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**USS GARY (FFG-51)
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

USS GARY, the namesake of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient CDR Donald Arthur Gary, is the forty-fifth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7) class of guided missile frigates. The mission of The Fighting Frigate is to provide anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine protection for merchant and military convoys, carrier and logistics battle groups, and amphibious task forces, operating either independently or as part of a surface action group. She was built by Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation, Los Angeles, California. Her keel was laid on 18 December 1982, she was christened on 19 November 1983, and was commissioned 17 November 1984.

The Commanding Officer has the ultimate authority, responsibility and accountability for the performance and welfare of the ship and her crew. Second in command, the Executive Officer implements policies and regulations as applicable to the ship and her mission. Each Department Head reports to the Commanding Officer via the Executive Officer.

USS GARY is under the administrative command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron THREE THREE, home ported in San Diego, CA.

SHIP'S ORGANIZATION, 1993

COMMANDING: CAPT David W. Weddel (5th Commanding Officer)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: LCDR John J. Gallagher
Relieved by LCDR Stephen H. Huber

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

OPERATIONS: LCDR [REDACTED]
Relieved by LT [REDACTED]

ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR / SC-1 Division

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER / SC-2 Division

FIRST LIEUTENANT / SC-3 Division

COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER / SC-4 Division

COMBAT SYSTEMS: LT [REDACTED]
Relieved by LT [REDACTED]
Relieved by LT [REDACTED]

ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER / CS-1 Division

ORDNANCE OFFICER / CS-2 Division

ELECTRONIC MATERIALS OFFICER / CS-3 Division

ENGINEERING: LT [REDACTED]

MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT / E-1 Division

DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT / E-2 Division

ELECTRICAL OFFICER / E-3 Division

AUXILIARIES OFFICER / E-4 Division

SUPPORT: LT [REDACTED]
Relieved by LT [REDACTED]

STOREKEEPERS / S-1 Division

FOOD SERVICES / S-2 Division

DISBURSING OFFICER / S-3 Division

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / X Division

SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COMMAND:

EMCS (SW) Todd L. Munger

**USS GARY (FFG-51)
COMMAND HISTORY 1993
CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY**

1 Jan New Year's Day

4-6 Jan CART IIA (inport), ASIR assist visit

7-8 Jan CART IIA (u/w), Navigation check ride

11-15 Jan CART IIB (inport), TEMPEST certification, 3M assist

18 Jan Martin Luther King Holiday

22-25 Jan OBT/SIMAS installation, STIR mod, Host ship for Canadian
Frigate HMCS RESTIGOUCHE

1-5 Feb ASIR assist

5 Feb Reception for Canadian Frigate HMCS RESTIGOUCHE

8-12 Feb CSOSS validation, hull cleaning

12 Feb Wardroom dining out with Commander, Destroyer Squadron 9
as Guest of Honor

23-19 Feb Commencement of CSSQT validation

26 Feb Ammo onload, NAS North Island

8-14 Mar Surface Ship Safety Survey

17 Mar Live missile firing in support of CSSQT

18 Mar First main space fire drill for OPPE

22-28 Mar TSTA inport, Aviation Readiness Evaluation

24 Mar Aviation Readiness Evaluation

29 Mar Commencement of TSTA (underway)

31 Mar Engineering cold checks

1 Apr Refueling at sea exercises with USNS JOHN ERICSSON,
formation steaming w/ USS ARKANSAS and USS HARRY W HILL

2 Apr HSL-47 workups; VBSS Practice boardings, NTCS-A/WRN-6
hardware interface installation

5-8 Apr TSTA continuation (inport and u/w)

12-15 Apr IERA, COMDESRON 9 embarked
19-23 Apr WSAT (inport)
26-30 Apr WSAT (underway); OPPE workups: EOSS verification, engineering programs review, cold checks, taskers, main space fire drills
4 May Full power trial
7 May Ammo onload/offload, NAS North Island
10-16 May Engineering administrative programs review
11-13 May MEFEX Phase One briefings
26-27 May Main space fire drills inport
28 May Change from DESRON 9 to DESRON 33
1 Jun OPPE date moved, IERA caucus
16 Jun Awards ceremony
28 Jun CSOSS implementation commences
1 Jul Combat Systems Readiness Review
7 Jul Retirement ceremony for QMCM(SW) [REDACTED]
9 Jul Pre-deployment picnic
19 Jul ATGPAC embarked, CBR training for deployment commences
19-25 Jul TSTA II (inport)
26 Jul TSTA II (underway)
16-22 Aug TSTA II/III (underway), ASW freeplay with USS HOUSTON
23-29 Aug Operational Propulsion Plant Examination
30 Aug Quickdraw and Explosive Ordnance Disposal exercises, Middle East Force preparations
3 Sep Middle East Force Exercise 93-4
7-10 Sep Final Evaluation Problem
20 Sep Pre-deployment fair
27 Sep Pre-sail conference, COMDESRON 23
4 Oct Physical Readiness Test, legal briefs

13 Oct RHIB operations, Pre-Deployment Sea Trials
18 Oct Deploy to Western Pacific
24-26 Oct Port visit: Pearl Harbor, HI
31 Oct Inchop, 7th Fleet
4-7 Nov Port visit: Yokosuka, Japan
14-20 Nov Port Visit: Phuket, Thailand
24 Nov Inchop, TF 151
25 Nov Thanksgiving Day
28 Nov Turnover with USS Rentz
29 Nov Straits of Hormuz transit
30 Nov Port visit: Bahrain; visit by COMUSNAVCENT, Vice Admiral Katz
2 Dec On station, northern Arabian Gulf
4 Dec Boarded merchant vessel Tephy's in support of UN sanctions
5 Dec Boarded merchant vessel Kavo Pieratis in support of UN sanctions
11 Dec Boarded tug Qabas, towing merchant vessel Timur Endeavor, in support of UN sanctions
14 Dec Boarded merchant vessel Kavo Pieratis in support of UN sanctions
15 Dec Boarded merchant vessel Sea Frontier 1 in support of UN sanctions
16 Dec Inchop, CTF 154
17 Dec Boarded tug Berkut, towing merchant vessel Dolphin V, in support of UN sanctions
24 Dec Christmas Eve visit and awards ceremony with honored guest Admiral Frank Kelso, Chief of Naval Operations
31 Dec New Year's Eve

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COMMAND HISTORY 1993 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The arrival of 1993 found GARY preparing for a July Western Pacific deployment. Training emphasis was scheduled and directed toward all four departments: support, operations, combat systems, and engineering. The newly implemented CART inspection went on throughout the first half of January, providing a realistic evaluation of GARY's capabilities and overall readiness levels. The crew worked at a feverish pitch to learn new techniques and procedures. In addition, new equipment installations such as the On Board Trainer (OBT), Simultaneous Tracking and Illumination Radar (STIR) modification, and Naval Tactical Command System Afloat (NTCS-A) were brought on line to keep GARY on the forefront of warfighting capability.

The pace did not slow, however, as GARY made a trip to Seal Beach, CA to onload ammunition for the upcoming Fleet Exercise, live missile shoot and Middle East Force Exercise. In addition, GARY was scheduled for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination in July, followed by the Final Exercise Problem just prior to deployment. FLEETEX and the live missile firing went very well, as GARY scored two direct hits on her targets. Administratively, GARY's home port was officially changed to San Diego with the transfer from DESRON 9 to DESRON 33. She was well on her way to becoming a trained, qualified and deployable asset.

As OPPE neared, with its requisite cold checks, taskers, and drill sets, the level of training intensity increased yet again. During a drill set, an actual casualty in the plant caused loss of control of a main engine as well as severely grounding some plant control consoles. Troubleshooting and correcting this casualty required many technical experts from outside organizations to assist in locating the problem, and as a result GARY's schedule was altered. The schedule change was put to good use, increasing preparation time not only for OPPE but the for the Total Ship's Training Assessment and MEFEX as well. GARY passed TSTA in July, OPPE in August and MEFEX and FEP in September. Consequently, she deployed in October, fully mission capable after successfully negotiating these major challenges.

The eighteenth of October was a red letter day, as GARY got underway at 0800, headed for Pearl Harbor. Making the westward transit with GARY were USS John Young (DD-973) and USS Callaghan (DDG-994). This surface action group trained vigorously during the transit, focusing on damage control, chemical-biological drills, rules of engagement, communications and ship handling. There was time for much deserved liberty as well, as port visits were made in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Yokosuka, Japan and Phuket, Thailand.

Many challenges awaited GARY in the Arabian Gulf. After a brief port visit to Bahrain, she headed to the northern end of the Gulf in order to ensure Iraq's compliance with UN sanctions. Air and maritime surveillance were ongoing evolutions. HSL 47 Detachment 6's Saberhawk 67 played a critical role in identifying surface contacts in the operating area, while GARY's own sensors monitored the air picture. Not surprisingly, the vast economic importance of this region kept the Gulf extremely busy with the ships and aircraft of many countries. The workload was quite high, but the crew's professionalism and training ensured GARY performed her mission flawlessly.

Boarding vessels was another large part of this mission. In what was to be a very busy month, GARY boarded and searched the merchant vessel Tephys on 4 December, as she was outbound from Iraq. Her manifest was found to be in order, and she was allowed to proceed. GARY's Visit, Board, Search and Seizure team, with the assistance of Saberhawk 67, boarded a total of six vessels in December, and was the northern most asset in the Gulf throughout the month.

During December, GARY was transferred to the operational control of CTF 154, aboard USS INDEPENDENCE. Federated operations were another first for GARY, but she adapted well to the nuances of operating with an aircraft carrier. INDY's air wing provided anti-air warfare training opportunities which were maximized to the fullest. The close of the year saw GARY inport for a much deserved break and a special visit from the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Frank Kelso. He was the honored guest of an awards ceremony and Christmas Day visit. More importantly, he thanked GARY and her crew for the supreme commitment, dedication and service she performed for her country. It was, in fact, a fitting conclusion to a very successful year for the Fighting Frigate.