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M. R. OLMSTEAD

## **USS GARY (FFG51)**

### **COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

USS GARY, the namesake of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Commander Donald Arthur Gary, is the forty-fifth ship of the Oliver Hazard Perry (FFG-7) class of guided missile frigates. GARY's mission is to provide air, surface, and sub-surface protection for merchant and military convoys, aircraft carriers, logistics battle groups, and amphibious task forces, operating either independently or as part of a Surface Action Group. GARY was built by Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation, Los Angeles, California. Her keel was laid on 18 December 1982. The ship was christened on 19 November 1983, and commissioned on 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 FIFTEEN in Yokosuka, Japan.

**SHIP'S ORGANIZATION, 01JAN-27NOV 2000**

COMMANDING: CDR Stephen J. Camacho (10th Commanding Officer)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CDR Gary R. Gilleon  
Relieved by LCDR J. J. Duke

**DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION**

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

Ordnance Officer (CW Division)  
Electronic Materials Officer (CE Division)  
Undersea Warfare Officer (CA Division)  
Gunnery Officer (CG Division)

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

First Lieutenant (First Division)  
Combat Information Center Officer (OC Division)  
Communications Officer (OC Division)  
Navigation Division (NAV Division)

ENGINEERING: LT [REDACTED]  
Relieved by LT [REDACTED]

Main Propulsion Assistant  
Damage Control Assistant (R Division)  
Auxiliaries Officer (A Division)  
Electrical Officer (E Division)  
M-Division Officer

SUPPLY: LTJG [REDACTED]

Storekeepers (S-1 Division)  
Food Service (S-2 Division)  
Ship's Servicemen (S-3 Division)  
Disbursing (S-4 Division)

MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COMMAND: MMCM(SW/AW) Miguel Cisneros

**SHIP'S ORGANIZATION, 28NOV-31DEC 2000**

COMMANDING: CDR Michael R. Olmstead (11th Commanding Officer)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: LCDR J. J. Duke

**DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION**

COMBAT SYSTEMS: LT [REDACTED]

- Ordnance Officer (CW Division)
- Electronic Materials Officer (CE Division)
- Undersea Warfare Officer (CA Division)
- Gunnery Officer (CG Division)

OPERATIONS: LT [REDACTED]

- First Lieutenant (First Division)
- Combat Information Center Officer (OC Division)
- Communications Officer (OC Division)
- Navigation Division (NAV Division)

ENGINEERING: LT [REDACTED]

- Main Propulsion Assistant
- Damage Control Assistant (R Division)
- Auxiliaries Officer (A Division)
- Electrical Officer (E Division)
- M-Division Officer

SUPPLY: LT [REDACTED]  
Relieved by LT [REDACTED]

- Storekeepers (S-1 Division)
- Food Service (S-2 Division)
- Ship's Servicemen (S-3 Division)
- Disbursing (S-4 Division)

MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE COMMAND: MMCM (SW/AW) Miguel Cisneros

**USS GARY (FFG-51)  
COMMAND HISTORY 2000  
CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY**

01 JAN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY STAND DOWN PERIOD CONTINUES

05 JAN BEGIN MARITIME EXPEDITIONARY FORCE 00-1 DEPLOYMENT

13 JAN INPORT SINGAPORE

17 JAN UNDERWAY ENROUTE PHUKET, THAILAND

19 JAN INPORT PHUKET, THAILAND

21 JAN UNDERWAY ENROUTE ARABIAN GULF

28 JAN TRANSIT STRAIT OF HORMUZ

30 JAN INPORT BAHRAIN

03 FEB UNDERWAY NORTH ARABIAN GULF

04 FEB BEGIN MARITIME INTERCEPTION OPERATIONS

08 FEB ENROUTE DOHA, QATAR

09 FEB INPORT DOHA, QATAR

13 FEB UNDERWAY NAG

14 FEB BEGIN MIO OPS

19 FEB ENROUTE KUWAIT

21 FEB INPORT KUWAIT

24 FEB UNDERWAY NORTH ARABIAN GULF

25 FEB BEGIN MARITIME INTERCEPT OPERATIONS

08 MAR ENROUTE STRAITS OF HORMUZ

16 MAR TRANSIT GULF OF OMAN

18 MAR ENROUTE SINGAPORE

23 MAR INPORT SINGAPORE

24 MAR UNDERWAY ENROUTE PHATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND

26 MAR INPORT PHATTAYA BEACH, THAILAND

30 MAR ENROUTE HONG KONG

03 APR INPORT HONG KONG

08 APR UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN

13 APR INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN

**USS GARY (FFG-51)  
COMMAND HISTORY 2000  
CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY (CONT'D)**

05 MAY	FAST CRUISE
10 MAY	UNDERWAY ENROUTE SHIMODA, JAPAN
11 MAY	INPORT SHIMODA, JAPAN
15 MAY	UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
18 MAY	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
30 MAY	UNDERWAY LIMITED TEAM TRAINING
03 JUN	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
12 JUN	UNDERWAY MCA
15 JUN	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
21 JUL	BEGIN SELECTIVE RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY PERIOD
05 OCT	UNDERWAY SEA TRIALS
07 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
16 OCT	UNDERWAY LIMITED TEAM TRAINING
20 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
23 OCT	UNDERWAY COMMAND ASSESSMENT READINESS TRAINING II
27 OCT	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
06 NOV	UNDERWAY ANNUAL- EX (BI-LATERAL EXERCISE WITH JMSDF)/MISSILE-EX
21 NOV	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
27 NOV	CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
04 DEC	UNDERWAY ENROUTE MOJI, JAPAN
07 DEC	INPORT MOJI, JAPAN
11 DEC	UNDERWAY ENROUTE YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
13 DEC	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
15 DEC	BEGIN HOLIDAY STAND DOWN PERIOD

**USS GARY (FFG-51)  
COMMAND HISTORY 2000**

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

Following the New Year USS GARY began her deployment to the Middle East. GARY left Yokosuka on January 5<sup>th</sup> in company with USS CUSHING (DD-985) and USS JOHN S MCCAIN (DDG-56). While en-route to the Arabian Gulf, the three ships visited Singapore and Phuket, Thailand.

Upon arrival in the Arabian Gulf, COMFIFTH Fleet tasked GARY with the responsibility of enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq by conducting Maritime Interception Operations (MIO). Merchant vessels were queried and if necessary, boarded. Once the determination was made to board a merchant vessel, the Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure team (VBSS) would board the vessel and inspect their cargo and paperwork. If the ship was found to be in violation of the UN Sanctions, the ship would be diverted for further disposition. Twenty-seven vessels were boarded during the deployment. Three merchant vessels were found to be smuggling oil from Iraq and confiscated.

While in the Arabian Gulf, GARY visited three different ports: Bahrain, Kuwait City, and Doha, Qatar. In Kuwait, the ship was given the honor of hosting the Kuwaiti Martyr's Festival. COMMANDER FIFTH FLEET, Vice Admiral Moore, and numerous Kuwaiti officials attended the festival, which commemorated the Kuwaiti Martyrs who were taken hostage and killed during the 1991 Gulf War.

On March 10, USS GARY (FFG-51) rescued the crew of a burning oil tanker. What began as a fire in engineering quickly engulfed the vessel. The crew had assembled on the ship's Forecastle to escape the smoke and flames and waited for assistance. Upon arrival at the scene, the GARY's Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) was launched to extract the waiting crew. Relieved, the crew boarded the RHIB and was transferred to the safety of GARY.

After leaving the Arabian Gulf, the ship visited three more ports on her transit home: Singapore, Phattaya, Thailand, and Hong Kong. GARY arrived in Yokosuka, Japan, on 13 APRIL, which marked the end of her deployment period and commencement of the stand-down period to give the crew some well deserved rest and relaxation.

On May 10 GARY returned to sea, en-route to Shimoda, Japan, to celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Shimoda Black Ship Festival. The festival is held to commemorate the 1854 arrival of Commodore Perry in Japan, ending Japan's long isolation from the West. Enroute Shimoda, GARY hosted a "Family Day Cruise," where family members could ride the ship down to Shimoda and enjoy the port visit. GARY left Shimoda on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May to return to Yokosuka. The ship was underway once more for a short Limited Team Trainer period before entering her Selective Restricted Availability period.

During Selective Restricted Availability, the crew, Ship's Repair Facility Yokosuka, and other activities performed



extensive maintenance and repairs that were not feasible during a short inport period. The ship was also fitted with advanced messaging and communication systems making communications more secure and reliable.

Upon completion of SRA, GARY commenced a series of underway sea trials and training exercises to prepare the crew for operations in the Seventh Fleet. During CART II, the crew refined the skills and knowledge normally gained during a deployment.

The year wrapped up with Annual-Ex, a bi-lateral exercise with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force and a Missile firing exercise. During Annual-ex, Gary completed tracking drills with diesel-electric submarines and escorted USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63). Upon completion of Annual-Ex, Gary participated in Missile-Ex 01-1 where she fired two missiles on two incoming drones.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, Commander Michael R. Olmstead relieved Commander Steven J. Camacho as Commanding Officer. The ceremony took place on the flight deck while moored in Yokosuka, Japan. GARY welcomed several honored guests to include Rear Admiral Chaplin, Commodore James w. Stevenson Jr., Captain Michael L. Siefert, and Captain Hidetaka Suzuki.

Commodore Stevenson (DESRON 15) congratulated Commander Camacho for his outstanding accomplishments during his tour. The Commodore stated that "the performances of Commander Camacho and

GARY have been absolutely spectacular. There is a winning spirit on this ship. You see it in everything the crew does".

GARY completed one trip in December to Moji, Japan. While in Moji, the ship hosted a reception, participated in public relations events, and held general visiting.

GARY returned from Moji and entered into a Holiday stand-down period.