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PART I

USS CHOSIN (CG 65) is the first of the Baseline IV AEGIS Cruisers. The ship was commissioned on 12 January 1991 at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding Inc. in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Following commissioning, she was assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific (COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC) and homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The commanding officer is Martin J. Mayer, CAPT, USN.

As an AEGIS cruiser, CHOSIN is mission capable in all warfare areas including Anti-Air, Anti-Surface, Anti-Submarine, Strike warfare, and is capable of operating in support of amphibious operations.

In support of training and commissioning, CHOSIN was assigned an SH-60B Seahawk LAMPS MK III helicopter from HSL-49 stationed at NAS North Island, CA. The helicopter, callsign RED STINGER 101 (Bu. No. 163594) remained with CHOSIN through June 1991 when it returned to California.

PART II
USS CHOSIN (CG 65)
1991 COMMAND EMPLOYMENT

JANUARY

01: CHOSIN is listed as In-Service Special, berthed at INGALLS Shipyard in Pascagoula, MS. The Navy accepted custody from INGALLS in November 1990 but the ship is not yet in commission. New Year's Eve Deck Log entry made by Officer of the Deck ENS [REDACTED]:

Assumed the watch moored starboard side to
Soon the year will be brand new.
Secure in Berth 2 at Ingalls tonight,
The lines are all doubled and frapped up just right.
Four lines aft, and three lines forward,
Most of the crew had headed shoreward.
Ingalls supplies us with steam, water, and power.
The weather is clear with no chance of a shower.
As well as aforementioned services three,
Ingalls is taking our C, H, and T.
LPAC's and HPAC's 1 and 2 give us air,
#6 firepump runs without care.
At 400 Hz, 4 converters on line
With both AEGIS cooling water pumps doing just fine.

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#2 seawater pump is functioning nicely
And #1 reefer is keeping things icy.
For our A/C units, we have 1 and 3.
The EOOW's as happy as he can be.
Duty section is sleeping secure in their racks
Knowing the XO has ordered more wax.
CO and XO have departed the ship,
Department heads followed at a fine clip.
LCDR [REDACTED] declined to go,
Probably a good thing, as he's CDO.
SUPSHIP Pascagoula is SOPA in all cases.
Material condition YOKE is set in all spaces.

03-05: Commence Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and Crew Certification.

07-10: Commissioning ceremony rehearsals and preparations are held throughout the week. RED STINGER 101 from HSL 49 DET 2 flies aboard 08 JAN. A formal personnel inspection is conducted on 09 JAN. Visit ship is conducted on the evening of the 9th for family and friends of crewmembers and many distinguished guests including survivors of the battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

11: CAPT Mayer hosts a luncheon in the ship's wardroom in honor of Mrs. Raymond G. Davis, CHOSIN's sponsor. The luncheon is followed by the final commissioning ceremony rehearsal. Visit

ship is conducted again that evening.

12: At 1000, the CHOSIN's commissioning ceremony begins. GEN Raymond G. Davis, USMC (Ret), places the ship in commission. The ceremony is attended by approximately 2500 family members and distinguished guests. A reception is held at the Ocean Springs Civic Center in Ocean Springs, MS. A crew's party is held later that same evening.

15-16: USS CHOSIN is underway in the Gulf of Mexico for a two day long operational test of a new Moving Target Indicator modification recently installed in the first AN/SPY-1B(v) radar.

18-22: CHOSIN sails away from Pascagoula on the 18th, enroute to her new home port of Pearl Harbor, HI. Representatives from AEGIS Training Support Group (ATSG) San Diego are aboard to conduct training throughout the sail around.

23: CHOSIN transits the Panama Canal and makes a brief stop for fuel at Rodman, Panama.

24-30: CHOSIN resumes her transit. On 26 JAN, CHOSIN chops TACON to PACFLT. On 30 JAN, RED STINGER 101 flies off the ship bound for NAS North Island, CA.

31: CHOSIN arrives at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA to commence a ship's fill ammunition loadout.

FEBRUARY

01: The weapons onload continues throughout the day. CHOSIN gets underway late in the day for San Diego. A deceptive electronic countermeasures exercise is conducted enroute.

02-06: CHOSIN is inport NAVSTA San Diego, CA. While inport, the ship conducts a pierside UNREP SQT with USNS PECOS. An Aviation Readiness Examination is conducted on the 4th of JAN.

07-13: CHOSIN is underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI. Along the way, the ship's first underway replenishment is conducted with USNS PECOS. AN/SQQ-89 Assist training and a Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Team assist visit are conducted. On the 7th, RED STINGER 101 flies aboard then departs on the 13th for NAS Barbers Point.

14: CHOSIN arrives in Pearl Harbor where she is greeted by family members, hula dancers, a Hawaiian band and RADM William Earner, Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

15-24: CHOSIN is inport Pearl Harbor conducting a leave/upkeep period.

25-28: CHOSIN remains inport conducting training and an intermediate maintenance availability.

MARCH

01-08: CHOSIN remains inport conducting training and an intermediate maintenance availability. A corrosion survey is conducted 04-07 MAR.

11-22: CHOSIN conducts Shakedown Refresher Training with Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor.

25: CHOSIN commences the inport phase of the Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials which will continue through the first week of April. Additionally, the second Post Shakedown Availability Work Definition Conference is held.

APRIL

01-07: The inport phase of CSSQT continues while the ship simultaneously conducts training in various aspects of the combat system.

08: CHOSIN is underway on the FORACS range conducting acoustic trials as the underway portion of CSSQT begins.

09-15: CHOSIN is underway off the western coast of Kauai. DLQ's, AIC training, and ASW operations fill the daily schedule of events.

16-18: Operations shift to the BARSTUR range as the ship conducts self noise testing, CIWS SQT, and high speed maneuvering surface target gun shoots.

19-21: CHOSIN is inport Pearl Harbor.

22-25: The ship is underway in the W-191,196 OPAREAS conducting DECM exercises and antenna radiation pattern testing. The MK 86 gun SQT is conducted on the 25th.

26-28: CHOSIN anchors off the coast of Lahaina on the island of Maui for a port visit.

29-30: The ship is once again operating off the western coast of Kauai as the EW SQT is conducted. Significant crew training in how to recognize and counter airborne and surface radar jamming is conducted.

MAY

01-03: The EW SQT continues off the coast of Kauai.

04-06: CHOSIN is inport Pearl Harbor making final preparations for the standard missile firings scheduled for the following week. Mission Readiness Reviews are conducted and photo equipment is loaded and checked.

07: CHOSIN is underway on the Barking Sands range off Kauai as the ship conducts telemetry checks, tracking runs and the final missile firing rehearsals.

08: The first two of five missile firing scenarios for the AAW SQT are conducted. These are the first missile shots witnessed by most of the crewmembers.

09: Missile firing scenarios three and four are carried out.

10: RADM Earner, COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC embarks to witness the final (undisclosed) missile firing scenario and to see, first hand, the firepower demonstration put on by the only AEGIS ship homeported in Pearl Harbor. Two of the three targets were successfully destroyed by standard missiles, the third target drone malfunctioned and was destroyed upon sea surface impact. The ship then conducts a full power trial on the way back to Pearl Harbor.

13-14: The ship moves to NAVMAG Lualualei to conduct a two

day long ammunition offload in preparation for the upcoming Post Shakedown Availability.

15-19: CHOSIN is inport Pearl Harbor offloading telemetry and photographic equipment following the completion of a highly successful CSSQT.

20-29: CHOSIN remains inport as all equipment and systems undergo final grooming prior to Final Contractor Trials conducted by the Board of Inspection and Survey. As always, inport crew training continues in all areas.

30-31: The ship is underway in the Hawaiian OPAREAS conducted final FCT preparations.

JUNE

01-02: CHOSIN is inport Pearl Harbor conducting tests of the Aegis weapons system. The results of these tests will serve as the baseline for comparison against post-SRA tests.

03-07: Final Contractor Trials are conducted. CHOSIN gets underway late in the afternoon of the 3rd and returns to port very late on the 4th. The "open and inspect" phase of the trial is conducted inport from the 5th through the 7th.

10: Post Shakedown Availability begins as the ship moves into drydock. The availability marks the first time an Aegis ship undergoes an extensive availability at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The availability will continue until the 23rd of August.

15: A ship's picnic is held on the beach at NAS Barbers Point.

JULY

02: CHOSIN is undocked.

08-11: CHOSIN hosts JDS KURAMA (DDH 144) while she visits Pearl Harbor. CHOSIN officers are treated to a tour and lunch aboard KURAMA. Several social and athletic events are held throughout the week.

15-21: A preliminary combat system light-off is conducted.

22: The combat system is once again operational.

AUGUST

06: Dock trials are conducted as more systems are returned to service.

07-08: The ship is refueled, taking F-76 on the 7th and JP-5 on the 8th.

09: CHOSIN conducts a fast cruise to exercise the crew at all watchstations.

12-15: CHOSIN hosts visiting JDS KURAMA while inport Pearl Harbor. Tours of Oahu, ceremonial, athletic and social events are held.

13-14: CHOSIN is underway conducting sea trials. The 4.1.3 AEGIS computer program is delivered on the 14th.

17: The ship's inclining experiment is conducted. That evening the ship has a luau for all crewmembers and their families.

23: Post Shakedown Availability ends.

26-28: The ship undergoes deperming.

30: CHOSIN is underway conducting a dependents' cruise.

SEPTEMBER

03-05: A 3-M Assist Visit is conducted by COMNAVSURFGRU

MIDPAC.

09-11: CHOSIN undergoes the 9024 Nuclear Weapons Refresher Training as the first step in preparation for CMTQT and NWAII.

14: USCINCPAC, ADM Charles R. Larson and Soviet General-Colonel Kuvtunov, CINC, Far East TVD, head a large delegation that tour CHOSIN in support of a visit to Hawaii by several senior Soviet military officials.

16-20: CHOSIN is underway in the Hawaiian OPAREAS conducting Combat System Operational Sequencing System (CSOSS) Stage III.

21-23: The ship is at anchor for a port visit at Kailua-Kona on the big island of Hawaii. CHOSIN gets underway at 1900 on 23 SEP for Oahu.

24: CHOSIN remains underway in the Hawaiian OPAREAS conducting type training and a ceremonial burial at sea.

25-27: CHOSIN conducts an ammunition onload at NAVMAG Lualualei.

30: FTG Pearl Harbor begins a Training and Readiness Evaluation as the ship shifts berths to Ford Island.

OCTOBER

01: TRE concludes. CHOSIN participates in inport AAW training with all Pearl Harbor based AAW ships.

02-06: The Combat Systems Mobile Training Team is aboard to evaluate and train CHOSIN crewmembers.

07-11: CHOSIN is underway conducting ASW Qualification Phase I under the supervision of FTG Pearl Harbor.

15-18: The Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Team is aboard to conduct a training assist visit.

21-25: CHOSIN is underway conducting Intermediate Refresher Training with Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor.

28-31: The ship is underway in the Hawaiian OPAREAS conducting week 2 of REFTRA.

NOVEMBER

01: Week 2 of REFTRA concludes.

04-08: The ship is underway for the final week of REFTRA.

06: Two SM-2's are fired at drone targets. Both are evaluated as kills.

12: CHOSIN adopts the Sultan Easter Seal School as part of the Navy's Adopt-a-school program.

13-15: CHOSIN is underway conducting type training.

19-21: NWAT. The ship gets underway at 1500 on the 21st for type training in the Hawaiian OPAREAS.

DECEMBER

02-06: CHOSIN is inport Pearl Harbor undergoing MTT Phase I. On 03 DEC, a tour of the ship is given for approximately 150 survivors of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and their family members who have gathered in Hawaii to participate in the 50th anniversary memorial ceremony.

04: As part of the 50th anniversary, CHOSIN conducts tours for visiting VIP's including:

Rep. and Mrs. Ike Skelton (D-MO)

Rep. Bob Stump (R-AZ)

Rep. and Mrs. Bill Emerson (R-MO)

Rep. and Mrs. Dennis Hertel (D-MI)

Rep. and Mrs. Toby Roth (R-WI)
Rep. Dennis Eckart (D-OH)
Rep. and Mrs. Robert Dornan (R-CA)
Rep. and Mrs. J. P. Hammerschmidt (R-AZ)
Rep. Barbara Vucanovich (R-NV) and Mr. George
Vucanovich
Rep. and Mrs Richard Ray (D-GA)
Rep. and Mrs. Bernard Dwyer (D-NJ)
Rep. Frank Guarini (D-NJ)
Rep. and Mrs. Floyd Spence (D-SC)
Rep. Bill Orton (D-HI)
Mr. Donald Anderson, Chief Clerk of the House

07: At precisely 0800, CHOSIN passes in front of the USS ARIZONA Memorial as part of the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The ceremony is carried on national television, is hosted by ADM Charles R. Larsen, USCINCPAC, and is attended by President Bush.

11-12: NWAJ.

16-31: CHOSIN remains inport Pearl Harbor conducting a holiday leave/upkeep.

PART III

USS CHOSIN (CG 65)

COMMAND HISTORY

USS CHOSIN (CG 65) was placed in commission on 12 JAN 91 at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding Inc. in Pascagoula, MS by GEN Raymond G. Davis, USMC (RET). Additional members of the official party included the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Willa Knox Davis, and several senior Ingalls and military officials, and veterans of the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir (CHOSIN FEW). Reporting for duty as Commanding Officer was Martin J. Mayer, CAPT, USN. Total number in attendance was approximately 2500.

Following commissioning, USS CHOSIN left Pascagoula, MS, transitted the Panama Canal and enjoyed a port visit in San Diego, CA enroute to her homeport of Pearl Harbor, HI. USS CHOSIN arrived in Pearl Harbor on 14 FEB 1991. During her first year in commission, CHOSIN steamed in excess of 14,150 nautical miles, fired 584 rounds from the ship's two 5"/54 caliber gun mounts, 7400 rounds from her two 20mm CIWS mounts, and 11 standard missiles from the two vertical launchers.

Command emphasis during the first year was on crew training, systems certification, and a post shakedown availability. The first of the Baseline IV Aegis cruisers, CHOSIN possesses significant upgrades in her combat systems suite over prior cruisers of the class, including the first Mk 116 Mod 7 underwater battery fire control system and the first use of

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AN/UYK-43 computers in the combat systems suite. Additionally, CHOSIN was host to several hundred visitors (both official and unofficial) who were interested in seeing first-hand the capabilities of the newest ship and only AEGIS cruiser homeported in Pearl Harbor.

The Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials conducted February through May 1991 by Naval Ships Weapons Systems Engineering Station, Port Hueneme thoroughly tested all aspects of the combat systems and proved to be an unparalleled training evolution for the crew. Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor was instrumental in providing training in damage control and ship survivability. This superior level of training and systems knowledge was noted by the Board of Inspection and Survey during the conduct of Final Contractor Trials in June.

In September, CHOSIN was host to a visiting delegation of senior Soviet military officials touring military sites in Hawaii and the west coast of the United States. Soviet General-Colonel Kuvtunov, CINC, Far East TVD, and Admiral Charles R. Larson, USCINCPAC, lead the delegation of touring officials.

November marked the completion of the ship's first Intermediate Refresher Training conducted by Fleet Training Group, Pearl Harbor. Again, superior crew training resulted in CHOSIN subsequently being named as the FTG Pearl Harbor Star Performer for 1991.

In December, CHOSIN had the honor of being selected by USCINCPAC to participate in the memorial ceremony marking the

fiftieth anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Throughout the first week of December, CHOSIN was host to several hundred survivors of the attack and public officials who had gathered in Hawaii to commemorate the event. At precisely 0800 on 07 DEC 1991 with the crew smartly manning the rails, CHOSIN passed in front of the USS ARIZONA Memorial as colors was being held throughout all military activities in the Hawaiian islands. The ceremony, hosted by USCINCPAC, was attended by President Bush and carried live to a national television audience.