damage control and combat systems teams.

Outside of training, CHANCELLORSVILLE also "executed" the ship's missions on a daily basis. As the battle group's Air Warfare Commander, the ship managed the air defense of the entire battle group. CHANCELLORSVILLE also served as the KITTY HAWK's

primary plane guard ship, spending almost every evening stationed behind the carrier as plane guard. Underway Replenishments (UNREPs) also became a common occurrence, with CHANCELLORSVILLE taking over 600,000 gallons of fuel from the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (T-AO 204) in the first ten days of the cruise. The ship even conducted a connected replenishment with the USNS FLINT (T-AE 32) for stores and ammunition.

One primary goal for the first leg of the cruise was FIRE-EX I, a live-fire Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) exercise to be conducted on the island of Farralon de Medinilla (FDM) one hundred eighty miles north of Guam. On 17 April, CHANCELLORSVILLE pulled in to Apra Harbor, Guam to embark Marine Corps spotters then returned to sea to conduct the shoot. On 19 April, the scheduled day of the shoot, mechanical difficulties with the ship's helicopter prevented the successful completion of the event, forcing CHANCELLORSVILLE to reschedule the event for December. Though unable to shoot for an exercise score, CHANCELLORSVILLE took advantage of the range availability and used the day to conduct live firings on the islands.

The following day, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted another gun shoot. CHANCELLORSVILLE's two five-inch and two Close In Weapons System (CIWS) mounts engaged a large drone towed by a Navy Lear jet. The event was judged a success, with all mounts scoring kills on the drone.

CHANCELLORSVILLE entered Apra Harbor, Guam, for the first port visit of the spring cruise on 22 April. The three-day visit provided a chance for the crew to relax and enjoy a slice of tropical Americana. Sailors took advantage of the island's beautiful beaches, great hotel deals and diverse selection of food. The local reception was extremely warm, with the Guam Chamber of Commerce hosting a reception for the ship's wardroom on 24 April. While in Guam, sailors also participated in a community relations project, delivering PROJECT HANDCLASP materials to the Alee Shelter for Abused Children.

On 25 April, CHANCELLORSVILLE departed Guam and rejoined the KITTY HAWK in the operating areas north of Guam. The two ships were scheduled to conduct a live-fire missile exercise before departing the area for Singapore. KITTY HAWK planned to fire her NATO Sea Sparrow missiles while CHANCELLORSVILLE was slated to fire two Standard missiles at multiple target drones. Unfortunately, CHANCELLORSVILLE's target drones did not arrive in Guam on time, forcing the cancellation of CHANCELLORSVILLE's portion of the shoot. CHANCELLORSVILLE remained with the KITTY HAWK, however, providing range clearance support for her portion of the event.

CHANCELLORSVILLE, along with USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), USS O'BRIEN (DD 975), USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (T-AO 204), and USNS FLINT (T-AE 32), departed the Guam operating areas on 28 April heading west towards the Philippines. The ships transited Leyte Gulf, the Balabac Straits, the Sulu Sea and the Surigawa Straits during the first three days of May. After two refuelings at sea on 03 and 05 May, the ships arrived at Sembawang Shipyard, Singapore on 06 May for a four-day port visit.

CHANCELLORSVILLE was again underway on 10 May, this time for the shortest transit of the spring cruise. By the early morning on 14 May, the ship was anchoring off the coast of Phattaya beach, Thailand, for a four-day port visit with KITTY HAWK, O'BRIEN, RAPPAHANNOCK and FLINT. The transit was filled with KITTY HAWK flight operations in preparation for EXERCISE COBRA GOLD 2000. There also was considerable fishing traffic in the sea-lanes between Singapore and Thailand, demanding some deft maneuvering and shiphandling from the bridge and CIC watch teams.

Phattaya Beach offered the crew a variety of relaxation activities. As with the other ports, there was a community relations project. There were also a number of tours exploring the various sights of Thailand. Many took advantage of trips to the Golden Palace in Bangkok while others enjoyed an elephant park just outside of town. For those looking for independent entertainment, a number of sailors relaxed at Phattaya's many bars and hotels.

The battle group was again underway on 17 May, marking the start of CHANCELLORSVILLE's participation in Exercise COBRA GOLD 2000. COBRA GOLD is an annual U.S. – Thai exercise, which for the first time included participation from Singaporean forces. The event flexed the interoperability of the three countries, as well as tested their ability to respond to crises – especially humanitarian/civil disturbance-type contingencies. CHANCELLORSVILLE was heavily involved in supporting KITTY HAWK flight operations and managing the overall data link picture for many of the seaborne forces.

CHANCELLORSVILLE would remain in the Gulf of Thailand until the completion of COBRA GOLD on 21 May. Outside of COBRA GOLD, there were the usual events – plane guard operations and underway replenishments, for example – as well as some out of the ordinary happenings. On 19 May, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a recoverable exercise torpedo (REXTORP) exercise, the first such event in over a year. The ship's combat systems training team generated a two-hour scenario at the end of which, the ship fired the REXTORP at a simulated submarine. CHANCELLORSVILLE then launched the ship's RHIB to recover the REXTORP.

On 20 May, Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, visited the ship for the afternoon. He conducted a tour of the ship, spoke briefly to the wardroom, then addressed the crew on the forecastle. Admiral Fargo also presented Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist pins (ESWS) to four crewmembers.

CHANCELLORSVILLE departed the Gulf of Thailand on 21 May, starting the northward journey to Hong Kong. Along the way, the ship conducted a connected replenishment alongside the USNS SAN JOSE (AFS-7), receiving twenty-five pallets of food and dry stores during the two-hour replenishment.

CHANCELLORSVILLE and the other battle group ships arrived in Hong Kong on 26 May to begin their four-day port visit. CHANCELLORSVILLE moored to a buoy in outer Hong

Kong harbor, the first time the ship completed such an evolution since early March in Yokosuka.

Hong Kong offered a variety of liberty activities for the crew. Many took advantage of the superb shopping offered in Kowloon, while others enjoyed the night life offered in the area's many pubs and bars. MWR offered a variety of trips, including tours to Lantau Island and Macao.

As before, CHANCELLORSVILLE also sponsored a community relations project. Two CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors, STG1(SW) [REDACTED] and FC1(SW) [REDACTED], spearheaded the "Project Good Neighborhood," a joint effort between CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors and the Methodist Epworth Village Community Center, Social Welfare, in the Chai Wan area of Hong Kong. The sailors spent time playing games and reading stories with children at the community center.

A number of CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors also participated in the "Meals in the Home" program. American citizens or ex-patriots living in Hong Kong volunteered to host sailors for a meal, offering them a day of home cooked food and relaxation.

CHANCELLORSVILLE was underway for the final leg of the spring cruise on 30 May, as the ship departed Hong Kong for Yokosuka.

The crew set aside the anxiousness of returning home to complete a multitude of tasks during the last days of the cruise. On 30 May, CHANCELLORSVILLE came alongside USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (T-AO 204) for over two hundred thousand gallons of fuel and two days later, came alongside the USNS FLINT (T-AE 32) to receive three pallets of ammunition.

The last leg of the cruise was dominated by the ship's second Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA II). Evaluations from ATGWP rode the ship from Hong Kong to put CHANCELLORSVILLE's damage control, engineering and combat systems teams through their paces. The ship did well during the availability, achieving such proficiency in its main space fire fighting capability, that the Final Evaluation Period requirements – requirements not due until September – were achieved during the final days of the cruise.

Rear Admiral Timothy Keating, Commander, battle Force Seventh Fleet, visited the ship on 03 June. Admiral Keating presented the ship with the official Battle "E" plaque during a forecastle ceremony with the crew. He also thanked the sailors for their diligence and service during the cruise.

On the night of 04 June, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted a night firing demonstration off the Japanese coast. Sailors simultaneously fired all of the ship's M60's and 50-caliber guns, as well as the 25-mm chain gun. The tracer rounds illuminated the night sky, providing a great show for Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, Chief of Navy Personnel, who was observing from the KITTY HAWK.

CHANCELLORSVILLE's return to Yokosuka came the morning of 05 June as the ship moored at pier six. The pier was filled with family, friends and food. Upon arrival, CHANCELLORSVILLE entered an eight-day standdown period, providing a chance or some much needed crew rest and relaxation.

The wardroom took advantage of the standdown to hold their annual dining out. This year's dinner was held at the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo, with Captain Jeffrey Crews, USN, U.S. Naval attaché to Japan, as the guest of honor.

The post-cruise standdown ended on 13 June with all hands returning to the ship. With the spring cruise complete, CHANCELLORSVILLE shifted its focus to prepare for three upcoming major evaluations: the ship's engineering Underway Demonstration (UD), the Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) and the Final Evaluation Period (FEP).

On 14 June, the ship was underway to prepare for its first post-cruise hurdle, the engineering underway demonstration (UD). The four-day underway to the R-116 operating area was filled with engineering drill sets and evolutions. The training paid off during the actual UD on 22 June, during which CHANCELLORSVILLE swept all drill sets and passed all evolutions.

CHANCELLORSVILLE was again under the microscope from 26-30 June as evaluators from ATG Pacific and ATG Western Pacific were aboard for the ship's Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). The four-day inspection tested the ship's ability to fire Tomahawk and harpoon cruise missiles safely and effectively. As with the engineering underway demonstration, the ship performed well, earning kudos as "the best I have seen in my two years at ATG" from one inspector.

June 30<sup>th</sup> also ushered in a new era as LCDR Mike Ford replaced CDR Gene Harr as CHANCELLORSVILLE's Executive Officer. CDR Harr departed the ship to become the new Chief Staff Officer for Destroyer Squadron Fifteen based in Yokosuka.

CHANCELLORSVILLE spent the early days of July preparing for a mid-month, ten-day underway to Korea to participate in a summer Counter Special Operations Forces Exercise (CSOFEX). A last minute schedule change, however, cancelled the underway, leaving CHANCELLORSVILLE in port for all but four days in July.

Though July was spent in port, there was still a considerable amount of activity going on throughout the month. On 02 July, CHANCELLORSVILLE sponsored a community relations project with the Yurikagoen Orphanage, hosting a softball game and picnic at the Thew Gym fields.

CHANCELLORSVILLE also had a chance to show off to the public on 20 July as the ship moved to the Japanese side of Yokosuka harbor to participate in the annual Chibikko Youth Festival. CHANCELLORSVILLE moored outboard the JDS HATAKAZE (DDG

171), CHANCELLORSVILLE's sister ship, and took the USS CUSHING (DD 985) outboard. The day was filled with demonstrations and open ship tours for the Japanese public. Over twelve thousand people visited the base during the celebration and over seven thousand four hundred toured CHANCELLORSVILLE.

CHANCELLORSVILLE hosted a number of Midshipmen during the course of July. On 15 July, the ship embarked four Midshipmen from South Korea. CHANCELLORSVILLE was originally scheduled to embark the Midshipmen during the ship's July port visit to Pusan. With the underway cancelled, however, the four embarked and debarked the ship in Yokosuka. During their ten day stay, the Midshipmen toured the ship, participated in a number of drills and evolutions and toured some of the other ships in Yokosuka.

CHANCELLORSVILLE also embarked four first-class and three second-class U.S. Midshipmen on 24 July. These midshipmen were treated as junior officers and senior enlisted during their stay, standing watches with their junior officer and enlisted "running mates." CHANCELLORSVILLE put on a great show for the Midshipmen, offering a number of quality training evolutions, including gun shoots, underway replenishments, general quarters scenarios and man overboard drills. They would all remain onboard until 20 August.

At the end of July, CHANCELLORSVILLE was again underway for a historic two-week trip to Qingdao, China. CHANCELLORSVILLE was to be the first U.S. ship to visit the Chinese mainland since the accidental U.S. bombing of the Chinese Embassy in the former Yugoslavia.

On 02 August, CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived in Qingdao to a frenzy of media and dignitaries. On the pier were a number of distinguished Chinese Admirals as well as Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. The group conducted a formal ceremony on the pier, then adjourned to conduct further meetings and receptions. That evening, the People's Liberation Army (Navy) (PLA(N)) hosted a reception for ninety-five CHANCELLORSVILLE crewmembers at a hotel in downtown Qingdao. CHANCELLORSVILLE was buzzing with activity the following day. Over fifteen hundred PLA(N) officers, sailors and international media toured the ship on 03 August, mixing with crewmembers and taking countless pictures around the ship. Admiral Fargo also hosted a reception on CHANCELLORSVILLE's flight deck for many of the Admirals and local Qingdao dignitaries that evening.

In the midst of all the Qingdao festivities, CHANCELLORSVILLE received word that four of its first class petty officers were selected for Chief Petty Officer. The initiation began almost immediately, though the actual frocking would not happen until September.

CHANCELLORSVILLE spent its last day in Qingdao hosting open ship tours for the general public. Though the ship was only open for two and a half hours, over thirty-eight hundred Chinese came through the ship. All told, CHANCELLORSVILLE had almost six thousand visitors during the three-day port visit.



CHANCELLORSVILLE made preparations to depart Qingdao on 05 August. Before leaving the pier, Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island came aboard for a brief meeting with Captain Dorsey and members of the crew from Rhode Island. As the Senator departed, the ship pulled away from Qingdao Harbor, escorted to sea by a Chinese Navy destroyer.

With the Qingdao visit complete, CHANCELLORSVILLE rolled in to a Counter Special Operations Forces Exercises (CSOFEX) in the Korean Theater of Operations (KTO). The joint exercises brought together the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army as well as various arms of the South Korean military to practice defending against invading special operations forces. Throughout the two day exercise, CHANCELLORSVILLE controlled U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopters and U.S. Air Force A-10 Warthog aircraft in attacks on inflatable targets, drove the forces data link picture and maintained surface watch against simulated opposition forces. The exercise was scheduled to last for four days, but was cut short due to weather conditions. CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to Yokosuka a day early on 12 August.

CHANCELLORSVILLE enjoyed the days of August by hosting the officers and crew of the JDS HATAKAZE for a summer picnic at the Yokosuka picnic pavilions. The event featured a variety of American and Japanese fare – from hamburgers and hot dogs to sake and octopus – as well as a friendly softball match.

CHANCELLORSVILLE's last remaining hurdle of the three major summer evaluations was the ship's Final Evaluation Period (FEP), which signifies the end of the overall training cycle. The ship had one final underway of FEP preparations from 21-25 August before the actual FEP began on 06 September. As CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to the R-116 operating area for the three-day evaluation, drills began from minute one. The days were filled with a variety of scenarios and drills, flexing all of the ship's training and watchstanding teams.

In the midst of the simulated casualties imposed by ATG during FEP, on 07 September, the ship experienced a real casualty, as a small class "C" fire broke out in a casualty power riser near the wardroom. There were no injuries and damage was minimal as the fire was extinguished quickly.

FEP concluded on 08 September with CHANCELLORSVILLE's return to Yokosuka. The ship performed well during FEP, passing the evaluation with strong marks for all training teams and watchstanders and thereby completing the training cycle.

With all of the major summer evaluations complete, CHANCELLORSVILLE began looking forward to the fall cruise. Two major annual exercises – Exercise FOAL EAGLE 2000 and ANNUALEX 12G – were on the schedule for October and November, as were a missile exercise and NSFS exercise carried forward from April.

Before departing for the fall cruise, the ship frocked its four new Chief Petty Officers. In a simple ceremony held in the Ship's helicopter hangar, the crew recognized the

significant milestone in these sailors' careers. The frocking ended the initiation period for the four new Chiefs, giving them a chance to rest for the first time since selection back in early August.

CHANCELLORSVILLE departed for the fall underway period on 02 October. The ship made a quick transit to join the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) and USS COWPENS (CG 63) both already at sea. That day, two helicopters from HSL-51 also flew out to join the ship on the fall cruise. Unlike the spring cruise, the two-helicopter detachment brought six pilots instead of four.

The first few days of the cruise brought everyone back into the underway mindset. There were a number of damage control drills, including two general quarters scenarios. The ship also conducted an underway replenishment with the USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (T-AO 204) on 05 October, taking over two hundred thousand gallons of fuel. As always, the ship also conducted a pre-action calibration firing (PACFIRE) of the five-inch and CIWS guns.

On 06 and 07 October, CHANCELLORSVILLE conducted two live fire exercises. The first, on 06 October, was a firing of MK214 Super Rapid Blooming Offboard Chaff (SRBOC). The chaff created a large cloud of small metal ribbons intended to distract a simulated anti-ship missile.

The following day, CHANCELLORSVILLE fired its two five-inch and CIWS guns at a towed drone as part of a TDU shoot. The guns were extremely successful in their shooting, actually making contact with the drone.

Rear Admiral R. F. Willard, Commander, Battle Force Seventh Fleet, visited CHANCELLORSVILLE on 10 October for a brief tour and wardroom lunch. He met with many of the officers after a detailed air defense brief with CHANCELLORSVILLE's air defense team.

CHANCELLORSVILLE remained with the KITTY HAWK throughout the first weeks of the cruise, until 12 October when the KITTY HAWK pulled in to Otaru, Japan. After detaching from the KITTY HAWK, CHANCELLORSVILLE proceeded south for a 15 October port visit to Fukuoka, Japan.

Upon arrival in Fukuoka on 15 October, CHANCELLORSVILLE opened the ship for public tours. Over one thousand people toured the ship in the early afternoon and evening hours. Throughout the four days of the visit, over sixty members of the Fukuoka Japan-American Society also toured the ship as did local officials and dignitaries, including the Vice Governor of the Fukuoka Prefecture and the Principal Officer from the American Consulate in Fukuoka.

As with many earlier ports, sailors took advantage of a variety of MWR trips as well as a community relations project while in Fukuoka. MWR offered a day-long trip to nearby

Nagasaki as well as a tour to "Space World," a local Fukuoka theme park. Both were big hits with the crew. Twenty-one crewmembers participated in a Community Relations (COMREL) project at the Fukuoka Komodo Orphanage, painting playground equipment and playing games with the children.

On 19 October, the ship departed Fukuoka for a one-day transit to Chin Hae, Republic of Korea. CHANCELLORSVILLE arrived on 20 October for an overnight stop to allow crewmembers to attend a pre-planning conference for the upcoming FOAL EAGLE 2000 exercise. Though the ship was only in port overnight, the crew was afforded a chance to get out in town and see the area around the base.

After departing Chin Hae on 21 October, CHANCELLORSVILLE began exercise FOAL EAGLE 2000 on the West side of the Korean Peninsula. The first days were filled with a number of passenger transfers both via small boat and helicopter. LT [REDACTED], Auxiliaries Officer, and FC1(SW) [REDACTED] left CHANCELLORSVILLE for a stay on the ROKS SEOUL while CHANCELLORSVILLE embarked a variety of riders, including four ROK Navy Officers, three U.S. Army liaisons and a U.S. Naval Special Warfare Representative.

Throughout the five days of FOAL EAGLE 2000, CHANCELLORSVILLE and CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) participated in six Counter-Special Operations Forces Exercises (CSOFEX) in which the ships employed their capabilities to track and prosecute simulated invasions by special operations forces. The exercises flexed all of CHANCELLORSVILLE's capabilities, especially the ship's data LINK and communications capabilities.

There were also a number of "joint" training opportunities during the exercise. CHANCELLORSVILLE controlled U.S. Air Force aircraft operating from bases in Korea and U.S. Army AH-64 Apache helicopters and an Airborne Reconnaissance Low Aircraft (ARL's).

The ship also braved poor weather conditions to conduct "divtacs" with ROKN ships and the CURTIS WILBUR.

On 28 October, for the first time ever, a U.S. Navy warship refueled from a South Korean oiler as CHANCELLORSVILLE refueled from the Republic of Korea Ship HWACHON. Upon conclusion of the refueling, Exercise FOAL EAGLE '00 officially came to a close as the ships assigned to Commander, Maritime Action Group - West (CMAG - West) came together for a photo exercise before departing for their respective home ports. CHANCELLORSVILLE and CURTIS WILBUR departed to rejoin the battle group on the east side of Korea.

After rejoining the KITTY HAWK, CHANCELLORSVILLE and the other ships were called on an emergency recovery mission to rescue a downed South Korean pilot. The ships transited over one hundred miles at maximum speed to assist in the recovery operations.

The search continued late into the evening on 01 November before the ships were detached, proceeding south to Pusan for a scheduled port visit.

CHANCELLORSVILLE, KITTY HAWK and COWPENS arrived in Pusan on 02 November for a three-day port visit. Shopping was the name of the game for most sailors, either in Pusan or on MWR-sponsored trips to Seoul and Osan. As before, many sailors participated in a community relations (COMREL) project at the U.N. cemetery in Pusan. The group conducted a small wreath laying ceremony, followed by a sermon from Chaplain Wade. The group then spent the afternoon cleaning the cemetery grounds.

On 05 November, the three ships departed Pusan to begin ANNUALEX 12G in the northern Sea of Japan. On 09 November, the U.S. and Japanese ships involved in ANNUALEX 12G came together for their initial rendezvous in the northern Sea of Japan. There were seven U.S. ships involved, including KITTY HAWK, COWPENS, JOHN S. MCCAIN, GARY, CUSHING, and PECOS. These U.S. ships were in addition to over ten JMSDF ships. After the initial rendezvous, the ships were in addition to over ten JMSDF ships. After the initial rendezvous, the ships completed a morning of close maneuvering divtacs, followed by a brief photo exercise and passenger transfers.

The following days were filled with a number of structured exercises as part of ANNUALEX. Four separate anti-submarine exercises kept CHANCELLORSVILLE busy for much of 10 and 11 November. A number of the ships involved in the exercise, including CHANCELLORSVILLE, also conducted an underway replenishment alongside the JDS TOWADA on 11 November.

CHANCELLORSVILLE completed ANNUALEX 12G on 12 November, detaching with GARY, JOHN S. MCCAIN and CUSHING to proceed to the Okinawan operating areas. The four ships would join with the USS VINCENNES (CG 49) to form CTG75.1 and prepare to conduct a live-fire missile exercise. The three-day transit was filled with practice runs for the missile exercise, maneuvering divtacs and a number of pre-action calibration firing (PACFIRES).

All five ships arrived in Buckner Bay, Okinawa on 15 November to conduct a one-day conference in preparation for the upcoming missile exercise. The stop was brief, with all ships departing the following day.

MISSILE-EX 00-1 kicked off the morning of 17 November. There were a number of early delays due to technical difficulties with the target drones as well as the inclement weather. The event eventually kicked off later in the morning, with CHANCELLORSVILLE engaging two target drones launched from the CUSHING with SM-2 STANDARD missiles. Both shots were considered kills. These two missile shots were two of the ten coordinated missile shots accomplished by CTG75.1 during the two-day missile exercise.

With MISSILE-EX finished on 18 November, CHANCELLORSVILLE turned north to head for Yokosuka along with GARY, JOHN S. MCCAIN and VINCENNES. Along the way, the

Four ships went head to head in a man overboard competition and a drag race. The four ships also conducted a final underway replenishment with the USNS PECOS (T-AO 197).

CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to Yokosuka in the afternoon on 20 November. The ship went directly into a post-cruise standdown, allowing the crew to relax for the Thanksgiving holiday and to recharge before the next scheduled underway on 27 November.

On 27 November, the ship departed Yokosuka for the final underway of 2000. CHANCELLORSVILLE left for the Guam operating area in order to complete the NSFS shoot originally scheduled for April, but cancelled due to mechanical difficulties with the ship's helicopter.

The transit to the operating area was filled with gun shoots, man overboard drills and other training evolutions. On 30 November, the ship conducted a simulated torpedo firing, dropping a reusable exercise torpedo (REXTORP) from one of the ship's helicopters.

On 02 December, CHANCELLORSVILLE again arrived off the coast of Farralon de Medinilla (FDM), the small island used for live fire NSFS exercises one hundred-eighty miles north of Guam. The ship would spend most of the day firing on the island in a number of different tactical scenarios. By the end of the exercise, the ship's team had shot a 105.1, the highest score in the U.S. Navy for calendar year 2000.

With the NSFS shoot complete, CHANCELLORSVILLE pulled in to Apra Harbor, Guam on 05 December for a four-day port visit. With most of the year's major evolutions complete, the visit provided a chance for the crew to unwind. Many took advantage of Guam's eighty-plus degree temperatures to scuba dive or lay out at the beach. Fifteen sailors headed to St. Mary's Shelter for a community relations project. Others simply relaxed around the pool at one of the island's many resorts.

During the port visit, CHANCELLORSVILLE embarked seventeen "Tigers," family and friends of crewmembers who took the opportunity to ride the ship back to Yokosuka. Organizers created a packed schedule for the tigers in order to show off the ship and its capabilities. On 10 December, there was a gunnery exercise with firings of both five-inch guns and the ship's small arms machine guns. The following day, the tigers drove the ship during man overboard drills and other maneuvering.

CHANCELLORSVILLE returned to Yokosuka on 12 December from the final underway of 2000. The ship's first holiday leave period started that afternoon, with many crewmembers heading back to the U.S. for the holidays.

Also on 12 December, CHANCELLORSVILLE received word that the ship had received the "Best in Class" award for Retail Sales and Service. The award recognizes the outstanding quality of retail service provided by the ship's servicemen onboard

CHANCELLORSVILLE. The ship's overall evaluation average was higher than any other cruiser in the Pacific fleet.

Though the holiday leave period had started, there were still a considerable number of events occurring in and around the ship. On 13 December, representatives from the Board of INSURV came for CHANCELLORSVILLE's annual Material Inspection Derreral Assessment. The ship passed the assessment, deferring a full INSURV inspection for another year. That evening, crewmembers partied the night away at the Yokosuka Chief Petty Officers' Club for the annual CHANCELLORSVILLE Holiday party.

On 17 December, twenty-five children from the Yurikagoen orphanage came to CHANCELLORSVILLE for a Christmas party. CHANCELLORSVILLE sailors brought the children to the ship for a tour, followed by cookies and juice on the messdecks. The group then moved to the base bowling alley to bowl, eat pizza and enjoy a visit with Santa Claus.

The holiday season brought a number of opportunities for interaction with the crew of the JDS HATAKAZE, CHANCELLORSVILLE's sister ship. On 18 December, the CHANCELLORSVILLE wardroom and CPO mess teamed up with their counterparts from the HATAKAZE for a holiday party at the Yokosuka CPO club. Over one hundred eighty sailors and their spouses attended.

Four days later, on 22 December, Captain Imi, Commanding Officer of the HATAKAZE, presented Captain Dorsey with two KADOMATSU (traditional Japanese holiday decorations made from hollow bamboo and baughs) for New Years at a ceremony on CHANCELLORSVILLE's quarterdeck. In turn, Captain Dorsey presented Captain Imi with a holiday wreath.

CHANCELLORSVILLE closed out 2000 moored at pier six, Yokosuka harbor. On 31 December, the ship participated in the "First Night" celebration, securing all topside lighting just before midnight. At the stroke of midnight, CHANCELLORSVILLE rung in the New Year, re-energizing all the ship's lights, blowing the ships whistle and shining searchlights in the air.