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## USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN 1993 COMMAND HISTORY

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG-57), Captain John J. Felloney commanding, began 1993 moored to Pier 8, Naval Station San Diego, California attached to Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN. The ship had been inport since 18 December, after completing a long cycle of pre-deployment work-ups with the NIMITZ Battle Group, culminating in a highly successful Battle Group Evaluation. The crew was observing a well deserved and long awaited holiday leave and upkeep stand down. LAKE CHAMPLAIN would soon set sail for a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf.

Halfway through the ship's Pre-Overseas Movement period, LAKE CHAMPLAIN took aboard family and friends on Monday, 25 January for a Dependent's Cruise. At 0921, 167 guests got underway with the ship, transiting San Diego Harbor and observing a Full Power Run in the Southern California Operating Areas (SOCAL OPAREAS). The ship returned to Pier 8 at 1624.

At 0900 Monday, 1 February LAKE CHAMPLAIN left homeport. The ship was beginning a six month journey which would take her crew through many evolutions and to many exotic ports-of-call prior to her return to homeport some 180 days later.

Later that same morning, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FORTY-ONE (HSL-41) conducted a fly-on, embarking two LAMPS Mk-III SH-60B aircraft, six pilots and a maintenance detachment for the cruise. LAKE CHAMPLAIN then rendezvoused with other West Coast ships in the NIMITZ Battle Group off the coast of San Diego. These ships included USS NIMITZ (CVN-68), with Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN (COMCARGRU SEVEN) and Carrier Air Wing NINE (CVW-9) embarked, USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35), USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3) and USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN-695). The Battle Group then departed the SOCAL OPAREAS enroute their first stop in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The crossing was especially rough, prompting the Captain to remark, "These are the roughest seas I've ever seen here in the Pacific Ocean." Several fuel oil tanks suffered minor cracking, and upon arrival it was noted that much of the ship's beautiful waterline paint had been worn off by the seas' heavy pounding.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN moored to Berth 22 at Naval Station Pearl Harbor at 1406 Saturday, 6 Feb 1994. The ship was to remain inport four days, using the stop to refuel, rearm and replenish. Although a working port, the crew took advantage of the opportunity to attend the NFL Pro Bowl on Sunday, 7 February. On 8 February, the ship moved to NAVMAG LUALUALEI for a weapons onload, returning to NAVSTA later the same day.

Wednesday, 10 February LAKE CHAMPLAIN got underway at 0932, continuing west enroute Hong Kong. Two ships homeported in Pearl Harbor joined the NIMITZ Battle Group (NBG), USS REEVES (CG-24) and USS LEFTWICH (DD-984).

Crossing the International Date Line and skipping Sunday, 14 February (St. Valentine's Day), LAKE CHAMPLAIN Changed Operational Control (CHOP'd) into SEVENTH FLEET 19 February, assigned to Task Group 70.2.

After sixteen days at sea, Hong Kong Island's mountains appeared on the horizon the morning of 26 February. LAKE CHAMPLAIN moored starboard side to HMS TAMAR Pier at 0939. One hour later, LEFTWICH nested outboard for a four day battle group liberty stop. While inport, wardroom members attended a reception for the NIMITZ Battle Group held at the Sheraton Kowloon Hotel. Also, LAKE CHAMPLAIN held the first Community Relations (COMREL) project of the deployment by hosting 26 boys from one of Hong Kong's orphanages for lunch and a ship tour.

Tuesday, 2 March the ship left HMS Tamar at 0910 enroute Singapore. After two Underway Replenishments (UNREP's) in the South China Sea, LAKE CHAMPLAIN entered the Johor Strait. At 0933 Saturday, 6 March, the ship moored at Pier 8, Sembawang Shipyard, Singapore. Over a six day period in the yard, the officers and crew oversaw mostly minor voyage repairs. Two major repairs were completed by welding several fuel oil tank cracks in the forward and amidships banks, and cracks in the superstructure suffered while transiting to Hawaii.

During this brief stop, the crew demonstrated their international goodwill by completing another COMREL Project at the Singapore Boys' Club on 9 March. On the same day, LAKE CHAMPLAIN hosted Captain Cooper, USN, Naval Attache to Singapore, and two foreign guests. Captain Samchai, Royal Thailand Defense Attache, and Colonel Kamtorn, Royal Thailand Army Attache enjoyed lunch in the wardroom and a ship tour given by the Commanding Officer. Repairs, refueling and replenishment were accomplished expeditiously, and the ship was again readied for sea.

At 0654 Thursday, 11 March Sembawang Shipyard and the Johor Strait fell astern of the cruiser, and the Navigation detail was set again for the long Straits of Malacca transit. The crew remained on deck, watching Singapore's beautiful sights slip away, their thoughts contrasting between good times past and the Arabian Gulf's looming challenges.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN participated in a PASSEX with two Thailand Naval frigates, HMTS CHONBURI and HMTS KHIRIRAT on March 12th. An over-the-horizon targeting exercise and rendezvous, maneuvering drills and "leap-frog" exercises were conducted. The exercise was valuable in validating the interoperability of forces and continuing to improve international relations.

The 18th of March marked the Battle Group's INCHOP into the Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) following a two-day ENCOUNTEREX with the INDEPENDENCE Battle Group. On 21 March the two Battle Groups rendezvoused and conducted a face-to-face turn-over. Later that night, LAKE CHAMPLAIN's crew set material condition MINE ZEBRA for the first time and manned the navigation detail for the Strait of Hormuz transit. The many months of preparation were over; it was now time to face the rigorous challenges of the Arabian Gulf.

At 0103 22 March, in the northern part of the Strait of Hormuz, emergency flight quarters was set and a Search and Rescue effort was begun for a lost Battle Group aircraft. Although LAKE CHAMPLAIN recovered many pieces of "EASYSRIDER 52", LEFTWICH's SH-2F, including an aircrewman's flight bag and three damaged flight helmets, the flight crew was not recovered. At noon, the search

was called off because of high winds, and the Battle Group, heavy-hearted, turned west to complete the strait transit. Although certainly a bad omen to lose three sailors within hours of entering the Gulf, they would prove to be the only lives lost throughout the entire NIMITZ BG deployment.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN's crew turned their thoughts to Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, and spent the next nineteen days patrolling the Northern Arabian Gulf OPAREAs. The CIC team provided crucial command and control of aircraft patrolling the southern boundary of the NATO Iraqi "no-fly zone", and enforced NATO's blockade of shipping into Iraq. Additionally, LAKE CHAMPLAIN performed as Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator (AAWC) and Force Track Coordinator (FTC) for the NIMITZ Battle Group. AAWC and FTC duties included providing sensor and weapons coverage over the Arabian Gulf CV OPAREA's and simultaneously directing theater-wide joint-service air operations.

On the 2nd and 8th of April, LAKE CHAMPLAIN transited north from the NAG OPAREAs for a special surveillance project in the very northwest corner of the Gulf. Once within 15 miles of Iraq's coastline, "Saberhawk 64" was launched to take high resolution photographs of Iraq's Mina al Bakr Oil Terminal. As usual, both surveillance operations went off without a hitch, providing vital intelligence on Iraqi oil facility reconstruction efforts and updated oil production capabilities.

Finally, after 31 consecutive days at sea, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was the last NBG ship to put into a Gulf port, arriving in Dubai, United Arab Emirates' (UAE) Quay 31 at 0838 Saturday, 10 April. The next ten days saw more voyage repairs, including overhaul of the Captain's gig engine, re-piping of #3 hot water heater, and change-out of #3 GTG's combustor cans.

Tuesday, 20 April at 0822, the ship slipped her mooring and proceeded out of Dubai, headed back for the North Arabian Gulf. The majority of LAKE CHAMPLAIN's underway periods in the Gulf were spent providing AAW coverage for the NIMITZ BG. Simultaneously, LAKE CHAMPLAIN conducted continuous helicopter flight operations for logistics, personnel transfers and maritime surveillance; rescue destroyer services for NIMITZ; UNREP's; and control of BG aircraft supporting Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

During 27-28 April, the ship participated in Operation SAND STORM. LAKE CHAMPLAIN served as the primary air control element for USN, USAF, French and Kuwaiti fighters in over-land intercepts and air-to-air engagements controlled from the sea.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN's next port visit began at 0905 Saturday May 1st. The crew was to enjoy five days in Abu Dhabi, UAE. From 3-7 May, LAKE CHAMPLAIN's Strike Division participated in Exercise NEMEAN LION 93-2. The exercise provided valuable training in coordinated Tomahawk land attack missile firing procedures in the Arabian Gulf. LAKE CHAMPLAIN successfully simulated launching over thirty cruise missiles, and developed several new procedures which have been incorporated into COMUSNAVCENT's Tomahawk OPLAN.

The ship got underway from Abu Dhabi Wednesday, 05 May at 1005 for a short transit to Bahrain. At 0847 the next morning LAKE CHAMPLAIN anchored at Sitra anchorage for a five day availability period with the USS CAPE COD (AD-43). Most of the many

jobs accomplished during this period were minor in scope, as the avail was to last only five days.

While inport, the officers and crew celebrated "Hump Day", marking the halfway period of the deployment. The command held a large picnic and talent contest ("Gong Show") at the pool and recreation facilities at Admin Support Unit Bahrain on Saturday, 8 May.

Tuesday, 11 May at 1020 the ship's anchor was aweigh. LAKE CHAMPLAIN proceeded north from Bahrain to resume duties as "Alpha Whiskey," the primary AAW Coordinator for the NIMITZ BG and Task Force 154 in the NAG. As before, the ship exercised her engineering plant and combat systems suite, conducting many drills, evolutions, training routines and live firing exercises.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN's fourth and final port visit in the Gulf began Friday, 28 May at 0830, as the ship returned to Dubai, UAE. While inport, the crew completed the semi-annual Physical Readiness Test (PRT) and participated in Dubai's Adopt-A-Sailor program with local expatriates desiring to host crewmembers into their homes.

While on liberty, a LAKE CHAMPLAIN sailor exemplified the training and professionalism inherent in the crew of the Navy's finest Aegis cruiser. On June 4th, at Jumeira Beach in Dubai, FC3 [REDACTED] swam out to three children floating face down, unconscious in the water. Braving swift riptides and a dangerous undertow, he dragged the lifeless children out of the water onto a rock jetty and revived them. For his heroic lifesaving efforts, Petty Officer [REDACTED] was awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Lifesaving Medal by the Secretary of the Navy.

Saturday 5 June came all too soon, and at 0857 the ship again was underway for her final period in the NAG. From 7-13 June, LAKE CHAMPLAIN participated in Operation EAGER MACE. The exercise was a first in the littoral warfare area. A single ship provided simultaneous AAW coverage for both a Carrier Battle Group and an Amphibious Readiness Group which were geographically separated. Again, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was at the forefront of developing Navy doctrine, proving the flexibility of the Aegis combat system and the ship's finely honed crew.

On 14 June, LAKE CHAMPLAIN hosted MGEN Harrison, USAF, Commander, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia for a one-day tour. He later remarked very favorably on the ship's condition and her crew's expertise, having gained an appreciation for the rigors of time at sea on a Navy ship. Four days later on 18 June, the NIMITZ BG transited the Strait of Hormuz, finally departing the Arabian Gulf, and secured from material condition MINE ZEBRA.

On 19 June, the battle group formed up for a photo exercise. 22 June marked the NIMITZ Battle Group's INCHOP into SEVENTH FLEET; LAKE CHAMPLAIN had finally exited the CENTCOM AOR.

The NIMITZ BG transited the Straits of Malacca 28 June, bypassing the beautiful city of Singapore, and later that same day LAKE CHAMPLAIN detached from the BG enroute Bali, Indonesia. The ship would continue to steam independently until her arrival in Pearl Harbor 24 days later.

At 2114 local, LAKE CHAMPLAIN crossed the equator, entering the realm of Neptunus Rex and welcoming Davey Jones aboard. The

next morning, a crossing-the-line ceremony was held, in which 235 pollywogs were cleansed and admitted into the Order of the Shellback.

At 0739 on a beautiful Thursday morning the first day of July, LAKE CHAMPLAIN anchored two miles off the coast of Bali, Indonesia. The crew was to enjoy five days of liberty, touring and relaxing, finally putting all the stresses of the Arabian Gulf and a hectic underway schedule behind.

Getting underway at 0911 6 July, LAKE CHAMPLAIN would next stop briefly to conduct an ammunition transfer at Sierra One Wharf, Guam from 0714 12 July until 1303 13 July. While inport, the previous C.O., RADM E.K. Kristensen, Commander, Naval Forces Marianas, embarked LAKE CHAMPLAIN to revisit and tour his previous command. RADM Kristensen reciprocated by hosting the Wardroom aboard his flag barge for a sunset cruise that evening.

Following the stop in Guam, LAKE CHAMPLAIN set sail for Hawaii. Enroute, the command CHOP'd to THIRD FLEET 16 July, then crossed the International Date Line, observing holiday routine twice on Sunday, 18 July. The ship was moored to Berth 22 Pearl Harbor, Hawaii at 0819 Tuesday, 20 July. During the three day port visit, LAKE CHAMPLAIN crewmembers embarked over 78 guests for the Tiger Cruise to San Diego.

The ship began the final leg of the deployment Friday, 23 July 1993, departing Pearl Harbor at 0812. After conducting several exercises, an UNREP with NIMITZ, and observing the airwing's very impressive airpower demonstration, on 24 July LAKE CHAMPLAIN detached from the NIMITZ BG enroute SOCAL.

Finally, after exactly 180 grueling days out of homeport, the crew manned their sea and anchor detail stations for the last time as the ship transited San Diego Bay. At 0952 Friday, 30 July, to the cheering crowd eagerly awaiting a joyous reunion with loved ones, the mooring lines were sent over and LAKE CHAMPLAIN's third WESTPAC was complete.

For the deployment LAKE CHAMPLAIN earned the Southwest Asia Service Medal (second bronze star) and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (second bronze star).

After a thirty day post-deployment stand down, the ship was back underway Tuesday, 31 August at 0751 for four days of SOCAL OPS. The ship conducted an UNREP with USNS Guadalupe, provided DLQ services for three local helo squadrons, and conducted ASW on the SOAR Range with USS TOPEKA. LAKE CHAMPLAIN returned to homeport Friday, 03 September at 1217.

The following week found the ship underway for local ops again, commencing Tuesday, 7 September at 1225. LAKE CHAMPLAIN returned to load ammo at NAS North Island 8 September, then left port to UNREP with USS ROANOKE and continue preparations for the upcoming INSURV inspection. On Thursday, 9 September the ship conducted a burial-at-sea ceremony for AMM2 Carl H. Herkert, USN, Ret. The ceremony was held on the fantail as the ashes were poured into the waters off the coast of La Jolla, California. The ship then returned to San Diego at 1720 the same day.

The majority of September was spent preparing the ship and training the crew for two inspections: Command Inspection, 20 September; and INSURV, scheduled 4-8 October.

The staff of LAKE CHAMPLAIN's Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC), COMCARGRU SEVEN boarded the ship Monday, 20 September to conduct an annual Command Inspection of CNO-Interest items. The three day inspection was tremendously successful: All eighteen programs were graded satisfactory; nine of the eighteen had outstanding comments attached; and not one area had any major discrepancies.

At 0821 Monday, 27 September LAKE CHAMPLAIN was underway in order to practice the underway portion of the INSURV inspection and conduct an NGFS Firing Exercise. Although the FIREX II on 28 September was completed satisfactorily, an error was found in the Gun Fire Control System. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's score on the range was only 84.9%, an atypical score for a highly proficient gunnery team. Also during the underway period, the engineering department held extensive Engineering Casualty Control (ECC) drills, and the flight deck crew provided services for HSL-49's scheduled Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ's). LAKE CHAMPLAIN's return to port was at 0816 Thursday, 30 September.

INSURV began their first ever inspection of LAKE CHAMPLAIN Monday, 4 October and got underway with the ship on the fifth of October from 0631 until 2220. Although the underway portion went smoothly, it was quite a long, intensive day at sea demonstrating nearly every evolution in the ships extensive arsenal.

The board's debrief 8 October reflected the nearly perfect material condition of the ship, and the outstanding ability of the crew to exercise all systems and equipment. The senior inspector remarked that "the ship was exceptionally clean and well presented, and support of the inspection was outstanding." He went on to say "discrepancy lists just don't get any shorter than this."

The senior main propulsion inspector was impressed by "the best main spaces I have seen in my thirteen year career, including my own tour as Chief Engineer." LAKE CHAMPLAIN was the first of the last 72 ships inspected to meet all Full Power Trial plant parameters. The entire Command and Control portion of INSURV, including the SPY-1A RADAR system, the AEGIS system and the communications suite had zero discrepancies. Additionally, the entire NAV/ADMIN department had no uncorrected discrepancies, and the ship as a whole had no major uncorrected discrepancies.

COMNAVBASE SAN DIEGO boarded LAKE CHAMPLAIN 15 October, 1993 for a visit with the Commanding Officer. While aboard, RADM F. K. Holian joined the wardroom mess at lunch, solicited Fleet input from the wardroom regarding the Naval Station and the San Diego area, and toured the ship.

Following the highly successful INSURV, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was back at sea again Tuesday, 26 October, leaving Pier 8 at 0822. The command participated in Operation SACCEX 94-5M as the primary fire support unit for the PELELIU ARG in a live-fire test of combined-arms support for an opposed landing. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's gunnery team delivered over 175 rounds in 24 hours without a single casualty to either gun mount, providing valuable NGFS services to Marine spotters on the beach.

Late in October, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was notified of possible tasking in support of an upcoming counter-narcotics operation.

On very short notice, the ship got underway at 1028 Monday, 8 November under the tactical command of the Coast Guard's Commander, Joint Task Force FIVE (CJTF FIVE). After a brief stop at NASNI Bravo Pier to rearm, the ship headed south for a six-week deployment to the Southeastern Pacific to conduct Operation TIDAL WAVE. Intelligence sources predicted a large sea-borne shipment of cocaine from Columbia to Mexico, and LAKE CHAMPLAIN's cryptologists and intelligence specialists were decreed "the best team in the Pacific Fleet" to handle the sophisticated, sensitive tasking.

After three weeks of maritime patrols, and with the assistance of a Coast Guard C-130, LAKE CHAMPLAIN intercepted two fishing vessels conducting an at-sea transfer of drugs. On the 20th of November, the embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment boarded the Mexican Vessel "OSO IV". LAKE CHAMPLAIN arrested eight suspects and seized over seven metric tons of cocaine, worth an estimated 250 million dollars on the street. The vessel, suspects and contra-band were transported and on 22 November were turned over to the Mexican government for prosecution.

While underway, LAKE CHAMPLAIN received word the ship had been nominated by COMCARGRU SEVEN for the Golden Anchor Award for excellence in retention and special programs. Also, the command was notified that LAKE CHAMPLAIN had received the 1993 RADM Thompson Excellence in Public Affairs Award for afloat, small commands.

During an UNREP with the USS WABASH (AOR-5) on 7 December, the Prospective Commanding Officer reported aboard, beginning a four day turnover. Captain Dennis J. Van Buskirk relieved Captain John J. Felloney in a ceremony witnessed by the crew on the flight deck, assuming command of LAKE CHAMPLAIN at sea 10 December 1993.

Two other events occurred 10 December. First, the engineering department completed a self-observed Economy Trial, with a recommended grade to COMNAVSURFPAC of 100% (Satisfactory). Also, COMCARGRU SEVEN's Operations Officer conducted a graded Navigation Check Ride. The inspection was the final hurdle remaining in the successful accomplishment of all requirements for the 1993 Battle Efficiency competition, and was graded satisfactory in all areas. (As a sidenote, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was later awarded the Battle "E" Award by the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet for the 1993 competitive cycle.)

LAKE CHAMPLAIN returned to homeport at 1419 Friday, the 10th of December to a hero's welcome and tremendous media coverage of "the largest narcotics seizure in Pacific maritime history." The Coast Guard recognized the command's superb accomplishment, and promised to nominate LAKE CHAMPLAIN for a unit citation. After their outstanding performance during Operation TIDAL WAVE, the crew began the holiday leave and upkeep period 17 December.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN's successful drug bust put the finishing touch on a year characterized by operational excellence and superb material readiness. LAKE CHAMPLAIN ended 1993 with the same smooth, aggressive style as the year had begun, some 234 underway days before.



## COMMAND HISTORY 1993

25 Jan Underway for Dependent's Cruise

01 - 06 Feb Underway from San Diego enroute Hawaii

06 - 10 Feb Inport Pearl Harbor, HI

08 Feb Weapons onload, NAVMAG Lualualei, HI

10 Feb Underway from Pearl Harbor enroute Hong Kong

26 Feb - 02 Mar Moored at HMS TAMAR Pier, Hong Kong

02 - 06 Mar Underway from Hong Kong enroute Singapore

02 Mar UNREP/VERTREP with USS NIAGARA FALLS

05 Mar UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY

06 - 11 Mar Moored at Sembawang Shipyard, Singapore

11 Mar - 10 Apr Underway from Singapore enroute Arabian Gulf

13 Mar UNREP with USS NIMITZ

18 Mar NIMITZ and KITTY HAWK Battle Group turnover

21 - 22 Mar Transited the Strait of Hormuz; Entered the Arabian Gulf. Commenced Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

23 Mar UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY

24 Mar Commenced "Fresh Start" Smoking Cessation and Awareness Support Classes

28 Mar UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY

05 Apr UNREP/VERTREP with USNS SPICA and USNS PECOS

10 - 20 Apr Inport Dubai, UAE

20 Apr - 01 May Underway from Dubai, operating in the Arabian Gulf

21 Apr Collected a record setting \$22,500 for Navy/Marine Corp Relief Society

22 Apr UNREP with USNS PECOS  
 24 Apr UNREP with USNS SPICA and USS KANSAS CITY  
 27 Apr UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY  
 01 - 05 May Moored Abu Dhabi, UAE  
 05 - 06 May Underway from Abu Dhabi enroute Sitra anchorage, Bahrain  
 06 - 11 May Anchored Bahrain  
 08 May USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Hump Day (inport Bahrain)  
 11 - 28 May Underway from Bahrain, operating in the Arabian Gulf  
 14 May VERTREP with USNS SPICA  
 17 May UNREP with USNS PECOS  
 27 May UNREP with USNS PECOS  
 28 May - 05 Jun Moored Dubai, UAE  
 29 May - 04 Jun Participated in Adopt-A-Sailor Program (inport Dubai)  
 05 Jun - 01 Jul Underway from Dubai, operating in the Arabian Gulf  
 07 - 13 Jun Operation EAGER MACE  
 10 Jun UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY  
 14 Jun UNREP with USS NIMITZ  
 14 Jun MGEN Harrison, Commander Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, tours LAKE CHAMPLAIN  
 16 Jun UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY  
 18 Jun Transited the Strait of Hormuz  
 19 Jun NIMITZ Battle Group Photo Exercise  
 21 Jun UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY  
 26 Jun UNREP with USS KANSAS CITY  
 27 Jun Transited the Straits of Malacca  
 27 Jun Detached from NIMITZ Battle Group.

Independent steaming enroute Bali,  
Indonesia

30 Jun LAKE CHAMPLAIN converts 235 wogs to  
"Trusty Shellbacks"

01 - 05 Jul Anchored Bali, Indonesia

06 - 12 Jul Underway from Bali enroute Guam

11 Jul UNREP with USNS ANDREW J. HIGGINS

12 - 13 Jul Inport Guam for ammunition transfer

12 Jul RADM E. K. Kristensen, Commander, Naval  
Forces Marianes embarks LAKE CHAMPLAIN

13 - 20 Jul Underway from Guam enroute Hawaii

18 Jul Crossed the International Date Line

20 - 23 Jul Inport Pearl Harbor, HI

22 Jul Embarked 78 Tiger Cruise guests

23 - 30 Jul Underway from Pearl Harbor enroute  
San Diego, CA

23 - 30 Jul Conducted Return and Reunion briefs

23 Jul UNREP/Leap Frog Exercises with USS NIMITZ,  
USS TRUXTUN, and USS KANSAS CITY

24 - 30 Jul Embarked California Highway Patrol  
Officer for traffic safety training

24 Jul Observed NIMITZ Air Show

24 Jul Detached from NIMITZ Battle Group,  
independent steaming enroute San Diego

29 Jul Graduated 172 PACE graduates during  
WESTPAC '93

29 Jul Qualified 24 Enlisted Surface Warfare  
Specialists during WESTPAC '93

23 Jul Moored Pier 8, San Diego, CA; WESTPAC '93  
complete

31 Aug - 03 Sep Underway SOCAL: SOAR Range w/USN TOPEKA

02 Sep UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE

07 - 09 Sep Underway SOCAL: INSURV Preparations

08 Sep Ammunition onload at Bravo Pier, NAS North Island

08 Sep UNREP with USS ROANOKE

09 Sep Burial-at-Sea -- remains of AMM2 Carl H. Herkert, USN, (Ret)

27 - 30 Sep Underway SOCAL: INSURV Preparations

03 Oct Initiated Partnership in Excellence Program with Paradise Hills Elementary School

04 - 08 Oct INSURV Inspection

05 Oct Underway SOCAL: INSURV

15 Oct Completed in Combined Federal Campaign Fund Drive; 90% overall contribution rate.

15 Oct RADM F. K. Holian, Commander, Naval Base San Diego tours LAKE CHAMPLAIN

26 - 29 Oct Underway SOCAL: NGFS Spotter Services

08 Nov - 10 Dec Underway Southeastern Pacific Ocean in support of joint Navy/Coast Guard counter-narcotics Operation TIDAL WAVE

08 Nov Ammunition offload at Bravo Pier, North Island

17 Nov UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE

20 Nov Operation TIDAL WAVE drug bust

27 Nov UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE

07 Dec UNREP with USS WABASH

07 Dec CAPT Van Buskirk reported aboard LAKE CHAMPLAIN

10 Dec Change of Command. CAPT D. J. Van Buskirk, USN, relieved CAPT J. J. Felloney as Commanding Officer, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN

10 Dec Moored Pier 2, San Diego