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COMMAND HISTORY

USS STERETT (CG-31)

1 January - - 31 December 1976

OPNAV Report 5750-1

PART I
CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-5 Jan	Inport, Singapore, Holiday Upkeep.
-5 Jan	Crossed the Equator at Latitude 00-00 Longitude 105-46 E.
5-8 Jan	Enroute Sattahip, Thailand.
8-12 Jan	Inport Sattahip, Thailand.
12-16 Jan	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines.
16-24 Jan	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines. Upkeep.
24-29 Jan	Underway, MULTIPLEX 2-76.
-29 Jan	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines, Underway Yokosuka, Japan.
29 Jan - 3 Feb	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
3-9 Feb	Inport Yokosuka, Japan - Tender Availability.
9-22 Feb	Underway to conduct carrier support operations with the USS MIDWAY, USS FRANCIS HAMMOND, USS BAUSELL, USS PARSONS, and USS PREBLE.
-22 Feb	Anchor Buckner Bay, Okinawa.
23-28 Feb	Underway to continue carrier support operations.
-28 Feb	Arrive Subic Bay, Philippines, Underway for Hong Kong.
28 Feb - 1 Mar	Enroute Hong Kong.
1-8 Mar	Inport Hong Kong.
8-9 Mar	Enroute Subic Bay, Philippines.
9-18 Mar	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines. Upkeep.
18-22 Mar	Underway, MISSILEX 3-76.
-22 Mar	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines, Underway for READIEX 2-76.
22 Mar - 1 Apr	Underway, READIEX 2-76.
1-10 Apr	Inport Subic Bay, Philippines. Upkeep.
10-14 Apr	Enroute Pusan, Korea.

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14-19 Apr	Inport Pusan, Korea.
19-23 Apr	Enroute Yokosuka, Japan.
23 Apr - 7 May	Inport Yokosuka, Japan.
7-13 May	Enroute Guam, M.I.
-12 May	Crossed the International Date Line.
-13 May	Propulsion Examining Board embarked off the coast of Midway Island to conduct Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE).
13-16 May	Enroute Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Conduct OPPE.
-16 May	Arrive Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, embark male dependents for "TIGER CRUISE"; Underway for San Diego, California.
16-23 May	Enroute San Diego, California.
23 May - 23 Jun	Inport San Diego, California. Leave and Upkeep.
23-29 Jun	Underway in Southern California (SOCAL) operating areas for type training.
29 Jun - 12 Jul	Inport San Diego, California. Upkeep.
12-16 Jul	Underway in Southern California (SOCAL) operating areas to conduct Midshipmen training.
16-23 Jul	Inport San Diego, California. Upkeep.
24-25 Jul	Public Visit Ship, San Diego, California.
26 Jul - 6 Aug	Inport San Diego, California. Upkeep.
- 2 Aug	Embark Midshipmen for Pacific Midshipmen training Squadron II (PACMIDTRARON II).
6-19 Aug	Underway, Exercise Varsity Knight (FLEETEX 1-7T)
19 Aug-22 Oct	Inport San Diego, California. Planned Restricted Availability.
-31 Aug	Midshipmen debark from (PACMIDTRARON II).
-20 Oct	Sixteen civilians from Chief of Naval Operations Anti-Submarine Warfare Symposium visit STERETT.

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- 21 Oct Approximately fifty civilians, representatives from firms which are associated with the National Security Industry, visit for tour of STERETT.

- 22 Oct Underway for Sea Trials.

22-26 Oct Inport San Diego, California. INSURV Preparations.

27-28 Oct Underway, INSURV Sea Trials.

28 Oct - 4 Nov Inport San Diego, California. INSURV Preparations.

4-5 Nov Underway, INSURV Sea Trials.

5-30 Nov Inport San Diego, California.

- 8 Nov Washington Board of Inspection and Survey arrives to conduct INSURV.

- 9 Nov Board of Inspection and Survey departs .

18-19 Nov Command Inspection conducted by Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE .

- 27 Nov Hosted Christmas Party for dependents of the USS TRUXTON.

30 Nov - 2 Dec Underway, READIEX 2-77 Sea Trials. Moored to buoys 19 and 20, San Diego, California. Continue work-up for READIEX 2-77.

2-9 Dec Underway, READIEX 2-77.

9-13 Dec Inport San Diego, California.

13-16 Dec Underway, Southern California (SOCAL) operating areas. Harpoon Firing Exercise.

- 14 Dec Successfully launched Harpoon missile at Pacific Missile Range.

- 15 Dec Conducted NGFS Exercises at San Clemente Island shore bombardment range.

16-31 Dec Inport San Diego, California. Commence Holiday leave and Upkeep period.

PART II

NARRATIVE HISTORY

USS STERETT began the year at the Sembawang Shipyard, Singapore for a holiday leave and upkeep period. On 5 January, STERETT departed Singapore enroute to Sattahip, Thailand. The transit to Sattahip found STERETT crossing the Equator, which summoned a call from King NEPTUNE to initiate all lowly polywogs into the Royal Realm of NEPTUNE REX.

Following a four day liberty call at Sattahip, STERETT returned to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines to commence a regular upkeep period that lasted through 24 January. Thereafter, STERETT participated in MULTIPLEX 2-76, a five day exercise designed to evaluate fleet unit's performance in hot and cold war tactical situations.

A brief inport period in Yokosuka, Japan from 3-8 February was followed by three weeks of rigorous Carrier Support Operations with the USS MIDWAY in Okinawa area. Following completion of these operations, and a short stopover at Subic Bay, STERETT sailed for Hong Kong.

After a five day liberty call at Hong Kong, and another brief upkeep period at the Ship Repair Facility, Subic Bay, STERETT participated from 18-22 March in MISSILEX 3-76, and then a major SEVENTHFLT Fleet Exercise, READIEX 2-76. Upon completion of these exercises, STERETT returned to Subic Bay.

STERETT departed Subic Bay on 10 April enroute to Pusan, Korea where the crew enjoyed liberty from 14-19 April. Leaving Pusan, STERETT sailed for Yokosuka, Japan for an upkeep period prior to return to the United States.

On 7 May, STERETT began her return transit to San Diego, stopping at Midway Island to embark Pacific Fleet 1200 PSI Propulsion Examining Board (PEB). Enroute to Hawaii, STERETT underwent an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE), an intensive inspection designed to test the ship's engineering readiness. STERETT arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 16 May and embarked fathers, sons and close friends for the final segment of the return transit. STERETT's WestPac Deployment ended on the 23RD of May with her return to San Diego.

STERETT remained in San Diego for upkeep through July 1976, except for two brief periods, 23-29 June and 12-26 July, when the ship operated in Southern California (SOCAL) operating areas for individual ship training exercises.

STERETT embarked 12 Midshipmen on 2 August for Pacific Midshipmen Training Squadron II (PACMIDTRARON II). The 6th through the 19th of August STERETT participated in the major THIRDFLT Exercise Varsity Knight (FLEETEX 1-7T). Next came an inport period, 19 August - 22 October, during which STERETT prepared for an inspection by the President of the Board of Inspection and Survey.

The President of the INSURV arrived on 8 November, but deferred the inspection until January 1977 due to emergent material problems. STERETT received a Command Inspection by Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE on 18-19 November. The inspection examined STERETT's material, administrative and personnel readiness. Following that inspection, STERETT participated in READIEX 2-77, 2-9 December, and a Harpoon Missile Firing Exercise on 14 December.

STERETT completed the year in San Diego commencing a holiday leave and upkeep period on 16 December.