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Subj: USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD 43) CY2002 COMMAND HISTORY

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History.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. MISSION: USS FORT MCHENRY's mission is to transport United States Marines with their combat equipment to designated areas around the world and to launch and support assault landing craft [Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC); Landing Craft Unit (LCU0; Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV)] and helicopters during amphibious operations against a hostile shore.

USS FORT MCHENRY accomplishes her mission through the use of a well deck and flight deck. After leaving FORT MCHENRY, helicopters and landing craft are directed towards the shore by FORT MCHENRY's Combat Information Center.

1. ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE: COMNAVSURFPAC SAN DIEGO CA
COMPHIBGRU ONE
COMPHIBRON ELEVEN
USS FORT MCHENRY

2. COMMANDING OFFICER: Commander Adrian J. Jansen, USN

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE FOR CY2002

- 01 - 17 Jan FORT MCHENRY spends this period in Sasebo, Japan. The second-half of FORT MCHENRY's standdown period takes place. Even with a holiday standdown the work pace is still hectic. A diesel inspection on #1A MPDE and #2 SSDG takes place during this leave period. Additionally, the ship receives an IT21 upgrade and a CSOSS installation.
- 18 - 28 Jan When the ship's full complement returns to work after the holiday leave period the work pace quickens. There are many new sailors to training. FORT MCHENRY returns to work with a Damage Control Marathon, an event that helps to prepare the ship for FEP. In addition to the marathon, the ship has the chance to welcome many new Petty Officer to its rank and file when many 3rd Class Petty Officers are frocked. Finally, the ship ends this busy period with a fast cruise, which helps the crew prepares for the upcoming underway period.
- 28 - 31 Jan The ship returns to sea and is enroute to Okinawa, Japan. After a brief stop in Okinawa FORT MCHENRY will continued on to Hong Kong. While underway the ship takes advantage of this underway period to train for FEP. For many days FORT MCHENRY's sailors conduct drills such as man overboard, loss off steering, EMCON, ECC and general quarters. All of these drills will helped the ship pass FEP. In addition to the drill FORT MCHENRY conducts a CIWS/small arms PACFIRE.
- 31 Jan FORT MCHENRY has the chance to commission ENCS (SW) [REDACTED] to CW02 [REDACTED] and to witness its Command Master Chief re-enlistment ceremony.
- 1 - 4 Feb FORT MCHENRY is on its way to Hong Kong. Again this at sea period is used for

training and drills. The transit towards Hong Kong includes a passage through the Taiwan Strait, which is part of Navy's Freedom of Passage program. Finally, the ship's Force Protection Officer, LTjg Fernandez, conducts a Force Protection Standdown to prepare the ship for its time in Hong Kong.

- 4 - 9 Feb FORT MCHENRY's Sailors enjoyed liberty in Hong Kong.
- 9 - 13 Feb FORT MCHENRY completes TSTA C in preparation for FEP.
- 13 - 1 Mar Upkeep in Sasebo, Japan. The ship continues to make preparations for FEP. Rear Admiral Ruehe, CTF 76, and Rear Admiral (sel) Brooks visited FORT MCHENRY. Additionally, LCDR Manning relieved LCDR Blake as FORT MCHENRY's Executive Officer.
- 2 - 4 Mar FORT MCHENRY successfully completed FEP.
- 5 - 17 Mar FORT MCHENRY participated in BLUE/GREEN Work Ups with the Marines of 31st MEU(SOC). The ship conduct such evolutions such as LCU, LCAC and AAV Launches. Additionally, the ship proceeded to Iwo Jima to take part in the Commemoration.
- 19 - 28 Mar The ship participated in Exercise FOAL EAGLE 2002. FORT MCHENRY's Sailors and Marines trained with their South Korean counterparts.
- 28 Mar - 10 Apr FORT MCHENRY completed exercises with their Marines counterpart in ARGEX/SOCEX. Additionally, the ship was successful in launching RAM for the first time.
- 11 - 17 Apr Upkeep in Sasebo, Japan
- 18 Apr - 6 May FORT MCHENRY participated in Exercise BALIKATAN. The exercise took place in

Manila, the Philippines. The ship's sailors helped cross trained with their Filipinos counterpart.

- 7 - 28 May FORT MCHENRY proceeded to Exercise COBRA GOLD 02. Like BALIKATAN, the ship's crew helped trained their Thai counterparts. The crew had some Rest and Relaxation time in Pattaya, Thailand.
- 29 May - 8 Jun The ship returned to Hong Kong and the crew received some more R and R time.
- 9 - 17 Jun ESSEX ARG was diverted to Singapore as part of Operation BEVEL EXPRESS.
- 18 - 28 Jun FORT MCHENRY finally returned Sasebo, Japan.
- 29 Jun - 8 Jul During this time span, FORT MCHENRY's crew have the chance to interact with Army personnel during Exercise NEPTUNE THUNDER. Additionally, the ship proceeded to Vladivostok, Russia to participate in Exercise COOPERATION-FROM-THE-SEA.
- 8 - 15 Jul A brief upkeep period in Sasebo, Japan.
- 16 - 26 Jul FORT MCHENRY participated in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. The ship Backload equipment from Basilan, the Philippines. The ship managed to complete the evolution 2 days earlier than allotted.
- 27 Jul - 6 Sep FORT MCHENRY spent the longest time in port since January during this period. The schedule continued to be busy with SMI, 3M BLA and SM1(SW) Cation's retirement ceremony. In addition, plans were being finalized for the upcoming DSRA.
- 7 - 28 Sep FORT MCHENRY participated in another BLUE/GREEN Work-ups, ARGEX/SOCEX. During this period the ship also went through it's AST.

28 Sep - 21 Nov The ship entered DSRA. Many major systems were installed and many equipment were repaired.

22 Nov - 30 Dec The ship completed DSRA on 22 Nov and completed SRA on 16 Dec. FORT MCHENRY successfully completed Sea Trial. The First Holiday Standdown Leave Period Began 19 Dec.

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

01 - 28 Jan Inport Sasebo, Japan

01 - 17 Jan Second standdown period

PRT Risk Factor Screening

03 Jan SRA Production Meeting

04 Jan Menu review board

07 - 21 Jan #1A MPDE and #2 SSDG Diesel Inspection

07 Jan Diesel Inspection In-Brief

ESWS Committee meeting

09 Jan CPR Certification

10 Jan IT21 Upgrade

16 Jan CSOSS Familiarization

17 Jan E-7 Exam

Last Day of Holiday Leave

18 Jan All Hands Captain's Call, Turntable

21 Jan Martin Luther King Day, Holiday Routine

Commence six-duty section routine

22 - 24 Jan Petty Officer Indoctrination

22 - 23 Jan Damage Control Marathon

22 Jan SRF Tour-CO, CHENG and DCA

23 Jan Martin Luther King Commemorative Program

Burger and Bowling, Spare Time Bowling Center

Encl (3)

24 Jan	Work Definition Meeting
25 Jan	Fast Cruise
	ITT Scenario
	GQ
	Captain's Call, Turntable
	Petty Officer Frocking Ceremony
	Ombudsman Turnover
28 - 31 Jan	Underway, enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
28 Jan - 04 Feb	Industrial hygiene survey
28 - 29 Jan	CSMP Scrub with Port Engineer
28 Jan	Ammo onload while anchored at Anchorage 39
	Swept channel and loss of gyro drill
	Man overboard mustering drill
	GQ
	Diesel Trend, 1A MPDE
29 Jan	Loss of steering drill
	Flight Deck crash training and drill
	EMCON drill
	ECC Drills
30 Jan	Man overboard drill, Forecastle and Small Boat recoveries
	Loss of steering drill

CIWS/Small arms PACFIRE
 Electronic Casualty Drill, Radar Room
 ECC drills
 31 Jan - 01 Feb Moored, White Beach
 31 Jan ITT Scenario
 GQ
 Flying Squad Drill
 Moored, White Beach, Okinawa
 Commissioning Ceremony, ENCS (SW)
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 Re-enlistment Ceremony, CMDCM (SW)
 Halton
 Joint Wardroom and CPO Hail
 01 - 04 Feb Underway, enroute Hong Kong
 01 Feb ECC Drills
 Swept channel, low visibility and loss
 of gyro drills
 Electronic casualty drill
 Flying Squad drill
 EMCON drill
 Satellite Vulnerability drill (SATVUL)
 02 Feb Force protection standdown
 Enter Taiwan Strait
 Retard clock to -8H

	SNOOPY Team drill
03 Feb	Exit Taiwan Strait
	Holiday routine
	ITT Scenario
	GQ
	ECC drills
	EMCON drills
04 - 09 Feb	Anchor, Hong Kong Harbor
05 Feb	Reception for Wardroom, American Club
	Distinguished Visitors Luncheon/Tour
06 Feb	COLA reception
07 Feb	COMREL
08 Feb	Liberty expired for all hands at 2359
09 - 13 Feb	Underway, enroute Sasebo, Japan
	TSTA C
09 Feb	TSTA C commences
	Emergency Sortie drill
12 Feb	CIWS PACFIRE
	Underway Replenishment
13 Feb - 1 Mar	Inport Sasebo, Japan
13 Feb	Moored Sasebo, Japan
14 Feb	Field Day (All hands)
18 Feb	Holiday Routine, President's Day

20 Feb	Rear Admiral Schultz visits ship
21 Feb	CBR-D Drill, ITT Scenario
	Rear Admiral (sel) Brooks visits ship
27 Feb	Wardroom/CPO Function, Nimitz Park
28 Feb	ITT Drill
1 Mar	LCDR Manning relieves LCDR Blake as Executive Officer
2 - 4 Mar	FEP
2 Mar	Underway enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
	Embark LCUs
	Ammo onload
	Drills for FEP
3 Mar	Drills for FEP
4 - 7 Mar	Inport White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
	Troops onload
4 Mar	Completed FEP
	Launch LCUs
	Moored White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
5 Mar	E-6 exam
	CTF76 Change of Command
	Fuel Onload
7 - 17 Mar	Blue/Green Work-ups

7 Mar Man overboard drills
Wet well operations
VBSS

8 Mar Flight operations
LCU and LCAC operations

9 Mar Flight operations
LCU operations
VBSS

10 Mar Flight Ops
Night Helo Ops
Imitative Deception
JAMEX exercises

11 Mar NIXIE Stream
EMCON drills
Flight Ops
PHOTOEX
Terrorist A/C Attack Drill

12 Mar LCU Ops
E-5 exam
Arrival, Iwo Jima
Flight Ops
LCAC Ops
Engineering Drills

13 Mar Iwo Jima Commemoration Rehearsal
Amphibious Ops

14 Mar Flight Ops
RAMEX Rehearsal
Iwo Jima Commemoration
Amphibious Ops
Backload

15 Mar VBSS
Flight Ops
SAREX
TARBS Exercise

16 Mar CIWS PACFIRE
.50 cal, 25mm and CHAFF Firing
EMCON drills

17 Mar Flight Ops
Steel Beach Picnic
SVBSS

19 - 27 Mar Exercise FOAL EAGLE, Pohang, South
Korea

19 Mar E-4 exam
MCC Test "1"
ES Detection and Analysis

20 Mar Anchored Pohang, South Korea (morning)

LCU Ops
Moored Pohang, South Korea (Evening)
Ice Breaker Social

21 Mar Pre-sail Commanding Officers gathering
MCC Test "2"
Underway enroute Sea Echelon Area
Quiet Ship drill
EMCON drill

22 Mar Amphibious Landing Rehearsal
MCC Test "3"
AOA Defense Exercise
ES Detection/Analysis

23 Mar Amphibious Landing
Deceptive Lighting
ES Detection/Analysis
MCC Test "4"

24 Mar ESWS Marathon
MCC Test "5"

25 Mar MCC Test "6"
Flight Ops
PHOTOEX

26 Mar Anchored Pohang, South Korea
Backload

LCU Ops
 Underway enroute Sea Echelon Area
 27 Mar Anchored Pohang, South Korea
 LCU Ops
 Complete Backload
 Flag Hoist Drill
 Underway enroute Okinawa, Japan
 28 Mar - 10 Apr ARGEX/SOCEX in the vicinity of Okinawa,
 Japan
 28 Mar Underway Replenishment
 Flight Ops
 Flight Ops
 EMCON drills
 29 Mar Ball Capping Ceremony
 Award Ceremony
 COBRA GOLD 02 Embarkation Meeting - USS
 ESSEX
 Flight Ops
 30 Mar Gun shoot, Flight Deck
 31 Mar LCU Ops
 1 Apr RAMEX Rehearsal
 Flight Ops
 CPO Birthday Dinner
 2 Apr EMCON Drills

	Flight Ops
	RAMEX Rehearsal
3 Apr	RAMEX
	Flight Ops
4 Apr	Flight Ops
5 Apr	PHOTOEX - Ship's Company and MSSG
9 Apr	Amphibious Ops
	Award Ceremony
10 - 12 Apr	Moored White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
	Reconfiguration
11 - 13 Apr	3M Assist Visit
12 - 13 Apr	Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan
12 Apr	Amphibious Ops
13 Apr	3M Assist Debrief
	Amphibious Ops
	Moored Sasebo, Japan
13 - 17 Apr	Upkeep Sasebo, Japan
18 Apr - 6 May	Exercise BALIKATAN
18 Apr	Underway, enroute Manila, the Philippines
	Amphibious Ops
	ECC Drill
19 Apr	USMC FANFIRE

BALIKATAN Brief

20 Apr Terrorism Training/Standdown
USMC VBSS Take down

21 Apr Swim Call
Retard Clock

22 Apr LCU ran aground
Anchored Manila Bay, the Philippines

23 Apr Underway enroute Manila, the
Philippines
Man-the-Rails
CSMP Scrub
Onload of Filipino Navy personnel
Opening Ceremony

23 - 29 Apr Inport Manila, the Philippines
Cross Training between U.S. and
Filipino Navy personnel

24 Apr Media Conference
Smash and Crash drill

25 Apr Filipino Officer in Charge visits FORT
MCHENRY
Reception onboard FORT MCHENRY

29 Apr Underway enroute IVO Ternate, the
Philippines
LCU Ops
Army DLQs

29 Apr - 4 May	Amphibious Exercises IVO Ternate, the Philippines
30 Apr	Flight Ops LCU Ops ITT Drill Sunset DLQs
1 - 2 May	Amphibious Assault Rehearsal Flight Ops AAV Ops LCU Ops
3 May	Amphibious Assault AAV Ops PHOTOEX
4 - 6 May	Moored Manila, the Philippines
6 May	Underway enroute Pattaya, Thailand ECC Drill
6 - 28 May	Exercise COBRA GOLD 02
7 May	CIWS PACFIRE Mass Casualty Drill CMDCM Halton Farewell Flying Squad Drill ECC Drill
8 May	M-14 and Shotgun Gun Shoot

	Steel Beach Picnic
	Flying Squad Drill
9 May	MSFD
	Flying Squad Drill
	ECC Drill
10 - 14 May	Anchored IVO Pattaya, Thailand
	Liberty at Pattaya, Thailand
10 May	CMDCM(SW/AW) Boone relieve CMDCM(SW/AW) Halton as FORT MCHENRY's CMC
14 - 28 May	Cross Training wit Thai personnel
14 May	Underway enroute Sattahip, Thailand
	Anchored IVO Sattahip, Thailand
15 May	LCU Ops
16 May	LCU Ops
	LCPL Ops
	Flight Ops
17 May	LCU Ops
	Small boat Ops
	NEO Walk through
18 May	LCAC Safety Standdown
19 May	LCU Ops
	LCAC Ops
	Stores onload

20 May	LCU Ops
	LCAC Ops
	Small Boat Ops
21 May	AAV Ops
	Small Boat Ops
	AAV Ops
	Helo Crash Drill
22 May	Underway Replenishment with USNS PECOS
23 May	PHOTOEX
	DC Standdown
	Flight Ops
	Class Alpha Fire Drill
24 May	Flight Ops
	NEO EX
25 May	Flight Ops
	NEO
26 May	AAV Ops
	LCU Ops
27 May	AAV Ops
	VBSS with MPS GOPHER STATE
28 May - 3 June	Enroute Hong Kong
28 May	LCU Ops
	AAV Ops

29 May	Command Assessment Survey
	EMCON Drill
	Award Ceremony
30 May	Small Arms Shoot
	Flight Ops
	CIWS PACFIRE
	Fast Rope Drill
	Deceptive Lighting Drill
1 Jun	FAMFIRE
2 Jun	Steel Beach Picnic
3 - 8 Jun	Anchored IVO Hong Kong
	Liberty Hong Kong
8 Jun	Diverted to Singapore for Operation BEVEL EXPRESS
8 - 13 Jun	Underway enroute Singapore
11 Jun	CIWS PACFIRE
	Flight Ops
	ELVA
12 Jun	CBD-R Drill
13 - 17 Jun	Moored Changi, Singapore
	Reconfiguration
13 Jun	Reconfiguration
	Fuel Onload

14 Jun	Frocking Ceremony
17 - 22 Jun	Underway enroute White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
17 Jun	Hospital Corpsman 104 th Birthday Celebration
18 Jun	Trend 1B MPDE
20 Jun	Martial Art Training Flashing light drill
21 Jun	MSFD NIXIE Stream
22 - 24 Jun	Inport White Beach, Okinawa, Japan Reconfiguration
22 Jun	Flight Ops LCU Ops Moored White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
23 Jun	Onload 3 rd MEF
24 - 25 Jun	Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan
25 Jun	Moored Sasebo, Japan
25 - 28 Jun	Inport Sasebo, Japan
28 Jun - 3 Jul	Underway enroute Pusan, South Korea Exercise NEPTUNE THUNDER
28 Jun	LCU Ops
28 - 29 Jun	Inport Pusan, South Korea Army Onload

29 Jun Rear Admiral Ruehe, CTF76, visits FORT
MCHENRY

Reception onboard USS FORT MCHENRY

30 Jun - 3 Jul Underway enroute Vladivostok, Russia

2 Jul MSFD

USMC Martial Art Rehearsal

3 - 5 Jul Inport Vladivostok, Russia

3 Jul Man the Rail

Welcome Ceremony

Media Tour

Russian PACFLT tours ship

Rehearsal for Wreath Laying Ceremony

USMC Static/Martial Arts Demonstration

Friendship Light

4 Jul Wreath Laying Ceremony

Russian Sailor Visit

Medical Personnel Exchange Visit

Navy Personnel Tour Russian Ships

Reception onboard USS CHANCELLORSVILLE
(CG 62)

5 Jul Farewell Ceremony

Man the Rail

5 Jul - 8 Jul Underway enroute Pusan, South Korea

8 Jul Inport Pusan, South Korea

Off-load

Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan

8 - 15 Jul Inport Sasebo, Japan

15 Jul FORT MCHENRY sortie to Anchorage 39
due to Typhoon

16 - 17 Jul Anchored IVO Sasebo, Japan
Underway enroute White Beach, Okinawa,
Japan

17 Jul LCU Ops

Underway enroute Basilan, the
Philippines

17 - 24 Jul Operation ENDURING FREEDOM - the
Philippines

18 Jul At-sea Fire Party Drill

19 Jul Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Female Lounge

20 Jul Helo Crash and Smash Drill

Flight Ops

NVG Flight Ops

21 - 24 Jul Backload IVO Basilan, the Philippines

24 - 26 Jul Underway enroute White Beach, Okinawa,
the Philippines

25 Jul .50 cal/M-16 gun shoot

Rescue and Assistance Drill

26 Jul Inport White Beach, Okinawa, Japan

Off-load

Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan

27 Jul - 6 Sep	Inport Sasebo, Japan
27 Jul	Moored Sasebo, Japan
27 Jul - 4 Aug	Standdown
5 Aug - 9 Aug	3M BLA
	SMI
5 Aug	3M BLA/SMI In-brief
7 Aug	SMI In-brief
8 Aug	Berthing Barge Tour
	Dry-dock Tour
9 Aug	3M BLA/SMI Out-brief
	SRF Work Definition for DSRA
13 Aug	SRF Tour with Port Engineer
15 Aug	PACE onload
19 Aug	Force Protection Review In-brief
	PACE enrollment/registration
	PRT Weigh-in
26 Aug	DSRA Survival Meeting
27 Aug	SRTT Boat Crew and SAR Swim
	Ball Cap Ceremony
29 Aug	PRT
	Ship's Picnic
30 Aug	SM1 (SW/AW) [REDACTED]'s retirement ceremony
	Stores onload

3 Sep	Fast Cruise
	Man Overboard
	Abandon Ship Drill
	AST In-brief
5 Sep	E-6 Exam
6 - 27 Sep	Underway, enroute IVO Okinawa, Japan
	AST
	Blue/Green Work-up
	SOCEX/ARGEX
6 Sep	LCU Ops
7 Sep	LCAC Ops
	LCU Ops
7 - 10 Sep	Moored, White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
	Onload
8 Sep	LCAC Ops
10 Sep	LCU Ops
	LCAC Ops
	Mass Casualty Drill
	CRRC Ops
	MSFD
11 Sep	LCU/LCAC/LARC Ops
	RHIB Launch and Recovery
	Mass Casualty Drill

Helo Cast Training
HVBSS
9/11 Commemoration Ceremony
AAV Ops
MSFD
Engineering Drill
12 Sep E-5 Exam
LCU/LARC/AAV Ops
Flight Ops
Helo IED Drill
13 Sep Small Arms shoot
Mass Casualty Drill
DATF
Night LCU Ops
Engineering drill
16 Sep CPO Frocking Ceremony
Engineering Drill
17 Sep Flight Ops
19 Sep E-4 Exam
DSRA Meeting
DATF - Air DTE
Engineering Drill
20 Sep MSFD

21 Sep	MSFD
	Small Arms Shoot
	Engineering Drills
22 Sep	Flight Ops
	CO's Call E-4 and below
	CO's Call E-5 and E-6
	CO's Call with Junior Officer
23 Sep	Flight Ops
	Ball Cap Ceremony
24 Sep	Flight Ops
25 Sep	CIWS Ammo Download Mount 24
	Flight Ops
	Small Arms Shoot
	Ice Cream Social
26 - 27 Sep	Inport White Beach, Okinawa, Japan
26 Sep	Ball Cap Ceremony
	Offload
27 Sep	Underway enroute Sasebo, Japan
	Ammo staging
	Safety Standdown
28 Sep	Anchored IVO Sasebo, Japan
	Ammo Offload
	Moored Akasaki Pier, Sasebo, Japan

28 Sep - 1 Oct	Defueling
	Stores offload
1 - 3 Oct	Berthing Move to Berthing Barge
1 Oct	Deadstick to Pier India 6
	Docking Conference
2 Oct	SPAWAR In-brief
4 Oct	Dead stick move to Dry Dock 2
4 Oct - 22 Nov	DSRA
7 Oct	All Enlisted Hands Call with Fleet Master Chief
11 Oct	Award Ceremony
18 Oct	Rear Admiral Ruehe, CTF76, visits FORT MCHENRY and Berthing Barge
19 Oct	Commanding Officer, ACU-5 visits FORT MCHENRY
31 Oct	FCC (SW) ██████████'s Commission Ceremony Rehearsal
1 Nov	FCC (SW) ██████████'s Commission Ceremony
4 Nov	JUNEAU's Commanding Officer tours FORT MCHENRY and Dry Dock
8 - 12 Nov	SIPRNET Down
19 Nov	Undocking Conference
21 Nov	Aviation Assists In-brief
	FPEX Meeting
22 Nov	Undocking

	Dead stick move to India 1
22 Nov - 18 Dec	SRA
25 Nov	Task Force Excel briefs
	Force Protection Drill
	Field Day
2 Dec	Crew move aboard
4 Dec	Helo Fire Fighting Drills
6 Dec	Helo Fire Fighting Drills
11 Dec	ARQ
12 Dec	Read Admiral Ruehe, CTG76, visits FORT MCHENRY
13 Dec	Refuel
17 - 18 Dec	Sea Trial
17 Dec	Award Ceremony
	Small Arms Shoot
	Conduct Swing ship
	Optest Well deck vent
	Full Power Run
	Main Engine Trends
18 Dec	Inport Sasebo, Japan
19 Dec - 1 Jan 03	First Holiday Standdown Leave Period