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(6) COMDESRON FIFTEEN 050024Z Jan 99  
(7) SEAHAWK article dtd 15 Jan 99  
(8) SEAHAWK article dtd 19 Feb 99  
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(12) SEAHAWK article dtd 07 May 99  
(13) SEAHAWK article dtd 14 May 99  
(14) SEAHAWK article dtd 21 May 99  
(15) COMFIFTHFLT 301620Z Jun 99  
(16) SEAHAWK article dtd 02 Jul 99  
(17) CTF FIVE ZERO 130950Z Jul 99  
(18) USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL 141730Z Jul 99  
(19) COMFIFTHFLT 151520Z Jul 99  
(20) CNO WASHINGTON DC 232201Z Jul 99  
(21) SEAHAWK article dtd 23 Jul 99  
(22) CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR 262239 Jul 99  
(23) COMSEVENTHFLT 290940Z Jul 99  
(24) SEAHAWK article dtd 15 Oct 99  
(25) CTF SEVEN ONE ZERO 021037Z Nov 99  
(26) CURTIS WILBUR 190540Z Nov 99  
(27) CURTIS WILBUR 022100Z Dec 99  
(28) USS CURTIS WILBUR Battle Efficiency Award  
Package  
(29) COMFIFTHFLT 301600Z Apr 00  
(30) CURTIS WILBUR 3 ½" UNCLASS Disk

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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (30) comprise the 1999 Calendar Year history of USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54).



E. J. QUINN

# USS CURTIS WILBUR COMMAND HISTORY 1999

## SECTION I

### COMMAND ORGANIZATION

1. Immediate Superior in Command:  
Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN  
01 January – 22 June CAPT J. F. Ferguson  
22 June – 31 December CAPT J. W. Stevenson
  
2. Commanding Officer, USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54)  
01 January – 11 January CDR M. J. Fischer  
11 January – 31 December CDR E. J. Quinn
  
3. Executive Officer  
01 January – 31 December LCDR C. F. Williams

## SECTION II

### DAILY CHRONOLOGY 1999

18DEC - 11JAN	IPT	STANDDOWN
11JAN	IPT	CDR E. J. QUINN ASSUMED COMMAND
13JAN - 15JAN	U/W	LTT
16JAN - 18JAN	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
19JAN - 21JAN	U/W	FEP
22JAN - 24JAN	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
25JAN - 28JAN	U/W	ENR HONG KONG
29JAN - 01 FEB	IPT	HONG KONG
01FEB - 06FEB	U/W	ENR YOKOSUKA, JA
06FEB - 16FEB	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
17FEB - 19FEB	U/W	ENR CHINHAЕ, ROK
18FEB	U/W	OS2 SCOTT PASSED
19FEB - 20FEB	IPT	CHINHAЕ, ROK
20FEB - 25FEB	U/W	SHAREM 127
25FEB - 01MAR	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
01MAR	ANC	AMMO ONLOAD
02MAR - 15MAR	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
09MAR - 10MAR	PRT	PRT 99-1
15MAR - 19MAR	U/W	ENR GUAM
19MAR - 20MAR	IPT	GUAM
20MAR - 03APR	U/W	MTX / TANDEM THRUST
03APR - 06APR	IPT	GUAM
06APR - 21APR	U/W	ENR ARABIAN GULF
22APR - 26APR	IPT	BAHRAIN
26APR - 28APR	U/W	MIO/VBSS
29APR - 03MAY	IPT	DUBAI, UAE
01MAY	IPT	CINCCENT RECEPTION
03MAY - 14MAY	U/W	MIO/VBSS
15MAY - 20MAY	U/W	NATIONAL TASKING
22MAY - 23MAY	IPT	BAHRAIN
24MAY - 06JUN	U/W	MIO/VBSS
06JUN - 07JUN	IPT	AL JUBAYL, SAUDI ARABIA
08JUN - 09JUN	U/W	NAUTICAL SWIMMER
10JUN	IPT	AL JUBAYL, SAUDI ARABIA
11JUN	U/W	ENR BAHRAIN
12JUN - 17JUN	IPT	BAHRAIN
17JUN - 25JUN	U/W	SHAREM 128
26JUN - 27JUN	U/W	ENR BAHRAIN
28JUN - 28JUN	IPT	BAHRAIN
29JUN	U/W	ENR ABU DHABI, UAE
01JUL - 03JUL	IPT	ABU DHABI, UAE
04JUL - 14JUL	U/W	ARABIAN GULF
14JUL	U/W	STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT
15JUL - 17JUL	U/W	GULF OF OMAN
17JUL	CDW	OUTCHOP C5F/INCHOP C7F
17JUL - 26JUL	U/W	ENR BUNBURY, AUS
19JUL	U/W	CROSSED EQUATOR SOUTHBOUND
27JUL - 31JUL	IPT	BUNBURY, AUS
01AUG - 09AUG	U/W	ENR PHATTAYA, THAILAND
10AUG - 14AUG	IPT	PHATTAYA, THAILAND
15AUG - 24AUG	U/W	ENR YOKOSUKA, JA
25AUG - 03OCT	IPT	POST-DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN, YOKOSUKA, JA
04OCT	IPT	FAST CRUISE
05OCT - 07SEP	U/W	SAGAMI WAN LTT
08OCT - 17OCT	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
12OCT - 15OCT	PRT	PRT 99-2
18OCT - 22OCT	U/W	ENR PUSAN, ROK
19OCT - 04NOV	U/W	FOAL EAGLE
23OCT - 25OCT	IPT	PUSAN, ROK
26OCT - 27OCT	U/W	FOAL EAGLE
28OCT	IPT	PUSAN, ROK
29OCT - 04NOV	U/W	FOAL EAGLE
05NOV - 23NOV	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA

15NOV - 19NOV	IPT	LMA/SMI YOKOSUKA, JA
24NOV	U/W	FAMILY DAY CRUISE
25NOV - 17DEC	IPT	YOKOSUKA, JA
29NOV - 10DEC	IPT	CSRR, YOKOSUKA, JA
16DEC	IPT	INSURV, YOKOSUKA, JA
17DEC - 31DEC	IPT	HOLIDAY STANDDOWN, YOKOSUKA, JA

## SECTION III

### NARRATIVE HISTORY 1999

USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54) began 1999 in a holiday leave and upkeep period. On 11 January, CDR E. J. Quinn relieved CDR. M. J. Fischer, assuming command of CURTIS WILBUR. The ship got underway on 13 January for Limited Team Trainer (LTT C, D, E) and returned to Yokosuka, Japan on 16 January. On 19 January, CURTIS WILBUR conducted the Final Evaluation Period (FEP) in the Philippine Sea for three days, returning to Yokosuka, Japan on 22 January. On 25 January, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Hong Kong via the Taiwan Straits and conducted a four-day port visit in Hong Kong from 29 January through 2 February.

On 2 February, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Yokosuka, Japan, arriving on 6 February. On 17 February, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Chinhae, R.O.K. to participate in SHAREM 127. SHAREM, a bilateral exercise conducted in the Sea of Japan with Republic of Korea surface ships and diesel submarines, tested anti-submarine warfare search tactics and sensor performance. After a Hot Wash-Up Conference in Chinhae, R.O.K., CURTIS WILBUR returned to Yokosuka, Japan on 26 February for pre-deployment conferences and training.

CURTIS WILBUR conducted the semi-annual Physical Readiness Test (PRT) on 9 and 10 March. On 15 March, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Guam, arriving on 19 March for a three-day port visit. On 19 March, CURTIS WILBUR observed its five-year anniversary. On 21 March, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Exercise TANDEM THRUST and Missile Firing Exercise 99-2. CURTIS WILBUR returned to Guam on 3 April for a three-day port visit.

On 6 April, in response to emergent national tasking, CURTIS WILBUR commenced a transit to the Arabian Gulf as part of the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) Battle Group to conduct a no-notice deployment. On 18 April, CURTIS WILBUR inchooped to Commander, FIFTH Fleet. On 20 April, CURTIS WILBUR transited the Strait of Hormuz into the Arabian Gulf. CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Bahrain on 22 April for a four-day port visit. On 26 April, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO), conducting the first of over 50 MIO boardings during deployment on 27 April. On 29 April, CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a four-day port visit.

On 1 May, CURTIS WILBUR hosted a reception for Commander-in-Chief, United States Central Command, General Anthony Zinni. Other guests included the American Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and

Commander, FIFTH Fleet. On 3 May, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for MIO Operations. From 15 May through 19 May, CURTIS WILBUR conducted operations in support of national tasking. On 22 May, CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Bahrain. After a two-day port visit, CURTIS WILBUR got underway to conduct additional MIO Operations.

On 6 June, CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia. On 7 June, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Exercise NAUTICAL SWIMMER. NAUTICAL SWIMMER, a bilateral exercise conducted in the Arabian Gulf with Royal Saudi surface ships and aircraft, tested surface and anti-submarine warfare search tactics and sensor performance. On 10 June, CURTIS WILBUR returned to Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia for a Hot Wash-up and luncheon. On 11 June, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Bahrain arriving on 12 June for a five-day port visit. On 17 June, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for SHAREM 128 in the Gulf of Oman, during which the Aegis destroyer became the first-ever ship to locate and track an Iranian Kilo-class diesel submarine. On 28 June, CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Bahrain for a two-day port visit. On 30 June, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, arriving on 1 July for a three-day port visit.



On 4 July, CURTIS WILBUR got under way en route the Northern Arabian Gulf for MIO Operations. On 14 July, CURTIS WILBUR transited the Strait of Hormuz outbound with the KITTY HAWK Battle Group. On 17 July, CURTIS WILBUR outchopped FIFTH Fleet and inchooped SEVENTH Fleet, steaming en route Bunbury, Australia. On 19 July, CURTIS WILBUR crossed the equator southbound and initiated “Wogs” into “Shellbacks” during the ship’s “Crossing the Line” Ceremony. CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Bunbury, Australia on 27 July for a five-day port visit.

On 1 August, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Phattaya Beach, Thailand. On 10 August, CURTIS WILBUR anchored in Phattaya Beach, Thailand for a five-day port visit. On 15 August, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Yokosuka, Japan. On 25 August, CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Yokosuka, Japan and commenced post-deployment standdown.

On 4 October, CURTIS WILBUR conducted Fast Cruise. On 5 October, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for LTT, returning to Yokosuka, Japan on 8 October. From 12 – 15 October, CURTIS WILBUR conducted its semi-annual PRT. On 18 October, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Exercise FOAL EAGLE. FOAL EAGLE, a bilateral, joint exercise with the Republic of Korea, involved every area of warfighting: air, land and sea.

CURTIS WILBUR served as Maritime Air Support Operations Center, maintaining continuous data link connectivity in order to achieve battlespace dominance. The culmination of CURTIS WILBUR's Air Warfare efforts was the highly-successful completion of the first-ever, over-water, live-firing of Hellfire Missiles from United States Sixth Cavalry Apache helicopters against a remotely-controlled surface target. During FOAL EAGLE, CURTIS WILBUR conducted two port visits to Pusan, R. O. K, from 24 – 25 October and from 28 – 29 October. On 29 October, CURTIS WILBUR got underway en route Yokosuka, Japan.

CURTIS WILBUR arrived in Yokosuka, Japan on 5 November.

CURTIS WILBUR conducted Supply Management Inspection (SMI) and Logistics Management Assessment (LMA) from 15 – 19 November. On 24 November, CURTIS WILBUR got underway for Family Cruise, returning to Yokosuka, Japan later the same day. CURTIS WILBUR conducted Combat Systems Readiness Review from 29 November through 10 December.

On 16 December, CURTIS WILBUR conducted INSURV. On 17 December, CURTIS WILBUR commenced holiday leave and upkeep period.