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COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
CALENDAR YEAR 1982

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## CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS

1-4 Jan	Inport Norfolk, Virginia
5 Jan	Underway for Mediterranean Deployment
5-6 Jan	IKE visited by Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr.
17 Jan	Anchor Tangier, Morocco, INCHOP CTF 60
17 Jan	IKE visited by U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, The Honorable Joseph V. Reed
17 Jan	IKE visited by Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Thomas B. Hayward
19-20 Jan	IKE visited by Her Royal Highness, Crown Princess Sonja of Norway
20-30 Jan	NATIONAL WEEK Operations
22-23 Jan	IKE visited by Dr. Lawrence J. Korb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics
30 Jan-13 Feb	Inport Naples, Italy
13-22 Feb	OPS Western Med, PHIBLEX 2-82
20-21 Feb	IKE visited by Crown Prince Sidi Mohammed and Prince Moulay Rachid of Morocco
22-28 Feb	Inport Tangier, Morocco
28 Feb-2 Mar	OPS Western Med
1-8 Mar	SARDINIA 82
3-4 Mar	IKE visited by U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, The Honorable Arthur F. Burns
8-15 Mar	OPS Central and Eastern Med
15-18 Mar	Inport Haifa, Israel
19-23 Mar	OPS Eastern Med/Aegean
24-31 Mar	Inport Athens, Greece
31 Mar	CDR Donald L. McCrory relieves CAPT Thomas S. Treanor as Air Wing SEVEN Commander

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1-9 Apr	OPS Eastern Med/MISSILEX
3 Apr	IKE visited by ABC International News Correspondent, Peter Jennings
10-12 Apr	Training Anchorage, Souda Bay, Crete
14-18 Apr	Inport Alexandria, Egypt
19-26 Apr	OPS Central Med
26 Apr-1 May	Inport Naples, Italy
2-16 May	DISTANT DRUM 82/Tyrrhenian Sea
12 May	IKE visited by Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable John F. Lehman, Jr.
17 May-1 Jun	Inport Naples, Italy
21 May	IKE visited by Actor and Retired U.S. Air Force Reserve Major General, Jimmy Stewart; and Mr. William Wilson, the President's personal representative to the Holy See
2-10 JUN	OPS Western Med/DASIX 82/POOPDECK 82
11-14 Jun	Inport Monaco
15-27 Jun	OPS Eastern Med
24 Jun	Lebanon Evacuation
28 Jun	DAILY DOUBLE
29 Jun	CTF 60 Offload/Turnover with USS INDEPENDENCE
30 Jun-2 Jul	Inport Palma, Spain
3 Jul-12 Jul	Enroute Norfolk, Virginia
13 Jul	Arrived Norfolk, Virginia
13 Jul-16 Aug	Inport Norfolk, Virginia
16 Aug-30 Oct	Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia
30 Oct-3 Nov	Sea Trials
4 Nov-26 Nov	Inport Norfolk, Virginia
12 Nov	IKE visited by Brigadier General Joern H. Soeder, FGA, Chief, Section II (Intelligence), Armed Forces Staff, Federal German Ministry of Defense

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26 Nov-10 Dec

Refresher Training, GTMO

3-4 Dec

IKE visited by Secretary of the Air Force, The Honorable  
Verne Orr

11 Dec-31 Dec

Inport Norfolk, Virginia

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## USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

### Basic Data

#### I. Command Organization

##### a. Commanding Officer

(1) Captain Edward W. Clexton, Jr., USN

##### b. Executive Officer

(1) Captain Dayton W. Ritt, USN

#### II. Mission of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

a. The mission of USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is to provide sea-based tactical air power for defense of America's right to freedom of the sea as well as the protection of United States Sovereignty. As part of this mission, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is capable of projecting tactical air power both over the sea and inland, as well as providing tactical air defense and antisubmarine warfare capabilities.

#### III. Background

a. Named after the 34th President of the United States and General of the Army, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is the third of four nuclear powered aircraft carriers ever built. Originally named EISENHOWER on 21 February 1970, the ship was renamed DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER on 25 May 1970.

b. The keel of the ship (Hull 599, as designated by Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company) was laid on 15 August 1970, and was authenticated by the late President's grandson, D. David Eisenhower II. Five years later, on 11 October 1975, the late Mrs. Mamie Doud Eisenhower, widow of the former President and ship's sponsor, christened the ship during a launching ceremony at the Newport News Shipyard.

c. On 18 October 1977, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) was placed into commission in a ceremony at Pier 12, Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

**RESUME OF USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) OPERATIONS FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 1982**

On January 5, 1982, IKE, along with CVW-7, departed Norfolk for her second six-month deployment to the Mediterranean. IKE relieved USS NIMITZ on January 17 and became the flagship for Rear Admiral James E. Service, Commander Task Force 60.

Following a month of operational exercises at sea, IKE anchored in the Bay of Naples for twelve days of upkeep and crew liberty. After nine more days of operations in the western Mediterranean, including participation in PHIBLEX 2-82, IKE visited Tangier, Morocco, for six days.

From February 28 to March 15, IKE was involved in operations in the western, central and eastern Mediterranean area. During this time, IKE participated in yet another operational exercise, SARDINIA 82.

IKE's next port visit was to Haifa, Israel, from March 15-18. Here, IKE crewmen traveled to the inspiring cities of Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem.

Athens, Greece, provided a picturesque seven-day port call in March. But tragedy struck IKE and all were affected when, on April 4, the wreckage of "Mamie," IKE's C-1A logistics aircraft, was located on a mountainside near Souda Bay, Crete. Eleven IKE passengers and crewmen perished.

Early April found IKE operating in the eastern Mediterranean area and participating in a MISSILEX. Following a training anchorage in Souda Bay, IKE sailed into Alexandria, Egypt, on April 14, for a well-earned port visit.

Following Alexandria, and a second visit to Naples, IKE participated in the multinational NATO exercise, "DISTANT DRUM," from May 2-16. The exercise provided training for naval, amphibious and land-based air forces, placing heavy emphasis on sea control. Once again, the officers and men of IKE and embarked Air Wing Seven proved their great mission capability and high state of readiness.

On May 17, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER anchored in the Bay of Naples for a final visit to Italy. IKE sailed out of Naples on June 2, for operations in the western Mediterranean and to participate in two more operational exercises - DASIX 82 and POOPDECK 82.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER became the first nuclear-powered warship to call on the tiny principality of Monaco from June 11-14. During this port visit, crewmen were treated to the beaches of Monaco and nearby Cannes and Nice, France.

From June 15-27, IKE participated in operations in the eastern Mediterranean and, on the 24th, was involved in the Lebanon evacuation. On June 28, IKE participated in exercise DAILY DOUBLE, and on the 29th, Rear Admiral James E. Service, CTF 60, hauled down his flag in IKE, and USS INDEPENDENCE relieved USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

IKE's final deployment port call was at the island of Palma, Spain, from June 30 to July 2. On July 3, IKE headed home to Norfolk, Virginia, after being away nearly seven months.

After arriving in Norfolk on July 13, IKE remained at Pier 12 until August 16, when she entered Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia, for a Selected Restricted Availability.

IKE departed the shipyard for sea trials from October 30 to November 3. Following Thanksgiving at home, IKE returned to sea for Refresher Training, arriving back in Norfolk, Virginia December 10.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER remained at Pier 12 through the month of December, allowing the crew to take advantage of holiday leave, while at the same time preparing for Type Training in the Puerto Rican Operating Area.