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USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) Command History for 2004.

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## USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) 2004 COMMAND HISTORY

### 1. Command Composition and Organization:

a. USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41), UIC 21108, is a Flight III Oliver Hazard Perry Class Frigate built to fulfill a Protection of Shipping (POS) mission as an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) combatant for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups, and merchant convoys. Perry-class frigates are primarily Undersea Warfare ships intended to provide open-ocean escort of amphibious ships and convoys in low to moderate threat environments. The ships are equipped to escort and protect carrier strike groups, expeditionary strike groups, underway replenishment groups and convoys. They also provide defense against anti-ship missiles. They can also conduct independent operations to perform such tasks as Counter Narcotics Terrorism surveillance, Maritime Interception Operations, and multi-lateral exercises with other nations. The addition of NTDS, LAMPS helicopters, and the Tactical Towed Array Sonar (TACTAS) gave these ships a combat capability far beyond the class program expectations of the mid-1970's, and made the ships an integral and valued asset in virtually any war-at-sea scenario. They are particularly well suited for operations in littoral waters. Now equipped with the Close-in-Weapon System (CIWS) Block 1B and NULKA decoy systems, Perry-class frigates have a fair capability against low altitude Anti-Ship Missiles. Features include improved 2D air search radar and a surface capability against fast assault crafts.

The FFG-7 class is a robust platform, capable of withstanding considerable damage. This "toughness" was demonstrated when USS Samuel B. Roberts struck a mine and USS Stark was hit by two Exocet cruise missiles. In both cases the ships survived, were repaired, and returned to the fleet.

The Perry-class was designed from the keel up as a total warfare system. Innovations in high-speed digital computer technology enable the on-board weapons system to instantly detect and evaluate contacts at greater ranges with minimum human interface, thus providing increased reaction times. To enhance on-board anti-surface/anti-submarine capabilities, the LAMPS Mark III Helicopter System adds significantly to the ship's sensor and weapons delivery range.

#### Specifications:

<b>Power Plant</b>	2 - General Electric LM2500 gas turbine engines 1 shaft, 41,000 shaft horsepower total.
<b>Length</b>	453 feet (135.9 meters)
<b>Beam</b>	45 feet (13.5 meters)
<b>Displacement</b>	4,100 tons (full load)
<b>Speed</b>	29 plus knots (33.4+ miles per hour)
<b>Aircraft</b>	Two SH-60B (LAMPS III)
<b>Crew</b>	200+ Enlisted, 20+ Officers

**Armament** Two MK-32 21 inch Surface Vessel Torpedo Tubes (triple mounts)  
 1 - 76 mm (3-inch)/62 caliber MK 75 rapid fire gun  
 1 - Phalanx Close-In-Weapons System (CIWS) Block 1B

**Combat Systems** AN/SPS-49 Air Search Radar  
 AN/SPS-55 Surface Search Radar  
 Mk92 Fire Control System  
 AN/SLQ-32 Electronics Warfare System  
 AN/SQS-56 Sonar  
 Mk53 Decoy Launching System  
 AN/SQR-19 Towed Array Sonar System  
 AN/SQQ-89 ASW Integration System

b. USS MCCLUSKY (FFG 41) is named after Rear Admiral Wade MCCLUSKY a hero of the Battle of Midway and is homeported in San Diego, California. MCCLUSKY is assigned to Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE as part of the Pacific Fleet.

2. Chronology:

Jan 1-2	Inport - Port Visit - Manta, Ecuador
Jan 3-16	Underway - Eastern Pacific
Jan 12	Go-Fast Interdiction - 96 Bales/5760lbs of cocaine
Jan 17-19	Inport - Port visit - Vasco Nunez de Balboa (VNB), Panama
Jan 20	Underway - Panama Canal Transit
Jan 21-29	Underway - Western Caribbean
Jan 24	Go-Fast Interdiction with USCGC BEAR - 46 Bales/3966lbs of cocaine
Jan 27	Go-Fast Interdiction with USCGC TAMPA - 26 Bales/1340lbs of cocaine
Jan 30	Inport - Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) - Colon, Panama
Jan 31 - Feb 8	Underway - Western Caribbean
Feb 4	Go-Fast Interdiction with USCGC NORTHLAND - 89 Bales/4425lbs of Cocaine
Feb 9	Inport - BSF - Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Feb 10-15	Underway - Western Caribbean
Feb 16-18	Inport - Port visit - Cozumel, Mexico
Feb 19-20	Underway - Western Caribbean
Feb 21 - Mar 5	Inport - Intermediate Maintenance Availability - Mayport, Florida
Mar 6-7	Underway - Western Caribbean
Mar 8-10	Inport - Port visit - Key West, Florida
Mar 11-21	Underway - Western Caribbean
Mar 22	Inport - BSF - Colon, Panama
Mar 23-30	Underway - Western Caribbean
Mar 31 - Apr 2	Inport - Port Visit - Ocho Rios, Jamaica
Apr 3-4	Underway - Western Caribbean
Apr 5-9	Underway - Western Caribbean - Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) I
Apr 10-11	Underway - Western Caribbean
Apr 12	Inport - BSF - Colon, Panama
Apr 12-13	Underway - Panama Canal Transit

Apr 13-14	Inport - Port visit - VNB, Panama
Apr 15-26	Underway - Eastern Pacific
Apr 27-29	Inport - Port visit - VNB, Panama
Apr 30 - May 8	Underway - Eastern Pacific
May 9-12	Inport - Port visit - VNB, Panama
May 12	Change of Command
May 13-22	Underway - Eastern Pacific
May 15	Embarked 4 detainees from USS TICONDEROGA
May 15	Conducted Boarding of Fishing Vessel Estrella del Sur, Logistic Support Vessel observed refueling a Go-Fast.
May 16	Embarked 8 detainees from Estrella del Sur
May 16	Sunk Estrella del Sur as "Hazard to Navigation"
May 17	Embarked 8 detainees from USS VALLEY FORGE
May 22	Transferred 20 Detainees to USCGC EDISTO
May 23	Inport - BSF - Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
May 23	Transferred 20 Detainees from USCGC EDISTO
May 24	Transferred 20 Detainees to USCGC ACTIVE
May 24-27	Underway - Eastern Pacific
May 25	Conducted Passing Exercise (PASSEX) with USS CROMMELIN
May 28-30	Inport - Port visit - Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
May 31 - Jun 2	Underway - Eastern Pacific to Southern California Tiger Cruise
Jun 3	OUTCHOP from COMUSNAVSO to COMTHIRDFLT
Jun 3	Return to homeport San Diego, CA
Jun 3-30	Inport - San Diego, CA - Post Deployment Leave and Upkeep
Jul 1-5	Inport - San Diego, CA - Upkeep
Jul 6-15	Inport - San Diego, CA - Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV), Corrosion Control Availability
Jul 16	Inport - San Diego, CA - Refuel at Naval Fueling Pier
Jul 17-18	Underway - Southern California (SOCAL) - Naval Reserve Training (NRT) Weekend/ Liberty Ship LANE VICTORY WWII Commemoration
Jul 19-25	Inport - San Diego, CA - Upkeep
Jul 26-30	Underway - SOCAL - Community Orientation and Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID)
Jul 30 - Aug 1	Inport - San Diego, CA - Upkeep
Aug 2-4	Inport - San Diego, CA - CART II
Aug 4-6	Underway - SOCAL - CART II
Aug 7-8	Inport - San Diego, CA - NRT Weekend
Aug 9-12	Inport - San Diego, CA - TSTA
Aug 13-19	Underway - SOCAL to Hawaii - TSTA (ENG)
Aug 20-23	Inport - Port Visit - Pearl Harbor, HI
Aug 24-30	Underway - Hawaii to SOCAL - TSTA (ENG)
Aug 31	Inport - San Diego, CA - Refuel at Naval Fueling Pier
Sep 1-10	Inport - San Diego, CA - CMAV
Sep 7-10	Inport - San Diego, CA - CMAV, TSTA (DC)
Sep 11-12	Underway - SOCAL - NRT Weekend, Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQ)
Sep 13-17	Inport - San Diego, CA - CMAV
Sep 18-19	Inport - San Diego, CA - Upkeep
Sep 20-26	Underway - SOCAL - TSTA (ENG)
Sep 27	Underway - SOCAL - Underway Demonstration
Sep 28	Underway - SOCAL
Sep 29-30	Inport - Seal Beach, CA - Ammo Offload

Sep 31 - Oct 1	Underway - SOCAL
Oct 2	Underway - SOCAL - Sea and Air Parade
Oct 2-11	Inport - San Diego, CA - Upkeep
Oct 12	Inport - San Diego, CA - Berth Shift to National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) Shipyard
Oct 13 - Dec 15	Inport - San Diego, CA - Selected Restricted Availability (SRA)
Dec 15	Inport - San Diego, CA - Fast cruise
Dec 16	Underway - SOCAL - Sea trials
Dec 17-31	Inport - San Diego, CA - Holiday upkeep

### 3. Narrative.

MCCLUSKY (MCC) began the year deployed to Central and South America in support of counter-narcotics operations under the tactical command of Joint Inter-Agency Task Force (JIATF) South and the operational command of Commander U.S. Naval Forces, U.S. Southern Command (COMUSNAVSO). Embarked units throughout the year consisted of Helicopter Squadron Light (HSL) 43 Detachment FIVE, and U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachments (LEDET) 104, 106, and 107. MCCLUSKY ended the year by completing a 9-week commercial shipyard availability for maintenance and repairs.

MCCLUSKY is assigned to the Naval Reserve Force (NRF) and is charged with the training of a Selected Reserve (SELRES) unit. Naval Reserve Training (NRT) weekends were held onboard once a month when possible for the SELRES. MCCLUSKY'S SELRES Detachment held training onboard during the following weekends: July 17-18, August 7-8, and September 11-12.

During early January, the ship enjoyed liberty in Manta, Ecuador. While in Manta, the crew donated clothes, shoes, linen, and toys to a local church-sponsored care center.

Upon departure from Manta, the ship continued its counter-narcotics patrols. On 12 January, MCCLUSKY spotted the Logistics Support Vessel (LSV) PANGA dumping its fuel before it had the opportunity to refuel a Go-Fast Vessel (GFV) that was transporting 5760 lbs of cocaine. Left stranded, the drug laden GFV was intercepted, becoming the ship's first catch of the deployment.

From 17 to 20 January, the ship was in port, VNB, Panama. Following this port visit, MCCLUSKY transited the Panama Canal to patrol the Western Caribbean Sea until 30 January. During the patrol, the ship participated in two more drug seizures. Operating with the USCGC BEAR, the ship intercepted a GFV and seized 46 bales of cocaine. The GFV was sunk as a hazard to navigation using the ship's 76mm and .50 cal weapons. Working with the USCGC TAMPA on 27 January, the ship chased, but was unable to intercept another GFV. Although the GFV escaped, it was forced to jettison all of its narcotics. Twenty six bales of cocaine were recovered to be used as evidence.

Following a Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) in Colon, Panama on 30 January, MCCLUSKY resumed its patrol. Working with the USCGC NORTHLAND, the ship participated in another narcotics seizure. A GFV was spotted by MCCLUSKY's embarked helicopter, Battle Cat 20. At the conclusion of a high-speed chase that lasted several hours, the GFV was apprehended after jettisoning all contraband. During 16-18 February,

MCCLUSKY visited Cozumel, Mexico. High winds and seas forced the ship to depart the port ahead of schedule.

After transiting to Mayport, Florida, the ship conducted an Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) from 21 February through 05 March. During the IMAV, fifty percent of the ships crew took leave at one week intervals. Furthermore, the ship was able to repair twenty-two CASREPs during the availability.

The ship made the short transit from Mayport, Florida to Key West, Florida for a port visit from 08-10 March. The ship departed Key West and continued its patrol of the Western Caribbean from 11 to 30 March, with a BSF in Colon, Panama on 22 March.

MCCLUSKY spent the last days of March in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. This was the first visit to Ocho Rios by a U.S. warship in over twenty years. MCCLUSKY hosted a shipboard reception for Jamaican government dignitaries and the U.S. Ambassador. The crew enjoyed liberty on the island, and found time to participate in a community relations project, rebuilding a road that helped increase commerce in the downtown area of Ocho Rios.

From 3 to 11 April, the ship conducted the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Part One (CART I). CART I is conducted before the end of each major deployment, during which the ship reviews its formal schools training status and needs, as well as an overall assessment of its readiness to train.

The ship performed a BSF in Colon, Panama on 12 April, and then transited through the Panama Canal to conduct a port visit in VNB, Panama from 13-14 April. The ship completed the month of April in the Eastern Pacific, conducting patrols 15-26 April, and conducting another port visit to VNB 27-29 April.

On 30 April, MCCLUSKY resumed its patrol of the Eastern Pacific and again visited Rodman during 9-12 May. During this visit, the ship's crew conducted two community relations projects, refurbishing a local grade school and donating sewing machines, diapers, and medical supplies from Project Hand-clasp to local single mothers. On 12 May, while inport Panama MCCLUSKY conducted a Change of Command Ceremony. CDR Herman T. K. Awai relieved CDR Gary R. Parriot as Commanding Officer. Immediately following the change of command, MCCLUSKY left port to continue on patrol.

The ship embarked four detainees from the USS TICONDEROGA on 15 May, and then boarded the LSV Estrella del Sur, which had been observed refueling a GFV. The ship embarked eight detainees from the Estrella del Sur. The vessel was designated a hazard to navigation and sunk. On 17 May, MCCLUSKY embarked eight more detainees from the USS VALLEY FORGE. All 20 detainees onboard were transferred on 22 May to the USCGC EDISTO, allowing MCCLUSKY to enter Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala for a BSF. Following the BSF, the 20 detainees were returned to MCCLUSKY, and then transferred to USCGC ACTIVE on 24 May.

The ship conducted a Passing Exercise with the USS CROMELIN on 25 May and then transited to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, conducting a port visit 28-30 May. The crew performed a community relations project and embarked several TIGERS, family members of the crew who returned with the ship to San Diego from 31 May through 02 June. During the TIGER Cruise, guests lived the life of a MCCLUSKY sailor at sea. On 3 June, MCCLUSKY changed operational commanders from COMUSNAVSO to COMTHIRDFLT, as well as returned to San Diego, California where family and friends were waiting on the pier.

The ship conducted a post deployment upkeep and leave period 3-30 June. The upkeep period concluded on 5 July and was immediately

followed by a Corrosion Control Availability 06-15 July. MCCLUSKY was again underway in the Southern California (SOCAL) Operating Area on 17 July to rendezvous with the LANE VICTORY, a World War II era Victory Ship, to celebrate that ship's unique heritage. During this rendezvous, numerous vintage WWII aircraft reenacted aerial battles overhead. MCCLUSKY continued its upkeep period 19-25 July. During 26-30 July, MCCLUSKY participated in Community Orientation and Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID), embarking four midshipmen and spending this time underway in the SOCAL Operating Area. Upon return to port, MCCLUSKY commenced its Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Part II (CART II).

The CART II was held 2-4 August, concurrent with the Engineering Initial Assessment (IA). The results of the CART II were used to schedule the remaining portion of the Fleet Readiness Training Program (FRTP) for the ship. An initial Tailored Ships Training Availability (TSTA) planning meeting was held on 12 June. The resulting plan was briefed to Afloat Training Group (ATG) and Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE on 13 June. This meeting finalized the schedule for completion of the FRTP. During the 9 - 19 August transit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the ship completed an Engineering and Damage Control TSTA in preparation for the Underway Demonstration (UD).

Upon arrival in Pearl Harbor for the ship's 20-23 August port visit, several television and newspaper reporters were waiting on the pier to cover the return of CDR Herman T. K. Awai to his home island. MCCLUSKY departed Pearl Harbor on 24 August and returned to San Diego, arriving 31 August. Upon return, the ship commenced a Continuous Maintenance Availability that lasted until 19 September.

On 10 September LCDR Jeffrey J. Kim relieved LCDR Keith G. Moore as Executive Officer of MCCLUSKY. The ship continued UD preparations, completing numerous casualty control drills during the underway period of 20-26 September. The ship completed the UD milestone on 27 September, obtaining a seldom-achieved score of "Outstanding". MCCLUSKY conducted a Burial at Sea of cremated remains of veterans on 28 September. Upon conclusion of the burial, MCCLUSKY transited to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, California, conducting an ammunition off-load in preparation for its Selective Restricted Availability (SRA). During MCCLUSKY'S return to San Diego, the ship participated in San Diego Fleet Week's annual Sea and Air Parade on 2 October, performing a successful Spy Rig demonstration during the event with Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) THREE and Helicopter Combat Support Squadron ELEVEN.

Preparations for the SRA began with the crew's move from the ship and closing of the ship's galley. All berthing was moved to Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Center Point Loma. Messing operations were transferred to a berthing barge located at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) shipyard in San Diego. After making final SRA preparations, MCCLUSKY completed a berth shift to the NASSCO shipyard. The SRA lasted from 13 October to 15 December. During this period, various installs and upgrades were conducted, including CIWS Block 1B, NULKA (decoy launch system) and Gigabyte Ethernet Local Area Network (GIG-E LAN) installs, along with various other habitability projects.

During the SRA, MCCLUSKY utilized available time to send crew members to various courses of instruction in support of the Navy's Continuous Training Requirements. These courses included GCCS Watch Officer, Armed Sentry, ASW Evaluator, Anti-Terrorism Force Protection trainer, NAVAIDS, Surface EW Threat, TACAN, and VBSS Team Trainer.

Additionally, the wardroom attended Marine Safety International courses for ship handling and Bridge Resource Management. On 19 November Command Master Chief Surface Warfare Clifford M. Lewis relieved Command Master Chief Surface Warfare Stephen R. Russell as MCCLUSKY's Command Master Chief.

The ship conducted a Fast Cruise on 15 December, followed by a highly successful Sea Trials on 16 December before returning to 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Station. The ship concluded 2004 with a holiday leave and upkeep period.