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1980 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS MEMPHIS (SSN691)

The year 1980 opened with USS MEMPHIS (SSN691) in an upkeep period with the submarine tender USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39) at Norfolk, Virginia. Underway 7 January MEMPHIS provided ASW services to USS DAHLGREN (DDG-43) in the Virginia Capes operating areas until 9 January. After a short transit to the Jacksonville operating area, MEMPHIS participated in at sea exercises from 11-14 January with USS PATTERSON (FF1061), USS SARATOGA (CV-60), USS NEOSHO (AO-143), and other various fleet helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. Upon completion of the week long ASW exercises, MEMPHIS returned to its homeport, Norfolk, Virginia, to begin an upkeep alongside USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39). On 13 February, MEMPHIS got underway to participate in two major naval anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercises. From 14 February to 22 February, MEMPHIS participated in an all U.S. Navy anti submarine warfare exercise entitled ASWEX I-80. On 22 February, MEMPHIS arrived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a three day port visit. The crew enjoyed the warm Florida weather and beaches. On 25 February, MEMPHIS began participation in a NATO Alliance anti-submarine warfare/simulated convoy exercise-SAFEPASS I-80. On 9 March MEMPHIS returned to homeport for a tender assisted availability which continued throughout the remainder of March and into the first week of April. On 15 March Commander James W. DAVIS relieved Commander G. Dennis HICKS as Commanding Officer, USS MEMPHIS (SSN691). Approximately 200 people, including a delegation from the city of Memphis, Tennessee, turned out to witness CDR DAVIS become MEMPHIS' second Commanding Officer. On 7 April, MEMPHIS proceeded to the AUTEK weapons range for MK-48 torpedo firing certification. Upon successful completion of the MK-48 torpedo firing exercises range, MEMPHIS transited to Annapolis, Maryland, the home of the United States Naval Academy. During the period 18-20 April, almost 1300 midshipmen, faculty, and staff members toured MEMPHIS. This port visit was arranged to provide the Naval Academy Midshipmen with a first hand look at the new 688 Class nuclear powered fast attack submarine as well as the career, educational, and advancement opportunities of nuclear trained officers. The short, surfaced transit down the Chesapeake Bay from Annapolis to Norfolk was highlighted by a Dependent's Day Cruise. Almost 120 friends and relatives of MEMPHIS crewmen participated. MEMPHIS arrived back in Norfolk on 22 April and commenced a week of inport type training. On 28 April a two week upkeep, supported by USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39) was commenced. On 22 May MEMPHIS was underway and transited to Port Canaveral, Florida for a brief port visit. On 28 May, six Prospective Commanding Officers (PCO) and their instructor boarded MEMPHIS to begin a two week period of intensive training at the AUTEK weapons range in support of PCO operations and education. Following PCO operations, MEMPHIS proceeded to the sound range at TOTO, Exuma Sound B.W.I. Next stop was New London, Connecticut where MEMPHIS used the drydocking facilities to clean and preserve the hull and perform other maintenance. Leaving New London on the morning of 25 June, MEMPHIS transited to Norfolk preparing for the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). Upon arrival Norfolk, MEMPHIS embarked the ORSE team and transited to the Virginia Capes operating areas. After two days of intensive inspection, MEMPHIS returned to homeport for the remainder of July. The month of July was spent in upkeep with tender support provided by USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39). On 2 August, MEMPHIS transit to U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Connecticut to attend the week long refresher training program at the U.S. Naval Submarine School. During the period 9-15 August, MEMPHIS completed pre-overseas movement workup (POM) trials. Aboard MEMPHIS, during the exercises with USS BLUEFISH (SSN675), was Captain J.W. KOENIG, the Commander of Submarine Squadron EIGHT. After the POM workup period, MEMPHIS spent 15-25 August inport making preparation to deploy. USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS36)

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supplied tender services as required. The POM certification exercises were conducted on 25-29 August with USS SEA DEVIL (SSN664) providing services. Upon completion of the POM certification exercises, MEMPHIS returned to Norfolk. On 9 September MEMPHIS left Norfolk to begin her second extended overseas deployment. The initial transit was to the Mediterranean Sea. After spending approximately two weeks on station in the Mediterranean, MEMPHIS arrived at Naples, Italy for a port visit. On 8 October MEMPHIS proceeded back to various Mediterranean Sea ASW Operating areas. The next two weeks were spent in ASW exercises. On 20 October, MEMPHIS was tasked to the Indian Ocean under operational control of Commander Task Force SEVEN-FOUR. After the long transit, which included the Shellback ceremony as the equator was crossed, MEMPHIS arrived in Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory, to commence an upkeep alongside USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39). Following successful sea trials on 7 December, MEMPHIS departed Diego Garcia. From 7 December until the end of the year MEMPHIS conducted ASW operations in the Indian Ocean in support of the U.S. carrier battle groups.