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1. Command Composition and Organization. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) is the flagship for Commander, Carrier Group Eight. Operationally the ship reports to Commander, Carrier Group Eight; Commander, Second Fleet; Commander, Atlantic Fleet. The type commander for this unit is Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic. Throughout 1999 Captain David R. Bryant, USN, was the Commanding Officer. The ship is home-ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

2. Chronology.

01 Jan - 25 Mar Completion of Inter-Deployment Training Cycle
26-28 Mar Underway, Carrier Qualifications in Virginia Capes
Operating Areas
29 Mar - 02 Apr High Speed Trans-Atlantic crossing
03 Apr Transit Straits of Gibraltar
03-05 Apr Transit Mediterranean Sea
06 April TR arrives on station. Commence first Operation
NOBLE ANVIL Combat Flight Operations
06 Apr - 06 May 1,396 sorties completed and 657 weapons
delivered
07-12 May Port Visit Antalya, Turkey
12 May NBC "Today" show broadcast
14 May -13 Jun 1,751 sorties flown, 1,256 weapons delivered
14-22 Jun Port Visit Palma, Spain
23-27 Jun TR arrives on station. Commence Operation ALLIED
FORCE Sorties. 118 sorties flown.
29 Jun - 05 Jul Port Visit Cannes, France
06 - 09 Jul Transit Mediterranean Sea
10 Jul Transit Suez Canal
15 Jul Arrive Arabian Gulf
16-23 Jul TR arrives on station. Commence Operation SOUTHERN
WATCH Flight Operations. 228 sorties flown, 6
weapons delivered

24-27 Jul Port Visit Sitrah, Bahrain
28 Jul - 26 Aug Southern Watch. 831 sorties flown, 49 weapons delivered.
03 Sep Transit Suez Canal
04-10 Sep Port Visit Rhodes, Greece
22 Sep Arrive Norfolk, Virginia
30 Oct Family Day Cruise
01-05 Nov Weapons transfer/offload with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON in Virginia Capes Operating Area.

3. Narrative. 1999 proved to be one of the busiest years for an American aircraft carrier since World War II. The cruise alone had TR underway for 153 of 180 days, 21,584 flight hours, 9,596 sorties scheduled, 9,390 sorties flown for a 98% sortie completion rate, of these 3,810 were combat sorties. TR deployed in support of Operation ALLIED FORCE/NOBLE ANVIL on 29 March conducting a high speed transit across the Atlantic. TR arrived on station on 06 April ready to conduct combat flight operations.

During NOBLE ANVIL 1 in 8 days were "no-fly" days. The one "no-fly" day was scheduled for maintenance of aircraft and supporting systems. The crew routinely worked 14-18 hour days with no days off until the scheduled port visits. Aircraft launched from TR fired 47% of all HARM missiles used in the war.

TR's arrival in the Arabian Gulf to support Operation SOUTHERN WATCH made the first time since World War II that an aircraft carrier had been deployed to two combat theaters in the same deployment.

TR arrived at her homeport of Norfolk on 24 Sept. October 30 a family day cruise was held in the Virginia Capes. Then an ammunition transfer was conducted with USS GEORGE WASHINGTON in the Virginia Capes via helo and weapons transfer via CONREP with USS SUPPLY.

TR concluded the year making preparations to enter a six-month Planned Industrial Availability at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.