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1989

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following is forwarded as the history for the USS DENVER (LPD-9) for calendar year 1989.

2. The year started with DENVER inport San Diego, California a unit of COMPHIBRON 9, CAPT W. R. FLADD, Commanding. The following is a chronology by month of special events. Port visits outside home port are indicated:

JANUARY

- 06 Change of Command Ceremony. At 1023 CAPT. N.E. PARKHURST, USN [REDACTED], Assumes command of USS DENVER.
- 12 Underway, ISE, Amphibious Readiness Group Bravo Western Pacific Deployment, enroute Pearl Harbor, HI. with LCU 1648 from Assault Craft Unit One and Third Light Amphibious Infantry Battalion onboard
- 21 Inport, Pearl Harbor, HI
- 26 Underway, ISE, enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan
- 31 Crossed International Date Line 0359

FEBRUARY

- 04 Transferred to Seventh Fleet, Task Force 76
- 09 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Disembark Third LAI Bn. Initial embarkation of KITP 89-2, BLT 1/2 and CSSD 31
- 10 Underway, AAV & Helo ops, Vicinity Okinawa
- 10 Inport, Okinawa
- 12 Underway, ISE, enroute Pohang, South Korea
- 14 Inport, Pohang, South Korea
- 15 Underway, ISE, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 17 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 18 Underway, ISE, enroute Pohang, South Korea
- 20 Inport, Pohang, South Korea. Final disembarkation KITP 89-2, BLT 1/2 and CSSD 31
- 20 Underway, ISE, enroute Pusan, South Korea
- 21 Inport, Pusan, South Korea
- 25 Underway, with USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan

- 27 Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan. Embarked COMPHIBRON FIVE, ADC 3rd Marine Div, HQBn 3rd Marine Div, 3rd FSSG Fwd, RECON Bn, CEBn and 4th Marines
- 28 Moored, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan

MARCH

- 01 Anchored, Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan
- 02 Underway, In Formation with USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), USS GERMANTOWN (LSD-42), USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3), USS DULUTH (LPD-6), USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8), USS STLOUIS (LKA-116), USNS AJ HIGGENS, USNS SPICA, USS FREDERICK (LST-1184), MV WILLIAMS and MV BUTTON for Operation Team Spirit 1989
- 03 Detached, Enroute, ISE, Pohang, South Korea
- 05 Steaming In Formation USS BLUE RIDGE AND USS DUBUQUE enroute Pohang, South Korea
- 07 Anchored, Pohang, South Korea. Embarked ROK Marines
- 09 Underway, with Amphibious Task Force enroute Korean OP Area for TEAM SPIRIT '89
- 12 UNREP with USNS AJ HIGGENS
- 14 Anchored, Korean OP Area
- 16 Underway, Korean OP Area
- 17 Anchored, Korean OP Area
- 19 Underway, Korean OP Area
- 20 Detached, enroute Sasebo, Japan
- 21 Inport, Sasebo, Japan
- 25 Underway, ISE, enroute Pohang, South Korea
- 26 Anchored, Pohang, South Korea. Embark 1/2 and 12 Marines
- 26 Underway, ISE, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 28 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Disembark 1/2 and 12th Marines
- 31 Embark 1/2 and 12th Marines for Subic FIREX 89-1 AND VALIANT MARK 89-2 & 89-3

APRIL

- 01 Underway, ISE, enroute Subic Bay, RP
- 06 Inport, Subic Bay, RP  
SRF Availability
- 26 Underway, ISE, enroute Buckner Bay, Okinawa, Japan  
Practice Mooring to a bouy, Subic Bay

MAY

- 01 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Disembark 1/2 and 12th Marines
- 02 Underway, ISE, enroute Pohang, South Korea
- 04 Inport, Pohang, South Korea. Embark KITP 1/5
- 04 Underway, ISE, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 07 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan disembark KITP 1/5
- 08 Underway, ISE, enroute Pohang, South Korea

- 10 Inport, Pohang, South Korea. Complete embark of KITP 1/5
- 12 Underway, ISE, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 14 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Complete disembark of KITP 1/5 Embark 35th Meu for VALIANT MARK 89-4
- 15 Underway, ISE, enroute to Subic Bay, RP
- 20 Inport, Subic Bay, RP
- 21 Underway, Steaming in Formation with USS ST LOUIS (LKA-116) AND USS SAN BERNADINO (LST-1189) enroute to Hong Kong
- 23 Moored to a Bouy, Victoria Harbor Hong Kong
- 28 Underway, Steaming with USS ST LOUIS (LKA-116) and USS SAN BERNADINO (LST-1189) enroute White beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 29 CH-46 from HMM 265 down with 13 Marines and 1 Sailor

JUNE

- 03 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan. Disembark 35th MEU. Embark 12th Marines, 10th Marines, 1/5 and CSSD 32 for Fuji Deployment 89-3
- 04 Underway, ISE, enroute Yokosuka, Japan
- 07 Anchored, Numazu, Japan. Disembark Fuji Deployment 89-3 Underway
- 08 Moored, Yokosuka, Japan
- 18 Underway, ISE, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
- 20 Inport, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan Underway, ISE, enroute Naha, Okinawa, Japan
- 21 Inport, Naha, Japan. Onload opportune lift LCDR George W. Zimmerman, USN [REDACTED] relieved CDR Thomas J. Anderson, USN [REDACTED] as Executive officer
- 22 Underway, ISE, enroute Pearl Harbor, HI
- 25 Transferred to Third Fleet. The following was the final message sent to COMSEVENTHFLT:

We've Tackled Team Spirit and Valiant Mark  
 We're so familiar with Pohang we can pull in after dark.  
 We'll remember Kadena, the long trek from White Beach,  
 The nights on BC street, and yes China Pete's.  
 We know that ARG BRAVO is the working man's cruise,  
 And picking up ALPHA would be well received news.  
 We've completed all missions and various tasks,  
 That Marines and all others could think of to ask.  
 We're the men of the DENVER, always willing to work,  
 So we're chopping to Third Fleet where more fun times lurk.  
 We have only one CASREP left to repair,  
 The TACAN is down causing the ETs to despair.  
 So Good-bye Admiral Chase, good luck to your force,  
 At midnight tonight we complete the divorce.  
 We're proud to have served you, been part of your fleet,  
 Farewell from the Denver, her mission's complete.

- 30 Crossed International Date Line into West Longitude

## JULY

03 Inport, Pearl Harbor, HI  
04 Reenlistment ceremony held onboard USS ARIZONA memorial  
05 Underway, ISE, enroute San Diego, CA, Tiger Cruise  
12 Inport, San Diego, CA  
31 Underway, ISE, enroute anchorage 170 off Coronado, CA for  
ammunition offload with USS CLEVELAND  
31 Anchored, anchorage 170

## AUGUST

01 Continued ammunition offload  
01 Underway, ISE, enroute SOCAL OPAREA  
02 Anchored, vicinity of Coronado for onload of dependents via  
LCU  
02 Underway, ISE, SOCAL OPAREA, Dependants Cruise  
02 Inport, San Diego, CA  
03 Underway, ISE, enroute La Playa fuel pier for fuel offload  
03 Moored, La Playa fuel pier  
03 Underway, ISE, enroute Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station for  
ammunition Offload  
04 Inport, Seal Beach, CA. Commenced ammunition offload  
04 Underway, ISE, enroute San Diego, CA  
04 Inport, San Diego, CA  
14 Underway, dead stick move to South West Marine Shipyards,  
San Diego, CA  
14 Inport, moored at Southwest Marine Shipyard pier 3.  
Commenced DPMA '89 and SIMA "R" availability  
22 Underway, dead stick move enroute South West Marine dry dock  
22 Dry Docked

## SEPTEMBER

18 Commence corrosion control availability

## OCTOBER


17 Undocked/Underway, dead stick move out of dry dock  
17 Inport, South West Marine pier 3

## NOVEMBER

06 Light Off Assessment  
17 Dock Trials  
20 Fast Cruise  
21 Underway, ISE, enroute SOCAL OPAREA for sea trials  
22 Inport, San Diego, CA  
24 DPMA ends  
27 Aeronautical Shipboard Installation Representatives  
Certification  
30 Ammunition onload via boat transfer

DECEMBER

04 Underway, ISE, enroute SOCAL OPAREA  
05 Inport, San Diego, CA  
12 Aviation Readiness Evaluation  
13 Underway, ISE, enroute vicinity of Camp Pendleton to conduct amphibious orientation operations  
13 Anchored, off Camp Pendleton to embark 2nd Bn 9th Marines  
13 Underway, ISE, enroute SOCAL OPAREA  
14 Anchored, vicinity of Camp Pendleton  
14 Underway, ISE, enroute SOCAL OPAREA  
15 Conducted amphibious landings vicinity of Camp Pendleton  
15 Inport, San Diego, CA  
18 Underway, ISE, to conduct law enforcement operations with Coast Guard PACAREA Law Enforcement Detachment  
23 Inport, San Diego, CA

  
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By Direction