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- Encl: (1) Command Composition (U)  
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## COMMAND COMPOSITION

1. Mission. CAPE ST. GEORGE is a Ticonderoga Class guided missile cruiser, equipped with the most advanced technology and weaponry put to sea. The twin screw, twin rudder, gas-turbine powered, 9,600 ton combatant features the AEGIS Combat System with Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC). The AEGIS system integrates and automates in real time the functions of detection, control, engagement, and command in the three basic warfare modes: Air Warfare (AW), Undersea Warfare (USW), and Surface Warfare (SUW). With its designed mission capabilities, CAPE ST. GEORGE is able to operate effectively in the presence of air, surface, and sub-surface threats.

### 2. Organizational Structure.

a. CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet under the administrative command of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group EIGHT (Rear Admiral John W. Townes, III). Operationally, CAPE ST. GEORGE is part of the USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) Battle Group (IKEBATGRU) under operational control of Commander, Second Fleet. Operational control of CAPE ST. GEORGE was as follows during 1999:

<u>FLT CINC</u>	<u>Officer-in-Tactical Command (OTC)</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Dates</u>
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 29.6	01 JAN-01 FEB
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 27.2	02 FEB-31 JUL
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	1 AUG-14 SEP
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 183.3	15 SEP-17 SEP
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	18 SEP-25 SEP
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 29.6	26 SEP-21 OCT
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	22 OCT-28 NOV
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 955	29 NOV-30 NOV
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 955.1	01 DEC-10 DEC
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 955	11 DEC-15 DEC
COMSECONDFLT	COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT	CTG 20.6	16 DEC-31 DEC

b. The ship's internal organization during deployment and as of 31 December 1999 was as shown in enclosure (2), figure 1.

3. Units under operational/administrative control. None.

4. Permanent duty station. Norfolk, Virginia.

Aircraft assigned. Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare Squadron, Light FOUR SIX (HSL 46) Detachment EIGHT, and FOUR FOUR (HSL 44) Detachment EIGHT embarked CAPE ST. GEORGE as follows during 1999:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Event</u>
25 MAY-04 JUN	CUTLASS 460, 464	Boston Port Visit
26 SEP-26 OCT	MAGNUM 445, 456	COMPTUEX 00-1
03 DEC - 16 DEC	MAGNUM 445, 456	JTFEX 00-1

Enclosure (1)

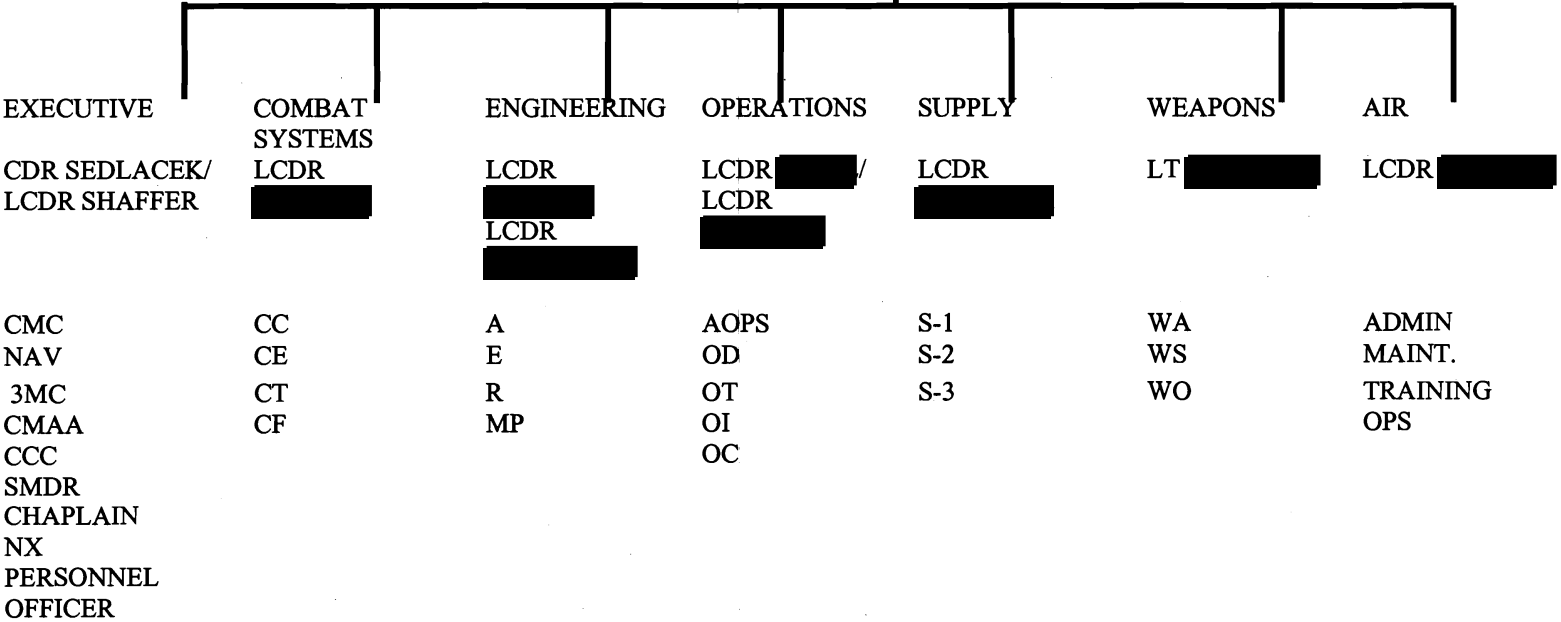
Figure 1:

# USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71) 1999 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

COMMANDING OFFICER  
CAPT D.V ARMY/ CAPT A. B. HICKS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CDR M. SEDLACEK/ LCDR J. D. SHAFFER

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF  
OSCM(SW) L. V. SCOTT/EWCM(SW/AW) J. E. THOMAS



**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)**  
**Chronology 1999**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
1-14 Jan	Post-Deployment, Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period 2
13 Jan	COMIKEBATGRU, RADM Foley Visit
18-22 Jan	Weapons Offload at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
22 Jan	Berth Shift, Norfolk Naval Station
2 Feb	Underway and Return, Underway Material Inspection (UMI) Rehearsal
4 Feb	SLAMEX 15-99
8-12 Feb	Visit, Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV)
9 Feb	Underway and Return, INSURV/UMI
18 Feb	SLAMEX 18-99
19 Feb	Ship-wide Safety Standdown
19 Feb	Berth Shift, Norfolk Naval Station
1-5 Mar	Pre-Light Off Training, (PLOT) II
11-12 Mar	Shiphandling Training, Marine Safety International (MSI) Shiphandling Complex
23 Feb-21 May	Restricted Availability (RAV), Norfolk Naval Station and Metro Machine, Inc.
24 Mar	Shiphandling Training, MSI Shiphandling Complex
26 Mar	Shiphandling Training, MSI Shiphandling Complex
13 Apr	In Port Refueling, Norfolk Naval Station
20 Apr	In Port Refueling, Norfolk Naval Station
26 Apr	Dead Stick Berth Shift, Metro Machine Inc.
3-7 May	Aviation Facilities Certification (AVCERT)
11-13 May	Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE)
10-17 May	HURREX 99, Exercise FREEZE
24 May	Underway, En Route Boston, MA
26 May	CIWS/5" PACFIRE
27 May-1 Jun	Port Visit Boston, MA

Enclosure (3)

1 Jun	Underway En Route Norfolk, VA
1-4 Jun	Tiger Cruise
3 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
4-6 Jun	Arrive Nauticus Pier for Harbor Fest 99
7 Jun	Berth Shift from Nauticus to NOB
14-18 Jun	Underway
17 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
28-30 Jun	Underway
29 Jun	Underway Replenishment with USNS BIG HORN
26-29 Jul	Underway
28 Jul	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
30 Jul	Underway and Return, Family Day Cruise
30 Jul	CIWS/5" PACFIRE
2-6 Aug	Underway Final Evaluation Period (FEP), Engineering Certification (ECERT)
5 Aug	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
9-13 Aug	Logistics Management Inspection
7-8 Sep	Underway, Transportable Radio Direction Finding System
15-18 Sep	Hurricane Floyd Evasion
17 Sep	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
24 Sep	Embark HSL 44 DET 8
26 Sep-26 Oct	Underway, Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX) 00-1
2 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
3 Oct	Ammunition/Torpedo VERTREP with USNS MOUNT BAKER
5 Oct	SAMSLEX (NPROA)
6 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
7 Oct	TORPEX, SEPTAR FIREX (NPROA)
8-12 Oct	Port Visit, St. Croix USVI
8 Oct	Change of Command. CAPT A. B. Hicks relieved CAPT D. V. Army

13 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA, VERTREP with USNS MOUNT BAKER
16 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
17 Oct	SLAMEX 2-00
19 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
21 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS KANAWHA
23 Oct	CIWS/5" PACFIRE
25 Oct	Underway Replenishment with USNS LARAMIE
25 Oct	HSL 44 DET 8 Disembark
26-29 Oct	Weapons Onload at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
29 Oct	Return from COMPTUEX/Yorktown, Moor NOB
12 Nov	Missile Onload at Naval Station Norfolk
14-15 Nov	Underway, VANDALEX
23 Nov	In Port Refueling, Naval Station Norfolk
24 Nov	Battle of Cape St. George Commemoration
3-16 Dec	Underway, Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 00-1
3 Dec	HSL 44 DET 8 Embark
5 Dec	Underway Replenishment with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
9 Dec	Underway Replenishment with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
13 Dec	Underway Replenishment with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN
16-28 Dec	Holiday Leave and Upkeep Period 1
28-31 Dec	Commence Holiday Leave and Upkeep

**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)  
1999 COMMAND HISTORY NARRATIVE**

During 1999, CAPE ST. GEORGE maintained the standard of excellence that has characterized her performance since her commissioning. 1999 was a year of preparations for her six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas and Arabian Gulf, beginning February 2000. These preparations included extensive training for the crew and maintenance for the ship.

1999 began and ended in a holiday leave and upkeep period. In between, CAPE ST. GEORGE completed the Inter-deployment Training Cycle (IDTC) and made final preparations for her Millennium deployment, achieving great success along the way during COMPTUEX and JTFEX as the EISENHOWER Battle Group Air Defense Commander.

After leave and upkeep in January, the end of which was marked by a visit to the ship by RADM J. B. Foley III, Commander EISENHOWER Battle Group, the ship transited to Yorktown, Virginia, for her post-deployment weapons off-load.

The Board of Inspection and Survey conducted an Underway Material Inspection of the ship from 8-12 February. Inspectors were thoroughly impressed by the ship's condition. All combat systems detect-to-engage scenarios were satisfactorily completed a "clean sweep," communications were "flawless," and the aviation facility and topside preservation were assessed to be the best the Board had seen.

Immediately following INSURV, CAPE commenced a pierside Restricted Availability (RAV), her first availability of the year. In addition to the maintenance and repairs conducted during this RAV, the Engineering Department underwent Pre-Light Off Training (PLOT) Phases II and III, with the assistance of the Engineering Training Group. Officers attended training at the Marine Safety International Shiphandling Complex, and the entire crew participated in Captain's Cup sporting events. Preparations continued for battle group operations, with selected warfighters attending the Warfare Commander Staff Planning Course and a myriad of ASW training. CAPE's air defenders administered Air Defense, Link, and Identification Syndicates to facilitate planning and the development of tactics, techniques and procedures for operations with the air wing and battle group ships.

On 5 April, RADM Foley presented CAPE ST. GEORGE with the 1998 Battle Efficiency Award.

On 26 April, CAPE conducted a deadstick berth shift to Metro Machine Inc., in Portsmouth, VA. The ship entered dry-dock on 27 April to effect necessary repairs in preparation for her millennium cruise. While at Metro Machine, she underwent an aviation technical assist visit to prepare her for an upcoming Aviation Facilities Certification and Aviation Readiness Evaluation, key milestones for embarkation of an Air Detachment. Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART) Phase II began during this period, and the ship completed Engineering Operational Sequencing System (EOSS) Validation. During this period, the ship completed Command Indoctrination for newly-reported personnel.

14 May was Military Spouse Appreciation Day. CAPE joined the Bluetails of VAW-121, Executive Agents for the IKEBATGRU Air Defense Commander, for a social at their hangar on Breezy Point. Afterward, the crew celebrated CAPE ST. GEORGE Day at Harbor Park, home of the Norfolk Tides, with family and friends. On 19 May, CAPE conducted Fast Cruise, then got underway for a one-day Sea Trial two days later.

25 May saw CAPE leave Norfolk en route to Boston, Massachusetts. During this transit, she embarked an Air Detachment from HSL-46 and conducted her first underway replenishment since deployment, with USNS J. LENTHALL. She moored in front of the World Trade Center in Boston on 27 May and left on 1 June. While in Boston, CAPE renewed ties with the original Little Beavers of Destroyer Squadron 23, authors of the victory in the World War II naval engagement near St. George's Island in the Pacific, from which the ship gets her name. CAPE hosted a flight deck reception, then took the crew to Fenway Park for a Memorial Day baseball game.

CAPE left Boston 1 June with more than 50 new shipmates as part of a mini-Tiger Cruise from Boston to Norfolk. The tigers were able to gain an appreciation for what their friends and family did while underway by viewing equipment static displays and demonstrations, touring the ship, participating in small arms familiarization firing, and observing underway replenishment,



air intercept control training, and main battery test firing. CAPE returned to Norfolk 4 June, mooring at Norfolk's Maritime Museum, Nauticus for Harborfest '99.

CAPE departed Norfolk again on 14 June to complete her Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) Phase II. After filling her days and nights with engineering casualty control drills, combat systems exercises and General Quarters, she returned on June 18, having successfully met the criteria for advancing in the training cycle.

During the subsequent period inport Norfolk, TV-DTS (TV Direct to Sailor) was installed, letting the crew receive live AFRTS television underway. The Radar Navigation team attended a team trainer at Fleet Combat Training Center Atlantic (FCTCLANT) in Norfolk. On 28 June, CAPE got underway again for two days in support of TSTA II to complete her Engineering Qualification (EQUAL). In early July, she successfully completed Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ), then sailed 26 July to complete TSTA III and tests of her Cooperative Engagement Capability (CEC). On 30 July, CAPE treated their friends and family to a family day cruise in the Virginia Capes Operating Area.

The month of August began with CAPE's Final Evaluation Period (FEP). Supply Department went under the microscope with a Logistics Management Assessment and CAPE's rescue swimmers showed what they had during a Search and Rescue Qualification. The ship continued to make ready for deployment, receiving a Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) and Technical Assessment Repair, Groom, and Evaluation Team (TARGET) visits.

On 7 September, CAPE got underway for an evening to test her newly installed Transportable Radio Direction Finding System (TRDF). On the 15<sup>th</sup>, she had an unexpected 3-day underway period as she fled Norfolk to avoid being hit by Hurricane Floyd as it wreaked havoc on the Virginia and North Carolina coast. On 26 September, she got underway for the longest period since her last deployment, sailing in support of Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPUTEX) 00-1. Again, CAPE embarked a helicopter detachment, this time from HSL-44, the same detachment which would join CAPE during her year 2000 deployment. As the IKEBATGRU Air Defense Commander, CAPE ST. GEORGE orchestrated a very successful battle group Surface-to-Air Missile Exercise (SAMSLEX), which pitted a variety of anti-ship missile simulating drones against the battle group. On 3 October, Scott Pellie of 60 Minutes visited the ship, and CAPE received kudos from the Battle Group Commander on her performance in telling the Navy story.

During a break in COMPTUEX, CAPE visited the island of St. Croix, USVI for liberty. During the visit, CAPE held a Change of Command Ceremony in the ship's helicopter hangar on 8 October 1999, Captain Alan B. Hicks relieved CAPT Denis V. Army to become the ship's fifth Commanding Officer. Upon her return, CAPE moored at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown to load missiles and ordnance for deployment. She returned to Norfolk on October 29. The majority of November was taken up by preparations for Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 00-1. On 15 November, CAPE participated in a VANDAL missile exercise off the coast of Wallops Island Virginia. She performed flawlessly, downing a supersonic target drone with a Standard Missile (SM-2).

On 24 November, CAPE commemorated the World War II Naval action from which she got her name by hosting retired U.S. Navy Captains Charlie Nelson and Burns Spore, original members of the Little Beaver Squadron commanded by Arleigh Burke. Captains Nelson and Spore addressed the assembled crew in the hangar, then participated in a ceremonial cake cutting and wardroom luncheon to mark the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, CAPE embarked her air detachment from HSL-44 and got underway for JTFEX, once again taking the role of Air Defense Commander for EISENHOWER Battle Group. JTFEX was conducted by Commander, Second Fleet, and was designed to test the battle group's ability to operate effectively in a joint environment. During the exercise, IKEBATGRU executed several missions ranging from naval presence to simulated combat operations. CAPE, as Executive Agent for the Regional Air Defense Commander, directed battle group ships and aircraft in force defense against all air threats. On 7 December, CAPE's embarked helicopter detachment performed an emergency medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) of a sailor from USS BARRY. Upon return from JTFEX on 16 December, CAPE entered her first Holiday Leave and Upkeep period, ending her training for calendar year 1999. CAPE closed out the year by delivering a special Y2K date roll to the COMIKEBATGRU duty officer in commemoration of the arrival of the new Millennium.

**USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71)**  
**Command Awards for 1999**

Maritime Warfare Excellence Award (7<sup>th</sup> consecutive award)

Engineering Survivability Excellence Award (7<sup>th</sup> consecutive award)

Command and Control Excellence Award (7<sup>th</sup> consecutive award)

Logistic Management Excellence Award (7<sup>th</sup> consecutive award)

COMNAVSURFLANT Surface Ship Safety Award

CINCLANTFLT Retention Excellence Award

Unit Wellness Award (Green "H")

CCDG8 Sailor of the Year (IC1(SW) [REDACTED])

CCDG8 Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year (LTJG [REDACTED])