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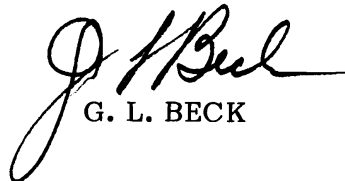
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COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
CALENDAR YEAR 1986

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USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69)  
BASIC DATA

I. Command Organization

a. Commanding Officer

(1) Captain Gary L. BECK, USN

b. Executive Officer

(2) Commander Kenneth L. PYLE, USN

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

The mission of 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, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) is the third nuclear powered aircraft carrier ever built. Originally named EISENHOWER on February, 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 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.

## 1986 CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS

1 Jan - 31 Dec 1986	Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company
19 Feb	VADM Dunn Visits IKE
19 Mar	RADM Reimann visits IKE
20 Mar	RADM Flynn visits IKE
31 Mar - 3 April	CNAL ADMAT Inspection
10 May	All Hands Picnic — Big Bethel Park
17 May	Newport News Spring Fling
6 June	Ex-USNS Darby Theatre Opens
7 June	Harborfest — IKE Motor Whaleboats
23 June	Drydock Flooded to 25 Feet
27 June	Floated Ship
7 July	RADM Powell visits IKE
12 July	Undock and Transfer to OB#1
23-27 July	YP Training at Annapolis
2 Aug	IKE Day at King's Dominion
16 Aug	All Hands Picnic — Big Bethel Park
13 Sept	IKE Day at Busch Gardens
19 Sept	ADM McKee Visits IKE
23 Sept	IKE Moves to Pier Two NNS
18 Oct	Change of Command
30 Oct	COMNAVAIRLANT Physical Security Assist Visit

17 Nov-3 Dec

Crew Move Aboard

5 Dec

Ex-USNS DARBY Transferred to USS AMERICA  
(CV-66)

13 Dec

IKE Christmas Gala at Virginia Beach Pavilion

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

The year 1986 began and ended with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69) continuing complex overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia.

During 1986, the crew has been primarily involved with the overhaul of spaces aboard IKE. Many man hours were devoted to the corrective maintenance of almost all IKE's vital machinery systems. PMS, preservation, revitalization of departmental equipment, office spaces and berthing compartments were also on the schedule for the overhaul period. In addition to overhaul work, many hours were also dedicated to underway training aboard other AIRLANT carriers, formal schooling, crew training and recertification.

The rehabilitation of IKE has taken a major part of the Ship's Force Work Package. IKE Ship's Force personnel are finishing a NAVSEA/COMNAVAILANT sponsored program to rebuild 1831 berths in 25 existing enlisted berthing compartments. The project has been accomplished by 74 IKE personnel assigned to Maintenance Department Rehab Division for the duration of the project. Over 127,000 manhours have been required to do this work. The rehab effort has included the total removal of all existing furniture, ventilation and electrical hardware from each berthing compartment. The spaces were then de-tiled, painted and all new furniture and ventilation installed. The new compartments utilize modular berths and are configured to give individuals more privacy and crew comfort, while increasing the number of berths per space. The project was initially designed for 1530 berths and 22 compartments but was increased by 301 berths and 3 compartments to improve the living standards of IKE sailors.

Newport News Shipyard modernization work includes the installation of over 100 Ship Alterations, providing the latest systems upgrades to ensure continued peak operational readiness. New weapons systems include the Close In Weapons System

(CIWS) and NATO Sea Sparrow System (NSSMS). Other combat systems modernization includes Naval Tactical Data System/Anti Submarine Warfare Module (NTDS/ASWM), Carrier Air Traffic Control Center Direct Altitude Intercept Radar (CATCC DAIR), Battle Group Passive Horizon Extension System (BGPHERS), Automated Combat Direction System (ACDS), Shipboard Non-Tactical Automated Processing System (SNAP) and major communications upgrades.

A project second only to IKE's complex overhaul was the habitability improvements of the berthing vessel Ex-USNS GENERAL WILLIAM O. DARBY. During COH, DARBY was the permanent residence of 1100 IKE crewmembers until crew move aboard in November 1986. An additional 300 duty section personnel lived onboard each night. To improve the morale of the residents, the following projects were accomplished through Special Services involvement in 1986:

The DARBY cable television system was purchased and installed. This system receives, re-modulates, and distributes three network and nine satellite stations to fifteen lounge television sets. DARBY is the only Navy ship with satellite TV.

The "Navy Lounge" on DARBY was completely refurbished with new furniture obtained from DOD surplus in Washington, D.C.

Movie call was held nightly in the new "Five Star Theatre" constructed on DARBY to provide the best theatre facilities afloat. The Five Star shows first run movies on a Sony overhead projection system which uses Beta, VHS, and satellite TV inputs.

The DARBY sundecks were renovated, plus the IKE Dental Department spent 1,500 man hours renovating the Ex-USNS DARBY's dental spaces. In October and November turnover with USS AMERICA personnel took place, and on 5 December the DARBY moved to Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia to serve AMERICA crewmembers during overhaul.

In an effort to provide a healthy recreational outlet for the crew, tours were organized on a bi-weekly basis. IKE crewmen took advantage of cut-rate tickets to view professional football, basketball and hockey games as well as ski trips and rafting trips. In the area of physical fitness, a highly successful 3-on-3 basketball tournament was held in the VADM G. E. Smith fitness center on DARBY. This tournament was so successful that a winter 3-on-3 league was formed.

The following is a list of activities sponsored by IKE during 1986:

2 Redskin football trips

IKE Night in Italy (Busch Gardens): 400 participants

3 weekend ski trips

2 IKE Nights at Met Park (baseball): 1400 participants

2 IKE Picnics at Big Bethel Park (Newport News): 5000 participants

Dependents Christmas Party: 1200 participants

IKE Holiday Gala at the Virginia Beach Pavilion: 2500 participants

Discount ticket sales to local attractions were also available. In addition to movie tickets, season tickets to the area recreation parks and tickets to special events were offered. Rebates of up to 35 percent were offered for all recreational events for which IKE did not actually sell tickets.

VADM Robert F. DUNN, COMNAVAIRLANT, toured IKE on 19 February and announced IKE as the COMNAVAIRLANT Battle Efficiency "E" winner for 1985.

On 19 March, RADM R. T. REIMANN, Atlantic Fleet Inspector General, toured IKE and delivered A Quality of Life Seminar.

From 31 March through 3 April, the COMNAVAIRLANT ADMAT inspection team was aboard IKE. All areas received high marks, with some areas being the best ever seen by the team.



On 20 March, RADM T. E. FLYNN, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, visited IKE to present Legalman of the Year honors to LN1 Michael S. Pinette.

On 17 May, IKE participated in the Newport News Spring Fling, and an Armed Forces Day Parade in which IKE's float won first place.

On 7 July, RADM W. E. POWELL, Commanding Officer Norfolk Naval Supply Center, visited IKE for a general familiarization of a carrier in COH.

One of the major training events of 1986 was the YP Training at Annapolis, MD, utilizing the Naval Academy YPs, 23-27 July. Fifteen quartermasters and fifty officer/enlisted watch team members conducted extensive bridge/CIC watch team training.

On 26 September, ADM K. R. McKEE, NAVSEASYSKOM Deputy for Naval Reactors, presented Navy Achievement Medals to many Reactor Department personnel for their outstanding contributions in effecting the expeditious repair of important reactor plant systems.

On 18 October, the ninth anniversary of IKE's commissioning, CAPT Richard C. MACKE relinquished command of IKE to CAPT Gary L. BECK.

In October, testing of all propulsion plant equipment commenced.

November saw the move back aboard of the crew. Many hours went into bringing the ventilation, potable water, hot water heaters and pumps, steam heat, laundry and dry cleaning plants, galley and scullery equipment and CHT systems back on the line after the extended period of inoperation. Messing and berthing were also transferred from Ex-USNS DARBY back onboard IKE.

On 23 February 1987, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet named USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) the 1986 COMNAVAIRLANT Quality of Life Award winner.

Other honors awarded to IKE and IKE sailors in 1986 include:

1986 U.S. Atlantic Fleet Afloat Recreation Award for the best quality of life/recreation program in the Atlantic Fleet. LT [REDACTED], Special Services Officer, received the award on behalf of IKE.

ABH1 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was selected as the Atlantic Fleet Aviation Boatswain Mate of the year.