

COMMAND HISTORY
USS DAHLGREN
1987

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION: USS DAHLGREN (DDG 43) WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF COMMANDER DONALD D. GEISMAR, 142-34-8349/1110, FOR MOST OF 1987. IN DECEMBER COMMANDER WILLIAM J. LAZ, 318-40-2675/1110 ASSUMED COMMAND. THE SHIP WAS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, COMMANDER CRUISER-DESTROYER GROUP EIGHT, AND COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: DAHLGREN WAS DEPLOYED TO THE MEDITERRANEAN FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE YEAR RETURNING TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA NEAR THE END OF FEBRUARY. DURING THAT TIME DAHLGREN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAMINATION (OPPE) ON 17 FEBRUARY. AFTER STANDOWN OPERATIONS CONTINUED IN VACAPES PRIOR TO ENTERING THE YARDS IN APRIL FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS OF NEEDED MAINTENANCE. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR INCLUDE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INSURV ON 23 SEPTEMBER AND THE 11 DECEMBER CHANGE OF COMMAND.

JANUARY: DAHLGREN OPENED 1987 IN PORT NAPLES, ITALY WITH APPROXIMATELY SEVEN WEEKS OF HER DEPLOYMENT REMAINING. SHE GOT UNDERWAY IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN FROM THE 5TH - 8TH FOR THE ENGINEERING MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (EMTT). THE 9TH - 16TH FOUND DAHLGREN IN NAPLES FOR AN INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE AVAILABILITY (IMAV) WITH THE PUGET SOUND. UNDERWAY FROM THE 17TH - 20TH, DAHLGREN THEN ANCHORED IN AUGUSTA BAY, ITALY, ON THE 21ST. 21 - 27 JANUARY SAW DAHLGREN PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL WEEK 1-87. ON THE 24TH - 27TH DAHLGREN WAS UNDERWAY AGAIN TO GET TO PALMA SPAIN ON THE 28TH. ON THE 26TH SHE RECEIVED HER TACTICAL AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEM (TACAN) CERTIFICATION. ON THE 29TH DESRON TWO COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER (CSO) VISITED.

FEBRUARY: DAHLGREN WAS IN PALMA SPAIN UNTIL THE 4TH. DAHLGREN WAS THEN UNDERWAY IN THE WEST MED. ON THE 8TH SHE STARTED HER TRANSIT TO NORFOLK AND ARRIVED ON THE 18TH. TRANSIT TIME WAS SPENT IN PREPARATION FOR HER OPPE WHICH WAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ON THE 16TH AND 17TH. STANDOWN COMMENCED UPON ARRIVAL IN NORFOLK WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE MONTH DEVOTED TO LEAVE AND UPKEEP.

MARCH: COMDESRON TWO WAS EMBARKED ON DAHLGREN FROM 7 - 15 MARCH. ON THE 20TH - 22ND DAHLGREN OPERATED IN VACAPES AND ARRIVED INPORT YORKTOWN FOR COMPLETE WEAPONS OFFLOAD. BY THE 24TH DAHLGREN WAS BACK IN NORFOLK TO BEGIN AN IMAV WITH SIMA ON THE 25TH. ✓

APRIL: DAHLGREN SPENT THE FIRST PART OF APRIL IN PREPARATION FOR ITS TIME IN THE SHIPYARD. ON THE 15TH DAHLGREN ENTERED DRYDOCK AT THE METRO MACHINE SHIPYARD IN NORFOLK FOR HER SELECTIVE RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY (SRA). SHE WAS REFLOATED ON THE 30TH.

MAY: DAHLGREN SPENT ALL OF MAY IN SRA.

JUNE: WORK BY DAHLGREN CREW AS WELL AS METRO MACHINE SHIPYARD WORKERS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE.

JULY: DAHLGREN CAME OUT OF THE YARDS AND RETURNED TO NORFOLK NAVAL BASE ON 10 JULY. FAST CRUISE WAS CONDUCTED ON THE 16TH. DAHLGREN WAS UNDERWAY IN VACAPES ON THE 20TH - 21ST, CONDUCTING SEA TRIALS. AFTER CONDUCTING ONLOAD IN YORKTOWN ON THE 29TH, DAHLGREN HAD ITS DEPENDENTS CRUISE ON THE 31ST. ✓

AUGUST: AUGUST FOUND DAHLGREN IN PREPARATION FOR AN UNDERWAY MILITARY INSPECTION BY THE BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY (INSURV) IN SEPTEMBER. THE 4TH - 7TH WERE SPENT UNDERWAY IN VACAPES FOR EVALUATION OF SILKWORM MISSILE DEFENSE TACTICS. THE 10TH - 14TH WERE ALSO SPENT IN VACAPES WITH COMDESRON TWO EMBARKED. AN IMAV STARTED ON THE 24TH AND ENDED ON SEPT 14TH. DAHLGREN HELD HER SHIP'S PICNIC ON THE 29TH. FROM THE 31ST - SEPT 4TH DAHLGREN HAD COMDESRON TWO EMBARKED ONCE AGAIN.

SEPTEMBER: ON THE 7TH - 11TH DAHLGREN HAD A PLANNED MAINTENANCE SYSTEM (PMS) INSPECTION. THE 16TH - 17TH SAW DAHLGREN UNDERWAY. INSURV PREPARATIONS CONTINUED UNTIL SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION ON THE 21ST - 23RD. THE 22ND AND 23RD FOUND DAHLGREN UNDERWAY FOR THE UNDERWAY SEGMENT OF THE INSPECTION..

OCTOBER: DAHLGREN STARTED OCTOBER WITH THE ENGINEERING MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (EMTT) ABOARD THE 5TH - 6TH. THE 20TH - 21ST WAS SPENT CONDUCTING A VANDALEX. AFTER AN AMMO ONLOAD ON THE 22ND AT NWS YORKTOWN, THE NEXT UNDERWAY PERIOD STARTED ON THE 30TH. THIS WAS A TRANSIT TO THE PUERTO RICAN OPAREAS FOR EXERCISES. ✓

NOVEMBER: DAHLGREN WAS IN PORT ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO ON NOVEMBER 2ND. ON THE 4TH, SHE WAS INVOLVED IN A MISSLEX. THE 7TH - 9TH FOUND DAHLGREN IN ST. THOMAS. ON THE 18TH - 21ST DAHLGREN WAS INPORT IN PORT EVERGLADES FLORIDA. THE 22ND - 23RD WAS SPENT IN TRANSIT BACK TO NORFOLK. THE PROSPECTIVE C.O., COMMANDER LAZ, EMBARKED. DAHLGREN ARRIVED 24 NOVEMBER IN NORFOLK.

DECEMBER: DAHLGREN BEGAN DECEMBER WITH A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY ON 11 DECEMBER. CDR WILLIAM J. LAZ RELIEVED CDR DONALD D. GEISMAR AS COMMANDING OFFICER. DAHLGREN SUCCESSFULLY PASSED A MAINTENANCE AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT (3M) INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO PERSONNEL ON THE 15TH - 17TH OF DECEMBER. DURING THE SAME WEEK, FROM THE 14TH - 18TH OF DECEMBER, RIGOROUS INPORT COMBAT SYSTEMS TRAINING (20B4) WAS HELD. THE REMAINDER OF DECEMBER WAS DEVOTED TO LEAVE AND UPKEEP WITH CHRISTMAS STANDOWN STARTING ON 19 DECEMBER.