

USS DECATUR (DDG-73) COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT

Overview:

During 2016, DECATUR completed the training cycle for Independent Deployers, passed Mid-Cycle INSURV, and in April deployed as part of the Pacific Surface Action Group (PACSAG) with USS MOMSEN and USS SPRUANCE. DECATUR was OPCON to COMDESRON 31 and COMTHIRDFLT throughout the deployment, although there were periods of time when DECATUR was under the tactical control (TACON) of COMDESRON 15 and CTF-70.

The primary purpose of the PACSAG deployment was to provide presence in the South and East China Seas and the Sea of Japan. The Navy also tested several command and control concepts: distributed lethality, THIRD Fleet Forward, and the up-gunned ESG. DECATUR routinely conducted patrols of the COMSEVENTHFLT Area of Responsibility while under OPCON of COMTHIRDFLT, either with SPRUANCE or MOMSEN, or independently.

This deployment was unusual for DECATUR in that we did not spend the majority of time conducting Ballistic Missile Defense. It was a welcome change for the crew, who was able to conduct operations in Integrated Air and Missile Defense, Surface Warfare, and Anti-Submarine Warfare. None-the-less, while conducting operations in the Sea of Japan in September, DECATUR tracked three North Korean Ballistic Missiles.

Integrated Air and Missile Defense:

From April to July DECATUR carried out duties as the Air and Missile Defense Commander for the PACSAG, conducting eight Small Force Training (SFT) scenarios involving integration with non-organic air assets from the Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps. DECATUR was able to

establish communications and control aircraft from the various services, but more coordination needs to be done if future employment involves using the aircraft short-notice to conduct defense of the SAG.

Surface Warfare:

On the Surface Warfare front, DECATUR conducted patrols in the South China Sea, East China Sea, Sea of Japan, and the Korean Theater of Operations (KTO). While in the South China Sea, DECATUR routinely had one or more People's Republic of China Army Navy (PLAN) ships nearby. DECATUR conducted seven operations in the vicinity of politically sensitive areas and in October DECATUR participated in one special transit.

DECATUR also located one vessel of interest in the South China Sea and conducted high value unit escort in the Sea of Japan.

Anti-Submarine Warfare:

DECATUR conducted several anti-submarine operations and participated in SHAREM-J 186 with Japan. Although the SHAREM was curtailed due to a typhoon in the area, we were able to conduct valuable training with two Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Ships, concentrating on controlling aircraft, to include P-8s and MH-60Rs.

Cyber/Electronic Warfare:

DECATUR operated in all parts of the electro-magnetic spectrum. Particular areas worth noting were the work by the Radio Shack to hone skills tuning high frequency (HF) radios and the use of secondary frequencies to keep the three ships in contact despite differences in equipment and range. The Radio Shack assisted COMDESRON 31 N6 and team in keeping the ships in communication.

Exercises:

In addition to SHAREM, DECATUR conducted three PASSEXes. PASSEXes included DIVTACs and LINK exercises with the Republic of Korea Navy, the French Navy, and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. The exercises allowed the junior officers to get a good taste of tactical maneuvering and talking on the radio.

Command and Control:

Beginning in July, DECATUR assumed duties as COMDESRON 31 flagship by embarking CAPT Johnson and a dozen members of his staff. The DESRON stood up the Staff Tactical Action Officer watch in DECATUR's CIC, which was augmented by DECATUR's Plans and Tactics Officer and Fire Control Officer. It was a fairly seamless transition, however, there were times when the DESRON was embarked when DECATUR was TACON to DESRON 15 under CTF-70. During this period, the DESRON would continue planning and would interact with MOMSEN and SPRUANCE if they were still TACON to DESRON 31. It was a positive experience having the DESRON embarked, both from a tactical perspective, but also so they could plan events and discuss issues with COMTHIRDFLT.

In October, DECATUR participated the second stage of the "Up-Gunned" Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) with the BOHOME RICHARD ESG. The "Up Gunned" ESG incorporated distributed lethality tactics into an ESG which provides greater flexibility to warfare commanders in the ever changing warfare environment. DECATUR was TACON to CTF-76 and participated in basic drills such as communications and LINK exercises.

Professional Development / MWR:

Over 120 Sailors earned their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Qualification and 12 officers earned their Surface Warfare Officer

pin. The qualifications were numerous: 5 Tactical Action Officers, 15 Underway Officers of the Deck, 6 Combat Systems Coordinators, 15 CIC Watch Officers, 1 Ballistic Missile Defense Officer, 5 Air Warfare Coordinators, 8 Surface Warfare Coordinators and 18 Anti-Terrorism Watch Officers.

Time to relax was also critical to the crew's well-being. Some of the favorite activities were steel beach picnics and swim call. DECATUR also crossed the equator and inducted the slimy pollywogs into the ranks of Trusty Shellbacks. The ship's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Committee held the ship's annual picnic in Sasebo, Japan, with Plans and Tactics Department winning the Captain's Cup.

DECATUR also conducted a Tiger Cruise from Hawaii to San Diego. Over 40 tigers embarked the ship to sail home with their loved ones. During this time, the ship conducted events to include gunshots and small boat ops so family and friends could see what ship-life was like. Despite heavy seas, the Tiger Cruise was a success.

Post-deployment:

On 18 November, DECATUR held a Change of Command Ceremony where CDR Hays relieved CDR Miller in a ceremony held on the flight deck. DECATUR finished out the year by conducting an assessment of shipboard equipment and systems (READ E-2) and preparing to enter the shipyard.

USS DECATUR (DDG 73)**JAN16-DEC16 EVENTS**

2016-01-01 - 2016-03-07	USS DECATUR in Integrated Phase
2016-01-03	MISHAP Off-duty ATV accident
2016-01-06	MISHAP Motor vehicle accident
2016-01-06	MISHAP Class Charlie fire #2 Switchboard
2016-01-11 - 2016-01-15	BMDEX (Ballistic Missile Defense Exercise) 16-04
2016-01-11 - 2016-02-05	Readiness Evaluation 7
2016-01-19 - 2016-01-21	3M 1.4
2016-01-24	MISHAP Arm Injury
2016-01-25 - 2016-01-30	Weapons On-load Seal Beach, CA
2016-02-02 - 2016-02-05	Type Commander Material Inspection (TMI)
2016-02-05	MISHAP Motorcycle Accident
2016-02-12	Command Party
2016-02-15 - 2016-02-25	Fleet Synthetic Training - Joint (FST-J)
2016-02-26 - 2016-03-08	Independent Deployer Certification Exercise
2016-03-02	Naval Surface Fire Support Firing Exercise
2016-03-04	MISHAP Class Alpha fire Main Engine Room 1
2016-03-07 - 2016-04-19	Ship Enters Sustainment Phase
2016-03-09 - 2016-03-11	Mid-Cycle Inspection (MCI)
2016-03-14 - 2016-04-11	Pre-deployment POM
2016-03-17	MISHAP Motorcycle Accident
2016-03-24	MISHAP Service-member fell down ladderwell
2016-04-02	MISHAP Service-member knee injury
2016-04-14 - 2016-04-15	Ballistic Missile Defense 4.0.3 training
2016-04-19 - 2016-11-14	Deployment 2016 (Pacific Surface Action Group)
2016-04-19 - 2016-04-25	DGSIT
2016-04-21	MISHAP electrical shock
2016-04-25 - 2016-04-27	Port visit Pearl Harbor, HI

2016-05-02	MISHAP Electrical shock
2016-05-05	USAF B-52 Photoex
2016-05-07 - 2016-05-11	Port visit Yokosuka, Japan
2016-05-12 - 2016-06-05	Philippine Sea and Sea of Japan patrol
2016-05-15	French and ROKN PASSEX
2016-05-16	Small Force Training Event
2016-05-17	MISHAP Service-member head injury
2016-05-17 - 2016-05-19	Port Visit Busan, South Korea
2016-05-25	Republic of Korea PASSEX
2016-05-28	MISHAP Service-member head injury
2016-06-01 - 2016-07-25	Midshipmen Summer Cruise
2016-06-02 - 2016-06-04	Port visit Sasebo, Japan
2016-06-06 - 2016-06-14	South China Sea patrol
2016-06-08	Enlisted Promotion Ceremony
2016-06-09	Taiwan Strait Transit
2016-06-14	MISHAP Inadvertent Deluge
2016-06-16	Philippine Sea transit
2016-06-19 - 2016-06-30	South China Sea patrol
2016-06-27	MISHAP Service-member fell down ladderwell
2016-07-02 - 2016-07-11	Port visit to Changi, Singapore/Voyage Repairs
2016-07-11 - 2016-08-17	South China Sea patrol
2016-07-13	Crossing the Line Ceremony
2016-07-21	Intercepted Vessel of Interest
2016-07-24	Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef
2016-07-26	MISHAP Service-member fell down ladderwell
2016-07-27	Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef
2016-07-28 - 2016-11-03	COMDESRON THREE-ONE Embarks
2016-07-31	Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef
2016-08-03	Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

2016-08-08	Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef
2016-08-19 - 2016-08-21	Port visit to Sasebo, Japan
2016-08-22 - 2016-08-26	SHAREM-J 186
2016-08-27 - 2016-08-30	Port visit to Sasebo, Japan
2016-08-29 - 2016-09-16	Sea of Japan patrol
2016-09-12	MISHAP Electrical Shock
2016-09-14	Brief stop for fuel in Sasebo, Japan
2016-09-16	Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony
2016-09-17 - 2016-09-20	Sea of Japan patrol
2016-09-21 - 2016-09-24	Port visit to Sasebo, Japan
2016-09-25 - 2016-10-10	South China Sea patrol
2016-09-26	MISHAP Service-member fell down ladderwell
2016-10-01	Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef
2016-10-03 - 2016-10-07	Readiness Evaluation 1
2016-10-07 - 2016-10-11	Port visit to Hong Kong, China
2016-10-12 - 2016-11-02	South China Sea and Philippine Sea Patrol
2016-10-13 - 2016-10-15	BONHOMME RICHARD ARG and PACSAG Integration
2016-10-21	Transit in vicinity of Paracels Islands
2016-11-03 - 2016-11-08	Port visit to Pearl Harbor, HI
2016-11-09 - 2016-11-13	Tiger Cruise commences
2016-11-13	Sustainment phase begins
2016-11-14	Return to San Diego from deployment
2016-11-18	Change of Command Ceremony
2016-11-19 - 2016-12-04	Return from deployment POM 1 commences
2016-12-05 - 2016-12-09	Ballistic Missile Defense Exercise 17-03
2016-12-09	Enlisted Promotion Ceremony
2016-12-12 - 2016-12-16	Readiness Evaluation 2
2016-12-18	MISHAP Motor Vehicle Accident

2016-12-20 - 2017-01-05

Return from deployment POM 2

**USS DECATUR (DDG-73)
CHRONOLOGY NARRATIVE**

2016-01-01 - 2016-03-07 USS DECATUR in Integrated Phase

Narrative: DECATUR began the year homeported in Naval Base San Diego (NBSD) in the Integrated Phase with all certifications except Electronic Warfare (EW), Cryptologic Warfare (CRY), Undersea Warfare (USW), Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS), and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD).

2016-01-03 MISHAP Off-duty ATV accident

Narrative: Male E4 was rolled over while on an ATV and broke collar bone.

2016-01-06 MISHAP Motor vehicle accident

Narrative: Male E7 was rear ended while waiting in traffic at NBSD gate.

2016-01-06 MISHAP Class Charlie fire #2 Switchboard

Narrative: In port NBSD, contractors were conducting system calibration on NR 2 Switchboard when the ammeter began to spark and catch fire. Switchboard was electrically isolated and fire self-extinguished. No personnel casualties.

2016-01-11 - 2016-01-15 BMDEX (Ballistic Missile Defense Exercise) 16-04

Narrative: In port NBSD, BMDEX 16-04 was DECATUR's final BMD warfare certification event. DECATUR acted as the Ballistic Missile Defense Commander (BMDC) in scenarios based in FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleet.

2016-01-11 - 2016-02-05 Readiness Evaluation 7

Narrative: Period of time in the FRTP used for preparations for and actual Type Command Material inspection. The final READ-E 7 report from CNSP gave DECATUR a score of 0.75 which was below class average and place DECATUR on a "high risk" of not meeting MCI average.

2016-01-19 - 2016-01-21 3M 1.4

Narrative: Conducted the final 3M Certification event with Afloat training Group (ATG) San Diego.

2016-01-24 MISHAP Arm Injury

Narrative: Male E4 broke his wrist while operating an antenna crank.

2016-01-25 - 2016-01-30 Weapons On-load Seal Beach, CA

Narrative: Conducted the deployment load-out at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. Onloaded 46 Standard missiles, 38 TLAMs, 8 harpoons, and 6 Nulkas.

2016-02-02 - 2016-02-05 Type Commander Material Inspection (TMI)

Narrative: TMI was assessed by CNSP as the final event to READ-E 7. A three day event with one underway day in the SOCAL OPAREA. DECATUR scored 0.75 which was below class average and placed DECATUR on a "high risk" of not meeting MCI average. Below are the final assessed area scores:

		SELF ASSESSEMENT	RE-7
DEMONSTRATIONS	FULL POWER		0.00
	QUICK REVERSALS		0.80
	STEERING		0.95
	ANCHORING		0.84
	AREA DEFENSE DTE		0.90
	SELF DEFENSE DTE		0.84
	UNDERSEA WARFARE DTE		0.95
	BMD DEMO	NOT ASSESSED	0.59
FUNCTIONAL AREAS	PROPULSION (MP)		0.52
	AUXILIARIES (AX)		0.74
	ELECTRICAL (EL)		0.73
	DAMAGE CONTROL (DC)		0.55
	DECK (DK)		0.61
	AEGIS WEAPONS SYSTEM (AWS)		0.79
	OPERATIONS (OP)		0.88
	NAVIGATION (NV)		0.88
	UNDERSEA WARFARE (USW)		0.89
	WEAPONS (WP)		0.77
	COMMUNICATIONS (CC)		0.91
	INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)		0.66
	AVIATION (AV)		0.59
	SUPPLY (SP)		0.86

HABITABILITY (HB)		0.79
NAVOSH (OH)		0.86
VENTILATION (VT)		0.80
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (EP)		0.67
MEDICAL (MD)		0.96

2016-02-05 MISHAP Motorcycle Accident

Narrative: Male E5 was hit by a civilian vehicle while changing lanes.

2016-02-12 Command Party

Narrative: Annual holiday party in December 2015 was cancelled due to tasking from THRID Fleet. DECATUR's hosted a pre-deployment Command Party in Mission Bay San Diego, CA

2016-02-15 - 2016-02-25 Fleet Synthetic Training - Joint (FST-J)

Narrative: Participated in BMD centric exercise with Tactical Training Group-Pacific. FST-J was the BMD certification event for multiple Yokosuka based DDGs.

2016-02-26 - 2016-03-08 Independent Deployer Certification Exercise (IDCERTEX)

Narrative: DECATUR along with COMDESRON THREE-ONE, MOMSEN, and SPRUANCE conducted their final certification event prior to deployment. IDCERTEX took place in the Southern California (SOCAL) Operation Area (OPAREA). During this time DECATUR was evaluated by CARRIER STRIKE GROUP FIFTEEN on missions such as Air Warfare, Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS), Special Mission Ship (SMS) Protection, Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW), Opposed Replenishment at Sea, and Cryptology.

2016-03-02 Naval Surface Fire Support Firing Exercise

Narrative: Attempted for the second time to certify in NSFS. DECATUR had a range violation and the exercise was called off.

2016-03-04 MISHAP Class Alpha fire Main Engine Room 1

Narrative: Underway in the SOCAL OPEARA lagging on bleed air piping in Main Engine Room 1 began to smoke. No damage to personnel or equipment.

2016-03-07 - 2016-04-19 Ship Enters Sustainment Phase

Narrative: Upon successfully completing IDCERTEX, DECATUR began the Sustainment Phase of the FRTP.

2016-03-09 - 2016-03-11 Mid-Cycle Inspection

Narrative: Conducted Mid-Cycle Inspection in port Naval Base San Diego with an one day underway portion in SOCAL OPAREA. Inspection was conducted by INSURV and CNSP TMI inspectors. DECATUR scored an overall 0.78 and within the class average. Functional area scores are below:

		RE-7	MCI
DEMONSTRATIONS	FULL POWER	0.00	0.00
	QUICK REVERSALS	0.80	0.59
	STEERING	0.95	0.95
	ANCHORING	0.84	0.84
	AREA DEFENSE DTE	0.90	0.95
	SELF DEFENSE DTE	0.84	0.95
	UNDERSEA WARFARE DTE	0.95	0.90
	BMD DEMO	0.59	0.58
FUNCTIONAL AREAS	PROPULSION (MP)	0.52	0.60
	AUXILIARIES (AX)	0.74	0.70
	ELECTRICAL (EL)	0.73	0.82
	DAMAGE CONTROL (DC)	0.55	0.69
	DECK (DK)	0.61	0.78
	AEGIS WEAPONS SYSTEM (AWS)	0.79	0.79
	OPERATIONS (OP)	0.88	0.96
	NAVIGATION (NV)	0.88	0.91
	UNDERSEA WARFARE (USW)	0.89	0.91
	WEAPONS (WP)	0.77	0.87
	COMMUNICATIONS (CC)	0.91	0.94
	INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IS)	0.66	0.86
	AVIATION (AV)	0.59	0.76
	SUPPLY (SP)	0.86	0.80
	HABITABILITY (HB)	0.79	0.84
	NAVOSH (OH)	0.86	0.59
	VENTILATION (VT)	0.80	0.80
	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (EP)	0.67	0.81

MEDICAL (MD)	0.96	0.93
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2016-03-14 - 2016-04-11 Pre-deployment POM

Narrative: Conducted two periods of pre-deployment leave for the entire crew.

2016-03-17 MISHAP Motorcycle Accident

Narrative: Male E4 was attempting to lane-split and was hit by a civilian vehicle.

2016-03-24 MISHAP Service-member fell down ladder well

Narrative: Male E3 slipped on a ladder and fell down shaft alley escape trunk.

2016-04-02 MISHAP Service-member knee injury

Narrative: Male E4 suffered a sprained knee after an altercation where another male fell on knee.

2016-04-14 - 2016-04-15 Ballistic Missile Defense 4.0.3 training

Narrative: Upgraded BMD baseline to BMD 4.0.3. Training was provided by Missile Defense Agency and NSWC Dahlgren to DECATUR's TAOs, BMDOs, CSCs, and RSCs.

2016-04-19 - 2016-11-14 Deployment 2016

Narrative: Deployed with COMDESRON THREE ONE, USS MOMSEN, and USS SPRUANCE as part of the maiden Pacific Surface Action Group (PACSAG). Command, THIRD Fleet retained Operational Control (OPCON) for the majority of the deployment, a practice that hasn't been executed since World War II. On deployment, the PACSAG exercised distributed lethality practices throughout the western pacific.

2016-04-19 - 2016-04-25 DGSIT

Narrative: Team of Government Civilians and Contractors from SPAWAR conducted a groom of the ships comms and link suites.

2016-04-21 MISHAP electrical shock

Narrative: Male E4 received electrical shock while troubleshooting a door alarm.

2016-04-25 - 2016-04-27 Port visit Pearl Harbor, HI

Narrative: Conducted a port visit in Pearl Harbor in transit to SEVENTH Fleet. During the port visit, DECATUR conducted pre-deployment meetings with COMDESRON THREE ONE, MOMSEN, and SPRUANCE. DECATUR on loaded four additional standard missiles.

2016-05-02 MISHAP Electrical shock

Narrative: Male E4 suffered electrical shock while troubleshooting a speaker amplifier.

2016-05-05 USAF B-52 Photoex

Narrative: Conducted a photo exercise with a USAF B-52 and USS Momsen.

2016-05-07 - 2016-05-11 Port visit Yokosuka, Japan

Narrative: Conducted a brief stop in Yokosuka to on load three additional standard missiles.

2016-05-12 - 2016-06-05 Philippine Sea and Sea of Japan(SOJ) patrol

Narrative: Conducted ASW under CTF-74 (Theatre ASW) in the Philippine Sea with USS MOMSEN. While in the SOJ conducted TRILAT Passex with South Korea and French navies.

2016-05-15 French and ROKN PASSEX

Narrative: Conducted a PASSEX with French Navy and Republic of Korea Navy ships. Events include DIVTACS and Photoex.

2016-05-17 MISHAP Service-member head injury

Narrative: Male O1 lacerated head on coaming while walking through passage way.

2016-05-17 - 2016-05-19 Port visit Busan, South Korea

Narrative: DECATUR and MOMSEN conducted port visit in Busan, South Korea. During this time there were planning events and social gatherings to support the upcoming Korean PASSEX.

2016-05-25 Republic of Korea PASSEX

Narrative: DECATUR and MOMSEN conducted a PASSEX with the ROKN including VBSS drills, Air Defense, LNO Exchanges, and a BMD scenario

2016-05-28 MISHAP Service-member head injury

Narrative: Male O1 lacerated head on valve hand wheel while walking through a passageway

2016-06-01 - 2016-07-25 Midshipmen Summer Cruise

Narrative: Embarked a total of 32 midshipmen over two phases as part of their commissioning training pipeline.

2016-06-02 - 2016-06-04 Port visit Sasebo, Japan

Narrative: Conducted brief port visit in Sasebo with MOMSEN. Conducted repairs to NR3 Generator Colling Fan.

2016-06-06 - 2016-06-14 South China Sea patrol

Narrative: After departing Sasebo, DECATUR and MOMSEN proceeded directly west and conducted a Taiwan Strait Transit. Once in the South China Sea, DECATUR and MOMSEN conducted TASW ops.

2016-06-08 Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Narrative: The following were promoted during an underway promotion ceremony.

E-4 PROMOTION:

1. HM3 [REDACTED]
2. GM3 [REDACTED]
3. GM3 [REDACTED]
4. MM3 [REDACTED]
5. MR3 [REDACTED]
6. IT3 [REDACTED]
7. CS3 [REDACTED]
8. CTR3 [REDACTED]
9. STG3 [REDACTED]
10. QM3 [REDACTED]
11. GSM3 [REDACTED]

E-5 PROMOTION:

1. GM2 [REDACTED]
2. GSM2 [REDACTED]
3. PS2 [REDACTED]
4. GM2 [REDACTED]
5. CTR2 [REDACTED]
6. BM2 [REDACTED]
7. ET2 [REDACTED]
8. FC2 [REDACTED]
9. GSM2 [REDACTED]
10. MM2 [REDACTED]
11. OS2 [REDACTED]
12. OS2 [REDACTED]

E-6 PROMOTION:

1. GSE1 [REDACTED]
2. STG1 [REDACTED]
3. STG1 [REDACTED]

E-8 PROMOTION:

1. OSCS [REDACTED]
2. STGCS [REDACTED]

2016-06-09 Taiwan Strait Transit

Narrative: Conducted Taiwan Strait Transit with USS Momsen

2016-06-14 MISHAP Inadvertent Deluge

Narrative: Due to a valve failure DECATUR inadvertently deluged a SM-2 in AFT VLS. Preliminary investigation was conducted with no fault found.

2016-06-16 Philippine Sea transit

Narrative: Transited north with MOMSEN to conduct a SAG vs SAG with the JMSDF. DECATUR was turned around and directed to proceed back to the South China Sea for presence operations.

2016-06-19 - 2016-06-30 South China Sea patrol

Narrative: Directed to the South China Sea to maintain a presence and to conduct transits around contested islands.

2016-06-27 MISHAP Service-member fell down ladder well

Narrative: Male E4 fell down ladder well and chipped tooth.

2016-07-02 - 2016-07-11 Port visit to Changi, Singapore

Narrative: DECATUR along with MOMSEN and SPRUANCE conducted a port visit to Changi, Singapore. In Changi, DECATUR conducted their week long voyage repairs.

2016-07-11 - 2016-08-17 South China Sea patrol

Narrative: Departed Singapore and transited to the South China Sea. DECATUR then operated with the RONALD REAGAN Strike Group and was tasked with ASW OPS. DECATUR was also tasked and executed locating a vessel of interest in the South China Sea. COMDESRON THREE ONE embarked DECATUR and remained there until completion of deployment.

2016-07-13 Crossing the Line Ceremony

Narrative: Conducted Crossing the Line Ceremony to cleanse the ship of all pollywogs.

2016-07-16 Swim Call

Narrative: Conducted swim call in the South China Sea.

2016-07-21 Intercepted Vessel of Interest

Narrative: Tasked and executed to located and intercept a national vessel of interest.

2016-07-24 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea.

2016-07-26 MISHAP Service-member fell down ladder well

Narrative: Male E5 fell down ladder well.

2016-07-27 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea.

2016-07-28 - 2016-11-03 COMDESRON THREE-ONE Embarks

Narrative: CDRE Charles Johnson and his staff embark DECATUR for the remainder of the PACSAG Deployment.

2016-07-31 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea with USS Momsen.

2016-08-03 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea with USS Momsen.

2016-08-08 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea.

2016-08-03 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea with USS Spruance.

2016-08-19 - 2016-08-21 Port visit to Sasebo, Japan

Narrative: Conducted port visit to Sasebo to conduct a pre-sail conference for SHAREM-J 186 with the JMSFD.

2016-08-22 - 2016-08-26 SHAREM-J 186

Narrative: DECATUR and MOMSEN participated in the ASW exercise SHAREM-J 186. The exercise took place in the Philippine Sea. During the event DECATUR controlled multiple MH-60's, P-8's and JMSDF P-3's.

2016-08-27 - 2016-08-30 Port visit to Sasebo, Japan

Narrative: Conducted port visit for debrief and lessons learned of SHAREM-J 186 with the JMSDF.

2016-08-29 - 2016-09-16 Sea of Japan patrol

Narrative: Tasked to conduct protection of a High Value Unit (HVV) in the Sea of Japan. During this time, DECATUR tracked multiple North Korean missiles.

2016-09-12 MISHAP Electrical Shock

Narrative: Male E4 suffered electrical shock from rack fan.

2016-09-14 Brief stop for fuel in Sasebo, Japan

Narrative: Moored in Sasebo for fuel due to lack of oiler available in the Sea of Japan.

2016-09-16 Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony

Narrative: Pinned the follow Chief's in transit to the Sea of Japan:

1. GSMC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
2. HMC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
3. HTC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
4. ICC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
5. LSC [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2016-09-17 - 2016-09-20 Sea of Japan patrol

Narrative: Continued with HVU protection in the Sea of Japan until relieved by USS SHILOH.

2016-09-21 - 2016-09-24 Port visit to Sasebo, Japan

Narrative: Conducted a brief stop in Sasebo, Japan for fuel and stores prior to departing for SCS OPS.

2016-09-25 - 2016-10-10 South China Sea patrol

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in the South China Sea.

2016-09-26 MISHAP Service-member fell down ladder well

Narrative: Male E4 fell down ladder well and rolled ankle.

2016-10-01 Transit in vicinity of Scarborough Reef

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Operations in vicinity of Scarborough Reef, South China Sea.

2016-10-03 - 2016-10-07 Readiness Evaluation 1

Narrative: Conducted READ-E 1 as part of the FRTP. Highlighted key manning, school, and NEC shortfalls prior to the Maintenance and Basic phase.

2016-10-07 - 2016-10-11 Port visit to Hong Kong, China

Narrative: Conducted port visit in Hong Kong, China by mooring to a buoy. The officers had a reception at the American club along with COMREL's and MWR Tours.

2016-10-12 - 2016-11-02 South China Sea and Philippine Sea patrol

Narrative: Conducted Pacific Presence Ops in the South China Sea. Exercised "Up-Gunned" ESG white paper with the BOHOMME RICHARD Expeditionary Strike Group. Conducted Freedom of Navigation transit on Paracels. Exited the South China Sea through the San Bernardino Strait.

2016-10-13 - 2016-10-15 BONHOMME RICHARD ARG and PACSAG Integration

Narrative: Executive the first phase of the "Up-Gunned ESG" White paper. DECATUR and SPRUANCE operated with the BOHOMME ROCHARD ESG (USS Bonhomme Richard and USS Green Bay) in EMATTEX's, PHOTOEX, HVU Defense, SCAR, TLAM-Call for fires, and an Air Defense exercise.

2016-10-21 Transit in vicinity of Paracels Island

Narrative: Conducted Freedom of Navigation Operations in vicinity of Paracels Islands, South China Sea.

2016-11-03 - 2016-11-08 Port visit to Pearl Harbor, HI

Narrative: Brief stop in Pearl Harbor, HI for fuel, stores, and embark Tiger Cruise participants.

2016-11-09 - 2016-11-13 Tiger Cruise commences

Narrative: Embarked 42 friends and family of the crew for the transit back to San Diego.

2016-11-13 Sustainment phase begins

Narrative: End of deployment signed the start of the Sustainment phase of the FRTP.

2016-11-14 Return to San Diego from deployment

Narrative: Returned from 7 month PACSAG deployment to NBSD.

2016-11-18 Change of Command Ceremony

Narrative: CDR Mary K. Hayes relieved CDR Garret H. Miller of command onboard DECATUR at NBSD.

2016-11-19 - 2016-12-04 Return from deployment POM 1 commences

Narrative: Began post-deployment leave period for half of the crew.

2016-12-05 - 2016-12-09 Ballistic Missile Defense Exercise 17-03

Narrative: Conducted quarterly BMDEX requirement as part of the Sustainment phase.

2016-12-09 Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Narrative: The following sailors were promoted onboard DECATUR at NBSD:

E-4 PROMOTION:

1. BM3 [REDACTED]
2. BM3 [REDACTED]
3. BM3 [REDACTED]
4. CTM3 [REDACTED]
5. CTT3 [REDACTED]
6. CTT3 [REDACTED]
7. EM3 [REDACTED]
8. EM3 [REDACTED]
9. GSE3 [REDACTED]
10. GSE3 [REDACTED]
11. GSE3 [REDACTED]
12. IT3 [REDACTED]
13. LS3 [REDACTED]
14. YN3 [REDACTED]

E-5 PROMOTION:

1. CTR2 [REDACTED]
2. FC2 [REDACTED]
3. OS2 [REDACTED]
4. STG2 [REDACTED]
5. CTT2 [REDACTED]
6. BM2 [REDACTED]
7. GSE2 [REDACTED]
8. OS2 [REDACTED]
9. FC2 [REDACTED]
10. GSM2 [REDACTED]
11. FC2 [REDACTED]
12. ET2 [REDACTED]
13. GM2 [REDACTED]
14. FC2 [REDACTED]
15. FC2 [REDACTED]

E-6 PROMOTION:

1. FC1 [REDACTED]
2. FC1 [REDACTED]
3. BM1 [REDACTED]
4. GM1 [REDACTED]
5. FC1 [REDACTED]
6. FC1 [REDACTED]
7. CTR1 [REDACTED]
8. FC1 [REDACTED]

Narrative: Conducted READ-E 2 as part of the F RTP. DECATUR was evaluated by CNSP assessors.

2016-12-18 MISHAP Motor Vehicle Accident

Narrative: Male E4 and girlfriend were in severe car accident and hospitalized for multiple days.

2016-12-20 - 2017-01-05 Return from deployment POM 2 commences

Narrative: Conducted post-deployment leave for second half of the crew.

The Narrative should amplify information included in the Chronology. For example, if Naval Gunfire Support is recorded in the Chronology, provide types and amount of ordnance deployed, the mission results, and reloading logistical effort in the Narrative. Include detail such as miles steamed, awards earned by the command and individuals, and personnel and materiel casualty information such as brief descriptions of accidents, assaults, suicides, hazardous material, and disciplinary reports. Attach documents in Supporting Reports for reference as necessary.
