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USS DENVER (LPD 9)

1978 Command History

The start of 1978 found USS DENVER moored at the Naval Station, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, with Commander, Amphibious Forces, U.S. Seventh Fleet embarked. Concluding her holiday period inport and a regular ship repair facility availability, DENVER commenced a transit from Subic Bay to White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. On 13 January, while enroute, the ship suffered a major flareback in one boiler which required a return to Subic Bay for extensive boiler repair. This repair effort required the ship to remain in Subic Bay until 15 February. With the repairs completed, DENVER was again underway for port visits in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, Hong Kong, British Crown Colony, and Keelung, Taiwan.

Arriving in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, on 7 March, Commander Amphibious Forces, U.S. Seventh Fleet hauled down his flag in DENVER and re-established his headquarters ashore. The ship departed Okinawa on 9 March for routine operations near the Republic of the Philippines, entered Subic Bay for an upkeep period on 17 March and departed for Okinawa on 28 March. Following a two day stay at Buckner Bay, the ship proceeded to Yokosuka, Japan arriving and departing on 3 April for Numazu, Japan to provide an administrative lift for elements of the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Fuji, Japan. On 4-5 April, a severe storm was encountered by DENVER and other Amphibious Squadron FIVE ships off the island of Honshu. The ship experienced minor topside damage, including the loss of her motor whaleboat, as a result of that storm.

Having completed her tour of duty with the Seventh Fleet, the ship and other units of Amphibious Squadron FIVE sailed for their homeport of San Diego, California on 6 April. A brief stop in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 17-18 April provided the opportunity to embark male dependents of DENVER personnel for a Tiger Cruise for the remainder of the voyage home. The squadron arrived in San Diego on 27 April and commenced a thirty day, well-earned leave and material upkeep period.

Operationally, the remainder of 1978 found DENVER scheduled for routine operations in the southern California area and inport maintenance periods. Highlighting this period was successful completion of an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination on 29 November and participation in Fleet Exercise 2-79 sponsored by the Commander, U.S. Third

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Fleet which was conducted 4-12 December. On 1 December
Captain Robert E. KLEE was relieved by Captain Vincent E.
COOKE, as Commanding Officer of USS DENVER (LPD 9).

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