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USS DENVER (LPD-9) 1974 COMMAND HISTORY

The beginning of the 1974 Calendar Year found DENVER moored to Navy Pier, White Beach, Buckner Bay, Okinawa. DENVER was the Flagship for COMPHIBFOR-SEVENTHFLT, Rear Admiral A. W. PRICE, USN at that time. On 4 January 1974 DENVER got underway from White Beach and proceeded to Tsoying, Taiwan where she anchored on 5 January to deliver LVT's to the Chinese Navy. The ship got underway on 6 January and entered Hong Kong Harbor on 7 January. There she moored to Bowu One and commenced a 4 day liberty visit.

DENVER departed Hong Kong Harbor on 11 January and proceeded to Subic Bay, RPI where she anchored on the evening of 13 January. On the morning of 14 January the ship got underway and moored to Alava Pier at the U.S. Naval Station in Subic Bay for upkeep. On 23 January DENVER got underway from Subic Bay enroute to Buckner Bay, Okinawa where she moored to Navy Pier at White Beach on 26 January. The ship got underway on 27 January and proceeded to Po Hang, Korea in company with USS WORDEN (DLG-18), USS TUSCALOOSA (LST-1187), USS BAGLEY (DE-1066) and USS SCHENECTADY (LST-1185). She anchored on 29 January in waters off Po Hang, Korea, got underway on 30 January and proceeded to take part in Operation FLYAWAY. Exercise FLYAWAY involved various amphibious operations conducted in severe cold weather off the Eastern Coast of Korea. Operation FLYAWAY was concluded on 7 February when DENVER got underway for Buckner Bay, Okinawa and moored to Navy Pier, White Beach on 9 February.

On 10 February COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT transferred his flag to the USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) while DENVER and JUNEAU were both moored to Navy Pier, White Beach. The 11th of February found DENVER underway to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in company with USS SCHENECTADY (LST-1185) and USS TUSCALOOSA (LST-1187). On 23 February she moored to Kilo Pier in Hawaii, got underway eight hours later with the USS TUSCALOOSA (LST-1187), and proceeded to her homeport in San Diego, California. DENVER arrived in San Diego on the 2nd of March and moored to Pier 8 at the United States Naval Station.

The ship got underway for local operations on the 1st of April and returned to San Diego on 4 April. She was also underway for local operations on 4 June and returned to San Diego on 6 June.

On 13 June DENVER embarked 325 Naval Academy Midshipmen for a NATRONPAC cruise, and on 17 June got underway for local operations. The ship returned to San Diego on 21 June and on 24 June proceeded to San Francisco, California. She moored at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland on 26 June and commenced a four day port visit. DENVER departed San Francisco on 1 July and proceeded to Seattle, Washington where she arrived on 3 July and moored to Pier 91. After 4 1/2 days of enjoyable liberty in Seattle, the ship got underway to return to San Diego where she arrived on 12 July and moored to Pier 6 at the United States Naval Station. On 15 July DENVER got underway for Camp Pendelton where she conducted amphibious operations. The ship returned to San Diego on the afternoon of 17 July. DENVER was underway again on 22 July and returned to San Diego on 23 July. On 24 July the Midshipmen departed USS DENVER.

Captain Harry T. JENKINS, Jr., USN relieved Captain Lowell F. EGGERT as Commanding Officer of the DENVER on 26 July. On 6 September DENVER moved to Broadway Pier San Diego and held open house on 7 and 8 September. The next day, 9 September, the ship got underway to commence at sea preparations for Refresher Training. On 13 September she moored to Pier 6 at the Naval Station in San Diego for the weekend. DENVER was underway again on 16 September and returned to the Naval Station on 27 September having completed a particularly successful refresher training period. DENVER's refresher training grades were among the highest ever given and were the subject of a message from the Training Group to CINCPACFLT.

On 21 October the ship began Amphibious Refresher Training by getting underway and spending the week off of Coronado Roads conducting amphibious operations. DENVER returned to San Diego Naval Station on 25 October, then got underway again on 29 October and proceeded to Camp Pendelton for more amphibious training. The ship completed amphibious refresher training on 1 November having received a final overall grade of OUTSTANDING.

DENVER was moored to Pier 3 from 1 November to 18 November. On 4 November Commander Amphibious Squadron FIVE, Commodore TREGURTHA, and staff embarked in DENVER. The ship conducted independent at sea exercises from 18 November through 22 November. The ship got underway on 25 November and returned to the Naval Station, Pier 3 on 27 November. The Sub Board of Inspection and Survey Pacific conducted a one week "INSURV" beginning 2 December and it included one day at sea on 3 December. On 18 December DENVER shifted to Pier 4 at the United States Naval Station in San Diego. Christmas and the close of the year found DENVER with COMPHIBRON FIVE and Staff embarked moored to Pier 4 U.S. Naval Station, San Diego.