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## SHIP'S HISTORY 2000

### 1. Command Composition and Organization

a. USS McCLUSKY (FFG 41), UIC 21108, is a third flight Oliver Hazard Perry Class Guided Missile Frigate, named after Rear Admiral Wade McClusky, a hero of the Battle of Midway. Her primary mission is general escort duty of convoys, amphibious task forces, underway replenishment groups and carrier battle groups, defending high value units against subsurface, surface and low level air threats. With embarked air detachment (one to two SH-60 helicopters), the LAMPS MK III team provides formidable capabilities in over-the-horizon surface detection, surveillance, and engagement of hostile warships and submarines.

b. McCLUSKY is homeported in San Diego, California, and is assigned to Commander Destroyer Squadron Seven, Captain Raymond Spicer, as part of the Pacific Fleet. McCLUSKY is scheduled to shift to Commander Destroyer Squadron One, 01 January 2001.

c. McCLUSKY's Commanding Officer is Commander William B. Haflich, who relieved Commander John N. Christenson in a change of command ceremony 18 November in Key West, Florida.

## 2. Chronology

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Evolution</u>
01 Jan - 09 Jan	Holiday Leave
03 Jan - 14 Jan	Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV)
13 Jan	Dock Trials
14 Jan	Fast Cruise
15 Jan - 17 Jan	Inport San Diego, CA
18 Jan - 22 Jan	Underway/Total Ship Training Availability (TSTA) B/En route Cabo San Lucas, MX
23 Jan - 24 Jan	Cabo San Lucas, MX Port Visit
25 Jan - 28 Jan	Underway en route San Diego/FEP Rehearsal
29 Jan - 08 Feb	Inport San Diego
09 Feb - 10 Feb	Underway/Final Evaluation Period (FEP)
11 Feb - 13 Feb	Inport San Diego
14 Feb - 21 Feb	IMAV
22 Feb - 24 Feb	Underway/Type Training

25 Feb - 29 Feb	Inport San Diego
01 Mar - 03 Mar	Underway/Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ's)
04 Mar - 05 Mar	Inport San Diego
06 Mar - 26 Mar	IMAV
27 Mar - 10 Apr	Inport San Diego
03 Apr - 07 Apr	USW Rumble Exercise/ISIC Training
11 Apr - 14 Apr	Underway/DLQ's
15 Apr - 16 Apr	Inport San Diego
17 Apr - 21 Apr	Underway/Type Training
22 Apr - 14 May	Inport San Diego
11 May	Medical Readiness Assessment
24 Apr - 12 May	IMAV
15 May - 18 May	Underway/DLQ's
19 May - 24 May	Inport San Diego
25 May	Underway/Guest of the Navy Cruise/Broadside Demonstration
26 May - 01 Jun	Inport San Diego
29 May	COMNAVSURFPAC Visit
02 Jun - 06 Jun	Underway/Transit to Astoria, OR
07 Jun	Port Visit Astoria, OR
08 Jun	Underway/Transit to Portland, OR
08 Jun - 11 Jun	Inport Portland, OR (Rose Festival)
12 Jun - 15 Jun	Underway/Transit to San Diego/DLQ's
16 Jun - 24 Jun	Inport San Diego
19 Jun - 30 Jun	IMAV
17 Jul - 21 Jul	Surface Line Week
25 Jul	Underway/Ammo Onload North Island
26 Jul	Underway
27 Jul	Family Cruise
28 Jul - 30 Jul	Inport San Diego
31 Jul - 04 Aug	Underway/CORTRAMID
05 Aug - 04 Sep	Inport San Diego
07 Aug - 01 Sep	IMAV
08 Aug - 04 Sep	POM Leave Period
15 Aug	Underway/Shift to Pier 7
17 Aug	CDS7 Change of Command
05 Sep - 06 Sep	Underway/Sea Trials
07 Sep - 12 Sep	Inport San Diego
13 Sep	Depart San Diego/Embark HSL

13 Sep - 18 Sep	47 Det 3
19 Sep	Deployment
	Inport Puerto Quetzal,
	GT/Embark Coast Guard Law
	Enforcement Detachment
	(COGARD LEDET) 101
20 Sep - 28 Sep	Underway
29 Sep - 01 Oct	Inport Golfito, CS
02 Oct - 03 Oct	Underway
04 Oct	Inport Balboa, PM
05 Oct - 09 Oct	Underway
08 Oct	Crossing the Line Ceremony
10 Oct - 12 Oct	Inport Manta, EC
12 Oct	USCINCSO Visit
13 Oct - 19 Oct	Underway
20 Oct	Disembark COGARD LEDET
	101/Embark COGARD LEDET 105
20 Oct - 21 Oct	Inport Balboa, PM
22 Oct - 30 Oct	Underway
31 Oct - 02 Nov	Inport Balboa, PM
03 Nov - 10 Nov	Underway
11 Nov	Inport Balboa, PM
12 Nov	Transit Panama Canal North
13 Nov - 16 Nov	Underway
17 Nov - 21 Nov	Inport Key West, FL
18 Nov	Change of Command
22 Nov - 23 Nov	Underway
24 Nov - 03 Dec	Inport Mayport, FL
24 Nov - 03 Dec	IMAV, Mayport, FL
04 Dec - 09 Dec	Underway/En route Panama
	Canal
10 Dec	Transit Panama Canal South
10 Dec - 12 Dec	Inport Balboa, PM
13 Dec - 22 Dec	Underway
23 Dec	Inport Golfito, CS
24 Dec - 28 Dec	Underway
29 Dec	Inport Talara, PE
29 Dec	Underway
30 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport Paita, PE

### 3. Narrative

McCLUSKY began the New Year in a period of holiday leave and concurrent Inport Maintenance Availability. An underway period in the San Diego Operating Area, commenced 18 Jan, had a two-fold purpose. The first was to accomplish the TSTA B phase of the Inter-Deployment

Training Cycle. McCLUSKY excelled in virtually all areas under review. Upon completion, McCLUSKY continued south for a port visit to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. While in Mexico, McCLUSKY participated in a community-relations project to refurbish a schoolhouse. The results significantly contributed to the local community and demonstrated the good will of the U.S. Navy.

In late January McCLUSKY returned to San Diego to begin preparations for FEP, 09 - 10 Feb. As with TSTA B, McCLUSKY demonstrated an outstanding level of proficiency in all areas during evaluation. The remainder of February included another maintenance availability and a brief underway period, 22 - 24 Feb.

McCLUSKY spent the majority of March inport, ensuring the completion of necessary maintenance during a scheduled availability. A brief underway period, 01 - 03 Mar, consisted of flight operations in Southern California Oparea in support of Deck Landing Qualifications for several SH-60B helicopter crews from Naval Air Station North Island. Additionally, on March 20<sup>th</sup>, McCLUSKY was officially authorized to fly the TYCOM Safety Pennant in recognition of her continued excellence in promoting a safe working environment.

The beginning of April was spent inport. The focus of this period was the DESTROYER SQUADRON SEVEN Undersea Warfare Rumble Exercise. Demonstrating an unparalleled excellence in USW, McCLUSKY took first place overall. Two brief underway periods, 11 - 14 Apr and 17 - 21 Apr, were spent conducting flight operations and type training. Additionally, a CIWS detect-to-engage exercise was conducted and several prospective Commanding Officers from the Naval Surface Warfare Officer Course, Newport, RI, were embarked as part of their prospective command at sea preparations and training. April concluded inport with an availability.

May saw two underway periods. The first of these, 15 - 18 May, was in continued support of the helicopter deck landing qualification process. May 25<sup>th</sup> McCLUSKY embarked a number of guests (including CAPT Lynch, USN (ret.), commissioning CO of McCLUSKY) for a "Guests of the Navy" cruise and all-caliber "broadside" firing demonstration off the coast of Southern California, returning to port later that day. Also in May, McCLUSKY's medical department underwent a Medical Readiness Assessment, conducted by Regional Support Organization San Diego, 11 May. An overall rating was determined to be "C-1", fully mission capable. Additionally, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, McCLUSKY was visited by

VADM Moore, Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific, for a tour and luncheon hosted onboard.

The highlight of the month of June was a port visit to Astoria, 07 Jun, and Portland, 08 - 11 Jun, on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in Oregon. En route, all ships in company (USS McCLUSKY, USS ANTIETAM, USS HEWITT, USS WADSWORTH, USS THACH, USS STETHEM, AND USS RUSHMORE) participated in a wreath laying ceremony in memoriam of the Battle of Midway. The visit itself coincided with the Portland Rose Festival and was an ideal opportunity for both crew recreation and Navy public relations. On the transit back to San Diego, McCLUSKY conducted another set of DLQ's, and finished the month with an eleven day availability.

From 17 - 21 Jul, McCLUSKY participated in the Annual Surface Line Week 2000, hosted by the Commander Naval Surface Forces Pacific, earning first place over all in the small ship category. The rest of July marked the completion of some final preparations for McCLUSKY's counter-drug operations deployment. This included the onloading of ammunition from nearby North Island, 25 Jul, and a Family Cruise, 26 - 27 Jul. Additionally, 31 Jul through 04 Aug, McCLUSKY embarked a group of midshipmen from across the country, sharing with them the exciting world of the Surface Warfare Community during their summer training period.

On 15 Aug McCLUSKY moved to Pier 7 in support of DESRON SEVEN change of command ceremony that was held 17 Aug. The remainder of August was spent in a pre-overseas movement (POM) stand down. McCLUSKY embarked HSL 47 Detachment 3 and got underway for two days at sea for a final shakedown cruise prior to deployment from 05 - 06 Sep.

On 13 Sep, McCLUSKY departed San Diego and started her deployment en route to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, for a brief stop for fuel (BSF) on 19 Sep and embarkation of Coast Guard Detachment 101 from San Diego, California. From there McCLUSKY proceeded to Golfito, Costa Rica for a three day port visit, 29 Sep - 01 Oct.

October was one of the busiest months of McCLUSKY's deployment. After Golfito, McCLUSKY patrolled en route (PENR) to Balboa, Panama, for a BSF, 04 Oct, before returning to sea. On 08 Oct a Crossing the Line Ceremony was performed as the ship crossed over the Equator. From 10 - 12 Oct, McCLUSKY enjoyed another port visit, this time in Manta, Ecuador. Of particular note was McCLUSKY's participation in two community-relations projects, one in

Manta and the other in nearby Bahia de Caraquez. McCLUSKY also hosted a reception for Comander-in-Chief U.S. Southern Command, General Peter Pace, USMC, on 12 Oct. October ended with two more stops in Balboa, Panama, 20 - 21 Oct and 31 Oct - 02 Nov. The interim periods were again spent conducting counter-drug operations, this time with Coast Guard Detachment 105, which embarked 20 Oct.

After a BSF and embarkation of the prospective Commanding Officer in Balboa, Panama, 11 Nov, McCLUSKY transited the Panama Canal, 12 Nov, and proceeded to Key West, Florida for her Change of Command Ceremony, 18 November 2000.

On 18 Nov Commander William B. Haflich relieved Commander John N. Christenson as USS McCLUSKY Commanding Officer in Key West, Florida. McCLUSKY transited from Key West to Mayport from 22 - 24 Nov. Director Joint Inter-Agency task Force East, VADM Belz, USCG, got underway with McCLUSKY, 22 Nov, for a tour of the ship, returning to Key West later that day via Saberhawk 75.

In Mayport, McClusky underwent another highly successful maintenance availability. After ten days of close coordination with SIMA Mayport, all jobs were completed on time and under budget. On 04 Dec McCLUSKY was again underway, PENR to the Panama Canal. The southbound Canal transit was completed on 10 Dec, whereupon McCLUSKY remained inport Balboa through 12 Dec.

Between 12 Dec and 23 Dec, McCLUSKY came upon a high speed craft (go fast) narcotics smuggler, 18 Dec. An aggressive pursuit resulted in the seizing of over 1,600 kilograms of cocaine and capture and subsequent turn-over of seven smugglers to drug-enforcement authorities. On 21 Dec McCLUSKY came upon the fishing vessel "Maria Rita" and discovered a 60 year-old fisherman requiring immediate medical attention for a severely lacerated finger. McCLUSKY promptly responded by bringing him aboard and administering first aid treatment. Due to the severity of the injury, McCLUSKY then proceeded at best speed for Colombian coastal waters, whereupon the fisherman was MEDIVACED by Saberhawk 75 to a local hospital in Buenaventura, Colombia. HMC [REDACTED] (McCLUSKY IDC) was ultimately credited with saving the man's finger and possibly his life due to the resulting infection.

On 23 Dec McCLUSKY arrived in Golfito, Costa Rica, for a BSF, followed by a transit to Peru. McCLUSKY visited two Peruvian ports: Talara for fuel, 29 Dec, and Paita, 30 Dec - 02 Jan, for liberty and an onload of stores and mail.



The year 2000 was fittingly concluded with McCLUSKY on deployment in continued support of counter-narcotics operations in the Eastern Pacific. In every respect, McCLUSKY excelled in her mission throughout the preceeding year, and will continue to do so as she completes her deployment and returns to her homeport San Diego February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

#### **4. Supporting Documents**

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8. SOUTHCOM VIP Visit After Action Report, USS McCLUSKY, 060432ZOCT00
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