

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Command Short Title: USS HOPPER (DDG 70)

Unit Identification Code: 21944

Mission: Multi-mission AEGIS destroyer. Operate offensively or defensively in a high-density, multi-threat environment, independently or as a member of a battle group, surface action group, amphibious task group, or underway replenishment group.

Primary missions: Air Warfare, Surface Warfare, Undersea Warfare, Strike Warfare.

Organizational Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTY ONE, Captain Peter A. Gumataotao.

Commanding Officer: Commander K. W. Auten, (JAN - JUL), Commander M. W. Selby, (AUG - DEC).

Permanent Duty Station: Pearl Harbor, HI

**CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT OF USS HOPPER (DDG 70)
CY 2003**

I. OVERVIEW CHRONOLOGY

01-31 JAN 03: HOLIDAY LEAVE / UPKEEP / DSRA
01-28 FEB 03: DSRA / AVCERT / LTT
01-31 MAR 03: DSRA / FMAV / CART II/IA
01-30 APR 03: CART II/IA / LOCAL OPS MIDPAC
01-31 MAY 03: LOCAL OPS MIDPAC
01-30 JUN 03 : UNDERWAY PREPARATION
01-31 JUL 03: FEP / FMAV 303
01-31 AUG 03: FMAV 303
01-30 SEP 03: FMAV 303 / ASWEX
01-31 OCT 03: FLEET WEEK
01-30 NOV 03: COMMEMORATION OF BATTLE OF TARAWA
01-31 DEC 03: HOLIDAY LEAVE AND STAND DOWN

II. DETAILED CHRONOLOGY

DATES	ACTIVITY
01-31 JAN 03:	HOLIDAY LEAVE / UPKEEP / DSRA
01-08 JAN	In Port, Holiday leave and Upkeep
08 JAN	In Port, Dry Dock
08-31 JAN	In Port, DSRA
01-28 FEB 03:	DSRA / AVCERT / LTT
01-28 FEB	In Port, DSRA
18-21 FEB	In Port, AVCERT
19 FEB	In Port, Undock
24-28 FEB	In Port, LTT Engineering

01-31 MAR 03:	DSRA / FMAV / CART II/IA
01-11 MAR	In Port, DSRA
12 MAR	In Port, Fast Cruise
13-14 MAR	Underway, Sea Trials
15-24 MAR	In Port, FMAV
24-26 MAR	In Port Lualualei, Ammo Onload
27-31 MAR	Underway, CART II/IA Preps
01-30 APR 03:	CART II/IA / LOCAL OPS MIDPAC
01 APR	Underway, CART II/IA Preps Moored PORT side to M1 in NAVSTA PH, HI (1247W),
02-08 APR	In Port
08-09 APR	Underway, CART II/IA
09 APR	Anchored 21°17.4'N 157°56.1'W (1143W)
09-11 APR	Underway (1433W), CDR USN, ATG MIDPAC onboard (09-10 APR)
11 APR	Moored STBD side to W4 Lualualei, Weapons Onload (0842W)
11 APR	Underway (1055W)
11 APR	Moored STBD side to B8 NAVSTA PH, HI (1137W)
11 APR	Underway (1244W)
11 APR	Moored STBD side to B16 NAVSTA PH, HI (1304W)
11-28 APR	In Port
28-30 APR	Underway -CIWS Pacfire -5" Pacfire -Launched 2 SM2 missiles at 22°34.6'N 159°53.1'W -Flight Quarters
01-31 MAY 03:	LOCAL OPS MIDPAC
01-02 MAY	Underway -5" Pacfire
02 MAY	Moored STBD side to B16 NAVSTA PH, HI (1929W)
02-12 MAY	In Port
12 MAY	Underway (0732W)
12 MAY	Moored STBD side to H4 (0755W)
12 MAY	Underway (1155W) -Flight Quarters with SH-60J
13 MAY	Anchored (1924W)
13-16 MAY	Underway (2015W) -5" Pacfire -CIWS Pacfire -TOWEX with USS Russel
16 MAY	Moored PORT side to M3, NAVSTA PH, HI
16-20 MAY	In Port
20 MAY	Underway -5" Gunnery Exercise

21-23 MAY Underway
 -5" Gunnery Exercise
 23 MAY Moored B21 NAVSTA PH, HI (0751W)
 23 MAY Underway (1110W)
 23 MAY Anchored in Lahaina, Maui (1558W)
 27 MAY Underway (0900W)
 27 MAY Moored STBD side to B23 NAVSTA PH, HI (1546W)
 27-31 MAY In Port, VBSS Training

01-30 JUN 03 : UNDERWAY PREPARATION

01-02 JUN In Port
 02 JUN Underway (0728W)
 02 JUN Moored M3 (0743W)
 02-06 JUN Underway (1253W) UD Preparation
 -Man Overboard drills
 -Streamed Nixie
 -Burial-at-Sea: 05 JUN 1828W (YN2 Robert C. Bornfield, USN Veteran, 20°18.06'N 157°49.70'W; SN Richard A. Drury, USN Veteran, 20°18.00'N 157°49.70'W)
 06 JUN Moored PORT side to M1 NAVSTA PH, HI (0757W)
 06-16 JUN In Port
 -DESRON 31 and Deputy Minister of Defense, Taiwan onboard (12 JUN)
 16-18 JUN Underway (0758W), UD Preparation
 18 JUN Moored STBD side to Pier 10 Aloha Tower
 18-19 JUN Underway (1520W)
 -CIWS firing exercise
 -5" firing exercise
 19 JUN Moored to Bouy X9-5 (1812W)
 19 JUN Underway (1936W)
 19 JUN Moored STBD side to B16 NAVSTA PH, HI (2033)
 19-24 JUN In Port
 24-27 JUN Underway (0859W), Underway Demonstration
 -Burial-At-Sea: 24 JUN 1833W (HTC Cecil D. Berg, USN Veteran, 20°20.14'N 158°01.00'W; GMSGT Murry G. Harralson, USMC Veteran, 20°20.40'N 158°01.30'W; SN David P. Kim, USCG Veteran, 20°20.50'N 158°01.60'W; QM2 Norris M. Goodwin, USN Veteran, 20°20.90'N 158°03.40'W)
 -DESRON 31 onboard (26 JUN)
 27 JUN Moored PORT side to B17 NAVSTA PH, HI (1214W)
 27-30 JUN In Port

01-31 JUL 03: FEP / FMAV 303

01-08 JUL In Port
 -DESRON Duty Staff Officer onboard (04 JUL)
 08-10 JUL Underway (1257), FEP

10 JUL	-UNREP with USNS TIPPECANOE
10- 31JUL	-DESRON 31 onboard (10 JUL)
	Moored PORT side to B22 NAVSTA PH, HI
	In Port, FMAV 303
	-DOD Director of Education onboard (15 JUL)
	-PCO onboard (31 JUL)
01-31 AUG 03:	FMAV 303
01 AUG	In Port, FMAV 303
	-Change of Command: CDR Selby relieved CDR Auten as CO of HOPPER
04 AUG	Underway (0858W)
04 AUG	Moored PORT side to W4 Lualualei (0946W)
04 AUG	Underway (1503W)
04 AUG	Moored PORT side to B22 NAVSTA PH, HI (1543W)
04-07 AUG	In Port
07-11 AUG	Underway (0703W) PCOSS Hollywood
	-Leap Frogs with USS RUSSEL (07 AUG)
	-Flight Quarters, received OUTFRIDER 10 (08 AUG)
	-Streamed TACTAS and NIXIE (08, 10 AUG)
	-Fire on aft stack: high fuel manifold pressure (10 AUG)
	-5" Pacfire (11 AUG)
	-UNREP with USNS TIPPECANOE (146,330 gal received)
11 AUG	Moored PORT side to B17 NAVSTA PH, HI (1600W)
11-16 AUG	In Port
	-RUSSEL, DESRON 31 onboard (11 AUG)
16-19 AUG	Underway (1357W)
	-Streamed TACTAS (17, 18 AUG)
	-Burial-at-Sea: 19 AUG 0848W (Master Sgt Jolly A Adkins, Coxswain Henry H. Carroll, QM1 Henry G. Lee, CAPT Thomas H. McGlaughlin; 21°05.50'N 158°10.20'W)
19 AUG	Moored PORT side to B17 NAVSTA PH, HI (1125W)
19-31 AUG	In Port
	-CURTS onboard (19 AUG)
	-DESRON 31 onboard (27 AUG)
01-30 SEP 03:	FMAV 303 / ASWEX
01-23 SEP	In Port, FMAV 303
	-DESRON 31, CHICAGO, ISASHIO onboard (12 SEP)
23 SEP	Underway (0758W)
23 SEP	Anchored 21°17.5N 157°56.1W (1334W)
23 SEP	Underway (1347W)
23 SEP	Anchored (1416W)
23 SEP	Underway (1426W)
23 SEP	Anchored (1458W)

23-26 SEP Underway (1532W): PASSEX (JDS), PHOTOEX (Event 2502), SUBFAMEX (Event 2503), Shallow Water Search (Event 2504), ASW Free play/ASTAC ctrl time (Event 2505), Surveillance (Event 2506), DIVTACS, Artillery Surveillance (Event 2601)
 -Scat Exercise (24 SEP)
 -Streamed NIXIE (24 SEP)
 -Alongside USS LAKE ERIE and USS RUSSEL (25 SEP)
 -Streamed TACTAS (25 SEP)
 -Flight Quarters for EASYRIDER 63 for DLQ's (25 SEP)
 -DESRON 31 onboard (26 SEP)

26 SEP Moored PORT side to M3 NAVSTA PH, HI

26-30 SEP In Port

01-31 OCT 03: FLEET WEEK

01-03 OCT In Port
 -ENS [REDACTED], ENS [REDACTED], ENS [REDACTED] checked onboard as TAD (02 OCT)

03 OCT Underway (0806W)

03 OCT Moored STBD side to W4 Lualualei (0855W)

03-09 OCT Underway (1153W) to San Francisco for Fleet Week
 -Alongside USS RUSSEL (03 OCT)
 -Pacfire Exercise
 -Leap frogs with USS RUSSEL (04 OCT)
 -Advanced Clocks to +8U (05 OCT)
 -5" Gunnery Exercise (06 OCT)
 -Advanced Clocks to +7T (07 OCT)

09 OCT Moored PORT side to Pier 32 San Francisco, CA (0839)

09-11 OCT In Port

11 OCT Underway (0706T)
 -Parade of Ships

11-15 OCT Moored PORT side to Pier 32 San Francisco, CA (1242T)
 -Fleet Week

15-17 OCT Underway (0858T) to San Diego, CA
 -16 OCT UNREP with USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (received 246,950 gal of F76)
 -Flight Quarters set for CAMULET 612 (16 OCT)

17 OCT Moored STBD side to Pier 7 San Diego, CA

17-28 OCT In Port
 -LTJG [REDACTED], USN, departing (17 OCT)
 -PHIBRON 5 onboard (21 OCT)
 -Set clocks back to +8U for Daylight Savings Time (25 OCT)
 -Margaret Madruga, PREVENT course instructor, onboard (27 OCT)

28 OCT Underway (0923U)

28 OCT Anchored (1708U) IVO of San Clemente Island

29 OCT Underway (0741U)

29 OCT	-UNREP with USNS RAPPAHANNOCK (29 OCT)
30-31 OCT	Anchored (1917U) Underway (0635U) to Pearl Harbor, HI -30 OCT 5" Gunnery Exercise -31 OCT 50 cal Pacfire
01-30 NOV 03:	COMMEMORATION OF BATTLE OF TARAWA
01-06 NOV	Underway, en route to Pearl Harbor, HI -UNREP with USNS TIPPECANOE (04 NOV) -Sonar Self Noise Test (05 NOV)
06 NOV	Moored PORT side to H2 NAVSTA PH, HI (1250W)
06 NOV	Underway (1522W)
06 NOV	Moored STBD side to B16 NAVSTA PH, HI (1540W)
06-13 NOV	In Port -REUBEN JAMES onboard (06 NOV) -CAPT Gumataotao onboard (10 NOV) -Inadvertent loss of ship's power occurred twice (12 NOV)
13-19 NOV	Underway, en route to Tarawa (0659W) -Shifted to +11X time zone (15 NOV) -Shifted to +12Y time zone (16 NOV) -Advanced clocks 24 hours to conform with -12M time zone (18 NOV) -Crossed international date line (18 NOV)
19-21 NOV	Anchored (1607M) -Commemoration of Battle of Tarawa (20 NOV)
21-26 NOV	Underway (0744M) -Crossed international date line (22 NOV) -Shifted to +12Y time zone (22 NOV) -Advanced clocks 1 hr to conform with +11X (23 NOV) -Shifted to +10W time zone (25 NOV) -UNREP with USNS TIPPECANOE (25 NOV)
26 NOV	Moored STBD side to B15 NAVSTA PH, HI (1205W)
26-30 NOV	In Port
01-31 DEC 03:	HOLIDAY LEAVE AND STAND DOWN
01-12 DEC	In Port -DESRON 31 onboard (11 DEC)
12-26 DEC	In Port, First holiday leave period
27 DEC	In Port, Turnover: First holiday leave period ends and second holiday leave period begins
28 DEC TO 31 DEC	In Port, Second holiday leave period

NARRATIVE REPORT OF USS HOPPER (DDG 70)

CY 2003

USS HOPPER started calendar year 2003 by conducting a continuous maintenance period concurrent with a Holiday Stand down. After the completion of stand down and upkeep, HOPPER began preparations to begin Dry Docked Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA).

In the month of January, HOPPER proceeded to dry dock and began its DSRA phase. While in DSRA the ship completed her Aviation Certification (AVCERT). On 19 February, the ship undocked. In preparation for the upcoming training cycle, HOPPER began her first Limited Tailored Training (LTT) in engineering with Afloat Training Group Middle Pacific (ATG MIDPAC).

Following the end of DSRA, on 12 March, HOPPER conducted an extensive In Port Fast Cruise followed by a 2-day underway sea trials. Following the successful sea trails, HOPPER completed a short maintenance availability from 15-24 March. HOPPER was underway on 24 March to Lualualei in West Pearl Harbor to complete her ammunition on-load. After the ammunition on-load, HOPPER continued to sea to train for the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training – Phase II (CART II) and Engineering Initial Assessment (IA) until 01 April.

From 02-07 April, HOPPER was pier-side, Pearl Harbor, conducting repairs and training. On 08 April, HOPPER began CART II/IA with ATG MIDPAC onboard and was able to meet minimum equipment operability requirements. HOPPER then conducted another maintenance availability until 28 April and completed the ISIC's 3M inspection.

From 28 April to 2 May, HOPPER was underway to prepare for her upcoming Engineering Underway Demonstration (UD) and Final Evaluation Problem (FEP). During this time, HOPPER conducted 5" gunnery live fire exercises, Small Caliber Action Team (SCAT) firing exercises, and a CIWS fire exercises. She also trained her crew in damage control by giving them a series of General Quarters scenarios. HOPPER also successfully launched two SM-2 missiles at a drone both evaluated as successful engagements by PMRF Barking Sands.

Throughout the month of May, HOPPER continued training her crew on SCAT and crew served weapons, 5-inch gunnery and ship handling. During the 13-16 May underway, HOPPER and USS RUSSELL conducted a tow be-towed exercise. On 23 May, HOPPER visited Lahiana, Maui for three days of liberty. Returning to Pearl Harbor on 27 June, HOPPER conducted In-port Visit Board Search and Seizure training.

In June, HOPPER was back underway, continuing her preparations for Underway Demonstration. From 02 to 06 Jun, HOPPER conducted a series of Man Overboard Drills, and streamed both Nixie fish. HOPPER then paid tribute to former U.S. Navy Sailors on June 5th, as she held her first Burial-At-Sea of 2003. In the vicinity of 20°18.06'N 157°49.70'W, the cremains YN2 Robert C. Bornfield, and SN Richard A. Drury, were committed to the deep.

On 12 June, HOPPER hosted Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty One and the Taiwanese Deputy Minister of Defense for a shipboard tour. On 16 June, HOPPER was underway and continued more UD preparations. After 3 days of UD preparation, HOPPER moored to Pier 10 Aloha Tower, Honolulu, HI, for a Public Affairs Luncheon. On 19 June, HOPPER moored to buoy X9-5, and on 24 June another Burial-At-Sea ceremony was held. This ceremony was held for the cremains of HTC Cecil D. Berg; GMSGT Murry G. Harralson; SN David P. Kim, and QM2 Norris M. Goodwin in the vicinity of 20°20.14'N 158°01.00'W.

HOPPER was underway for UD preps from 24-25 June. On 26 June, HOPPER commenced the Engineering Underway Demonstration. HOPPER received an overall score of 91%, the highest of any Pacific Fleet ship in over a year.

From 27 June to 07 July, HOPPER was inport preparing for FEP. HOPPER was Underway from 08-10 July conducting FEP, performing outstanding in all areas and certifying for the advanced phase of training. On 10 July, HOPPER began a three-week Maintenance Availability. On 31 Jul, HOPPER was visited by her prospective commanding officer, CDR Michael Selby.

On 01 August 2003, CDR Michael Selby relieved Commander Kenneth Auten as HOPPER's Commanding Officer, during a ceremony held onboard HOPPER at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

HOPPER's first underway with CDR Selby at the helm was on 04 August, in which HOPPER proceeded to Lualualei for weapons on-load. On August 7th, HOPPER went to sea to participate in a Prospective Commanding Officer's Submarine Exercise. This Type training included multi-ship Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) with the USS RUSSELL.

HOPPER was in port Pearl Harbor from 11-15 August, and was underway for local operations from 16-19 August. From 19 August to 23 September, HOPPER was pier-side, Pearl Harbor finishing pier-side maintenance.

For the remainder of September, HOPPER continued ASW Exercises. During the 23 to 26 September underway, HOPPER completed Submarine Familiarization Exercise, ASW Shallow Water Search, ASW free play / ASTAC control time, and DIVTACS.

In October HOPPER was invited to participate in Fleet Week 2003 in San Francisco, CA, HOPPER's Commissioning Port. HOPPER started her eastbound trip to San Francisco on 03 October with USS RUSSELL, who was to be part of Fleet Week in San Diego, California. Traveling together in the Pacific Ocean, HOPPER and RUSSELL conducted ship handling and weapon exercises. On 06 October, RUSSELL proceeded to San Diego as HOPPER continued for San Francisco.

On 09 October, HOPPER entered San Francisco bay on a beautiful morning and moored to Pier 32. HOPPER's crew enjoyed some excellent liberty in one of America's finest cities. HOPPER was underway again early on 11 October for the Parade of the Ships event with over 100 guests. The Parade of the Ships gave a chance for HOPPER's friends and families and dignitaries from the Marine County Navy League to embark for a transit of San Francisco Bay. The civilian guests became more knowledgeable of ship's operations and remarked on the great condition of the equipment and proficiency of the crew. When HOPPER returned to Pier 32, Fleet Week began and the crew started enjoying the hospitality of the Navy League and the people of San Francisco. From 11 to 15 October, the HOPPER crew participated in various tours and events. Many had a chance to visit NAPA Valley, take tours of the Bay Area and experienced the best San Francisco had to offer.

In the morning of 15 October, HOPPER bid farewell once more to the city of her commissioning. She commenced her two-day transit south to San Diego, California. While at San Diego Naval Base, the crew attended schools and training, while the ship received some much needed deck work and maintenance. On 28 October, HOPPER was underway for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this underway, HOPPER conducted weapons firings at the Catalina Island Range and sonar self noise tests. HOPPER arrived at Pearl Harbor on 06 November.

On 13 November, HOPPER set sail once again in support of her nation. HOPPER served as the senior US representative to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Tarawa. During HOPPER's transit, she crossed the International Date Line on 18 November. She anchored off the coast of Tarawa and gave her crew a chance to explore the small atoll. Here many of the crew found remains of World War II guns, bunkers and old rusty tanks. On 20 November, HOPPER arranged a memorial service on her flight deck to honor Marines who served and fought on Tarawa. HOPPER hosted the president of Kiribati, Navy League representatives and two Marines who served at the Battle of Tarawa. A wreath was made and thrown over the side by CDR Selby and the president of Kiribati.

In the morning of 21 November, HOPPER weighed anchor and headed back to Pearl Harbor. On 12 December, the crew started the first holiday leave period. A turnover was conducted on 27 December.

In summary, 2003 was a year of maintenance and training for HOPPER in preparation for late 2004 Summer Deployment. Highlights of the year included a record setting Engineering Underway Demonstration and port visits to San Francisco and Tarawa.