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**USS GARY (FFG 51)
COMMAND HISTORY 1987
HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

USS GARY is the forty-fifth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry class of guided missile frigates. Currently programmed for over fifty ships, this will be the NAVY's largest destroyer class since World War II as well as the newest. Her mission is to provide anti-air, anti-submarine, and anti-surface protection for military and merchant shipping, amphibious task forces, underway logistics groups, and carrier battle groups.

The Commanding Officer has the ultimate authority, responsibility, and accountability for the performance of the ship and the crew. The Executive Officer, as second in command, is responsible for the implementation of Navy policies and regulations as applicable to the ship. Each Department Head reports to the Commanding Officer via the Executive Officer.

USS GARY is commanded by William D. Bethea of Los Angeles, California. The Executive Officer is CDR Robert L. Moon. The ship's organization is divided into five departments: Combat Systems, Engineering, Ship Control, Supply, and Air (Helicopter Detachment). The department head administers and oversees the basic operation of his department's function on achieving the overall command mission.

USS GARY DEPARTMENT HEADS 1987

Combat Systems Officer: LCDR [REDACTED] relieved by LT [REDACTED]
Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED] relieved by LT [REDACTED]
Ship Control Officer: LT [REDACTED]
Supply Officer: LT [REDACTED], SC, USN
OIC Helo Det: LCDR [REDACTED]

In keeping with her motto as "Freedom's Foremost Guardian" USS GARY participated in various fleet exercises, independent operations and completed a deployment to the western Pacific and Persian Gulf which tested the capabilities of the ship and the crew.

At the beginning of 1987, GARY was in the closing months of her first operational deployment. Transiting from Bunbury, Western Australia, via Subic Bay, RP, Pearl Harbor, HI, to homeport at Long Beach, CA, the ship began its preparations for the upcoming inspections, repair availabilities and other challenges which would be met in preparation for her next operational employment.

Subsequent to a joyous welcome home celebration at her return, and after a short stand down period, GARY was again busy with the tasks of training and refitting. During this period GARY crewmembers attended many service schools and involved themselves in numerous projects within the local community.

Continuing her relationship with the Los Coyotes Elementary School in La Palma, GARY crewmembers participated in several school sponsored activities and provided individual leadership to the school's children through a pen pal

exchange program. The ship's interest in the community was further expressed through frequent involvement in guest ship visitations and youth programs ship tours.

An unexpected opportunity presented itself when GARY was approached to provide cast support for the American Broadcasting Company's production of "War and Remembrance". Approximately thirty officers, chief petty officers and crew acted as extras for the World War II drama which will be aired sometime in the fall of 1988. During filming GARY's Commanding Officer, CDR William D. Bethea even received a "spot" promotion by the film company's producer's to the rank of Rear Admiral for the purpose of the scene.

During the month of May GARY received yet another distinction by her participation in the Torrance, CA Armed Forces Day Parade, where the ship's drill team won first prize for best military drill team. The Torrance Parade is the biggest military observance in the country.

Predeployment inspections and regularly scheduled maintenance and readiness availabilities were compressed into a seven month period. During this period GARY completed each with impressive results. During 1987, GARY completed the following evolutions with results as listed:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Results</u>
19 Mar	Aviation Assist Visit	Outstanding
30 Mar-03 Apr	Supply Operations Readiness Review	Outstanding
31 Mar-03 Apr	ISIC Engineering Readiness Assessment	Satisfactory
06-16 Apr	Maritime Defense Zone Exercise	Outstanding
22 Apr	Pilot Rescue Evaluation	Fully Ready
27-28 Apr	CNSG LBCH Diesel Inspection	Satisfactory
04-08 May	AAW/ASUW CART	Outstanding
06 May	CDS-9 Medical Inspection	Satisfactory
10-12 May	CDS-9 Command Inspection	Outstanding
13-16 Jul	Combat Systems Assessment	Satisfactory
21-22 Jul	ENGARDEX ASW Exercise	Outstanding
29 Jul	Administrative Assist Review	Outstanding
10-14 Aug	TMA Team Training	Outstanding
25-27 Aug	OPPRE	Satisfactory
31 Aug-04 Sep	CNSG LBCH Surface Line Week Competition	First Place
15 Oct	COMNAVSURFPAC Zone Inspection	Excellent
28 Oct-18 Nov	Selective Restricted Availability	
16-18 Nov	Supply Management Inspection	Outstanding
23-27 Nov	3M Inspection	Outstanding
01-04 Dec	Middle East Force Exercise	Outstanding
17 Dec	Aviation Assist Visit	Outstanding
28-29 Dec	SESI and SRBOC Inspection	Satisfactory

By the end of 1987, GARY had completed nearly all of the predeployment evolutions required prior to her upcoming January 1988 deployment. For a chronological outline of specific events in 1986 please refer to the attached Narrative Summary in the Special Topics enclosure.

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COMMAND HISTORY 1987
SPECIAL TOPICS**

COMMAND ORGANIZATION: USS GARY (FFG 51) is presently under the command of CDR William Dallas Bethea III who relieved CDR Harlan Roland Bankert, Jr., on 26 December 1986. USS GARY is under the operational control of Commander Destroyer Squadron 9 and Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 5.

USS GARY's Air Department is staffed by detachments from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Forty Three (HSL 43), homebased at NAS North Island, California. HSL 43 flies the SH-60B "SEAHAWK" LAMPS MK III helicopter.

USS GARY is homeported in Long Beach, California.

MAJOR COMMAND PROBLEMS: None

MAJOR CHANGES TO EQUIPMENT/MAJOR MATERIAL CASUALTIES: None

1987 AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>
5 Jan	05	SSQ-62B DICASS
	10	SQQ-53B DIFAR
8 Jan	120	12 GA Shotgun
	340	.45 Cal
9 Jan	470	7.62 MM (M-14)
14 Jan	02	Miniature Mobile Target
	05	SQQ-53B DIFAR
20 Jan	100	20 MM CIWS
21 Jan	05	SQQ-53B DIFAR
	01	SSQ-36 BT
22 Jan	03	76 MM BL&P
23 Jan	02	Rifle Grenade Cartridge (M-14)
26 Jan	01	76 MM BL&P
	01	MK 58 Marine Markers
31 Jan	166	.50 Cal
	01	MK 58 Marine Markers
01 Feb	200	7.62 MM (M-60)
	10	76 MM BL&P

1987 AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES: (Continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>
02 Feb	116	7.62 MM (M-14)
	85	.45 Cal
03 Feb	01	Rifle Grenade
	01	Cartridge (M-14)
	01	MK 58 Marine Markers
04 Feb	100	20 MM CIWS
03 Apr	42	7.62 MM Blank (M-14)
	108	20 MM CIWS
	01	Rifle Grenade
		Cartridge (M-14)
11 May	217	7.62 MM (M-14)
	101	.45 Cal
	35	.50 Cal
	15	20 MM CIWS
19 May	01	Miniature Mobile Target
02 Jun	259	20 MM CIWS
	31	76 MM BL&P
04 Jun	24	76 MM BL&P
19 Jun	130	12 GA Shotgun
	939	.45 Cal
24 Jun	100	20 MM CIWS
25 Jun	01	Miniature Mobile Target
01 Jul	90	12 GA Shotgun
	163	7.62 MM (M-14)
	220	,45 Cal
	31	BL&P
02 Jul	01	MK 58 Marine Markers
	02	Miniature Mobile Target
16 Jul	01	MK 58 Marine Markers
	02	Miniature Mobile Target
06 Aug	100	20 MM CIWS
	05	76 MM BL&P

1987 AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES: (Continued)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>
20 Aug	120	7.62 MM (M-14)
	121	7.62 MM (M-60)
	100	20 MM CIWS
	15	76 MM BL&P
08 Sep	54	12 GA Shotgun
	580	.45 Cal
11 Sep	1560	7.62 MM (M-14)
	06	Hand Grenade, OFF
21 Sep	10	76 MM BL&P
	02	Guided Missile, STD MR, Practice
22 Sep	25	76 MM BL&P
	07	76 MM HE-PD
	334	7.62 MM (M-60)
	96	20 MM CIWS
01 Oct	200	7.62 MM (M-60)
	50	.45 Cal
	200	.50 Cal
	100	20 MM CIWS
	03	MK 58 Marine Markers
01 Dec	13	76 MM BL&P
03 Dec	609	20 MM CIWS
	24	76 MM HE-IR
	30	76 MM HE-PD
	30	76 MM BL&P
	02	Guided Missile, STD MR, Practice

HELO OPERATIONS FOR 1987:

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Forty Three Detachment Thirteen was comprised of 6 pilots, 3 aircrewmembers, a maintenance CPO and eleven enlisted maintenance technicians. The Officer-in-Charge of HSL-43 Det 13 from 01 November 1987 through December 1987 was LCDR [REDACTED], USN.

Detachment Thirteen embarked from 24 November 1987 through 30 November 1987 for the LAMPS Mobile Team Training Unit. This ASW training provided both valuable for the aircrew and the ship personnel. While under ship control the majority of the time, the training was an excellent chance for all hands to work together as a team.

The detachment embarked again 01 December 1987 through 3 December 1987 for a Middle East Force exercise. Thirty-six flight hours were flown in this brief but intense training period providing outstanding preparation for the mission in the Persian Gulf.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

01-04 Jan Underway from Bunbury, Australia to Subic Bay, R.P. under the operational control of Commander Seventh Fleet and under the tactical command of USS LEAHY, ships in company: USS VINCENNES, USS PAUL F. FOSTER, USS FLINT, and USS SAN JOSE.

05-13 Jan Inport Subic Bay, R.P.

11 Jan GARY is designated COMNAVSURFPAC Self-Sufficient Ship of the Week for the week of 29 Dec 86 through 05 Jan 87 by VADM G.W. Davis, Jr.

13 Jan Underway from Subic Bay, R.P. to Pearl Harbor, HI. Unrep with USNS MISPELLION.

14 Jan Rendezvous with Battle Group Charlie. Under the tactical command of COMCARGRU THREE.

15 Jan Observed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. Holiday Routine.

16 Jan Awards ceremony held on flight deck in recognition of personal achievements by various individuals during the six month period of WESTPAC deployment.

17 Jan Conducted Battle Problem exercise and Tactical Maneuvers exercise with various units of Battle Group Charlie.

19 Jan UNREP with USNS MISPELLION.

20 Jan Conducted counter-targeting (PASEX) exercise against USS KITTY HAWK battle group.

21 Jan Awards ceremony held recognizing GARY's Sailor of the Year.

22 Jan Chop from Seventh to Third Fleet. Conducted 76mm gun exercise.

23 Jan UNREP with USNS MISPELLION.

24 Jan Commodore Watkins, COMDESRON 17 conducts visitation.

28 Jan Moor Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Embark 16 Tigers for "Operation Tiger" cruise.

30 Jan Underway from Naval Station Pearl Harbor to NAVSTA Long Beach, CA.

31 Jan Conducted .50 caliber machine gun training.

01 Feb Conducted 76mm gun firing exercise.

02 Feb Conducted small arms firing training.

03 Feb UNREP, VERTREP, and PERSTRAN with USS FLINT.

05 Feb Held awards ceremony on flight deck to present COMDESRON NINE Letters of Commendation.

06 Feb Arrive Naval Station Long Beach. Moored Pier 7. HSL-43 Det 7 fly-off.

06-23 Feb Leave and Upkeep period.

16 Feb Full Dress Ship for Washington's birthday.

04 Mar Commanding Officer meets with COMDESRON NINE aboard USS PAUL F. FOSTER.

05 Mar Forty students from Imperial High School, Los Angeles tour GARY.

09 Mar Commanding Officer meets with COMCRUDESGRU ONE, Rear Admiral R.A.K. Taylor, aboard USS ACADIA.

10 Mar GARY crewmembers participate as actors in the American Broadcasting Corporation movie production of "War and Remembrance".

11 Mar Conducted command level personnel inspection.

16 Mar COMDESRON NINE shifts flagship duties to GARY. DESRON NINE Staff embarks. Positas Elementary School tours ship.

18 Mar EPMAC representatives conduct brief onboard.

19 Mar COMNAVSURFPAC Aviation Assist Visit conducted with inspectors noting GARY's aviation readiness as outstanding.

23 Mar Conducted "Fast Cruise".

24 Mar Conducted "Fast Cruise".

25 Mar Conducted "Fast Cruise".

30 Mar Commenced COMNAVSURFPAC Supply Operations Readiness Review.

31 Mar Commenced ISIC Engineering Readiness Assessment (IERA) inspection.

01 Apr Underway for ISE operations in the Southern California (SOCAL) operating area. COMDESRON NINE embarks. PACFLT Mobile Training Team embarks. IERA continues.

02 Apr COMDESRON NINE and PACFLT Mobile Training Team debark. GARY assigned to SURVOP duties in the vicinity of Pacific Missile Test Range.

03 Apr Conducted seven Burials at Sea. Completed Supply Operations Readiness Review and IERA.

06 Apr Commence Maritime Defense Zone Exercise (MARDEZEX). COMMARDEZ ELEVEN, VADM Costello, USCG embarks. GARY assumes flagship duties. COMDESRON NINE embarks.

11 Apr VADM Costello, USCG, and Commodore Perkins (CDS-9) visit GARY.

13 Apr Commence SIMA Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV).

15 Apr Held ship's picnic at Naval Station Long Beach Gull Park.

16 Apr Completed MARDEZEX LALB.

17 Apr Underway to shift berth to pier 15, starboard side to.

20 Apr COMDESRON NINE embarks GARY. Assume DESRON NINE flagship duties.

22 Apr GARY evaluated as "fully ready" for pilot rescue as a result of Pilot Rescue Team Evaluation.

27 Apr Commence COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach Marine Diesel Inspection.

28 Apr Complete Diesel Inspection.

01 May GARY tours 36 students as part of Youth Visit Ship Program.

02 May Ship's officers attend COMNAVSURFGRU Ball at San Diego, CA.

04 May Commenced AAW/ASUW CART RAVIR training availability.

06 May Commenced COMDESRON NINE inspection of ship's Medical Department.

08 May Completed AAW/ASUW CART.

12 May Commence COMDESRON NINE Command Inspection of GARY. 134 students from Los Coyotes Elementary School tour GARY.

14 May CINCPACFLT Career Counselor visits GARY and briefs crew.

15 May Ten GARY crewmen visit Los Coyotes Elementary School on a goodwill civic action visitation. Film crews from KNBC arrive onbaord to film segment for production of "Two on the Town".

16 May Dress ship for Armed Forces Day. GARY receives first place award for "Best Military Drill Team" during Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade.

17 May GARY assigned as THIRDFLT Ready Destroyer 17-22 May. Underway for operations in the SOCAL OPAREA. Complete IMAV.

18 May Awards ceremony for GARY crewmembers.

21 May Inport NAVSTA Long Beach pier 7.

25 May Dress ship for Memorial Day.

28 May GARY Drill Team is presented "Best Military Drill Unit" trophy by RADM Higginson, COMNAVSURFGRU Long Beach, for participation in Torrance Armed Forces Day Parade.

01 Jun Underway for SOCAL operations. Embarked 11 Midshipmen for training. Conducted CIWS and 76mm gun shoot.

02 Jun Conducted 76mm gun shoot and live ASW tracking exercise. Anchored San Diego for passenger pick up. Underway for SOCAL operations.

03 Jun Conducted Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ's) with HSL-41.

04 Jun Conducted 76mm gun shoot. UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI. Moor NAVSTA Long Beach pier 15.

06 Jun GARY is guest ship for the Los Angeles Long Beach area.

09 Jun Launched the motor whale boat for crew training. ORATS Assist Team conducts training.

09-20 Jun Pre-Selective Restricted Availability (SRA) planning and maintenance.

23 Jun Underway for SOCAL operations and port visit Santa Barbara. Embarked 12 representatives of the Defense Science Study Group. Conducted DLQ's with HSL-41.

24 Jun Conducted CIWS gun shoot, live ASW tracking and DLQ's with HSL-41.

25 Jun Conducted live ASW tracking and DLQ's with HSL-43.

26 Jun Anchored at Santa Barbara harbor in company with USS BRISTOL COUNTY as official U.S. Navy representatives at the fiftieth annual Semana Nautica Festival. HSL-43 helicopter Oceanlord 20 embarks for guest ship display.

27 Jun GARY Chief Engineer, LT [REDACTED] is wed onboard. Conducted open house visitation. HSL-43 representatives fly off.

28 Jun Conducted open house visitation.

29 Jun Underway for SOCAL operations.

30 Jun Conducted Small Arms familiarization training.

01 Jul UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI. Conducted 76mm gun shoot.

02 Jul Moor NAVSTA Long Beach pier nine.

03 Jul COMDESRON NINE shifts his pennant to GARY.

04 Jul Full dress ship for Fourth of July holiday.

06 Jul DESRON NINE Commanding Officers meet on board GARY.

08 Jul Shift berths to pier 15.

11 Jul Ship's picnic held at Weapons Station Seal Beach.

13 Jul Commenced COMNAVSURFPAC Combat Systems Assessment.

15 Jul Underway for SOCAL operations in support of Combat Systems Assessment.

16 Jul Conduct 76mm and CIWS PACFIRES in support of Combat Systems Assessment. Moor NAVSTA Long Beach pier 16. Complete Combat Systems Assessment.

20 Jul Conducted awards ceremony on the Flight Deck.

21-22 Jul Conducted COMDESRON NINE sponsored ENGARDEX ASW exercise at ASWTRACEN San Diego.

29 Jul Personnel and Administration Assistance Team Pacific embarks for administrative assist review.

31 Jul Complete PAATPAC assist visit.

01-02 Aug GARY is guest ship for Long Beach, CA.

03 Aug Underway for SOCAL operations. CONREP with USS CAPE COD.

04 Aug Rendezvous with USS SCHENECTADY. Conducted ASW counter-targeting exercise.

05 Aug Conducted ASW counter-targeting exercise with USS POGY and USS SALT LAKE CITY. Conducted DLQ's with HSL-41.

06 Aug Conducted 76mm and CIWS PACFIRE. Moor NAVSTA Long Beach pier 16. Navy Food Management Assist Team Visit (through 13 Aug).

10 Aug TMA Team Training at ASWTRACEN San Diego.

12 Aug Commanding Officer visits with VADM G.W. Davis COMNAVSURFPAC in preparation for Chairman JCS ADM Crowe visit.

17 Aug Underway for SOCAL operations in support of pre-OPPE requirements.

18 Aug Conduct ASW Counter-targeting exercises and ECC drills.

19 Aug Conducted 76mm, CIWS and anti-mine gunnery exercise. ECC drills.

20 Aug Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, ADM Crowe, and Commander U.S. Naval Surface Forces Pacific, VADM Davis visit GARY while conducting operations in the SOCAL operations area. Conducted CIWS and 76mm gun shoot.

21 Aug Moor Navsta Long Beach pier 16.

24 Aug Conducted personnel awards ceremony on the flight deck.

25 Aug Commenced Operational Propulsion Plant Readiness Examination (OPPRE). COMNAVSURFPAC Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) members embark. Underway for OPPRE.

26 AUG Conducted propulsion plant tasks, drills, evolutions and high power demonstration in support of OPPRE. Moor NAVSTA Long Beach pier 15.

27 Aug Successfully complete OPPRE. Disembark CNSP PEB members.

31 Aug Commenced participation in COMNAVSURGRU Long Beach Surface Line Week competition.

01 Sep Dress ship for Labor Day. Commence 3M Assist Visit.

02 Sep Completed 3M Assist Visit.

04 Sep Completed Surface Line Week competitions, GARY wins first place in the small ship category.

07 Sep LAMPS MK III Mobile Training Team arrives for ASW Team Training.

11 Sep Completed ASW Team Training.

14 Sep Hosted ship's Ombudsmen on board for lunch as part of GARY Ombudsman Appreciation Day.

17 Sep Commemorated the Two Hundredth anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution by ringing ship's bell for 200 seconds.

18 Sep Hoisted POW/MIA flag in support of POW/MIA Recognition Day.

19 Sep Hosted 100 guests for Eagle Scout award ceremony on the flight deck.

20 Sep Underway for operations in the SOCAL area. GARY is THIRDFLT Ready Destroyer through 27 Sep.

21 Sep Conducted two successful combined live missile and gun drone engagements at Pacific Missile Test Range.

22 Sep Conducted 76mm and CIWS gunnery exercises. CONREP with USS MOUNT HOOD.

23 Sep Anchor Long Beach outer harbor for debark of KEYT News representatives. Underway for SOCAL night time operations.

24 Sep Anchor San Diego Coronado roads for passenger transfer. Underway for SOCAL operations.

25 Sep Moor Navsta Long Beach pier nine.

28 Sep Underway. Transited to Seal Beach Weapons Station and conducted offload of ship's ordnance. Underway for SOCAL operations subsequent to ammo offload.

01 Oct Anchor Santa Barbara harbor. Gary is opened to the public for tours. GARY representatives attend reception at Santa Barbara Yacht Club for the America's Cup Sailing Trophy.

05 Oct Underway for NAVSTA Long Beach. Moor pier 16.

12 Oct Dress ship for Colombus Day.

15 Oct COMNAVSURFPAC, VADM G.W. Davis and COMNAVSURGRU Long Beach, RADM J.J. Higginson visit GARY to conduct zone inspection. GARY receives grade of overall excellent.

16 Oct COMDESRON NINE, Commodore Perkins conducted awards ceremony on the fantail in recognition of GARY personnel.

28 Oct GARY transits to Todd Pacific Shipyard, San Pedro and is synchro-lifted into dry dock. Commenced Drydock Selective Restricted Availability ((DSRA).

0-6 Nov Ship's third birthday gala celebration held on board the SS Queen Mary at Long Beach.

09 Nov Undock ship. Continue SRA at Todd Pacific Shipyards, San Pedro.

11 Nov Dress ship for Veterans Day.

12 Nov GARY welcomes sister ship, USS JARRETT home from deployment.

16 Nov Commence Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

18 Nov Underway NAVSTA Long Beach pier nine. Complete DSRA. Complete SMI with grade of outstanding.

23 Nov Commenced surprise TYCOM 3M inspection.

25 Nov Underway for Dependent's Day Cruise.

26 Nov Celebrated Thanksgiving Holiday on board with dependents and friends by serving a full seven course meal.

27 Nov Complete 3M Inpsection with overall grade of 95 percent.

01 Dec Underway for Middle East Force Exercise (MEFEX) in the SOCAL operations area. Conducted 76mm and .50 cal machine gun live firing exercise. Embarked and conducted flight operations with HSL-43. Anchor Coronado Roads.

02 Dec Underway from anchorage. Continue MEFEX. Conducted CIWS and 76mm NGFS live firing exercises.

03 Dec Conducted two live missile firing exercises against drones. Both missile salvos assessed as kills. Complete MEFEX.

04 Dec HSL-43 Det 13 fly off. Moor NAVSTA Long Beach. Forty-three GARY crewmembers attend bon voyage party at Los Coyotes Elementary School.

05-31 Dec GARY is THIRDFLT duty ASW escort/AAW piraz.

09 Dec Conducted "Fast Cruise".

10 Dec Underway for Weapons Station Seal Beach for ammo onload. Return to NAVSTA Long Beach pier nine.

14 Dec Underway for Acoustics Trials in the SOCAL operations area. Conducted flight operations with HSL-43 Det 13.

15 Dec Conducted DLQ's with HSL-43 Det 13. Moor NAVSTA Long Beach pier 16.

17 Dec Aviation Assist Visit. Commence Training and Readiness Evaluation. Commence holiday leave and upkeep period.

25 Dec Christmas Day holiday routine.

28 Dec NAVSEA inspectors arrive for Shipboard Explosive Space Inspection (SESI) and SRBOC Certification.

29 Dec Complete SESI and SRBOC inspections.

31 Dec GARY prepares to welcome 1988! Struck eight bells at midnight to welcome the New Year.