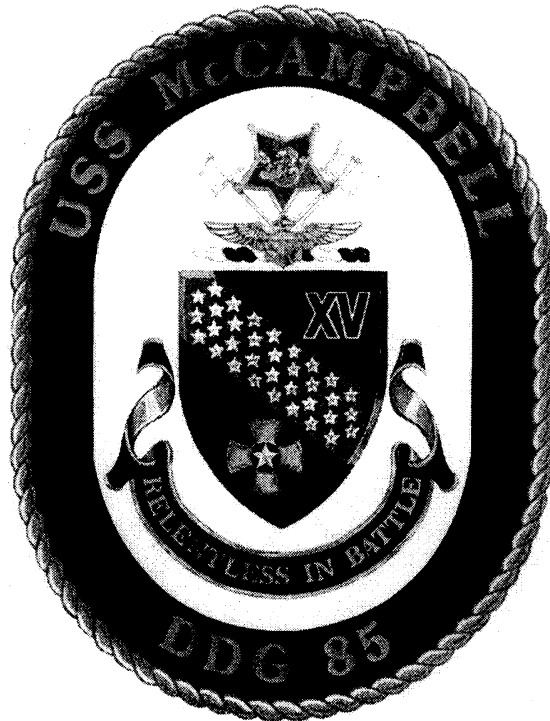


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USS McCAMPBELL COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

The commanding officer of the USS McCAMPBELL (DDG 85) is Commander Mark C. Montgomery, USN. Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE, is McCAMPBELL's Immediate Superior in Command. McCAMPBELL is homeported in San Diego, California. Her missions include Naval Presence, Air Defense, Surface Warfare, Undersea Warfare, and Land Attack Warfare. McCAMPBELL's Unit Identification Code is 22993.

USS McCAMPBELL CHRONOLOGY

13 December 1996 - 31 December 2002

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
13 Dec 1996	Contract Signed
16 Jul 1999	Keel Laying
17 Feb 2000	Mast Installation
9 Jun 2000	Mast Stepping Ceremony
1 Jul 2000	"Wedge Rally"
2 Jul 2000	Launch Day - Bath Iron Works, Bath, ME. The Honorable Madeleine Albright (Secretary of State), McCAMPBELL's Sponsor, christened the ship.
1 May 2001	Commander Mark C. Montgomery, Commanding Officer, reports to McCAMPBELL.
9 May 2001	Aegis Light-Off
18 May 2001	5" 62 caliber gun installed
22 Jun 2001	Gas Turbine Generator Light-Off
28 Jul 2001	Command at Sea Pinning Ceremony for CDR [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] christened in ship's bell.
12 Oct 2001	Main Engine Light-Off
9 - 26 Oct 2001	Engineering Department attends the Land Based Engineering Site (LBES) training facility in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
03 Nov 2001	McCAMPBELL placed in floating dry-dock for Sonar Dome Installation.
08 Dec 2001	McCAMPBELL departed dry-dock with Sonar Dome attached.
14 Jan 2002	McCAMPBELL underway for first time ("Alpha" trials) under her own power.
15 Jan 2002	McCAMPBELL returns from "Alpha" trials.
11 Feb 2002	McCAMPBELL underway for "Bravo" trials.
14 Feb 2002	McCAMPBELL returns from "Bravo" trials.
08 Mar 2002	McCAMPBELL delivered to the Navy by Bath Iron Works.
11 - 22 Mar 2002	McCAMPBELL's combat watch team attends Combat Information Center Team Trainer.
11 - 15 Mar 2002	Crew Certification I

25 Mar 2002 STG2 ██████████ reenlists at Precommissioning Detachment, Maine

5 - 8 Apr 2002 Crew Move Aboard. First watches set on McCAMPBELL.

9 Apr - 30 May 2002 Extended Post Delivery Availability (EPDA)

18 Apr 2002 OS2 ██████████ becomes the first to reenlist on board McCAMPBELL.

30 Apr 2002 STG2 ██████████ reenlists on board McCAMPBELL.

1 May 2002 STG2 ██████████ reenlists on board McCAMPBELL.

5 May 2002 OS2 ██████████ reenlists on board McCAMPBELL.

6 - 10 May 2002 Crew Certification II

20 - 24 May 2002 Light Off Assessment (LOA)

29 May 2002 Embark HSL 45 Detachment 4

30 May 2002 McCAMPBELL sailed from Bath Iron Works.

30 May - 4 Jun 2002 Underway enroute Boston, MA

1 Jun 2002 McCAMPBELL successfully completes firing of a SM-2 missile ("D" trials)

4 - 7 Jun 2002 Port visit Boston

6 Jun 2002 CDMCM Kenneth R. LaCasse reenlists on board USS CONSTITUTION

7 - 10 Jun 2002 Underway enroute Newport, RI

10 - 14 Jun 2002 Port visit Newport. Served as School Ship for Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) students.

14 - 17 Jun 2002 Underway enroute Norfolk, VA. Successfully completed Navigation Check Ride assessed by DESRON ONE.

17 - 21 Jun 2002 Underway Replenishment (UNREP) System Qualification and Testing

21 Jun - 1 Jul 2002 Underway enroute West Palm Beach, FL

28 Jun 2002 First underway replenishment (UNREP) with USNS JOHN LENTHALL (T-AO 189)

1 - 5 Jul 2002 Port visit to West Palm Beach, the home of Captain David McCampbell.

1 Jul 2002 MS3 [REDACTED] reenlists prior to arrival at McCAMPBELL

4 Jul 2002 MR2 [REDACTED] reenlists at West Palm Beach, FL

5 - 9 Jul 2002 Underway enroute Cristobal, Panama for a brief stop for fuel

9 - 10 Jul 2002 Transit of the Panama Canal, 1800 9 Jul - 0300 10 Jul

10 - 16 Jul 2002 Underway enroute Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

12 Jul 2002 Crossing the Line Ceremony

16 - 19 Jul 2002 Port visit Puerto Vallarta

19 - 24 Jul 2002 Underway enroute San Diego, CA

21 - 24 Jul 2002 Served as Opposing Forces for USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) Battle Group Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX)

23 Jul 2002 UNREP with USNS GUADALUPE (T-AO 200)

24 Jul - 6 Aug 2002 Inport San Diego. Two-week standdown period.

6 Aug 2002 Underway enroute Bravo pier on North Island and back to Naval Station San Diego that afternoon.

7 - 9 Aug 2002 Underway enroute San Francisco, CA. Conducted two successful SM-2 missile firings as part of Aegis Risk Reduction Program.

8 Aug 2002 OS2 [REDACTED] reenlists on board McCAMPBELL

9 - 19 Aug 2002 Inport San Francisco

17 Aug 2002 USS McCAMPBELL commissioning ceremony

18 Aug 2002 [REDACTED] christened in ship's bell.

19 - 21 Aug 2002 Underway enroute San Diego, Tiger Cruise.

21 Aug 2002 Disembark HSL 45 Detachment 4.

21 Aug - 23 Sep 2002 Inport San Diego. Combat System Ship's Qualification Trials (CSSQT) preparations begin.

6 Sep 2002 FCC [REDACTED] reenlists on board McCAMPBELL

23 - 24 Sep 2002 Underway to/Arrive at Seal Beach, CA for ammunition onload.

24 Sep - 1 Oct 2002 Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI. CSSQT preparations continue.

1 - 7 Oct 2002 Inport Pearl Harbor. CSSQT preparations continue.

2 Oct 2002 IT3 ██████████ reenlists on board McCAMPBELL

4 Oct 2002 Conducted Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA).

7 - 11 Oct 2002 Underway in vicinity of (IVO) Oahu and Lanai, HI.

7 Oct 2002 Fleet Operational Readiness Accuracy Check Site (FORACS) Range, Shipboard Electronic Systems Evaluation Facility (SESEF) Range.

8 Oct 2002 Kingfisher (small object avoidance sonar system) Range.

9 Oct 2002 Undersea Warfare (USW) Event - Five MK 46 Over the Side Torpedo (OTST) shots, Super Rapid Blooming Offloading Chaff (SRBOC) Firing Exercise (124 rounds)

10 Oct 2002 USW Event - Two Light Airborne Multipurpose Sensor (LAMPS) Torpedo Firing Exercises, Link Exercise (LINKEX), 5" gun Pre-Action Calibration Firing (PACFIRE). YNC ██████████ ██████████ reenlists on board McCAMPBELL

11 - 15 Oct 2002 Anchored, port visit Lahaina, Maui.

15 - 19 Oct 2002 Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI.

15 Oct 2002 UNREP with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (T-AO 193).

16 Oct 2002 Manned Raids (Air Warfare tracking runs with several threat presentations, with and without electronic jamming), LINKEX

17 Oct 2002 Manned Raids continue.

18 Oct 2002 Tracking of surface launched drones.

18 Oct 2002 Conducted Burial at Sea for COL Walter H. Fitzgerald, USAR, Ret; LT Matthew F. Moran Jr., USN, Ret; MGYSGT Joseph R. Lemieux, USMC, Ret; SF1 Joseph A. Marceau, USN, Ret; Darlena F. Marceau, spouse of SF1 Joseph A Marceau, USN, Ret, Deceased; GM2 William F. Deyoung, USN, Hon Disch; CDR Stanley S. Wauchope Jr., USN, Ret; Marjorie Kennie, spouse of LTCOL Frederick J. Kennie, USAF, Ret; Jill G. Spangler, spouse of MSGT Donald A Spangler, USAR, Ret, Deceased; MM3 Elmo F. Garner, USN, Hon Disch.

19 - 22 Oct 2002 Inport Pearl Harbor.

21 Oct 2002 Conducted make-up PFA.

22 - 25 Oct 2002 Underway enroute vicinity of Lanai, HI.

23 - 25 Oct 2002 Tracking and engagement of subsonic target presentations with SM-2 missiles and 5" gun at Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF).

24 Oct 2002 Conducted first Night Vision Deck Landing Qualification (DLQ) Evolutions. High Speed Maneuvering Surface Target (HSMST) tracking exercise.

25 - 28 Oct 2002 Inport Pearl Harbor.

26 Oct 2002 McCAMPBELL Wardroom holds Dining In.

28 - 29 Oct 2002 Underway enroute Lanai, HI.

29 - 31 Oct 2002 Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.

31 Oct - 6 Nov 2002 Underway enroute San Diego, Tiger Cruise.

31 Oct 2002 UNREP with USNS WALTER S. DIEHL (T-AO 193).

2 Nov 2002 5" PACFIRE and Killer Tomato target shoot.

5 Nov 2002 5" PACFIRE, tracking and engagement of subsonic target presentations with SM-2 missiles and 5" gun at Pt. Mugu.

6 Nov 2002 UNREP with USNS YUKON (T-AO 202).

6 - 18 Nov 2002 Inport San Diego. CSSQT and Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) preparations.

18 - 22 Nov 2002 Underway IVO San Clemente Island for Acoustic Trials.

21 Nov 2002 Conducted Night Vision Device DLQs. FC3 [REDACTED] and FC3 [REDACTED] reenlist on board McCAMPBELL.

22 Nov 2002 Arrive/Depart Bravo Pier, North Island, for ammunition onload.

22 Nov - 2 Dec 2002 Inport San Diego. Continued CSSQT and NSFS preparations.

23 Nov 2002 SGT1 [REDACTED] is married onboard McCAMPBELL

25 - 27 Nov 2002 Pay, Personnel, Administration and Travel (PPAT) Assist Visit for disbursing and admin departments.

2 - 6 Dec 2002 Underway IVO San Clemente Island for CSSQT Towed Target Shoot and NSFS.

3 Dec 2002 5" PACFIRE, CSSQT NSFS Events. Shot 95% in

first NSFS Firing Exercise.

4 Dec 2002 Conducted Night Vision Device DLQs.

5 Dec 2002 5" PACFIRE, CSSQT NSFS Events.

6 Dec 2002 CSSQT NSFS Events continued.

6 Dec 2002 - 24 Inport San Diego. Ongoing Command Assessment
Jan 2003 of Readiness and Training Phase Two (CART II), Final Contract Trials (FCT) by Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) and Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) preparations.

9 - 10 Dec 2002 Deck, Medical, ASW and Supply Limited Team Trainers (LTT).

11 - 13 Dec 2002 3M Baseline Inspection.

12 Dec 2002 FC1 ██████████ reenlists on board McCAMPBELL

16 Dec 2002 - 6 Holiday Standdown Period, NULKA (active
Jan 2003 missile decoy) System Installation.

USS McCAMPBELL HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

13 December 1996 - 31 December 2002

The contract to build Bath Iron Works's hull number 469 was signed on December 13, 1996. Shortly thereafter the name "USS McCAMPBELL" was selected by the Secretary of the Navy.

McCAMPBELL's keel was laid on July 16, 1999, at Bath Iron Works (BIW) in Bath, Maine. Nearly a year later, on February 17, 2000, the mast was installed. On June 9, 2000, a mast stepping ceremony was held in Bath.

On July 2, 2000, the Honorable Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State, launched McCAMPBELL. A crowd of shipyard employees and dignitaries, including BIW President Allen Cameron, Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig, Senator Olympia Snowe, Senator Susan Collins, and Captain McCampbell's plane captain, retired Chief Chester Owens, watched as the Honorable Madeline Albright christened the ship. At 2:16 pm, McCAMPBELL slid down the ways into the Kennebec River.

The next year saw the installation and testing of much of the ship's major equipment. Events included Aegis Light-Off, Gas Turbine Generator Light-Off, Main Engine Light-Off, and the installation of the sonar dome. Concurrent to the ship's construction was the assembly of her crew. The Precommissioning Unit was established in Bath in the Huchtins Building on Washington Street, just across from the shipyard. The crew assigned to the Precommissioning Unit worked with the installation schedule. The Precommissioning Detachment, led by Command Master Chief Michael Fulton, worked in concert with Fleet Training Center San Diego to provide Sailors assigned to McCAMPBELL with the appropriate pipeline training enroute to the Precommissioning Unit and the ship.

Precommissioning Unit McCAMPBELL got underway for the first time for "Alpha Trials" on a sub-zero Maine winter's day, January 14, 2002. It was a perfect (and cold) inauguration for a Bath-built ship. From February 11 to 14, 2002, McCAMPBELL broke new ground by becoming the first Bath Iron Works ship to combine "Builder's Trials" and "Acceptance Trials."

Having successfully completed Sea Trials, Ship's Custody Transfer occurred as scheduled, and McCAMPBELL was delivered to the Navy on March 8. McCAMPBELL passed Crew Certification I the week of March 11, and final Crew Certification on May 10. Extended Post Delivery Availability from March until May of 2002 ensured the completion of essential sail-away requirements. McCAMPBELL's engineering department successfully completed their Light Off Assessment during the week of May 20.

McCAMPBELL's helicopter detachment from Helicopter Squadron Light Four Five (HSL 45) embarked on May 29. The following day,

McCAMPBELL sailed down the Kennebec River bound for San Diego. As she neared the end of the Kennebec, friends and family of McCAMPBELL's crew cheered and waved farewell from Fort Popham.

Off the coast of New England, McCAMPBELL conducted testing of her Aegis Baseline 6 Phase 3 missile firing capabilities. As part of "D" trials, McCAMPBELL fired a SM-2 missile on June 1.

The ship's first port visit was to Boston, Massachusetts, from June 4 to 7. While McCAMPBELL was in port, the Navy's newest warship was moored just across the harbor from the Navy's first warship, the USS CONSTITUTION. Master Chief Kenneth LaCasse reenlisted on board the CONSTITUTION while in port.

McCAMPBELL departed Boston on June 7 enroute to Newport, Rhode Island. During the Newport visit, June 14 to 17, McCAMPBELL served as school ship for students at Surface Warfare Officer School. On June 17, McCAMPBELL arrived in Norfolk, Virginia for her third port visit of the sailaround. During the inport period in Norfolk, her crew began Underway Replenishment System Qualification and Testing (UNREP SQT). After departing Norfolk on June 21, the ship continued the UNREP SQT with her first underway replenishment alongside the USNS JOHN LENTHALL (T-AO 189) on June 28.

From July 1 to 5, McCAMPBELL visited West Palm Beach, Florida, the home of her namesake, Captain David McCampbell. The inport period included numerous MWR events for the crew sponsored by the West Palm Beach Navy League and the McCampbell family. Sailors from the ship visited the Veterans Hospital where Captain McCampbell was once a patient. During West Palm Beach's Fourth of July celebration, Mayor Joel T. Daves named July 4, 2002, "McCampbell Day" in West Palm Beach.

From July 5 to 9, McCAMPBELL made her way along an easterly route around Cuba towards Cristobal, Panama at the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal. After a brief stop for fuel, she was underway for the eight-hour freshwater transit from Atlantic to Pacific. Once McCAMPBELL emerged in the early morning of the 10th, she made her way south to the equator.

On July 12, McCAMPBELL crossed the equator at 85 degrees, 11 minutes west longitude. She promptly turned north towards Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where the crew enjoyed the port from July 16 to 19.

Prior to arriving in her homeport for the first time, USS McCAMPBELL made a worthy adversary for the USS CONSTELLATION (CV 64) Battle Group when she served as Opposing Forces (OPFOR) during their Composite Unit Training Exercise (COMPTUEX) from July 21 to 24.

An underway replenishment with USNS Guadalupe (T-AO 200) on July 23, the debarkation of HSL 45 on July 24, and the completion of OPFOR duties in CONSTELLATION's COMPTUEX wrapped

up the two month sail around. McCAMPBELL's crew returned to the families waiting on the pier on 24 July, beginning a two week standdown period.

On August 6, McCAMPBELL sailed to and back from Bravo Pier on North Island for an ammunition onload, and then got underway enroute to San Francisco.

Upon arrival on August 9, McCAMPBELL sailors enjoyed a mix of great liberty and hard work in San Francisco in preparation for the Commissioning Ceremony, which was held on August 17. The principal speaker was the Honorable Dionel M. Aviles, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller. He was joined by the Honorable Madeline Albright, who brought the ship to life.

McCAMPBELL departed San Francisco on August 19 with over 75 Tigers onboard, giving the dependents and friends of McCAMPBELL's crew a taste of life at sea on a brand new warship. She pulled into San Diego Harbor on August 21 and shortly thereafter began preparations for the Combat Systems Ship's Qualification Trials (CSSQT) period approaching in October.

After just over four weeks inport, McCAMPBELL set her course west and headed toward Hawaii for the long-awaited CSSQT events. This would test the ship's Aegis Baseline 6 Phase 3 system, as well as every other combat system on the ship. McCAMPBELL conducted air warfare tracking runs on several threat presentations, with and without electronic jamming. The ship also tracked and engaged subsonic target presentations using missiles and her 5" gun. While in Hawaii, McCAMPBELL performed a burial at sea for 10 veterans near the island of Kauai.

McCAMPBELL returned to San Diego on November 6 in time for Veteran's Day weekend. After two more underway periods testing communications and conducting Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) events near San Clemente Island, McCAMPBELL was finished with CSSQT. Holiday Standdown commenced December 16.

During McCAMPBELL's initial service from March 8 to December 31, 2002, she completed 10 successful missile firings, expended 513 rounds of 5" ammunition, conducted five torpedo shots, 212 hours of flight operations, and completed 19 underway periods (four of which exceeded five days duration). A total of five underway replenishments were conducted in the completion of 25,000 nautical miles of underway operations. From March 8 to December 31, 2002, the ship was in homeport for 95 days, in continental U.S. ports for 108 days, in foreign ports for three days, and inport Hawaii for 18 days.