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From: Commanding Officer USS MONTEREY (CG 61)  
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(2) Chronology  
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(5) Commanding Officer's picture

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted as USS MONTEREY's 1991 command history.

  
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**COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**MISSION:** USS MONTEREY is designed to provide anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine, and strike warfare support for the U.S. Navy in a multi-threat environment.

**IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND:** RADM John Scott Redd, Commander  
Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve

**COMMANDING OFFICER:** Captain Joel B. Heaton, USN

**HOMEPORT:** Naval Station, Mayport, Florida

## 1991 CHRONOLOGY

Jan 01-06 Inport - Mayport, Florida

Jan 07 Underway, enroute to Portland, Maine

Jan 10 Arrive Bath Iron Works, Portland, Maine.  
Preparations for heavy weather trials begin

Jan 14 Underway for heavy weather trials in the  
Gulf of Maine

Jan 19-22 Port visit - Halifax, Canada

Jan 22 Underway, enroute to Portland, Maine

Jan 23 Arrive Portland, Maine. Commence Post Shakedown  
Availability

Feb 28 Undock ship

Mar 26 Load Aegis Weapons System Computer Program 3.2

Apr 09-12 Aviation Facilities Certification

Apr 11 Inclining experiment

Apr 11-12 Fast Cruise

Apr 16 Underway for one day machinery sea trials

Apr 22-23 Underway for combat systems sea trials

Apr 26 Post Shakedown Availability completed.  
Underway for Yorktown, Virginia.

Apr 29 Arrive Yorktown Naval Weapons Station.  
Commence weapons onload.

May 01 Weapons onload complete. Underway for Mayport,  
Florida.

May 03 Arrive Mayport Naval Station

May 06 Harpoon/Tomahawk weapons system material  
certification

May 07-10 Nuclear Weapons Assist Team (NWAT) visit

May 14-17 Underway for HSL 46 Det 9 helicopter week one  
workups

May 18-24	Engineering Mobile Assistance Training Team (EMATT) visit
May 18-21	Supply Management Inspection (SMI) assist team visit
May 22-24	Underway for EMATT visit
May 29-31	0923 Course
Jun 05	Aviation Assist Visit. Upgraded to Aviation Readiness Exam
Jun 10-13	Nuclear Weapons Assist Team (NWAT) Visit
Jun 17-19	Combat System Alignment Verification
Jun 17-21	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQT) Assist Visit
Jun 24-27	3M Assist visit
Jun 26-27	Technical Assistance Visit (TAV), upgraded to Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai)
Jul 09-24	Underway for Type Commander Core Training (TCCT) 1-92
Jul 13	Two SM-2MR missiles fired as part of TCCT 1-92
Jul 13-14	Port visit - Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
Jul 16	NGFS requalification
Jul 24	Arrive at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. Commence weapons onload
Jul 26	Depart Norfolk, enroute to Mayport, Florida
Jul 25	CMS Assist Visit
Jul 26-29	Combat Systems Assessment (CSA)
Jul 29	Arrive, Mayport, Florida
Aug 05-07	Boiler inspection
Aug 20-21	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQT)
Aug 22	CMS Inspection

Aug 26-31	Depart Mayport. Underway for Tail Proficiency Training (TPT)
Sep 01-09	Combat Enhancement Training (CET)
Aug 31-Sep 02	Engineering Mobile Assistance Training Team (EMATT) visit
Sep 10-19	NORTHSTAR91
Sep 23-29	Port Visit - Cork, Ireland
Oct 01-10	FLEETEX 1/91
Oct 11	Arrive, Mayport, Florida
Oct 16-19	Industrial Hygiene Occupational Health (IHOH) Survey Auxiliary Systems Readiness Review (ASRR) Assessment of Equipment Condition (AER)
Oct 15-18	Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) Phases 1 and 2
Oct 20	Underway, enroute to Charleston, South Carolina
Oct 21-25	Weapons Onload, Charleston Naval Weapons Center
Oct 26-28	Deperming, Portsmouth, Virginia
Oct 30	Arrive, Mayport Naval Station
Oct 30-31	AEGIS Weapons System Computer Program Version 3.2.4 installation Gun Weapon System Program Review
Nov 04	Intel Assist
Nov 04-06	3M Inspection
Nov 05-07	Supply Management Inspection (SMI)
Nov 06	CAT Comm Assist
Dec 02-31	Deployed for MED 1-92 as part of USS AMERICA (CV 66) Battlegroup
Dec 16-18	Port Visit - Marseille, France
Dec 18-23	Independent steaming, West Med
Dec 23-31	Port Visit - Barcelona, Spain

## NARRATIVE

USS MONTEREY began 1991 in Mayport, Florida, preparing for Post-Shakedown Availability (PSA) at the Bath Iron Work's shipyard in Portland, Maine. MONTEREY got underway for PSA on January 7 arriving in Portland on January 10. Before beginning PSA, the ship became the first AEGIS cruiser to undergo heavy weather trials. Naval Sea Systems Command engineers came onboard and placed strain gauges and data recording devices at various locations around the ship. MONTEREY then got underway for the Gulf of Maine in search of high seas in order to record the ship's structural response for future study. MONTEREY's first foreign port call came at the end of heavy weather trials with a visit to Halifax, Canada. The ship returned to Portland and commenced PSA on January 23. Over the next four months in the shipyard modifications, upgrades, and repairs were made to the ship's structure, equipment, and combat systems. Major changes included:

- upgrade of the Tomahawk weapons system to Block II
- installation of an AFFF firemain utilizing two balanced proportioning AFFF units located fore and aft
- Installation of Version 3.2 of the AEGIS Weapons System computer program.
- SPY-1B Moving Target Indicator (MTI) modification

The crew used this time as a chance to improve their skills and knowledge levels by attending various Navy schools. In addition, preparations were made for MONTEREY's first set of inspections and certifications.

In April, the ship underwent a successful Aviation Facilities Certification. The ship also completed machinery and combat systems sea trials. PSA was completed on April 26 and MONTEREY departed for her homeport of Mayport, Florida. Enroute to Mayport, the ship stopped at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station and unloaded weapons.

Inspections began in earnest during May. MONTEREY successfully completed a Harpoon/Tomahawk Material Certification, Engineering Mobile Assistance Training Team (EMATT) visit, Supply Management Inspection (SMI), and a nuclear weapons 0923 Course.

June was filled with assist visits in preparation for upcoming inspections. Two assist visits, an Aviation Assist visit and Technical Assist Visit (TAV), were upgraded to an Aviation Facilities Certification and Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWAI) based on the excellent conditions found during the assists. Other assist visits included the Nuclear Weapons Assist Team (NWAT), Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification Team (CMTQT), and 3M team.

In July, MONTEREY got underway for the Caribbean to participate in Type Commander Core Training 1-91 (TCCT 1-91). During this exercise MONTEREY underwent rigorous training in all warfare areas. Highlights included firing two SM-2MR missiles, four MK-46 torpedoes, and 5"54 guns for Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS). Upon completion of TCCT 1-91 weapons were once again loaded in Yorktown, Virginia. While enroute to Mayport from Yorktown, a successful Combat Systems Assessment (CSA) was held along with a CMS assist visit.

In August, MONTEREY completed a boiler inspection, Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, and CMS inspection. The ship left Mayport on August 26 for Tail Proficiency Training (TPT). TPT involved using the SQR-19 towed array to search, detect, and track the submarines USS SUNFISH and USS GROTON.

Upon completion of TPT, MONTEREY joined up with the USS AMERICA CVBG for Combat Enhancement Training (CET). This lasted from September 01-09 and was designed to prepare the battlegroup as a team for participation in NORTHSTAR 91, FLEETEX 1/91, and the MED 1-92 deployment. During this time MONTEREY continued her transit Northeast towards the coast of Norway where NORTHSTAR 91 would take place. NORTHSTAR began on September 10. Over 50 ships and 200 aircraft from eight nations trained to become an effective multi-national maritime force in a realistic at sea environment. Upon completion of NORTHSTAR, MONTEREY made a port call to Cork, Ireland.

MONTEREY departed Ireland and rendezvoused with the other ship's of the AMERICA CVBG in preparation for FLEETEX 1/91 which began on October 01. FLEETEX 1/91 was the AMERICA CVBG's final readiness exam prior to the Med 1-92 deployment. The USS Eisenhower CVBG, transiting the Atlantic on the way to the Indian Ocean deployment, simulated an opposing force. Additional aircraft from the continental United States also participated, simulating enemy land based aircraft. MONTEREY arrived back in Mayport on October 11.

The remainder of October was spent continuing preparations for the upcoming deployment. An Industrial Hygiene Occupational Health Survey, Auxiliary Systems Readiness Review, Assessment of Equipment Condition, and Combat Systems Readiness Review were completed. The ship completed her final weapons onload at Charleston Naval Weapons Center and then traveled to Norfolk, Virginia for deperming at the end of the month.

In November, MONTEREY completed a 3M inspection and Supply Management Inspection. Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) standown began on November 06. The standown period was divided into two parts during which approximately half of the crew were allowed to take leave.