

Chronology of Events - 1974

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| 1 - 8 Jan          | Inport San Diego (CIWS Testing)                   |
| 9 - 11 Jan         | Underway - CIWS Testing                           |
| 12 - 13 Jan        | Inport San Diego                                  |
| 14 - 18 Jan        | Underway - CIWS Testing                           |
| 19 - 20 Jan        | Inport San Diego                                  |
| 21 - 22 Jan        | Underway - CIWS Testing                           |
| 23 - 27 Jan        | Inport San Diego                                  |
| 28 - 30 Jan        | Underway - CIWS Testing                           |
| 31 Jan - 3 Feb     | Inport San Diego                                  |
| 4 - 7 Feb          | Underway - CIWS Testing                           |
| 8 - 10 Feb         | Inport San Diego                                  |
| 11 - 15 Feb        | Underway-CIWS Testing & Dependants<br>Cruise      |
| 16 - 24 Feb        | Inport San Diego                                  |
| 25 Feb - 1 March   | Underway - CIWS Testing                           |
| 2 - 22 March       | Inport San Diego (TAV)                            |
| 23 - 26 March      | Underway-Enroute Norfolk VA                       |
| 26 March           | Fuel Stop-Manzanillo Mexico                       |
| 26 - 31 March      | Underway-Enroute Norfolk, VA                      |
| 31 March - 1 April | Inport NAVSUPPACT, Canal Zone                     |
| 1 - 4 April        | Underway Transit Panama Canal                     |
| 4 - 5 April        | Inport Roosevelt Roads                            |
| 5 April            | Underway-Enroute to and Arrive St.<br>Thomas V.I. |
| 5 - 8 April        | Inport St. Thomas V.I.                            |
| 9 - 11 April       | Underway- Fuel Stop Roosevelt Roads               |

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| 12 - 14 April | Inport Port Everglades, Florida   |
| 15 - 16 April | Underway-Enroute Norfolk VA   |
| 17 April      | Inport Norfolk VA   |
| 20 - 22 April | Underway-Enroute Port Everglades Florid                                   |
| 22 April      | Inport Port Everglades - Fuel Stop  |
| 22 - 25 April | Underway-Enroute Boland Marine and<br>Manufacturing, Inc. New Orleans, LA |
| 25 - 30 April | Inport New Orleans, LA  |
| 30 April 1974 | Decommissioned  |

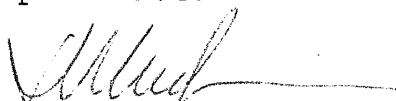
## BASIC HISTORY

1 January 1974 found USS KING inport San Diego for the Christmas and New Year's holidays and preparing for the final phase of the at-sea testing of the Close-In Weapons System (CIWS) for Navy Technical Evaluation (NTE) which was conducted by the Naval Ship Weapons Systems Engineering Station, Port Hueneme team. While conducting these tests, USS KING also devoted much time to crew training by conducting frequent general quarters, damage control, 3"/50 battery and torpedo firing exercises. In addition, USS KING found herself representing the U. S. Navy, acting as missile defense picket ship in support of the NORAD live air defense exercises "Falling Brave" 74-2 and 74-3, conducted 29 and 30 January 1974, and "Amalgam Arrow" 74-5, conducted 6 February 1974. USS KING's participation proved extremely beneficial as it was the first time naval sea-born air defense missile capabilities had been incorporated into such a joint operation. In addition, USS KING provided support services the week of 28 January 1974 for CNO Project D/S 659, Remote Video Processor (RVP).

February marked the end of the NTE portion of the CIWS Evaluation Period and the beginning of Interim Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) conducted by Deputy Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Pacific. While conducting these CIWS testing operations on the Pacific Missile Range, USS KING effected the rescue of the civilian sailboat "Sea Gypsy". Her crew was taken aboard while USS KING towed the vessel to Wilson Cove where the boat and crew received Coast Guard Assistance. In addition to the daily CIWS testing, KING participated in two additional CNO testing projects: on 11 and 25 February for CNO Project F/C 265 she acted as target ship and data collection center for the Digital Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), and on 28 February she launched four MQM-34 air targets from her fantail, executing complete drone control capabilities in support of another CNO project. On 15 February, USS KING held a dependents' cruise in conjunction with scheduled CIWS operations, thus allowing family and friends a chance to better understand the primary mission for their ship. During the next two weeks, USS KING remained inport San Diego during a tender availability in preparation for her forthcoming transit to the east coast for decommissioning incident to Anti-Air Warfare Modernization (AAWMOD). KING was underway once again on Monday 25 February to continue CIWS testing until 2 March when IOT&E testing was terminated.

USS KING then remained inport San Diego undergoing a tender availability and CIWS equipment and mount removal. On 10 March, Miss Patricia Beth ANDERSON, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs. Donald R. ANDERSON was baptized in ceremonies conducted aboard KING, Commander and Mrs. J. J. MCGRATH were named as God Parents during the ceremony.

On 23 March USS KING departed the west coast for the last time enroute Norfolk, Virginia, via Manzanillo, Mexico, Panama Canal, Roosevelt Roads, P. R., St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and Port Everglades, Florida. After a four day stay at Norfolk, she proceeded on 20 April 1974 for Boland Marine and Manufacturing Company Inc., New Orleans, arriving on the 25th of April and was decommissioned on 30 April 1974.



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