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1976 Command History

As the year 1976 began, USS DENVER (LPD 9) was completing a holiday upkeep period in her homeport of San Diego, California. She remained inport San Diego through 23 January 1976 for an IMA availability with DATC San Diego. On 23 January, "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Division and a detachment from UDT 11 embarked and loaded equipment for PHIBRAIDEX E3-76, which was conducted off San Clemente Island 26-30 January 1976.

DENVER returned to San Diego 30 January for inport type training and upkeep until 1 March 1976. Members of U.S. Naval Reserve Unit LPD 1420 were embarked from 15-27 February for annual active duty training. On 2 and 3 March, DENVER was underway in local OPAREAS to provide flight deck service for helicopter qualifications.

Returning to San Diego on 4 March, DENVER remained inport until 2 June. During the long inport period, a major modification to the SPS-40 Radar was completed, members of U.S. Naval Reserve Unit LPD 1218 were embarked for two weeks of annual active duty training from 7-19 March, DENVER's well deck and line handlers were utilized by the Naval Amphibious School Assault Boat Coxswain's Course for wet well docking training on 23 March, and from 15-17 March the Pacific Fleet 600 PSI Mobile Training Team conducted the preliminary inport assist phase of DENVER's scheduled Operational Propulsion Plant Examination which was later cancelled.

On 2 June, DENVER was underway for Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, California to off-load ammunition. Ammunition was staged for off-load by all hands during the San Diego to Seal Beach transit, and off-loaded the morning of 3 June. The morning of 4 June, DENVER made the short trip from Seal Beach to Long Beach Naval Shipyard where final preparations were immediately begun for regular overhaul. Regular overhaul commenced officially on 1 July, and on 8 July, DENVER entered Drydock #1 at Long Beach Naval Shipyard where she remained until 14 September,

Major work near completion at the end of 1976, and near the end of DENVER's 14 million dollar overhaul, included the installation of the Contaminated Holding Tank (CHT) sewage system, complete replacement and relocation of the ship's galley, mess deck and laundry equipment, and sandblasting, repair and preservation of the ship's underwater and exterior hull. A major highlight of the year and the overhaul was the successful completion on the first attempt of the Pacific Fleet 600 PSI Propulsion Examination Board Light-off Examination in the forward main machinery room 22-23 November and in the after main machinery room 9-10 December. DENVER became the first PACFLT LPD to pass the LOE.

Christmas and the close of the year found DENVER moored to pier #1, Long Beach Naval Shipyard, anticipating the return of the shipyard workers, on holiday stand-down since 23 December, and the long awaited end of overhaul and return to San Diego planned for late January 1977,