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1998 USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE

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USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) kicked off 1998 finishing a thirty day holiday stand-down, and celebrating the New Year. On 06 January LAKE ERIE sailors returned to the ship to begin a nine week availability in the shipyards, moored to B-13, CIA compound. All parts of the ship from bow to stern were refurbished, painted, or repaired. While the crew was busy with its repair work, the executive officer, LCDR McDonough began his preparations to turnover his position to LCDR Ken Auten. The official turnover took place in the XO's stateroom on Thursday, 15 January, setting a new precedence of turning over in less than one week. On 23 January, the Commanding Officer Captain Chapple held an All Hands Call for the crew addressing concerns with the availability, liberty policy, advancements, and the next deployment. In the middle of the availability, Industrial Hygiene surveys were conducted on 27 January throughout the ship to ensure a safe work place for the crew. LAKE ERIE spent the rest of January in the shipyards busily repairing all material discrepancies.

February marked the second month LAKE ERIE was to be in the shipyards, still moored to B-13. The crew continued to make repairs to material discrepancies. On 06 February, ETCM a's Retirement ceremony was held at the Tea House, where all of the Chief's (SW)Mess as well as the Wardroom attended. ETCM (SW) as a family also attended. 0n 07 February LAKE ERIE, neared the completion of SRA. Momentum was shifted to taking the ship back from the shipyard workers. Sweepers was re-emphasized and the cleanup of the ship spaces began. On 16 February, LAKE ERIE celebrated President's Day and on 17 February, MS1 managed to find time to reenlist at the Arizona SH1 , and SK3 was the re-enlisting officer. On 18 February, LAKE ERIE Memorial. LTJG crewmembers took a day off from the grinding, chipping, and sanding noises of the shipyards to participate in Command Sports Day. LAKE ERIE sailors competed with each other to be the champion in events such as Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Soccer, Horse-shoes and even Surfing. At the end of the day, the champions took the spoils (trophies) and the losers cooked for the command picnic which followed. On 19 February, several of the crewmembers participated in the Navy Hale Keiki School Luncheon. Many of the LAKE ERIE sailor's kids attended the school which was adopted by the ship to be part of the LAKE ERIE family. While still in the shipyards, LAKE ERIE began conducting main space fire drills in preparation for the coming workups. Saturday, 28 February, was a regular workday to expedite crew move-on, and to make preparations for getting the ship underway for sea trials.

March began with the visit of COMCRUDESGRU ONE, Rear Admiral Lafleur. The Admiral presented this years Naval Academy Class of 70 Leadership Awards to LT **March** and FC1 (SW) **March**. All Hands Call followed the ceremony during which the Admiral discussed the group's deployment schedule, retention, housing issues, advancement, and liberty. He was most impressed with the ship's appearance and the crew's hard work. On 04 March, LAKE ERIE conducted a fast cruise to prepare for the next day's underway and on 05 March, LAKE ERIE left the shipyards to conduct Sea Trials in the Hawaiian Op Area. Shipyard coordinators rode the ship to monitor and mark the finish of shipyard availability. LAKE ERIE made degaussing runs as she drove out to sea. Once in the Op Area, she conducted antennae radiation checks to include all of ships sensors, conducted full power runs, crash backs, and rudder checks, steamed nixie and TACTAS, and conducted yet another Industrial Hygiene Survey. LAKE ERIE returned to Pearl Harbor on 07 March, moored to B-23 and continued with upkeep. On 09 March GSCS **mean** reenlisted EM2 **mean** at the Arizona Memorial and on 14 March, LAKE ERIE held a command picnic at the Hickam Area 61 to celebrate a successful SRA. All crewmembers and their families attended the Saturday all day event, ate over 100 pounds of "ono grinds" to include burgers, hotdogs, chicken, baked beans and chocolate cake. On 17 March, Navosh Safety Center visited the ship to prepare her for INSURV and to ensure safety of her equipment and procedures. The entire ship was scoured for safety discrepancies. The rest of the month was spent correcting safety discrepancies and preparing for next month's ammo onload as well as the congressionally sponsored INSURV inspection.

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The month of April begin with one of many upcoming assessments to determine and assure the ship's readiness for deployment. The first week for April was spent inport finishing maintenance left outstanding from the restricted availability and conducting a LATR "across the board" assessment of the ship's supply and logistical capabilities. On the sixth and seventh the LAKE ERIE returned to sea to conduct a rehearsal of the underway portion of the upcoming INSURV inspection. April 8, the ship pulled into Lululei Weapons Station to onload ammunition including small arms, 5" 54, SRBOC and 23 standard missiles. The remainder of the week was spent underway testing various pieces of gear and equipment which had not been used during the yard period, including the 5" 54 guns and CIWS. The 13th-19th of April kicked off the start of the training cycle with CART II. Drills, scenarios and skills exhibitions across all areas of shipboard expertise including combat systems, seamanship and engineering, were conducted with guidance from ATG and PEB to determine the ship's preparedness to start the training cycle. The following week the Board of Inspection and Survey came aboard to conduct the ship's first INSURV inspection since her entry into active service. The inspection consisted of a comprehensive review of the ship's material readiness and equipment status. After a much needed day off on Monday April 26, the crew began tailored ship's training availability with harpoon among other evolutions. On the 30th of April the Commander in Chief of US forces in the Pacific, Admiral Prueher visited the ship to serve as reenlisting officer for HMCS(SW/FMF) 's reenlistment.

The first few days in May were spent inport continuing with various drills and scenarios for TSTA I and preparing for the underway portion of TSTA I. The ship returned to sea from the 5th to the 8th, and conducted various drills and scenarios brushing up in all skills including man overboard drills. On the 11th of May the combat systems maintenance manager, FCCS(SW) and the ship's maintenance officer, ENCS(SW) were frocked to the rank of E-9. On the 15th through 18th of May, LAKE ERIE and her crew invited friends and family for a dependents cruise to Maui for the weekend. The ship anchored off Lahaina, Maui for a welcomed weekend of rest and recreation in Maui. On the 19th of May FCC(SW) was frocked to E-8. The following week of the 19th through the 22nd finished the TSTA I training phase with a week of tomahawk training. On the 21st the LAKE ERIE conducted an underway replenishment with the CIMARRON allowing many new junior officers a new opportunity at a unique shipdriving experience. On the 23rd of the month the ship began TSTA reenlisted at the Arizona Memorial, and LT II. On the 27th PC2 was the reenlisting officer. On the same day, COMCRUDESGRU ONE Rear Admiral Lafleur visited the ship and held an All Hands Call discussing morale issues and the ship's deployment schedule.

On the 28th a congressional delegation consisting of legislative assistants of representatives from various states including NY, NV, GA, and TX, toured the ship.

The month of June began inport Pearl Harbor with the crew focused on upkeep and engineering casualty control drills as well as ACTS scenarios. During the second week of June the Aegis Training and Readiness Command came aboard to provide CIC watchstanders advanced training in the use of SPY and other aspects of the Aegis Weapon System. On the 10th of June the LAKE ERIE was visited by a delegation from the South East Asia Conference on Maritime Readiness. The third week of June the crew turned its attention toward strike warfare and conducted TSTA II duel week of integrated tomahawk and harpoon training in preparation for an August Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification. At the same time the LAKE ERIE engineering department continued to conduct engineering casualty control drills and main space fire drills in preparation for an upcoming engineering certification.

On the 22nd of June Pearl Harbor was graced by a bit of naval history with the arrival of the USS MISSOURI and on the same day the LAKE ERIE received its first group of Midshipmen for summer training cruises. The following day the ship got underway and onloaded a training missile in preparation for a challenging week of integrated combat systems and engineering casualty control training. LAKE ERIE conducted NSFS FIREX qualification on the 24th and achieved the highest score recorded at the firing range. Ship and crew continued with a busy week of USW operations in support of training readiness evaluation for USS PASADENA. This included a tracking exercise and the firing of an exercise torpedo. The week culminated in the firing of an exercise standard missile against an air target.

After a brief return to port for the weekend, LAKE ERIE got underway again in early July, this time to conduct CSOSS phase II from the 30th of June to the 2nd of July. During this week the crew continued to conduct numerous ACTS scenarios in CIC covering integrated air, surface and subsurface engagements to improve the ship's ability to fight. On the 2nd of July, as the LAKE ERIE was returning to Pearl Harbor, she conducted a transfer of officers to vessels of the Canadian Navy to begin host ship responsibilities for RIMPAC.

Over the next couple weeks the ship focused on preparation for its next major milestone of the training cycle, its engineering certification. ECERT preparations began underway on the 7th and 8th, conducting engineering drills, followed by a period of inport material preparations from the 9th to the 12th. On the 13th and 14th LAKE ERIE completed the Engineering Certification milestone underway by conducting various engineering casualty control drills as well as a main space fire drill evaluated by the Propulsion Examining Board.

From the 15th through the 23rd of July LAKE ERIE was inport conducting ACTS scenarios in preparation for FEP and cleaning up the ship in preparation for a 5th anniversary celebration of the commissioning of the ship. On the 20th, STG2 **Second** reenlisted in sonar control with LTJG as the reenlisting officer. On the 24th LAKE ERIE sailed to Aloha Tower Marketplace in downtown Honolulu to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the commissioning of the ship. The ship held a reception on the flight deck for over 300 guests including RADM Sutton (MIDPAC) with live music supplied by the CINCPACFLT band. LAKE ERIE remained at Aloha Tower Marketplace for the weekend and provided tours for over 2200 visitors.

After a brief rest and opportunity to unwind, the ship got underway from Aloha Tower and conducted TSTA III underway which covered the final phase of basic training prior to FEP. On the 30th and 31st, LAKE ERIE completed the basic training cycle with a successful completion of the Final Evaluation Problem. LAKE ERIE shipboard training teams exhibited the ability to design realistic scenarios which the crew successfully executed under the eye of ATG MIDPAC and Commodore Smith. Numerous integrated scenarios were conducted, from damage control to fighting the ship, in all warfare areas to display the ship's ability "to train itself" and transition into the (next) intermediate phase of the inter-deployment training cycle.

The first of August brought LAKE ERIE back to Pearl Harbor to begin receiving the first stages of software upgrades, installations and training for the LINEBACKER ballistic missile defense project. The week of the 4th through the 7th consisted of the first formal classroom training for Linebacker watchstanders. During the week of the 10th through the 14th the LAKE ERIE supply department successfully completed it's major milestone in the form of the Logistic Management Assessment. LAKE ERIE successfully completed cruise missile certification from the 18-20. The cruise missile certification was the last major milestone to complete in the basic phase of the training cycle. The successful completion of this inspection allowed the crew to take a brief break and look towards LINEBACKER installs and upcoming maintenance availabilities. On the 25th the LAKE ERIE began a more formal installation schedule of software for LINEBACKER and some preliminary testing.

During the first two weeks of September, LAKE ERIE concentrated on LINEBACKER equipment installation. On September 15, the Navy wide E-5 examination was administered and on the following day, there was a CPO Pinning Ceremony on the flight deck for ENC (SW)

The E-6 examination was administered on the 17th and the ship also provided a tour and lunch for three members of the House Appropriations Committee Surveys and Investigations Staff. LINEBACKER equipment functional testing, EXCOM grooms, and LINEBACKER tactical training were conducted from the 14th - 27th, in preparation for the upcoming LINEBACKER sea trials. A fast cruise on the 24th also helped prepare the crew for the underway period. On September 28, LAKE ERIE began it's NAVCHECKRIDE and videotaped a LINEBACKER scenario in Combat Information Center. The month was ended by getting underway on the 29th, successfully completing the NAVCHECKRIDE, and conducting LINEBACKER sea trials.

On the first day of October, LAKE ERIE successfully completed LINEBACKER sea trials, conducted a PACFIRE with the 5" 54 gun and CIWS, replenished at sea with USS Willamette, and returned to Pearl Harbor. On the 2nd, YN2 **Generation** and FC2 **Generation** reenlisted at the Arizona Memorial and an awards ceremony was held on the flight deck. STG2

also reenlisted on the 6th at the USS Missouri. Department Heads briefed and conducted walk-throughs with the PCO, CAPT L. W. Capello, from the 5th-7th. Also on the 7th, COMCRUDESGRU ONE, Admiral Lafleur, had lunch onboard with the officers and held an Admiral's Call with the chiefs and another with the crew. On October 9, CAPT Leonard William Capello assumed command of USS LAKE ERIE in a ceremony on the flight deck. A reception followed at the Tea House Lanai. LAKE ERIE observed Columbus Day on the 12th and the Combined Federal Campaign began. On the 15th, seventy former members of the SECNAV sponsored Joint Civilian Orientation Conference toured the ship.

HSL-37 onloaded their equipment on October 16 and LAKE ERIE put to sea from the 19th-22nd for helicopter work-ups and the Environmental Health Survey. On the 19th, the ship practiced an anchoring evolution and on the 22nd, conducted a PACFIRE and returned to Pearl Harbor. The following day FC2

the 24th. On the last few days of the month, the 27th-30th, CAPT Capello held personnel inspections for all of the departments.

November started with a legal stand-down and ET3 **Sector**'s reenlistment on the 2nd. On the 4th, sixty international personnel who were attendees of the State Department's ASEAN Regional Forum Intersessional Support Group on Confidence Building Measures conference, toured the ship. On the 6th, EW1 **Sector** reenlisted at the Arizona Memorial, a Master Helmsman ceremony for SN **Sector** was held in the Pilot House, and twenty-five members of the Pacific Century Fellows toured the ship. The week of the 9th-15th was spent preparing for the upcoming underway period and on the 16th, LAKE ERIE got underway for the LINEBACKER tracking exercise. On the 20th, LAKE ERIE returned to Pearl Harbor having successfully completed the tracking exercise and the Combined Federal Campaign also ended. During November 23-25, LINEBACKER test equipment was removed and on the 26th, LAKE ERIE observed Thanksgiving. On the last day of the month part of the crew took the Command Physical Readiness Test.

During the first four days of December, the rest of the crew took the Command Physical Readiness Test. Also on the 2nd, FC2 **Constitution** and BM2 **Constitution** reenlisted at the Arizona Memorial. LAKE ERIE's command Christmas party was held on the 5th, giving the crew and their significant others one last chance to let loose before the upcoming underway. On the 7th, LAKE ERIE onloaded ammunition at Lululei Weapons Station and got underway to the Middle Pacific for a missile exercise. On the 9th, a PACFIRE was conducted and on the 10th, LAKE ERIE successfully completed a missile exercise, firing one SM-2. Upon the ship's return to Pearl Harbor on the 11th, an awards ceremony was held on the flight deck and the first leave period of a one month holiday stand-down commenced. On the 14th, LAKE ERIE received a Bronze Award from Admiral Prueher at the Combined Federal Campaign Awards Ceremony Luncheon, for contributing over \$20,000 for the 1998 campaign. Later that evening was the ship's Christmas Lighting Ceremony. Christmas was observed on the 25th and on the 28th, the second leave period of the holiday stand-down began.

1998 USS LAKE ERIE (CG 70) COMMAND HISTORY TIMELINE

January	1 - 5	LAKE ERIE kicks off 1998 finishing a thirty day holiday stand-down which ends 05 January.
	6 - 12	LAKE ERIE sailors return to ship to begin nine week availability in ship yards. Ship moored to B-13, CIA compound.
	12 - 18	XO turnover week. LCDR Barry McDonough turns over to LCDR Ken Auten officially Thursday, 15 January.
	23	Commanding Officer holds All Hands Call on flight deck. Topics discussed included: liberty, deployment, advancement.
	27 - 28	Industrial Hygiene surveys taken throughout the ship.
	28 - 30	LAKE ERIE spends rest of January in shipyards for much needed repair.
February	1 - 5	Ship still in shipyards B-13.
	6	ETCM (SW) a's Retirement Ceremony held at the Tea House. All of Wardroom present, as well as the Chief's Mess.
	7 - 15	Crew focuses on refurbishing, cleaning and getting the ship back from the shipyard workers.
	16	Ship celebrates President's Day. Duty section only.
	17	Reenlistment ceremony at Arizona Memorial for MS1 Control , SH1 Control , and SK3 Control , LTJG Control is the reenlisting Officer.
	18	LAKE ERIE has command sports day. Events include Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Soccer, and Horse-shoes. Picnic held at the end of the day. Navy Hale Keiki luncheon.
	19 - 26	LAKE ERIE conducts main space fire drill training in preparation for work-ups while still in shipyards.
	27	ENS qualifies Surface Warfare Officer.
	28	LAKE ERIE has normal workday on a Saturday to clean the ship, prepare for Sea Trials and move crew back onboard.
March	2	COMCRUDESGRU ONE Rear Admiral Lafleur visits the ship. The Admiral presents this year's Naval Academy Class of 70 Leadership Awards to LT Status and FC1 (SW) Mathematical Admiral Status . All Hands Call is held following ceremony on the flight deck. All of the ship's crew attends and listens to the Admiral discuss the group's deployment plan, retention, housing, and liberty.

4 Ship conducts fast cruise to prepare for tomorrow's underway.

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	5 - 6	LAKE ERIE leaves shipyard to conduct Fast Cruise in Hawaiian Op Area. Shipyard Coordinators ride ship to monitor ship and mark finish of shipyard availability. Ship makes Degaussing run, conducts antennae radiation checks to include all of ships sensors, conducts full power crash backs, rudder checks, and streams nixie and TACTAS. Ship conducts Industrial Hygiene survey.
	7 - 13	LAKE ERIE returns to Pearl Harbor, moored B-23, and continues upkeep.
	9	Reenlistment for EM2 at the Arizona Memorial, reenlisting officer GSCS
	14	Ship holds command picnic at Hickam Area 61 to celebrate successful SRA. All crewmembers attended the Saturday event.
	17	Navosh Safety Center visits ship to conduct Safety Survey. Entire Ship is scoured for safety discrepancies.
	18 - 31	Ship is busy correcting Safety hits and preparing for next month's ammunition onload as well as the congressionally sponsored INSURV inspection.
April	1-5	Inport upkeep Pearl Harbor. LAKE ERIE completes outstanding SRA maintenance and prepares for INSURV. LATR logistical assessment conducted of supply department.
	6-7	Underway INSURV rehearsal.
	8	Onload at Lululei Weapons Station.
	9 - 10	Underway, LAKE ERIE conducts PACFIRE and continues to OPTEST equipment shut down during the yard and maintenance periods.
	11 - 12	Inport Pearl Harbor.
	13 - 19	CART II - LAKE ERIE conducts training assessment in all areas to determine preparedness to begin training cycle. LAKE ERIE rated at TSTA I "ready to begin training."
	15	Propulsion examining board comes aboard for engineering assessment and training for the remainder of the week.
	20 - 26	INSURV - Board of Inspection and Survey conducts comprehensive inspection of material and tactical readiness of LAKE ERIE and her crew. LAKE ERIE achieved impressive score of 8/10.
	21	Underway portion of INSURV inspection.
	27	LAKE ERIE returns to port to begin one month TSTA I phase of the training cycle.
	27 - 30	LAKE ERIE conducts TSTA I harpoon.
	30	Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Forces, Admiral Prueher visits LAKE ERIE to reenlist HMCS(SW/FMF)
May	1	LAKE ERIE completes first week of TSTA I and TSTA I harpoon.
	2 - 4	Inport Pearl Harbor upkeep.

- 5 8 Underway, TSTA I training continues.
- 9 11 Inport upkeep.
- 11 FCCS(SW) and ENCS(SW) each frocked to E-9.
- 12 14 Underway, crew conducting more ACTS scenarios and engineering evolutions.
- 15 18 Crew of LAKE ERIE invites friends and family for dependents cruise to Maui. Anchored off Lahaina, Maui for the weekend.
- 19 FCC(SW) frocked to Senior Chief. Begin the TSTA I tomahawk week of training.
- 20 22 Underway TSTA I tomahawk.
- 21 LAKE ERIE conducts 5" 54 and CIWS PACFIRE and replenishment at sea with the USS CIMARRON taking on 300K gallons of fuel.
- 22 LAKE ERIE returns to port and completes TSTA I phase of the training cycle.
- 23 31 Inport upkeep and maintenance. TSTA II phase of the training cycle begins.
- 28 Fourteen member congressional delegation, including legislative assistants of representatives from various states such as NY, GA, TX, and NV, tour the ship and observe sailors at work.
- June 1-7 Inport Pearl Harbor. Crew conducts upkeep and engineering casualty control drills and ACTS scenarios during the progression of the training cycle.
 - 8 12 Aegis Training and Readiness Command come aboard and train CIC watchstanders in use of SPY and other aspects of Aegis Weapon System.
 - 10 Visit by delegation from the South East Asia Conference on Maritime Readiness.
 - 15 19 LAKE ERIE conducts TSTA II duel week of integrated Tomahawk and Harpoon Training in preparation for August Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification.
 - 15 30 LAKE ERIE engineering department continues to conduct engineering casualty control drills and main space fire drills in preparation for upcoming engineering certification.
 - 22 USS MISSOURI arrives in Pearl Harbor and LAKE ERIE receives first group of Midshipmen for summer training cruises.
 - 23 Underway and onload training missile. LAKE ERIE gets underway for week of challenging integrated combats systems and engineering casualty control training.
 - 24 LAKE ERIE conducts NSFS FIREX qualification and achieves highest score recorded at the firing range.

- 25 LAKE ERIE conducts USW operations in support of training readiness evaluation for USS PASADENA. Fired exercise torpedo and standard missile.
- 26 27 Inport Pearl Harbor.
- 30 Underway.
- July 1-2 LAKE ERIE conducts CSOSS phase II underway. Crew conducts numerous ACTS scenarios in CIC covering integrated air, surface and subsurface engagements.
 - 2 LAKE ERIE returns to port and conducts transfer of officers to vessels of the Canadian Navy to begin host ship responsibilities for Canadian ships during RIMPAC.
 - 4 LAKE ERIE celebrates the July 4th holiday and serves as visit ship for the base. The duty section provided tours for over 800 visitors.
 - 6 GSM3 reenlists at Arizona Memorial. CAPT Chapple is reenlisting officer.
 - 7 8 Underway conducting engineering drills in preparation for ECERT.
 - 9 12 Inport Pearl Harbor making material preparations for ECERT.
 - 13 14 Underway, LAKE ERIE completes Engineering Certification milestone. Conducted various engineering casualty control drills as well as a main space fire drill evaluated by the Propulsion Examining Board.
 - 15 23 LAKE ERIE inport Pearl Harbor conducting ACTS scenarios in preparation for FEP Cleaning in preparation for 5th anniversary celebration of ship's commissioning at Aloha Tower Marketplace.
 - 20 STG2 reenlists in sonar control. Reenlisting officer is LTJG
 - 24 LAKE ERIE sails to Aloha Tower Marketplace for celebration of 5th anniversary of commissioning of ship. Ship holds reception on the flight deck for over 300 guests including RADM Sutton (MIDPAC). There were food and drinks for crew and guests as well as live music supplied by CINCPACFLT band.
 - 25 26 LAKE ERIE remains at Aloha Tower Marketplace to celebrate 5th anniversary of commissioning and provides tours for over 2200 visitors.
 - 27 29 LAKE ERIE conducts TSTA III underway, the final phase of basic training prior to FEP. LAKE conducts various shipwide integrated training scenarios.
 - 30 31 LAKE ERIE completes basic training cycle through successful completion of the Final Evaluation Problem. LAKE ERIE shipboard training teams exhibit the ability to design realistic scenarios which the crew successfully executed. Conducts numerous integrated scenarios from damage control to fighting the ship in all warfare areas to display the ship's ability "to train itself" and transition into the intermediate phase of the inter-deployment training cycle.
- August1 18Inport Pearl Harbor. LAKE ERIE begins to receive first stages of software upgrades and
installations for LINEBACKER ballistic missile defense project.
 - 4 7 Week of first formal classroom training for Linebacker watchstanders.

- 10 14 LAKE ERIE supply department successfully completes Logistic Management Assessment.
- 18 20 LAKE ERIE successfully completes cruise missile certification.
- 25 LAKE ERIE begins more formal installation schedule of LINBACKER software and some preliminary testing.
- September 1-6 Inport Pearl Harbor. LINEBACKER equipment installation begins.
 - 7-13 LINEBACKER equipment installation continues. RP&C, USQ-120, and SPY Firmware are installed. LINEBACKER equipment functional testing begins.
 - 14 20 LINEBACKER equipment functional testing continues and EXCOM groom begins.
 - 15 E-5 Navy wide exam administered.
 - 16 CPO Pinning Ceremony on the flight deck for ENC (SW)
 - 17 E-6 Navy wide exam administered. Ship tour and lunch for three members of the House Appropriations Committee Surveys and Investigations Staff.
 - 21 27 EXCOM groom completed. ATRC holds LINEBACKER tactical training. LINEBACKER scenario dry runs are conducted in preparation for sea trials.
 - 24 Fast Cruise in preparation for upcoming underway period.
 - 28 NAVCHECKRIDE begins. LINEBACKER videotaping in CIC.
 - 29 Underway. NAVCHECKRIDE successfully completed. LINEBACKER sea trials begin.
- October 1 LINEBACKER sea trials successfully completed. PACFIRE with 5" 54 and CIWS. RAS with USS Willamette. Returned to Pearl Harbor.
 - 2 Inport Pearl Harbor. Reenlistment ceremony for YN2 and FC2 and at Arizona Memorial. Reenlisting officers are CAPT Chapple and LCDR Awards ceremony held on the flight deck.
 - 5-7 Department Heads brief / walk-through with PCO, CAPT L. W. Capello.
 - 6 Reenlistment ceremony for STG2 at USS Missouri. Reenlisting officer is STGC
 - 7 COMCRUDESGRU-ONE Admiral Lafleur has lunch in the wardroom with the officers. He then held Admiral's Call with the Chief Petty Officers and the entire crew.
 - 9 Change of Command. CAPT Leonard William Capello assumes command of USS LAKE ERIE. A reception followed in the Tea House Lanai.
 - 12 Columbus Day observed, duty section only. Combined Federal Campaign begins.
 - 13 18 Inport upkeep and preparations for underway period.
 - 15 Ship tour for seventy (70) former members of the SECNAV sponsored Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

	16	Helicopter Detachment onload.
	19 - 22	Underway for Helicopter Work-Ups and Environmental Health Survey.
	19	HSL-37 Fly-On. Practiced anchoring evolution.
	22	Conducted PACFIRE. HSL-37 Fly-Off. Returned to Pearl Harbor.
	23	Inport Pearl Harbor. Reenlistment ceremony for FC2 Control in CSMC. Reenlisting officer is LTJG
	24	Community Relations Project with Mauka Lani School.
	27 - 30	CO personnel inspections for all departments.
November	2	Legal Stand-down. Reenlistment ceremony for ET3 1998 in 49 Radar Room. Reenlisting officer is LT
	4	Ship tour for sixty (60) international personnel who were attendees of the State Department's ASEAN Regional Forum Intersessional Support Group on Confidence Building Measures conference.
	6	Reenlistment ceremony for EW1 at Arizona Memorial. Reenlisting officer is ENS Master Helmsman ceremony for SN Meterstern in the Pilot House. Ship tour for twenty-five (25) members of the Pacific Century Fellows.
	9 - 15	Inport upkeep and preparations for upcoming underway period and LINEBACKER Tracking Exercise.
	16	Underway for LINEBACKER Tracking Exercise.
	20	Successfully completed LINEBACKER Tracking Exercise. Returned to Pearl Harbor. Combined Federal Campaign ends.
	23 - 25	LINEBACKER Deinstallation.
	26 - 27	Thanksgiving observed, duty section only.
	30	Command Physical Readiness Test administered. Missile Exercise practice.
December	1 - 4	Command Physical Readiness Test administered. Missile Exercise practice.
	2	Reenlistment ceremony for FC2 and and BM2 and at the Arizona Memorial. Reenlisting officers are LT and and LTJG
	5	USS LAKE ERIE Command Christmas Party.
	7	Underway for ammunition onload. Underway in Middle Pacific for Missile Exercise.
	9	Conducted PACFIRE.
	10	Successfully completed Missile Exercise, firing one SM-2.

11	Returned to Pearl Harbor. Awards ceremony held on the flight deck. First leave period of one month holiday stand-down commences.
14 - 20	Inport upkeep. Holiday stand-down.
14	Combined Federal Campaign Awards Ceremony Luncheon at Hickam Officer's Club. USS LAKE ERIE receives a Bronze Award from Admiral Prueher for donating over \$20,000. Christmas Lighting Ceremony.
21 - 31	Inport upkeep. Holiday stand-down.
25	Christmas observed.
28	Second leave period of holiday stand-down begins.