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

CALENDAR YEAR 1984

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## USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)

### BASIC DATA

#### I. Command Organization

##### a. Commanding Officer

(1) Captain Richard C. MACKE, USN

##### b. Executive Officer

(1) Captain William B. Hayden, USN

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

The mission of the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is to provide seabased tactical air power for defense of America's right to freedom of the sea as well as the protection of the 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 land, as well as providing tactical air defense and antisubmarine warfare capabilities.

#### III. BACKGROUND

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

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

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

## 1984 CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS

1-5 Jan	Upkeep, Inport Norfolk, Virginia
6 Jan-16 April	Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia
17-20 April	Sea Trials
20 April-7 May	Upkeep, Inport Norfolk, Virginia
8-18 May	Enroute and Refresher Training, Gitmo
19-27 May	Enroute to Lisbon, Portugal - Northern European Midshipman Cruise
28-30 May	Port visit Lisbon, Portugal
30-31 May	Enroute to Portsmouth, UK
1-5 June	Port visit Portsmouth, UK
6-7 June	Operations Normandy
8 June	Enroute to Brest, France
9-13 June	Port visit Brest, France
14-19 June	Enroute to Norfolk, Virginia
20-25 June	Upkeep, Inport Norfolk, Virginia
26 June-2 July	Reserve Carrier Qualifications/Tiger Cruise
3-6 July	Upkeep Inport Norfolk, Virginia/Change of Command
10-19 July	Phase 1 A of Refresher Training, Puerto Rican Operating Area
20 July	Dependents Cruise
21 July-8 Aug	Upkeep, Inport Norfolk, Virginia
9-16 Aug	Phase 1 B of Refresher Training, Puerto Rican Operating Area
17-22 August	Port visit St.Thomas, Virgin Islands
22-25 Aug	Phase 2 of Refresher Training, Puerto Rican Operating Area
26-30 August	MSR Harpoonex
31 Aug-4 Sep	Operational Readiness Exam (31 Aug-1 Sep Stand-down)
5 Sep-9 Oct	Preparation for Overseas Movement
12-14 Sep	Underway for Hurricane Evasion
10 Oct	Underway, Mediterranean Cruise '84-'85
23 Oct	Inchop Med
21-25 Nov	Port visit Athens, Greece
26 Nov-1 Dec	Operations Eastern Mediterranean
2-11 Dec	Port visit Haifa, Israel
12-21 Dec	Operations Eastern/Central Mediterranean
21 Dec-31 Dec	Port visit Naples, Italy

## RESUME OF USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) OPERATIONS

The year, 1984, opened with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) moored at pier 12, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, as the crew completed their holiday leave period.

During the period 6 Jan - 16 April, IKE was at Norfolk Naval shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia for a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA).

From 17 - 20 April IKE conducted routine sea trials after her four-month SRA. On 17 February, Mr. Roland Berg, Director of Maintenance Policy within the office of the Secretary of Defense, visited IKE.

On 20 April, IKE returned to pier 12, Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia for an upkeep period. IKE was visited on 25 April by the Military Order of World Wars. The Azalea Queen and Court Dinner, as well as the Azalea Festival invitational tour was hosted on IKE 27 - 28 April.

On 4 May, IKE was visited by the World War II PT Boat Officers Association, which included VADM K. M. CARR, Deputy CINCLANTFLT, and RADM John HARLEE, (Ret).

IKE departed Norfolk Naval Station on 8 May for the Puerto Rican Operating Area to conduct Refresher Training.

On 19 May, IKE completed Refresher Training and departed for Lisbon, Portugal for a port visit. Also during this period, IKE hosted the Northern European Midshipman Cruise.

28 - 30 May IKE conducted a Port Visit at Lisbon, Portugal. While in Lisbon, IKE hosted numerous invited guests and foreign dignitaries.

On 30 May, IKE departed Lisbon enroute to Portsmouth, UK. During the period of 30 - 31 May, IKE hosted several Portugese Dignitaries, including Admiral Sousa LEIATO, Chief of Staff of the Portugese Navy. IKE conducted a port visit at Portsmouth 1 - 5 June. While in Portsmouth, IKE again hosted many visitors, including British Journalists, Navy League Members, British Aerospace Officials and RADM William C. NEEL, CINCUSNAVEUR Chief of Staff.

The period 6 - 7 June found IKE conducting operations off Normandy in support of the events marking the fortieth anniversary celebration of the D-Day operations in Normandy. A highlight of D-Day anniversary events was an IKE fly-by by President Reagan, who personally commended IKE's crew for outstanding support during this and past deployments.

8 June found IKE underway for a port visit to Brest, France. During 7 -9 June IKE was visited by French Ministry of Defense Delegations and by French Media. IKE was inport Brest from 9 - 13 June. While inport, IKE hosted many visitors, including the French Naval Construction Technical Directorate.

IKE began her return transit to Norfolk on 14 June. During the transit back IKE sailors took a break on 16 June for a flight deck picnic.

IKE arrived at pier 12, Norfolk Naval Station, for upkeep on 20 June where she remained through 25 June. June 20 began active duty training for CVN 69 reserve units, continuing through 2 July. Also on 20 July, IKE received 20 Midshipmen for two weeks of summer training.

26 June - 2 July found IKE supporting reserve carrier qualifications and a "Tiger Cruise" with many of the crew's fathers, sons, and friends on board.

During this period, IKE hosted several guests, including on the 25th of June, Mr. Patrick Templeton and Mr. T. J. Day, NASA Administrators; on 27 June the Honorable Chase Untermeyer, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; on 28 June MGEN Hubert Leonard, Adjutant General, North Carolina National Guard; on 29 June, Mr. Herbert D. Kelleher, Chairman of the Board, Southwest Airlines, and several media representatives.

IKE was back in Norfolk 3 - 6 July for upkeep. This period also saw IKE's change of command on 6 July, with Captain Edward W. Clepton, Jr. being relieved by Captain Richard C. Macke.

From 9-12 July, IKE hosted Navy League members Mr. R.A. Morely, Mr. William J. Hagenah Jr., Mr. Jacob E. Way, and Mr. William E. Gillen. IKE conducted Refresher Training 10 - 19 July in the Jacksonville Operating Area. On 16 July, IKE hosted the Malaysian A-4 transition team, on July 17th Mr. James Bryan, president of the USS YORKTOWN (CV 10) association visited, and July 20 IKE conducted its dependents day cruise.

IKE was in port Norfolk 21 July - 8 August as the crew prepared for phase 1B of refresher training. July 28 found IKE sailors enjoying themselves at the first annual IKE picnic and summer olympics.

IKE got underway for the Puerto Rican Operating Area on 9 August, and completed phase 1B of Refresher Training on 16 August. Several visits were hosted on the way to the next port visit in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Visitors included: Mr. Henry Morgen, a prominent Norfolk Attorney; Mr. Rafael Hernandez Colon, former governor of Puerto Rico; a Congressional Staff Delegation on 14 - 15 August, including Mr. Hugh Evans, Legislative Counsel to the Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr. William Ball, Administrative Assistant to Senator Tower, Mr. Robert Hurt, Administrative Assistant to Representative Boggs, and three guests of the Secretary of the Navy: Mr. Bill Alvarez, Mr. Jack Warren, and Mr. Roger Wade; and on 15 - 17 August Senator Lawton Chiles.

A five day visit to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 17 - 21 August gave the crew a well earned respite before they returned to the Puerto Rican Operating Area for Phase 2 of Refresher Training 22 - 25 August. While in St. Thomas, IKE was visited by St. Thomas Navy League members.

IKE participated in a successful MSR Harpoon firing exercise 26 - 30 August.

During the period 31 Aug - 4 Sept IKE successfully completed the Operational Readiness Evaluation.

From 5 September to 9 October, IKE remained at pier 12 preparing for deployment with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. On 10 Sept, IKE was visited by Lord Carrington, Secretary General of NATO, ADM Wesley L. MCDONALD, CINCLANTFLT and VADM Robert F. DUNN, COMNAVAIRLANT. This inport period was interrupted as IKE was forced to get underway for hurricane evasion 12 - 14 Sept.

After her safe return to Norfolk, IKE was visited by the Norwich, England City Council; the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, and YUKO Kurihara, Japanese Minister of State for Defense and Director General of the JDA. VADM DUNN, COMNAVAIRLANT, presented the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the ship and the NEY award to IKE's Food Services Division.

USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) left her homeport of Norfolk, Virginia for the fifth major deployment since commissioning in 1977 and the fourth with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. IKE's transit to the MED was hampered by hurricane Josephine.

On 23 October, IKE officially joined the SIXTH FLEET. Pre-turnover MED operations were conducted 23 - 26 October; these ops were highlighted by a joint USN/USAF Missile exercise.

IKE conducted a turnover with USS AMERICA (CV 66) at Augusta Bay, Sicily 26 - 27 October. On 28 October, RADM James H. FLATLEY III, COMCARGRU EIGHT, embarked on IKE, and assumed responsibility as COMMANDER, BATTLE FORCE U.S. SIXTH FLEET.

During the period 1 - 20 November, IKE conducted operations in the Eastern MED which included a visit by Italian Officials on 1 - 2 Nov, Dual CVBG operations with USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) 3 - 4 Nov, an upkeep anchorage at Kithera on 9 Nov and strike training 11 - 12 Nov.

After 41 continuous days at sea, IKE dropped anchor in Athens harbor on 21 November for a five-day port visit. While inport Athens, IKE hosted several events, including a congressional visit on 22 November. Congressman and Mrs. Neal Smith, Congressman and Mrs. Tom Bevill, Congressman and Mrs. John Meyers, Congressman and Mrs. Laurence Coughlin, Congressman and Mrs. Wesley Watkins, Congressman and Mrs. Bernard Dwyer, and Under Secretary of State for Management and Mrs. Ronald Spiers, plus 13 staff and escort personnel received a tour of the ship and Thanksgiving Dinner. IKE's crew was treated to the USO Show "Happy Days" on Nov 23rd, including celebrities from film and television. The cast included Anson Williams, Marion Ross, Lorrie Mahaffey, John Walmsley, Lisa Harrison Walmsley, Brian Mitchell, Cynthia Rhodes, and supporting musicians.

On November 27 - 28, IKE participated in a search and rescue exercise which included a mass casualty drill with 35 cadets simulating casualties coming aboard. The cadets remained in IKE for training from 28 Nov - 2 Dec.

During November 29 - 30 IKE conducted a Combat Readiness Assessment Exercise (CRAE) The exercise was designed to demonstrate carrier/airwing capability to conduct power projection and war at sea tactics.

IKE visited Haifa, Israel 2 - 10 December. Over 5000 Israelis visited IKE, and IKE sailors helped open the first permanent USO there.

A group of Israeli Officials visited IKE during 11 - 12 Dec. The group included COMO Ben Shoshan, their Israeli Deputy CNO, now CNO; Minister of Defense Yitzhak Rabin; LTGEN Moshe Levy, Chief of Staff; Minister Moshe Arens, BGEN Danny Yatom, Military Assistant to MOD; Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Police; MGEN Amos Lapidot, CINC Air Force; and MGEN Menachem Einan, Chief of IDF Planning

IKE was anchored in Naples harbor from 21 December 1984 - 2 January 1985. On 29 Dec, Cardinal Corrado Ursi visited IKE and celebrated Mass for the crew in the forecastle.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of the ship, Commander, Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, awarded IKE several departmental Battle Efficiency "E" Awards. Included were the sixth consecutive red Damage Control "D" and the second consecutive Medical Department blue "M".