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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

MISSION: USS MONTEREY's mission is to provide anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine, and strike warfare support for the Navy in today's multi-threat environment. Utilizing the unique capabilities of the Aegis Weapons System and the Vertical Launching System with links to other ships and aircraft, MONTEREY can monitor the tactical situation and supervise the engagement of hostile forces for an entire battlegroup.

IMMEDIATE SENIOR IN COMMAND: RADM Michael Bowman, Commander, Carrier Group SIX.

COMMANDING OFFICER: Captain William R. Williams, U.S. Navy

HOMEPORT: Naval Station Mayport, Florida

1994 CHRONOLOGY

01-03 JAN: PVST Toulon, France
03 JAN: RAS USS Savannah
03-16 JAN: USS America CV Escort CMED
03 JAN: Flagship, COMDESRON 14 (Commodore Hunter)
04-06 JAN: USS America Plane Guard during Carrier Qualification Flight Ops
04 JAN: Informa ASUW Exercise against USS Scott
05 JAN: Transit Straits of Messina; SEAL Team HVBSS Exercise Onboard
07 JAN: Enter Adriatic Sea as CV Escort, Operation Deny Flight and Provide Promise
08 JAN: RAS USS Savannah
10 JAN: RAS USS Ashland
10-11 JAN: Exercise Nemean Lion
10-13 JAN: Exercise MARCOMEX Foxtrot 1-94
11 JAN: Exercise PoopDeck '94 Final Planning Conference, Captain Foley attends.
12 JAN: RAS USNS John Lenthall, VERTREP USNS Saturn
13 JAN: Depart Adriatic as CV Escort
15 JAN: RAS USS Savannah
15 JAN: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Ceremony
16 JAN: Khaki Pizza Night/Second MONTEREY Talent Show (\$1169.75 collected for charity)
17-19 JAN: Exercise PoopDeck '94 in WMED with Spanish Forces/USS America. Combined ASW exercise with USS Groton.
19 JAN: RAS USS Savannah
20-26 JAN: Inport Malaga, Spain ICO USS America
26 JAN: Turnover with USS Philippine Sea and SARABATGRU. Embarked COMDESRON 14 turns over with COMDESRON 24. Transit Straits of Gibraltar, Outchop Sixth Fleet to CINCLANTFLT.
27 JAN - 05 FEB: Transit Atlantic Enroute Mayport ICO USABATGRU
27 JAN: RAS USS Savannah
03 FEB: Detach from USABATGRU ICO Boone, Brief anchorage at Bermuda to pick up "Tigers" for JTG cruise.

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03-05 FEB: JTG Tiger Cruise

05 FEB: ARRIVE MAYPORT FL!!! Debark COMDESRON 14.

06 FEB - 06 MAR: Leave and Upkeep Mayport

22-24 FEB: SRA Shipchecks and Corrosion Control Meetings

26 FEB: MONTEREY awarded the Battle Efficiency Award for 1993 Competitive cycle.

01-02 MAR: SRA Work Definition Conference

02-03 MAR: Gage Calibration Program Review

07-08 MAR: Underway enroute Charleston Weapons Station

08-11 MAR: Inport Naval Weapons Station Charleston for Tomahawk Missile Offload.

11-15 MAR: Underway, enroute Naval Station Roosevelt Roads for Brazilian-U.S Navy PASSEX. MONTEREY ICO USS DE WERT and USS CLARK.

13 MAR: Conduct coordinated ASW, exercise with P-3 Aircraft.

14-15 MAR: Conduct OTHASW exercise with P-3 Aircraft, USS CLARK, and USS DEWERT.

15 MAR: Brief stop for fuel at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

15-20 MAR: Pre-OPPE Engineering Assessment by Carrier Group SIX Staff and Engineering Training Group (ETG)

15-17 MAR: Underway for PASSEX with Brazilian Naval units.

16 MAR: Captain Foley as CO is OTC of Brazilian- U.S. Naval Group

16 MAR: Late in day, CO of Brazilian Aircraft Carrier Minas Gerais (All) assumes duty as OTC of group.

17 MAR: Detach Brazilian Naval units.

18 MAR: Underway, conducted STANDARD SM-2 Missile firing with DEWERT and CLARK. Detached DE WERT and CLARK.

18-21 MAR: Enroute to Nassau, Bahamas.

21-24 MAR: Inport Nassau, Bahamas.

22 MAR: MONTEREY is host for Caribbean Island Nations Security Conference Reception.

23 MAR: LCDR Patrick O'Kane relieves CDR Mark Seglem as Executive Officer.

24 MAR: RADM Bowman relieves RADM Cebrowski as Commander, Carrier Group SIX.

24-28 MAR: Underway, enroute Mayport, FL.

25 MAR: Awarded the third consecutive "TYCOM Ship Safety Award".

28 MAR - 27 APR: Inport, Mayport, FL.

04-19 APR: SIMA Torpedo Tube Inspection passed satisfactory.

05-07 APR: Combat Systems Flexible Hose Audit.

08 APR: Capt William R. Williams relieves Capt John B. Foley as Commanding Officer of USS MONTEREY.

09-27 APR: IMAV with SIMA Mayport.

12 APR: Bid Specifications review for SRA at Pascagoula, MS.

18 APR: Supship Designs Shipcheck.

18-22 APR: Laundry Assist Visit.

21-22 APR: Magazine Sprinkler Inspection

27-29 APR: Underway in Jacksonville OPAREA for ETG preparations. Embarked two scientists in Scientists to Sea Program.

30 APR - 03 MAY: IMAV with SIMA Mayport.

03-06 MAY: Underway in Jacksonville OPAREA, Engineering Training Group embarked.

07-09 MAY: Inport, Mayport, FL. IMAV with SIMA Mayport.

10-12 MAY: Underway, JAXQA for Short Notice Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Received grade of Satisfactory and full 18 month certification.

13-15 MAY: IMAV with SIMA Mayport.

13-24 MAY: Inport, Mayport, FL

23 MAY: MONTEREY awarded Second Place in 4TH Annual Surface Ship Acoustic Analysis Proficiency Examination in Atlantic Fleet.

24-25 MAY: Underway in JAXQA for ship training.

25-30 MAY: Inport, Mayport, FL

31 MAY - 02 JUN: Underway enroute Caribbean Sea for Haiti Operations.

03-20 JUN: On station near Haitian Coastline ISO Operation Support Democracy.

04 JUN: UNREP with USNS Big Horn

08 JUN: UNREP with USNS Big Horn

09-20 JUN: Commander, JOINT TASK GROUP 120.1 (COMDESRON 22) embarked ISO Operation Support Democracy.

09 JUN: Commander, JOINT TASK FORCE 120 (RADM Abbott) visits.

16 JUN: Embarked CUTLASS 464 (SH-60B) suffers loss of one engine while airborne with CDS 22 onboard and makes an emergency landing safely onboard. LCDR [REDACTED] LTJG [REDACTED] and AW2 [REDACTED] are crew of Cutlass.

17 JUN: UNREP with USNS Big Horn

20 JUN: COMDESRON 20 assumes duties as CJTG 120.1 embarked aboard USS Monterey. Moored at NAVSTA Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for turnover.

21-25 JUN: Underway off Haiti ISO Operation Support Democracy.

23 JUN: UNREP with USNS Big Horn

25 JUN: Transfer CTJF 120.1 (COMDESRON 20) to USS SPRUANCE. Departed Haitian OPAREA enroute Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. UNREP with USNS Big Horn.

26 JUN: Enroute Curacao

27 JUN - 01 JUL: Inport Curacao, Netherlands Antilles for port visit.

27 JUN: Co-hosted reception onboard with U.S. Consulate-General to the Netherlands Antilles for local VIPs.

01-15 JUL: Underway, on station in the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Honduras as JTF-4 "AW" conducting Counter-Drug Operations.

06 JUL: UNREP with RFA Oak Leaf

08 JUL: MONTEREY is recognized by Commanding Officer, Naval Station Mayport, for success in the 1994 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive.

15 JUL: MONTEREY is recognized for excellence in Harpoon SLAMEX's for April through June 1994.

16-18 JUL: Underway Enroute Naval Weapons Station Charleston, South Carolina.

19-21 JUL: Inport Naval Station Charleston conducting Pre-SRA weapons offload.

21-22 JUL: Underway, enroute Naval Station Mayport, FL.

22 JUL - 07 NOV: Inport, Mayport, FL.

25 JUL - 07 NOV: IMAV with SIMA Mayport FL.

08-12 AUG: Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART) II with Combat System Training Group.

22 AUG - 07 NOV: Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). SRA controlled by SUPSHIPS Jacksonville. Primary Contractor Atlantic Marine, INC.

30 SEP: MONTEREY awarded First place in Naval Surface Group Mayport's Surface Warfare Training Week (SWIW) 3 - 94.

10-14 OCT: Aviation Assist Visit

01-04 NOV: Aviation Facilities Certification/Aviation Readiness Examination

05 NOV: Post SRA Fast Cruise

07-08 NOV: Underway in the JAXOA conducting post SRA Sea Trials and Tacan Certification

08-17 NOV: Inport Mayport, SRA.

16-17 NOV: Calibration Capability Evaluation

18-20 NOV: Underway enroute Charleston, South Carolina for Weapons onload.

20-22 NOV: Inport Naval Weapons Station Charleston conducting weapons onload.

22-23 NOV: Underway enroute Mayport FL.

23-27 NOV: Inport, Mayport, FL.

26 NOV: USS MONTEREY Captain's Gig participates in City of Jacksonville Festival of Lights Parade.

28 NOV - 02 DEC: Engineering Training Group (ETG) visit.

29 NOV - 02 DEC: Underway JAXOA for (ETG) visit.

03-07 DEC: Inport, Mayport, FL.

05-16 DEC: Combat Systems Training Group TSTA I Visit

08-09 DEC: Underway, JAXOA for Combat Systems Training Group TSTA I training.

10-12 DEC: Inport, Mayport, FL.

14 DEC: MONTEREY receives FIRST place award in Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Twelve's Admiral's Cup Competition for 4th Quarter 1994.

15 DEC: Chief of Naval Operations, ADM Boorda addresses Mayport ships from USS MONTEREY Flight Deck in a Question and Answer Session.

16-31 DEC: Inport, Mayport, FL. for Christmas Leave and Upkeep period.

NARRATIVE

MONTEREY started off 1994 by completing an extremely successful deployment to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea. After finishing an enjoyable holiday port visit in Toulon, France, the ship embarked Captain Hunter, Commander Destroyer Squadron Fourteen, who remained onboard until return to Mayport. We immediately assumed duties as Plane Guard for USS AMERICA during her Carrier Qualifications Flight Operations and headed for the Adriatic Sea. Once there, we continued our duties as CV Escort in Support of Operations Deny Flight and Provide Promise from 7-13 January. While there, we participated in two exercises. The first of these, Exercise Nemean Lion, was a strike warfare exercise which involved the Tomahawk system and personnel. The second, MARCOMMEX FOXTROT, was a maritime communications exercise between shore-based facilities, MPA aircraft and ships. We also completed final preparations for the upcoming Exercise PoopDeck '94 with the Spanish military.

After leaving the Adriatic for the last time, the ship headed west with AMERICA towards station off the coast of Spain. Once there we began exercise PoopDeck '94, an extensive exercise which included a series of air control exercises, maritime war-at-sea strikes from the Spanish Air Force, and SEAL Combat Search and Rescue exercises. During the exercise, we also participated in additional ASW exercises against the USS GROTON. Only extremely rough weather hampered the success of these exercises with our NATO allies. After completion of PoopDeck '94, both MONTEREY and AMERICA headed towards their last deployment port visit - a joint one in Malaga, Spain. The Spanish culture and lively night life were a much needed period of relaxation for the crew following the busy deployment. After leaving Malaga on the 26th of January, the America Battle Group turned over the duties as Battle Force, Sixth Fleet with the USS SARATOGA Battle Group. MONTEREY in particular turned over her duties with the USS PHILIPPINE SEA and began her transit home with the rest of the battle group after transiting the Straits of Gibraltar and outchopping to the CINCLANTFLT. Upon completion of the deployment, extensive praise was reaped upon both the Battle Group and MONTEREY. Much of the praise is included here:

"Congratulations to MONTEREY and HSL-46 Det 9 on the completion of an outstanding Med deployment. Your consistently impressive performance, whether on station in the Adriatic as Redcrown, working with our NATO allies in exercises Dynamic Guard and NIRIIS, superbly hosting the SECNAV (Honorable John Dalton) and the CINC (CINCUSNAVEUR ADM Mike Boorda) on very short notice, or acting as American Ambassadors of Goodwill in your extraordinarily successful visit to Civitavecchia, stands as a tribute to the hard work and selfless dedication of your officers and crew. You can all take great pride in the knowledge that you have contributed to making our world a better place and that you have served our country with distinction. Fair winds and following seas. Arrivederci, VADM Joe Prueher. (Commander, SIXTH Fleet)."

"Congratulations on an absolutely superb deployment. Your outstanding performance clearly attested to our resolve to maintain a strong and flexible forward presence...from the sea. Your deployment to the Med--and for some of you the Red Sea and Indian Ocean--was a true team effort. Sailors and Marines worked hard, and safely, and got the job done right the first time. Staffs did a tremendous amount of great planning. Despite all the challenges, the tougher it got the better you performed. I always knew we could count on you."

When CTF-60 and AMERICA were tasked with Somalia operations, CDS-14 ran with the ball in the Med and never missed a beat. MONTEREY, NORMANDY and SCOTT helped maintain SHARP GUARD'S record of zero violators by maintaining a perfect surface and air picture as Adriatic Red Crown. THORN'S participation in STANAV set a new standard of excellence for combined maritime operations with our NATO allies. For PHIBRON EIGHT, 22nd MEU, GUADALCANAL, SHREVEPORT, your many successes were brilliant testimony to the flexibility of our Amphibious Forces. Be it exercising with our allies in the Med or standing off (and in) Somalia -- you did it all with style. AMERICA and Air Wing spent a lot of time in the Adriatic maintaining a high state of readiness while providing the monitoring and potential punch that made a host of operations possible on behalf of the beleaguered people in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Adding to that, you clearly demonstrated the flexibility of a CVBG during your swing through the Suez to support CENTCOM off Somalia. The submarines of your battle group performed new missions in a joint/combined environment that demonstrated SSN role in from the sea is more than a plan, you made it reality. GROTON and ALEXANDRIA have shown us all the way of the future.

You have not only upheld the high standards of previous battlegroups, but set new, higher standards for those who will follow. U.S. and NATO efforts in this theater of conflict were only possible because of you. Your sacrifices and can do spirit contributed to the success of a virtually important deployment. Have a great voyage home and a wonderful homecoming. You have earned them. God bless and well done to you all. Admiral Mike Boorda [then CINCUSNAVEUR, now CNO]."

On the 3rd of February, the Battle Group began splitting apart and heading for the individual homeports. MONTEREY detached with the USS BOONE and made an immediate brief stop at Bermuda to pick up "Tigers" - and friends and family of the crew - for an opportunity to spend time together before arriving home. Finally on the long awaited day - 5 February - the MONTEREY Men returned to their homes and loved ones in Mayport. Captain Hunter and the staff of DESRON 14 also returned to their families. Again, praise was issued in thanks for the battle group's efforts and hard work during the deployment, including:

"Your transit home marks the conclusion to a superb deployment. The outstanding manner in which you maintained our Naval Presence embodies the very best of our Navy's traditions. You have been exemplary ambassadors of good will. Take pride in your accomplishments. Welcome home to a much deserved reunion with family and friends, sail safely. VADM Reason sends. [then Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U. S. Atlantic Fleet]".

"Bravo Zulu on a splendid deployment, from Block III Tomahawk CERT during POM, to SHAREM 106, to Nirriis, and to TMBD/CATFLAG 9302 you met every challenge in a most professional manner, always achieving unqualified success, across the MED, from Tunis to Rome to Israel, MONTEREY performed superbly in exercise after exercise, and port call after port call. Truly living up to the standards of "Rough and Ready", MONTEREY has been my choice for the tough jobs. Best wishes and Godspeed as you return to Mayport and your loved ones. RADM A. K. Cebrowski [then Commander, Carrier Group SIX]".

Upon returning home, the crew enjoyed a post-deployment standdown. During the thirty day period, MONTEREY was awarded the Battle Efficiency Award for the 1993 Competitive Cycle! The Battle "E" award recognized overall excellence in Combat Systems, Operations, Supply, Engineering, Damage Control, Safety, and every other aspect of a ship's mission.

After completing the post-deployment period, we wasted no time in making ourselves busy. On the 7th of March, the ship got underway for Naval Weapons Station Charleston to offload the deployment's Tomahawk missiles. As MONTEREY departed Charleston, the ship took tactical control of the USS DE WERT and USS CLARK and began a transit to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for a PASSEX with the Brazilian Navy. Enroute the ships conducted final planning for the PASSEX and coordinated ASW-ASUW exercises with P-3C aircraft. After refueling at Roosevelt Roads, the ships joined with the Brazilian Task Force with Captain Foley as the overall OTC. After a day of exercises, tactical control shifted to the Commanding Officer of the Brazilian Aircraft Carrier Minas Gerais (A11). After completing three days worth of drills ranging from basic tactical maneuvering to a multi-area warfare exercise, the Brazilian units detached. The next day, MONTEREY, DE WERT, and CLARK conducted a Standard SM-2 Missile Exercises as the last stage of the PASSEX. The engineers also kept busy during the PASSEX while a team from Engineering Training Group (ETG) Mayport and Carrier Group SIX conducted a pre-Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) assessment. The three U.S. ships received extensive praise for their operational and diplomatic efforts during the PASSEX. VADM Flanagan, Command-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet made these remarks:

"The Officers and crews of USS MONTEREY, USS CLARK, and USS DE WERT have done a magnificent job while conducting Multi-National Maritime Operations in the Puerto Rican OPAREAS with the Brazilian Navy CVBG. You have served as outstanding ambassadors for our country through your dedicated efforts to improve operability between U.S. and Brazilian Naval Forces. You worked hard and accomplished it all with grace and style. Your enthusiastic and professional performance and superb diplomacy throughout have not only made a solid contribution to international goodwill, but have also made all Americans proud to have you represent our nation. Well done."

After a short transit, MONTEREY arrived in Nassau, Bahamas on 21 March for a liberty port visit and for more diplomatic tasking. While there, we hosted the 1994 Caribbean Island Nations Security Conference Reception and received numerous security, defense, and police ministers of the Caribbean Nations as our guests to start off the important conference. Major General Byron, senior U.S. Representative at the conference noted:

"On behalf of my staff and our Caribbean area friends, please extend my thanks to your wardroom and crew for their hospitality. The first class reception aboard MONTEREY was the highlight of the Caribbean Island Nations Security Conference and helped me establish a tone of goodwill that enhanced all subsequent conference exchanges. The officers and men of MONTEREY are superb ambassadors. It is clear that first class performance is the MONTEREY norm. Thanks again for a job well done."

While in Nassau, LCDR Patrick O'Kane relieved CDR Mark Seglem as Executive Officer of the ship. After enjoying the sunny beaches and exotic culture of the Bahamas, MONTEREY left the port to return home to Mayport on the 28th of March. While enroute, the ship was awarded her third consecutive TYCOM Ship Safety Award. RADM Bowman, Command Carrier Group SIX remarked:

"You can be justifiably proud of your selection for the 1993 TYCOM Ship Safety Award. It's a direct result of the professionalism, attention to detail and uncompromising commitment to safety that permeates every level of your command. Well done and keep up the good work. Sail proud."

The next order of business was preparation for Change of Command. After an extensive turnover and careful review of MONTEREY's readiness, Captain William Robert Williams relieved Captain John Baptists Foley as Commanding Officer on the 8th of April. The next day MONTEREY commenced Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with SIMA Mayport which lasted until 27 April. The IMAV was one among many items of preparation for the upcoming OPPE in May. The ship began a final series of underway preparations for the engineering inspection. From 27-29 April, we operated in the Jacksonville Operating Area, preparing for the following week's ETG visit. Following another short IMAV from 30 April - 3 May, we embarked the Engineering training Group for a final series of drills on the Jacksonville Operating Area. While at sea, we received word that our OPPE would now be a short notice one conducted the following week! So, from 10-12 May, the Propulsion Examination Board conducted the short notice OPPE onboard. Upon our satisfactory completion of the intense inspection, we were awarded a full 18 month certification by the board. RADM Bowman noted:

"Short notice OPPE results noted with great pleasure. MONTEREY's performance during short notice OPPE in the midst of a busy and compressed schedule was superb. We are proud of your exceptional professionalism and Esprit de Corps. Well done to the entire crew for their magnificent efforts. Sail Proud."

After completing the OPPE, MONTEREY finished off another IMAV with SIMA Mayport and prepared for a departure for a two-month mini-deployment to the Caribbean on the 31st of May. The preparations included a two day training period at sea off Jacksonville from 24-25 May. On the 31st, MONTEREY departed toward his first assignment - duty as a member of the U.N. Task Force in Operation Support democracy off the coast of Haiti from 3-25 June. While participating in the group which enforced the U.N. sanctions and maritime embargo of Haiti, MONTEREY's boarding team completed almost twenty boardings and searches of merchant vessels attempting to enter or exit Haiti. On the 9th of June, MONTEREY embarked CJTG 120.1 (CDS-22), the coordinator of the blockade portion of Support Democracy. During our participation in the Operation, Command Destroyer Squadron 20 relieved CDS-22 as CJTG 120.1 at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 20 June. While on station, MONTEREY hosted numerous press visits anxious to cover our efforts in enforcing the sanctions. ADM Mike Boorda, the Chief of Naval Operations, spoke of our accomplishments:

"Your support of media embarks onboard Navy ships off the coast of Haiti resulted in comprehensive television coverage of the efforts our sailors are making every day enforcing U.N. sanctions. Both CNN and ABC highlighted the fact that Navy interdiction operations are working, and that merchant ships that routinely violated the embargo a few weeks ago now sit idle in port. Your outstanding efforts kept the role the Navy is playing in global operations, from peacekeeping to enforcing U.N. sanctions in the public spotlight. Well done. All the best."

One event highlighted the professionalism of the entire MONTEREY team. On the 16th of June, MONTEREY's embarked SH-60B Helicopter, Cutlass 464, experienced a single engine failure. After quickly setting Emergency Flight Quarters, the pilots of the aircraft skillfully landed on the flight deck safely with Captain Myers (CJTG 120.1/CDS-22) onboard. RADM Bowman sent:

"Superb performance of the crew of Cutlass 464 and MONTEREY 16 June demonstrates how outstanding teamwork and solid airmanship made a potentially catastrophic inflight emergency look like a routine aviation evolution. The timely actions and smooth cockpit coordination of LCDR [REDACTED] LTJG [REDACTED], and AW2 [REDACTED] when faced with failure of their number one engine were perfectly matched by MONTEREY's rapid response to the mayday call by quickly setting emergency flight quarters and maneuvering to close the distance to Cutlass 464. The uneventful conclusion to this incident under less than optimum environmental conditions highlights the total professionalism of the ship-helicopter team. Well done. Sail and fly proud."

After a very rewarding three weeks as a vital member of Operation Support Democracy, MONTEREY turned over her duties and transferred DESRON 20 to USS SPRUANCE. We then departed the Haitian operating area enroute a port visit in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. Upon arriving in Curacao on 27 June, the crew enjoyed the island until 1 July. While there, the ship made final preparations for participation in Counter-Drug Operations and also co-hosted a reception onboard for local VIPs with the U.S. Consulate-General to the Netherlands Antilles.

After leaving, MONTEREY headed towards her Counter-Drug Operations Station in the Gulf of Honduras as a member of Joint Task Force-4. The ship performed duties as an air to surface picket operating independently and in particular, acted as JTF-4 "AW". As "AW", we were responsible for managing the air operations and contact reporting in the entire Counter-Drug Theater of operations. Our duties also included logistics manager for all ships on station in JTF-4. A Coast Guard Legal Detachment was embarked onboard and conducted several boardings of possible drug-trafficking vessels. The over two weeks on station were extremely rewarding for the entire crew. After a turnover with the USS HUE CITY on 15 July, MONTEREY headed north again. RADM J. D. Spade, Commander, Joint Task Group 4, was extremely impressed with the ship's performance:

"USS MONTEREY, her crew and embarked air detachment have performed admirably during MONTEREY's tenure as "AW" in the CD theater. All here agreed early on, based in the visit of MONTEREY's command cadre to JTF-4 for AW/CD ops inbrief, that MONTEREY was going to be a stand-out performer; MONTEREY's OPS and CICO showed real interest in the CD mission and sought to understand every facet of their upcoming duties. True to predicted form, even though at a well-earned post Haitian ops port visit, worked closely with JTF-4 and HMS Fearless/RFA Oakleaf to finalize details of a RAS of opportunity; this successful RAS enabled maximum ONSTA time for MONTEREY during a highly critical detection/monitoring window. As Air Mission Coordinator (AMC) for Op Rolling Rock/CARGA, MONTEREY kept the lid on all air and surface operations, but never once neglected the less glamorous yet essential logistics needs of the ships under her charge as "AW".

Lastly, MONTEREY unselfishly contributed to the "CD" effort by staying in the game until the end and thus established a solid turnover of "AW" duties to USS HUE CITY and a LEDET swap out. I appreciate and applaud all USS MONTEREY's efforts and devotion to duty; have a safe and swift voyage home."

While on station conducting Counter-Drug Operations, MONTEREY was also recognized by the Commanding Officer, Naval Station Mayport, for contributing \$7,764 in the 1994 Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive - 120% of the assigned goal! We were further recognized for our anti-surface warfare expertise during several Harpoon missile targeting exercises in the second quarter of 1994. RADM Bowman congratulated the ship:

"Congratulations to the Rough and Ready Harpoon Team on achieving special recognition, exceeding Harpoon hit success goals for the period Apr-Jun 94...Of particular note, MONTEREY was singled out as the superior LANIFLT ship, carrying out twelve engagements, all evaluated as hits. You should take pride in this achievement. Congratulations on a job well done."

After departing the Caribbean OPAREA, the ship headed for Naval Weapons Station Charleston and arrived there on 19 July to complete a pre-Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) weapons offload. After completing the offload extremely rapidly, the ship headed back to Mayport and arrived there 23 July. We completed a Command Assessment of Readiness and Training from 8-12 August - a week long examination of the ship's mission readiness designed to help plan the upcoming Tailored Ships Training Availabilities (TSTA's).

After completing the first month of an extended IMAV with SIMA Mayport, MONTEREY entered her SRA-2. The SRA, which began on 22 August and ultimately lasted until 17 November was an extensive industrial period coordinated by the Supervisor of Ship Building, Conversion, and Repair, Jacksonville. Atlantic Marine, incorporated was selected as the primary contractor for the period. The SRA incorporated extensive amounts of ship's force work, SIMA Mayport work items, depot level repairs by Atlantic Marine, and installation of numerous ship alterations. The work extended throughout every department on the ship, and, although inport, was an extremely arduous period for the crew. We also took advantage of the extended time inport to be with families following the two month deployment to the Caribbean, to allow crewmembers to take some leave, and especially to send the crew to much needed schools as the beginning of preparations for the next deployment.

While inport during the SRA, MONTEREY also focused much of the crew's effort on combined training with other local area ships and commands. On September 30th, the ship was recognized for its success in achieving FIRST PLACE during Surface Warfare Training Week (SWTW) 3-94. The competition was sponsored by the Commander, Naval Surface Group Mayport, and included contests in a wide variety of areas including seamanship, combat systems, engineering, damage control, supply, and other specific rating contests.

As November arrived, the crew began to make the preparations to bring the ship out of its industrial state to an operational level of readiness. Following the completion of a successful Aviation Facilities Certification and Aviation Readiness Examination and a two day Sea Trial which proved the readiness of the ship to once again put to sea, MONTEREY completed her SRA on 17 November and immediately left for Naval Weapons Station Charleston and a weapons onload. Once again, the ship became a WARSHIP! We returned home from Charleston on 23 November, celebrated Thanksgiving with friends and families, and began pre-deployment preparations. A series of training group visits followed. The ship operated off Jacksonville from 29 November through 2 December for a ETG visit to start the long process of re-honing the engineering watch teams which had remained unpracticed for many months. Next to training of Combat Systems watchstanders began again. Combat Systems training Group (CSTG) visited for a two week TSTA I visit which began basic tactical scenarios and worked to develop the Combat Systems Training Team (CSTT). TSTA I included two underway periods off Jacksonville on 8-9 December and 13-14 December.

On the 14th of December, MONTEREY was again recognized, this time for athletic prowess, as winner of the Fourth Quarter Admiral's Cup Competition, sponsored by the Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWELVE. The competition, which extended from October to December, included contests in numerous athletic areas from racquetball and swimming all the way to more leisurely pursuits such as fishing and horseshoes.

Following the hosting of ADM Boorda, Chief of Naval Operations, for a Question and Answer session for numerous Mayport Fleet units, MONTEREY closed out the 1994 calendar year with a leave and upkeep period which allowed the crew to spend the holidays with their families throughout the country.