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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

a. USS FORD (FFG 54) is the forty-eighth of the fifty-one ship Oliver Hazard Perry Class Guided Missile Frigates. The Oliver Hazard Perry Class is the largest frigate class ever built. Its mission is to provide detailed anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine protection for military and merchant shipping and to ensure continuous use of the sea-lanes of communications for the United States and its allies.

b. FORD's Combat System suite uses a computerized command and control system to integrate ship sensors and weapons. Its weapons include Harpoon surface to surface missiles, SM-1 surface to air missiles, a 76mm rapid fire gun, 20mm Close-In Weapon System, Mark 46 and Mark 50 anti-submarine torpedoes, and the LAMPS MK III helicopter/weapon system.

c. The propulsion system is a computer controlled power plant, which uses two LM 2500 Gas Turbine Engines similar to those found on commercial airliners. FORD's propulsion system can be energized and aligned for operation in less than five minutes.

d. Despite the advanced systems onboard, FORD's backbone is the crew. Each member is highly trained and is an expert in his field, always capable of operating, monitoring, and repairing his equipment. FORD's crew consists of 20 Officers, 12 Chief Petty Officers, and 180 enlisted personnel. When assigned a dual aircraft LAMPS MK III detachment, 6 additional Officers, 1 Chief Petty Officer, and 14 enlisted personnel are added to the crew.

CHRONOLOGY

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| 01-04 JAN | Underway, MIO OPS. |
| 05 JAN | Transit to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. |
| 06-10 JAN | Inport, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Port Visit. |
| 11-15 JAN | Underway, MIO OPS. |
| 16 JAN | Transit to Bahrain. |
| 17-20 JAN | Inport, Bahrain. Port Visit. |
| 21-28 JAN | Underway, MIO OPS. |
| 29 JAN | Transit to Bahrain. |
| 30 JAN | Inport, Bahrain. |
| 31 JAN | Underway, Southern Arabian Gulf. |
| 01 FEB | Transit Straits of Hormuz. |
| 02-13 FEB | Transit to Bunbury, Australia. |
| 14-18 FEB | Inport, Bunbury, Australia. Port Visit. |
| 19-23 FEB | Transit to Devonport, Australia. |
| 24-28 FEB | Inport, Devonport, Australia. Port Visit. |
| 29 FEB - 03 MAR | Transit to Noumea, New Caledonia. |
| 04 MAR | Inport, Noumea, New Caledonia. Refueling. |
| 05-11 MAR | Transit to Pearl Harbor, HI. |
| 12 MAR | Inport, Pearl Harbor, HI. Embark Tigers. |
| 13-19 MAR | Transit to NAVSTA Everett. |
| 20 MAR | Homecoming, PACMEF 99-3. |
| 21 MAR - 20 APR | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Post Deployment Standdown. |
| 21-28 APR | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Ship Visit. |
| 29 APR - 07 MAY | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep/Ship Check. |
| 08 MAY | Transit to Port Hadlock, WA. |
| 09 MAY | Inport, Port Hadlock, WA. Ammo Offload. |
| 10-11 MAY | Transit to Esquimalt, British Columbia. |
| 12-14 MAY | Inport, Esquimalt, British Columbia. Port Visit. |
| 15 MAY | Transit to NAVSTA Everett. |
| 16-22 MAY | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep/Ship Visit. |
| 23 MAY | Transit to Todd Shipyard, Seattle, WA. |
| 24 MAY - 24 JUL | Post-Deployment SRA, Todd Shipyard. |
| 25-26 JUL | Underway, Eastern Bank. Sea Trials. |
| 27 JUL - 07 SEP | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep. |
| 08-11 SEP | Transit to San Diego, CA. |
| 12-17 SEP | Inport, San Diego, CA. Training. |
| 18 SEP | Transit to Port Hueneme, CA. |
| 19-24 SEP | Inport, Port Hueneme, CA. Training. |
| 25-29 SEP | Transit to NAVSTA Everett. |
| 30 SEP - 09 OCT | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep. |
| 10-12 OCT | Underway, Eastern Bank. Type Training. |
| 13-15 OCT | Inport, Esquimalt, British Columbia. Port Visit. |
| 16 OCT | Transit to NAVSTA Everett. |
| 17-29 OCT | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep. |
| 30 OCT - 05 NOV | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. CART II. |
| 06-12 NOV | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. SMAV. |
| 13-17 NOV | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. TSTA A/CMTQ Training. |
| 18-27 NOV | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep/TSTA A. |
| 28-30 NOV | Underway, Eastern Bank. TSTA A. |
| 01 DEC | Transit to NAVSTA Everett. |
| 02-06 DEC | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. TSTA A. |
| 07-08 DEC | Underway, Eastern Bank. ECERT Demonstration. |
| 09-15 DEC | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Upkeep. |
| 16-31 DEC | Inport, NAVSTA Everett. Holiday Leave Period/Upkeep. |

NARRATIVE

1. Under the command of Thomas F. Nedervold, CDR, USN, FORD began 2000 underway, Northern Arabian Gulf, conducting Maritime Interception Operations during its PACMEF 99-3 deployment. On January 5, FORD stopped in Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a five-day port visit. FORD left Dubai for six more days of operations. On January 16, FORD stopped in Bahrain for a four-day port visit. After nine more days of operations, FORD stopped in Bahrain again on January 30 to finish her nearly three months of Maritime Interception Operations in the Arabian Gulf with an out chop awards ceremony with Commander Fifth Fleet. On January 31, FORD got underway for her transit out of the Arabian Gulf.

2. On February 1, FORD transited the Straits of Hormuz and began the transit to Australia. FORD moved out of the Gulf of Oman and into the Seventh Fleet Area of Responsibility on February 4. On February 6, FORD converted another class of pollywogs into shellbacks with her crossing the line ceremony. FORD stopped in Bunbury, Australia on February 14 for a five-day port visit. On February 19, FORD began her transit to Tasmania and stopped in Devonport, Australia on February 24 for a five-day port visit. On February 29, FORD left Australia for a refueling stop in Noumea, New Caledonia on March 4. The next day FORD moved into the Third Fleet Area of Responsibility. FORD continued her transit back to the United States, stopping overnight in Pearl Harbor, HI on March 12 to pick up family and friends for a week-long tiger cruise. On March 20, FORD arrived at NAVSTA Everett for the homecoming from her PACMEF 99-3 deployment.

3. FORD remained inport NAVSTA Everett for a month-long post-deployment standdown. From April 21 to May 7, FORD began her inter-deployment training cycle with SRA planning and ship visits. On May 8, FORD transited to Port Hadlock, WA for a two-day ammo offload. On May 10, FORD left Port Hadlock for Esquimalt, British Columbia and arrived on May 12. After her three-day port visit, FORD arrived in NAVSTA Everett on May 15.

4. FORD was inport NAVSTA Everett for a week of upkeep and ship visits. On May 23, FORD shifted her berth to Todd Shipyard, Seattle, WA. FORD remained inport Todd Shipyard for a nine-week Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA) period. Completing her SRA

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period ahead of schedule and under budget, FORD was underway for sea trials on July 25. On July 26, FORD returned to NAVSTA Everett.

5. On July 27, FORD began a six-week upkeep period that focused on preparation for her upcoming CART II and TSTA periods.

6. FORD got underway on September 8 with USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60) and USS Ingraham (FFG 61). On the transit to San Diego, CA, FORD conducted burials at sea for several naval personnel and participated in leap frogs and tactical maneuvering drills with her sister ships. On September 11, FORD arrived in San Diego, CA for a six-day period of training. On September 18, FORD transited to Port Hueneme, CA for an additional six-day period of training. FORD returned to NAVSTA Everett on September 29.

7. FORD conducted inport training at NAVSTA Everett until October 10 when she got underway for type training in the Eastern Bank area between the coast of Washington and Vancouver Island. On October 13, FORD moored in Esquimalt, British Columbia for a three-day port visit and returned to NAVSTA Everett on October 16.

8. From October 17 to November 27, FORD remained inport NAVSTA Everett. FORD conducted two weeks of upkeep before executing the CART II, Supply Material Assist and Visit (SMAV), and part of the inport TSTA A phase of her inter-deployment training cycle. On November 28, FORD left for the Eastern Bank area to carry out the underway portion of TSTA A. On December 1, FORD returned to NAVSTA Everett and completed the inport portion of TSTA A. On December 7, FORD got underway for her Engineering Underway Demonstration and returned to NAVSTA Everett on December 8. FORD was moored inport NAVSTA Everett for the remainder of the year for her Command, Control, Computer, Communication and Intelligence (C4I) installation and holiday leave period.