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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (11) are forwarded.
2. Regret the delay in submitting GARY's Command History for 1989.


G. W. SCHNURRPUSCH

USS GARY (FFG 51)
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Homeported in Long Beach, CA, USS GARY (FFG 51) is the forty-fifth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7) class of guided missile frigates. Her primary mission is to provide anti-air, anti-submarine, and anti-surface protection for military and merchant convoys, amphibious task forces, and underway logistics groups.

The Commanding Officer has the ultimate authority, responsibility, and accountability for the performance of the ship and her 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 was under the administrative command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE throughout 1989. Destroyer Squadron NINE is homeported in Long Beach, CA.

SHIP ORGANIZATION FOR 1989

In 1989 GARY saw a turnover of the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and all four department heads. In addition, the ship underwent a departmental reorganization on 1 May 1989. The organization for both prior to and after 1 May are given below.

COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR W. Dallas Bethea (2nd Commanding Officer)
(Relieved 1 April by CDR Gary W. Schnurpusch, 3rd
Commanding Officer)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: LCDR John A. Schaefer
(Relieved 10 November by LCDR Edward J. Gilmore)

DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION (Prior to 1 May)

SHIP CONTROL OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]

ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR (CPO) / SC-1 Division
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER / SC-2 Division
FIRST LIEUTENANT (SCPO) / SC-3 Division

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER: LT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
(Relieved 7 April by LT [REDACTED])

COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER / CS-1 Division
ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER / CS-2 Division
ORDNANCE OFFICER / CS-3 Division
ELECTRONIC READINESS OFFICER / CS-4 Division

ENGINEERING OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]

MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT / E-1 Division
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT / E-2 Division
AUXILIARIES OFFICER / E-3 Division

SUPPLY OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]

STOREKEEPERS (CPO) / S-1 Division
FOOD SERVICES (CPO) / S-2 Division
DISBURSING OFFICER / S-3 Division
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (CPO) / X-Division

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION (After 1 May)

OPERATIONS OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]
(Relieved 11 August by LTJG [REDACTED])
(Relieved 7 September by LT [REDACTED])

NAVIGATION OFFICER / ON Division
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER / OI Division
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER / OC Division
FIRST LIEUTENANT (SCPO) / 1st Division

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]

ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER / AS Division
ORDNANCE OFFICER / ORD Division
ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE OFFICER / WX Division

ENGINEERING OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]
(Relieved 17 October by LT [REDACTED])

MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT / M Division
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT / R Division
AUXILIARIES OFFICER / A&E Division

SUPPLY OFFICER: LT [REDACTED]
(Relieved 21 July by LT [REDACTED])

STOREKEEPERS (CPO) / S-1 Division
FOOD SERVICES (CPO) / S-2 Division
DISBURSING OFFICER / S-3 Division
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (CPO) / X-Division

SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COMMAND: BMCS(SW) Thomas R. Vigil

1989 AIR DETACHMENT

OIC HELO DETACHMENT: LCDR [REDACTED]

OPERATIONS OFFICER
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
MAINTENANCE OFFICER
TACTICS OFFICER
MAINTENANCE AND AIRCREW PERSONNEL

Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light Four Seven Detachment FIVE was embarked for the 89-90 Persian Gulf Deployment. The detachment embarked on 15 September and was on board for the remainder of the year. They operated two SH-60B aircraft, SABERHAWK 66 and SABERHAWK 67, and the detachment was comprised of six pilots, three aircrewmembers, and eleven enlisted maintenance technicians.

The primary mission of the air detachment during 1989 was to support Persian Gulf surveillance and anti-mining operations, with a lesser emphasis on logistics requirements. The aircraft effectively and capably extended the "eyes of the ship", through utilization of the LAMPS SRQ-4 data link. They patrolled areas in the vicinity of the ship on the lookout for mines, as well as for friendly, (usually British and French combatants) Soviet, and Iranian shipping activity. They correlated contacts visually and through RADAR and ESM.

USS GARY (FFG 51)
Chronology for 1989

1-17 Jan Upkeep, NAVSTA Long Beach, CA.

3-13 Jan Integrated Combat Systems Training with the 20B5 device; S-Availability with USS PRAIRIE (AD 15).

9-13 Jan LAMPS Mobile Team Training (LMTTU) Phase I on board; Supply Mobile Training Team Visit.

10 Jan Engineering Mobile Training Team Visit; CART.

12-13 Jan Petty Officer Indoctrination.

13 Jan Destroyer Squadron NINE Dining-in attended by most officers of the wardroom.

14 Jan Elks Lodge Tour on board.

17 Jan Elevator Alteration Team visit.

18 Jan Destroyer Squadron NINE Navigation Check Ride.

18-24 Jan READIEX 89-2A.

18-27 Jan Underway SOCAL.

18-27 Jan ECC drills.

25 Jan UNREP With USNS KAWISHIWI.

27 Jan ASW CART.

28 Jan - 6 Feb Upkeep, NAVSTA Long Beach, CA.

7-10 Feb Underway for ECC drills, SOCAL.

11-14 Feb Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

14-16 Feb Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE).

15-16 Feb Underway for OPPE.

17-20 Feb Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

21-23 Feb Underway for SH-60 Deck Landing Qualifications services.

22 Feb UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI.

24-28 Feb Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

27 Feb - 3 Mar SOSMRC School Ship (for PCO's).

1-3 Mar Underway for SOSMRC.

4 Mar - 9 Apr Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

6-10 Mar Harpoon Team Training (for OS's) in San Diego, CA.

6-17 Mar R-Availability with USS PRAIRIE (AD 15).

6-24 Mar OTCIXS Installation.

10 Mar Paramount, CA, Rotary Club Tour on board for 55 persons.

13 Mar CSA OCSOT (Overall Combat Systems Operability Test) conducted for the Combat Systems Assessment Team.

13-31 Mar Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Training Team.

20-22 Mar Magazine Sprinkler Training Team.

20 Mar - 7 Apr IMAV with SIMA, Long Beach, CA.

27 Mar CDR Gary W. Schnurppusch, PCO, reports aboard for duty. Training and Readiness Evaluation (TRE) is conducted.

1 Apr CDR Gary W. Schnurppusch relieves CDR W. Dallas Bethea as Commanding Officer.

3-6 Apr ASW Mobile Team Trainer, Phase I.

4-6 Apr I-Division.

8 Apr Yorba Linda Rotary Club Tour on board.

10-14 Apr Underway for ACAT (All Comers at Sea Training), SOCAL.

10 Apr UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI.

15-16 Apr Inport NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

17-21 Apr Underway for Interim Refresher Training (REFTRA). Multiple anchoring evolutions at San Diego.

18 Apr TORPEX, SCORE range.

22-23 Apr Inport NAVSTA San Diego, CA.

24-31 Apr Underway for Interim Refresher Training (REFTRA).

24 Apr Astern refueling, UNREP, and highline transfer with USNS KAWISHIWI.

28-31 Apr Advanced ASW Training.

1-14 May Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA

1-3 May Radar Assisted Piloting Team Trainer.

1-4 May Flight Deck Electromagnetic Environmental Survey.

1-12 May R-Availability with USS PRAIRIE (AD 15).

4-6 May Host ship for Brazilian Navy visit of Training ship "Brasil."

6 May "Brasil" Midshipmen Luncheon; South Coast Rotary Club Luncheon and tour on board.

8 May AN/SRN-25 (Integrated Navigation System) installations; Dumbwaiter Assist visit.

13 May NAVSTA, Long Beach Visit Ship.

14 May Embark HSL 47 Det 5 for ACAT.

15-18 May Underway for ACAT (All Comers at Sea), SOCAL.

17 May ASW TRACKEX, SCORE Range, using MK-27 target.

18 May Offload HSL 47 Det 5.

18-21 May Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

22 May Underway for MISSILEX, PMTC.

23 May - 1 Jun Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA.

26 May Aviation Assist Visit (AAV), upgraded to Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE).

29 May Embark PACTRAMID I midshipmen.

30 May La Palma School District awards ceremony presentation, for GARY's "Partnership in Education" with Los Coyotes Elementary School.

1 Jun Embark HSL 47 Det 5.

2-8 Jun Underway for midshipmen training exercise BEHAVIOR CRITERION 89-2, and transit to Portland, OR; Helo Level Qualifications.

2 Jun Mooring to a buoy exercise

8 Jun 80-mile transit of Columbia River enroute to Portland, OR. Navy league (Public Affairs) river cruise for 100 persons.

8-13 Jun Port Visit Portland, OR for the Rose Festival.

9 Jun Rose Festival Queen's Court visit; Radio Broadcast from Pilot House with extensive interview with CO; special tours for Applegate Elementary School and Portland Recruiting Command.

9-12 Jun Public Tours given for 7,000 persons.

13 Jun Navy League Columbia river cruise for 200 persons on downriver transit.

13-18 Jun Underway for transit to Long Beach in conjunction with completion of exercise BEHAVIOR CRITERION.

17 Jun Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE departs.

22-23 Jun Underway for Surface Ship's Underwater Noise Measurement (SSRNM), off San Clemente Island.

24 Jun - 5 Jul Upkeep, NAVSTA Long Beach, CA.

26 Jun Embark PACTRAMID II midshipmen.

6-7 Jul Underway for MISSILEX, PMTC.

8-9 Jul Inport, NAVSTA Long Beach, CA.

10-11 Jul Underway for filming of the motion picture, "The Hunt for Red October," SOCAL.

12-16 Jul Upkeep, NAVSTA Long Beach, CA.

12-14 Jul Destroyer Squadron NINE Engineering Readiness Assessment. (IERA).

17 Jul Dependent's Day Cruise, in conjunction with USS FRANKLIN reunion. Transit to San Diego, CA.

18 Jul Ammunition onload at NAS, North Island, CA. Inport NAVSTA, San Diego, CA.

19-20 Jul Underway for MISSILEX, PMTC; Fire Fighting Team Trainer for some crewmembers in San Diego, CA.

21-31 Jul Training Availability (TRAV), NAVSTA, San Diego, CA.

24 Jul Fire Fighting Team Training.

24-28 Jul Advanced Multi-Threat Team Trainer for OS's.

28 Jul Aviation Firefighting Team Training.

30 Jul MIDEAST Force (MEF) Team Trainer.

31 Jul - 4 Aug Underway for MIDEAST Force Exercise (MEF-EX) 89-7, SOCAL. Destroyer Squadron TWO THREE is OTC.

3 Aug MISSILEX, PMTC (successful); UNREP with USNS KAWISHIWI.

4-22 Aug Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA. Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Leave period.

7-18 Aug R-Availability with USS PRAIRIE (AD 15); SCLISIS electronic equipment validation.

12-18 Aug Underwater hull cleaning and inspection.

16 Aug Industrial Hygiene Inspection.

17 Aug NAVCENTCOM Middle East Force (MEF) Brief on board.

21-24 Aug Combat Systems Readiness Test (CSRT).

23 Aug Underway for CSRT, SOCAL.

24 Aug - 6 Sep Upkeep, NAVSTA, Long Beach, CA. Installation of JOTS.

24 Aug SERT Training.

28 Aug Aviation Ordnance Team Training for selected crewmembers, San Diego, CA.

7 Sep Ammunition onload, NAVWEPSTA, Seal Beach, CA.

8-14 Sep Upkeep, NAVSTA Long Beach, CA. Installation of Mast Mounted Site (MMS).

14 Sep Embark HSL 47 Det 5.

15 Sep Deploy to the Western Pacific and Persian Gulf; RDVU with sister ship USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) for transit; fly-on SABERHAWK 66 and 67 from HSL 47 Det 5.

15-20 Sep Enroute to Pearl Harbor, HI, under tactical command of USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41).

20-21 Sep Upkeep, NAVSTA, Pearl Harbor, HI.

22-29 Sep Enroute independently towards Subic Bay, Philippines. Changed destination 24 Sep to Apra Harbor, Guam.

22 Sep MIDPAC MEFEX at PMRF.

24 Sep Rendezvous with USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) enroute; altered course to Guam for medical evacuation of injured crewman with crushed finger.

28 Sep Chop to Commander, Seventh Fleet.

29 Sep MEDEVAC injured crewman to NAVHOSP Guam.

30 Sep Inport NAVSTA Guam.

30 Sep - 4 Oct Enroute to Subic Bay, Philippines.

3 Oct Transit of San Bernardino Strait, Philippines.

4 Oct Rendezvous with USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) south of Manila Bay; exercise COPE PANA 89-3 with 13th Air Force in Subic Bay operations areas.

5-11 Oct Upkeep, NAVSTA, Subic Bay RP; R-Availability with SRF Subic Bay, RP; HSL 47 Det 5 shore-based at NAS, Cubi Point, RP.

6 Oct Communications Assist Team visit; Visit, Boarding, Search and Seizure (VBSS) training for selected crewmembers aboard SS OVERSEAS VIVIAN.

10 Oct CMS Assist visit.

11 Oct Berth shift from Alava Pier to SRF wharf due to Typhoon DAN passing within 50 NM.

12-15 Oct Enroute to Singapore under tactical command of USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41).

15 Oct Crossed the Equator; "initiated 120 slimy pollywogs into the realm of Davey Jones".

15-18 Oct Port Visit, Singapore.

19-23 Oct Enroute to Bombay, India under tactical command of USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41).

24-26 Oct Diplomatic Port Visit, Bombay, India; several receptions with Indian Navy.

27-29 Oct Enroute to Fujairah, UAE anchorage for Middle East Force (MEF) turnover.

27 Oct Chop to Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East (CJTFFME).

29 Oct Anchored at Fujairah, UAE for turnover with USS KINKAID (DD 965) and brief stop for fuel (BSF). Received such turnover items including FLAK jackets, sandbags, Kevlar armor, Stinger missiles, Stinger detachment. Commenced patrol of Strait of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area (SOHEPA).

31 Oct On patrol, Southern Persian Gulf (SPG). Earnest Will escort of merchant tanker ROVER outbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

1 Nov Earnest Will escort of dredging rig OCEAN CLIPPER inbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

2-4 Nov On patrol, Southern Persian Gulf. Depart on 4 Nov for Bahrain.

5-10 Nov Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain. Removal of defective Mast Mounted Site (MMS) unit. LCDR Edward J. Gilmore, PXO, reports for duty.

10 Nov LCDR Edward J. Gilmore relieves LCDR John A. Schaefer as Executive Officer.

11 Nov Underway from Mina Sulman; remain in Central Persian Gulf to await rendezvous with CMEF helo DESERT DUCK for transfer of cargo.

13 Nov Earnest Will escort of tanker SURF CITY outbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

14 Nov Earnest Will escort of tanker OCEAN RUNNER inbound through the Strait of Hormuz, and escort of tanker OVERSEAS VALDEZ outbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

15 Nov Earnest Will escort of USNS SEALIFT PACIFIC inbound through the Strait of Hormuz. Rendezvous with tug STRIKER delivering parts and a tech rep for the 76mm gun. Proceed independently outbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

16-18 Nov On patrol, Strait of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area (SOHEPA).

16 Nov Brief stop for fuel, Fujairah, UAE.

17 Nov Conducted 76mm/25mm chain gun/50 cal/small arms gunfiring exercises. Celebration of the fifth anniversary of GARY's commissioning.

18 Nov Conducted 76mm/25mm chain gun/50 cal/small arms gunfiring exercises.

19 Nov Earnest Will escort of tanker PATRIOT inbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

20 Nov Brief stop for fuel, Mina Jubal Ali, UAE.

21-24 Nov On patrol, Southern Persian Gulf.

21 Nov Earnest Will escort of USNS SEALIFT PACIFIC outbound through the Southern Persian Gulf.

23 Nov (Thanksgiving) Received mail via DESERT DUCK.

24 Nov Depart Southern Persian Gulf enroute Bahrain.

25 Nov Anchored at Sitrah Anchorage, Bahrain.

26 Nov - 1 Dec Inport Mina Sulman, Bahrain, for maintenance availability.

1 Dec Receive AHIPS detachment while anchored alongside USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) at Sitrah Anchorage. Enroute Northern Persian Gulf (NPG).

2-12 Dec On patrol, Northern Persian Gulf.

4 Dec SABERHAWK 66 mission to Bahrain International Airport for mail.

5 Dec Receive mail via DESERT DUCK.

6 Dec Earnest Will escort of tanker BRIDGETON northbound through the Northern Persian Gulf.

7 Dec Receive mail via DESERT DUCK.

8 Dec Earnest Will escort of tanker RANGER northbound through the Northern Persian Gulf.

9 Dec Brief stop for fuel, Kuwait.

10 Dec Receive personnel, mail and cargo via DESERT DUCK.

11 Dec Earnest Will escort of tanker RANGER southbound through the Northern Persian Gulf.

12 Dec Awards ceremony on the flight deck. Enroute to Bahrain.

13-17 Dec Anchored at Sitrah anchorage, Bahrain.

17 Dec Moored at Mina Sulman for installation of Mast Mounted Site (MMS) replacement unit.

18 Dec Enroute Southern Persian Gulf. Earnest Will escort of tanker BRIDGETON outbound through Southern Persian Gulf.

19-22 Dec On patrol, Southern Persian Gulf.

19 Dec Replenishment at Sea (RAS) with British oiler RFA ORANGELEAF.

21 Dec AHIPS detachment turned over to USS MCCLUSKY (FFG-41) via VERTREP, after anchorage alongside is aborted due to heavy ground swells.

23-26 Dec Port Visit, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

23 Dec Several officers attend reception at residence of American Embassy Military Liaison Officer.

25 Dec Christmas Day reception at Meridian Hotel, Abu Dhabi hosted by American Embassy, UAE.

27 Dec Enroute Strait of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area (SOHEPA). Rendezvous with USS MERRILL (DD 976) for transfer of mail.

28 Dec On patrol, Strait of Hormuz Eastern Patrol Area. Within 50nm of Muscat, Oman, for MEDEVAC of possible heart attack victim, flown in via SABERHAWK 67.

29 Dec Independent transit inbound through the Strait of Hormuz; Earnest Will escort of tanker BROOKLYN outbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

30 Dec Brief stop for fuel, Fujairah, UAE. Conducted 76mm/CIWS/50 cal gunfiring exercise.

31 Dec Independent transit inbound through the Strait of Hormuz; Earnest Will escort of tanker CHESAPEAKE and COURIER outbound through the Strait of Hormuz.

USS GARY (FFG 51)
COMMAND NARRATIVE

At the beginning of 1989, USS GARY (FFG 51) completed a holiday leave and upkeep period and plunged right into the training and workup cycle to prepare for deployment later in the year. In early January, the Combat Systems Department conducted training with the 20B5 and LAMPS mobile team training devices, which generate real-time combat scenarios on the ship's combat systems equipment. In addition to training and refitting, GARY crewmembers attended many service schools and involved themselves in numerous projects within the local community.

GARY was in the middle of a long series of inspections at the beginning of 1989. Following an extremely successful Supply Management Assessment in late January, the Engineering Department was completing the grueling workups for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) in mid-February, and the Combat Systems Department was preparing for an Overall Combat Systems Operability Test (OCSOT) conducted by the Combat Systems Assessment Team in March. These inspections were completed with outstanding results.

By late March, GARY was preparing for a change of command which would be conducted in the preparatory phase to Refresher Training (REFTRA). On the same day that Fleet Training Group arrived to conduct the Training and Readiness Evaluation (TRE), Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR Gary W. Schnurrrusch, reported on board for duty. He relieved CDR W. Dallas Bethea on 1 April. CDR Schnurrrusch had recently commanded USS O'CALLAHAN (FF-1051), which was decommissioned in December 1988. CDR Bethea, a Captain-select, transferred to the Naval Military Personnel Command (NMPC-410).

The ship went through a rather intense, two-week REFTRA syllabus in late April, which included some focused attention in ASW. GARY also conducted training in such infrequent deck evolutions as astern refueling and highline transfer with USNS KAWISHIWI.

Upon the completion of REFTRA, maintenance periods resumed in May with a two-week tender availability with USS PRAIRIE (AD 15). Working around the maintenance schedules, GARY provided support for foreign navy relations while acting as host ship for the visit of Brazilian naval training ship BRASIL to Naval Station Long Beach. GARY's crew attended several receptions, and the ship conducted a midshipman luncheon and provided transportation and other support services for the BRASIL. Later in the month, the ship continued community relations programs with the drill team and color guard marching in the annual Armed Forces Day parade in Torrance.

Continuing her relationship with Los Coyotes Elementary School in La Palma, GARY crewmembers hosted a ceremony and tour on board at the end of May for the fourth and fifth graders who were participating in the pen-pal exchange program. The ship's interest in the community was further expressed through frequent involvement with guest ship visitations and ship tours for youth programs.

Eight PACTRAMID I midshipmen embarked in early June for two weeks of coordinated training including fleet exercise BEHAVIOR CRITERION 89-10, a multiship exercise designed for training embarked midshipmen. GARY's own immediate senior and command COMDESRON NINE, was assigned as OTC but embarked in USS ENGLAND (CG 22). The two week underway period included several days of exercises during a transit up the coasts of California and Oregon, and a transit of the Columbia River to Portland, Oregon, where the crew and midshipmen alike enjoyed some good liberty and participated in the Portland Rose Festival. The Portland visit showed a strong Naval presence to the local community, as the ship conducted Navy League Columbia River cruises and conducted ship tours for 7000 people over the weekend. Completing the second phase, southward portion of BEHAVIOR CRITERION, the ship returned to Long Beach in mid-June with Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE embarked.

After BEHAVIOR CRITERION, the maintenance and training periods continued as the ship approached the three month point prior to deployment. Crewmembers were once again attending various service schools as the ship's equipment was brought to peak operating condition. On board training included another hookup of the 20B5 and LAMPS Mobile Team Trainer devices in late June, and in late July another two week embarkation of PACTRAMID II midshipmen. A two-week training availability in San Diego allowed crewmembers to attend other important schools, including the Advanced Multi-Threat Team Trainer. On the maintenance end, a tender availability with USS PRAIRIE was held in Long Beach in early August.

This period also afforded underway preparations for deployment, as GARY paid three visits to the Pacific Missile Test Center (PMTTC) to conduct guided missile exercises. In addition, the ship underwent a Middle East Force Exercise (MEFEX 89-7) in early August.

In late June, GARY was approached to provide filming support for Paramount Picture's production of "The Hunt for Red October." The film crew filmed scenes in GARY's Main Engine Room and Bridge and came back in early July to film some scenes underway. Some GARY crewmen had the opportunity to act as extras during the filming, and two crewmen had brief speaking lines. The ship's engineroom will be taking the place of the reactor room on a Soviet nuclear submarine; the pilothouse will be doubling for the bridge of USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65); and the flight deck will be portrayed as the flight deck of USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG 57). The motion picture is slated for an Easter 1990 release.

The pre-overseas movement (POM) leave and upkeep period was in the month of August, as the ship's crew made final preparations for deployment. A Combat Systems Readiness Test (CSRT) was conducted in early September. In addition, some new equipment was installed including JOTS and the experimental Mast-Mounted Site (MMS).

PERSIAN GULF DEPLOYMENT 1989-90. GARY departed Long Beach on 15 September, and conducted a fly-on of the embarked helicopters, SABERHAWK 66 and SABERHAWK 67 from HSL-47 Detachment 5. The ship then rendezvoused with sister ship USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) for the transit west. After a brief stop in Pearl Harbor, HI, the ships headed towards Subic Bay, RP but GARY diverted briefly to Guam so an injured crewman could get some needed medical treatment.

Proceeding independently from Guam, GARY transited through the San Bernardino Straits into the South China Sea to rendezvous with MCCLUSKY to participate in the relatively uneventful exercise COPE PANA 89-3. The ships then stopped in Subic Bay for a one week maintenance availability before proceeding west. A shift to a more sheltered berth at NAVSTA Subic Bay was required as a protective measure against Typhoon DAN, which ravaged the area with up to 70 knot winds. The ships then continued the transit towards the Persian Gulf.

On the way through the Strait of Malacca, GARY and MCCLUSKY dipped south to the equator to initiate those slimy pollywogs on board into the realm of King Neptune. After this shellback initiation ceremony, the ships paid a four-day port visit to Singapore. The transit across the Indian Ocean then culminated a two-day diplomatic port visit to Bombay, India, where crewmembers from both ships attended receptions, participated in sporting events with the Indian Navy, and toured the city.

Upon leaving Bombay, the ships in-chopped to Commander, Middle East Force, and in late October GARY arrived at the anchorage off Fujairah, UAE, for a turnover with USS KINKAID (DD 965). During the turnover, GARY received a myriad of turnover items including FLAK jackets, KEVLAR armor, sandbags, stinger missiles, and a stinger detachment. Turnover briefs were also conducted for GARY's officers and other key personnel.

With the cease-fire in effect, the primary focus of Persian Gulf operations was the monitoring of merchant vessels and other ships needing protection through the more dangerous portions of the Gulf. The crew had to remain alert, as the threats in the region were still very real. To counter the mine threat, a mine watch was posted around the clock at the bow of the ship. Material Condition "Modified Zebra" was set, main deck and below, until GARY outchopped CMEF.

In addition to the forward and aft .50 cal machine guns mounted port and starboard, the ship carried 40mm grenade launchers on the port and starboard side amidships, and a 25mm Bushmaster chain gun on the port side, all to augment the standard armaments. These were manned during Conditions IA and III, as additional protection against the small high-speed surface craft operated in by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard.

Condition IA was set for transits through the Silkworm envelope in the Strait of Hormuz, and could be set whenever hostile units were close enough to be possible threat. During Condition IA, the watch was port and starboard for the entire ship, providing half manning of the repair lockers and manning of the critical stations not normally manned during Condition III.

GARY conducted numerous Earnest Will merchant ship escort missions through the Strait of Hormuz, the Southern Persian Gulf, and the Northern Persian Gulf. The rest of the time was spent on patrol in the various designated Persian Gulf operating areas. Logistics requirements were easily met and coordinated with GARY's embarked helicopters, SABERHAWK 66 and 67, helicopters from other ships, the CMEF helicopter, DESERT DUCK, and also the ocean-gong tug STRIKER.

Numerous port visits to Al Manama, Bahrain, mostly at Mina Sulman port, allowed the ship to catch up on maintenance requirements and afforded the crew some liberty. A Christmas port visit was made to Abu Dhabi, UAE, where official functions were mixed with good liberty for the crew. A Dinner-at-Home program and Christmas reception were arranged by the American Embassy in Abu Dhabi, which gave many crewmen the chance to get a homecooked Christmas meal.

During the last few days of the year, GARY departed Abu Dhabi and assumed patrol duties in the now-familiar Southern Persian Gulf. Perhaps a fitting way to finish out the year, and the decade, was at Condition 1A on an Earnest Will escort mission in the Strait of Hormuz.