



USS Sampson

DDG-10

History

History of the USS Sampson DDG-10

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 - USS Sampson DDG-10 1967 Med Cruise Book
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- References
 - Ships and Aircraft of the US Fleet 11th through 13th editions
 - Combat Fleets of the World 1976/77 /83 /87
 - Jane's Fighting Ships 1972-73

NOTE: Gray areas represent discrepancies in dates/information between different sources.

1958

Jan 17 Awarded to Bath Iron Works Corp., Bath Maine.
USS Sampson, DDG-10 was the third ship named for Rear Admiral William Thomas Sampson, hero of the Spanish-American War who was responsible for destruction of the Spanish fleet during the blockade of Santiago.

1959

March 2 Laid down

1960

May 21 Launched on Armed Forces Day – sponsored by Mrs. John S. Crenshaw, daughter of Admiral W. T. Cluverius and granddaughter of Admiral Sampson. Vice Admiral Morton L. Deyo, USN, (RET) was the principal speaker at the launching ceremony.

May 14 Note -Launch date per:

- www.hazegray.org
- Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships (published 1981)

May 21 Note - Launch date per:

- www.navysite.de/dd/ddg.htm
- www.destroyersonline.com
- www.navsource.org
- Combat Fleets of the World 1976/77

Sept 9 Note - Launch date per:

- Combat Fleets of the World 1982/83 /87

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- Ships and Aircraft of the US Fleet, 11th-13th editions

1961

June 16	Delivered to Boston Navy Naval Shipyard.
June 24	Commissioned at Boston Naval Shipyard- Commander Forrester W. Isen assumed command. Remained in Boston Naval Shipyard for complete outfitting.
Sept	Shakedown training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. On completion of shakedown training, the ship returned to Boston Naval Shipyard for the holiday period and post-shakedown availability
Dec 18	Assigned Norfolk, Virginia as homeport with CDR Forrester W. Isen as Sampson's commanding officer.

1962

Feb	<p>Relieved USS Kohn King, DDG-3 for Development Assist Tests for the TARTAR Weapons System (CNO Project D/S-194).</p> <p>Concurrent with Project D/S-194 was selected to conduct the BUSHIPS Standardization and Tactical Trials for the DDG-2 Class Destroyer. Completed the trials at Guantanamo Bay during the early spring</p>
July	<p>Assigned to newly formed Destroyer Squadron 18 (DESRON 18) and Destroyer Division 182. DESRON 18 was composed entirely of guided missile ship. The other ships in the squadron were the USS Pratt, DLG13, USS John King, DDG-3, USS Lawrence, DDG-4, USS Dahlgren, DLG-12 and the Richard E. Byrd, DDG-23.</p> <p>Fired twenty missiles at Roosevelt Roads Missile Firing Range to evaluate the TARTAR Missile System.</p>
Sept 15	<p>Returned to Boston Naval Shipyard for major alterations to the missile fire control systems. First ship in the fleet to receive the SPG-51B fire control radars.</p> <p>Shortly after arrival, Sampson's first commanding officer was relieved by Commander John Glennon Finneran.</p> <p>Evaluated new fire control installation with additional missile launches at Roosevelt Roads Missile Range.</p>

1963

Jan-Feb	Operated out of Norfolk, Virginia in conjunction with CNO Project D/S-194.
Jan	<p>Midshipmen aboard for their annual training cruise (per 1966 cruise book).</p> <p>Ports of call were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayport, Florida • New York, New York • Montreal, Canada
March	Launched fifteen more TARTAR missiles at Roosevelt Rods, PR plus thirty-eight test vehicles for the final phase of the Development Assist Tests.
April	AN/SPS-39 Series 3 Radar installed at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, assumed).
July 1-22	<p>Midshipmen aboard for their annual training cruise in Western Atlantic (per "Early History" of the Sampson from various sources).</p> <p>Ports of call were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York, New York

- Montreal, Canada

- Aug 12 Commenced four-week evaluation of AN/SPS-39 Series 3 radar in VACAPES Operations Area.
- Nov 1-19 Continued missile firings at Roosevelt Roads Missile Range.
- Dec Fired full magazine load of blast launch test vehicles in VACAPES Operations Area.
- Dec 19 Commander John Leighton Merrick assumes duty as commanding officer. After Christmas holidays, Sampson, operating with the Second Fleet, fired two TARTAR missiles under combat conditions.

1964

- April - July Conducted ship's first regular overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.
- Aug Launched two missiles during ships qualification trials and refresher training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- Nov Successfully replenished missiles at sea by new method using a helicopter.

1965

- Jan Commenced first Mediterranean deployment.
- Jan 14 Crossing the Atlantic, an electrical fire in the primary air search radar equipment room (SPS-39) caused extensive damage and greatly shortened deployment. Turned over early and returned to Norfolk, Virginia with the USS Forrestal, CVA-59 CVBG, encountering rough weather.
- March 15 Entered Norfolk Naval Shipyard for repairs.
- May 8 Commander Robert F. Schniedwind assumes command.
- June 24 Returned to fleet duties and performed modified SDT missile firings at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- July 17 During gunnery exercise lookouts spotted the 50-foot sailing sloop *Cecelia Ann* flying distress signals. Six crewmen and mascot were rescued before the sloop sank.
- Sept Conducted Blue and Gold operations with ASW exercises in the vicinity of Bermuda and open ocean missile firings off Cherry Point, North Carolina.
- Oct Conducted gunnery exercises and two competitive missile firings off Puerto Rico.
- Nov Underway for a short period of type training off Jacksonville, Florida.

1966

- Early Conducted gunnery exercises off Culerba, Puerto Rico and escort duties off Guantanamo Bay Cuba.
- March 10 Deployed to Mediterranean Sea with USS Saratoga, CV-60 CVBG.
- March 30 Turned over with USS Sellers, DDG-11 in Pollensa Bay, Spanish Balearic Islands Replenished at sea.
- April 6 -15 Visited at Istanbul, Turkey after 28 days at sea. Conducted training exercises and acted as rescue destroyer for USS America CVA-66.
- April 21-29 Visited Beirut, Lebanon. Conducted carrier operations drills, general quarters, ECM exercises, air controlling, gunnery, engineering drills, and submarine opposed underway replenishment.

May 6-18 Visited Valetta, Malta.
 Served as early warning picket for USS America, CVA-66 CVBG against air strikes launched by USS Saratoga, CVA-60 CVBG.
 Arrived at Naples Italy where the Engineering Department repaired boilers. Tours available to Rome and Venice.
 Departed Naples, Italy for one day at sea
 Arrived at Toulon, France for five days. Acted as honor guard for Rear Admiral de Lachadenede, Major General of the Third Maritime District (Southern France). Sampson's host ship was the French destroyer Tartu.

June 14 Departed Toulon, France

June 20 Conducted successful ASROC firing.

June 24 Visited at Livorno, Italy. Tours to Florence, Pisa, and Milan.
 Officers lose Officer-CPO softball game, 28 to 8.
Note – first time in Sampson's history
 Departed Livorno, Italy
 Operated for three days with the USS Independence, CVA-62 CVBG.
 Visited Golfe Juan, France.

July 4 Celebrated Independence Day on the French Riviera.
 Departed Golfe Juan, France and sailed 30 miles to St. Tropez, France.

July 14 Celebrated Bastille Day, French Independence Day, in St Tropez, France.

July 15 Departed St. Tropez, France.
 Participated in replenishment and anti-submarine exercise.

July 20 Conducted successful TARTAR missile firing.

July 26-Aug 2 Visited Barcelona, Spain.
 Turned over in Pollensa Bay.

Aug 3 Departed Pollensa Bay for Norfolk.
 Steamed with USS Mairas, AO-57 at 17 knots across the Atlantic.

Aug 6 Received word the Sampson was awarded the Squadron Battle Efficiency **E** plus Departmental **E** for Engineering and **E** for Operations.

Aug 12 Returned to Norfolk to resume Blue and Gold operations after 153 days.
 Conducted three weeks of exercise in Caribbean Sea plus additional tests.

Nov 29 – Dec14 Participated in **LANTFLEX 66** exercise in which Sampson provided ASW and AAW services for the ASW carrier USS Wasp, CVS-18 and conducted exercises in the Puerto Rico Operating Area.

Dec Returned to Norfolk, Virginia.

1967

Jan 19 CDR Charles A. Reed assumes command

Jan 20-Feb 6 Conducted **SPRINGBOARD I** weapons firings in Puerto Rico Operating Area

March 3-15 Conducted **SPRINGBOARD II** operations in Puerto Rico Operating Area.

May 2 Deployed to Mediterranean with USS America, CVA-66 CVBG.

May 10-11 Visited Rota, Spain.

May 12-17 Visited El Ferrol de Caudillo, Spain. In El Ferrol de Caudillo, a radarman from the

	Sampson rescued a German seaman from the harbor.
May 18	Visited Rota, Spain.
May 25	Sampson assigned to the USS America CVA-66 task group, joined up with TG 60.2, USS Saratoga CVA-60, and her destroyers. Sampson ordered to shadow soviet destroyer, 626 and attempt to keep it from constantly cutting in and out of the carrier's formation.
June 5-10	Arab Israeli Six-Day War
June 8	USS Liberty AGTR-5 attacked by Israeli fighter jets aircraft and Israeli Navy motor torpedo boats killing 34 crew members and wounding 171.
June 9	Sampson was part of force which steamed and rendezvoused with the heavily damaged USS Liberty (AGTR-5).
June 13-18	Visited Souda Bay, Crete. Tour of Knossos, Crete.
June 21-25	Visited Izmir, Turkey. Tour Ephesus, Turkey. Sampson damages propeller on uncharted object when leaving port..
June 22-July 2	Visited Souda Bay, Crete. Replace damaged propeller.
July 3 –7	Visited Vollos, Greece. Tour of Athens, Greece.
July 29–Aug 2	Visited Valetta, Malta.
Aug 16-21	Visited Genoa, Italy. Tour Rome and Italian Riviera.
Aug 28-29	Visited Pollensa Bay, Spain for turnover. Sampson received the Squadron Battle Efficiency E for the second time.
Sept 9	Returned to Norfolk, Virginia.
Nov 1	Changed homeport to Charleston, South Carolina.

1968

Jan-May	Conducted RDH at Charleston Naval Shipyard.
June-Aug	Conducted SQT in Puerto Rico Operating Area and REFTRA at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
July 30	Commander T. J. Bigley assumes command.
Sept 23	Deployed to the Mediterranean.

1969

Jan 30	Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.
Feb	Returned to Charleston (per Wikipedia)
Feb	Resumed operations in Western Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea.
Sept 8-23,	Operation Peace Keeper in the North Atlantic Ocean.
Sept 28	Commenced Mediterranean deployment.
Sept 29-30	Visited Port Mahon, Menorca
Oct 4-11	Visited Venice, Italy
Nov 4-11	Athens, Greece
Nov 6	Visit by SECNAV while in Athens, Greece.
Nov 14-21	Visited Valetta, Malta
Nov 23	Visit by CINCUSNAVEUR while in Barcelona, Spain.
Nov 25 – Dec 4	Visited Barcelona, Spain
Dec 2	Visit by COMNAVSURFOR while in Barcelona, Spain.

Dec 9-12 Visited Valletta, Malta
Dec 15-18 Visited Rijeka, Yugoslavia
Dec 22 – Jan 5 Visited Villefranche, France

1970

Jan 1 Sampson becomes permanent flagship of Destroyer Squadron Four
Jan 9-13 Visited Bizerte, Tunisia
Jan 14 – Feb 2 Visited Naples, Italy
Feb 7-11 Visited Athens, Greece
Feb 9 Commander T. R. Kinnebrew assumes command after commending minesweepers, a fleet tug, a destroyer escort and serving on other destroyers. Commander Bigley left for duty with the Chief of Naval Operations
Feb 13-16 Visited Bodrum, Turkey
Feb 23 – Mar 3 Visited Trieste, Italy
Mar 9-16 Visited Palms de Mallorca, Spain
March 27 Arrival at Charleston (per 69-70 cruise book)
March 28 Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.
May 12-25 Participated in exercise **Exotic Dancer III** off Onslow Beach, North Carolina.
May 31-June 4 Participated in **RIMEX 5-70** in the Caribbean Sea.
Sept 14 Awarded the Battle Efficiency **E** for DESRON 4.
Sept 23 After two days notice, got underway for special operations in the Mediterranean.
Oct Cruised first with USS John F. Kennedy, CVA-67, then with USS Saratoga, CV-60, during the latest Levantine crisis.
Earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation.
Nov 1 Departed Barcelona, Spain, to return to the United States.
Nov 12 Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.
Commenced leave and upkeep period.

1971

Jan 18-Feb 6 Participated in **RIMEX 2-71** in the Caribbean Sea.
Early 1971 Operated in the vicinity of British West Indies and prepared for deployment.
April 9 Commander Aris C. A. Sigmond assumes command.
Awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation by Rear Admiral Robert R. Crutchfield for 1970 Middle East Crisis operations
April 11 Departed Charleston, South Carolina.
April 15 Deployed to Mediterranean with COMDESRON 4, Captain L. J. Fay embarked.
Operated with the Sixth Fleet participating in exercises with both American and NATO forces.
April 25-26 Visited Rota, Spain
May 7-13 Visited Villefranche, France
May 15-22 Visited Naples, Italy
May 25-26 Visited Argostoli Bay, Greece
May 30-31 Visited Argostoli Bay, Greece

June 3-11	Visited Taranto, Italy
June 19 – July 1	Visited Naples, Italy
July 2-6	Visited Villefranche, France
July 14 -23	Visited Corfu, Greece
July 29 – Aug 2	Visited Antalya, Turkey
Aug 5-16	Visited Athens, Greece
Aug 28 – Sept 10	Visited Athens, Greece
Sept 13-17	Visited Porto Santo Stefano, Italy
Sept 29 – Oct 3	Visited Barcelona, Spain
Oct 3 –Oct 6	Visited Palma, Spain
Oct 16	Returned to Charleston, South Carolina.
Oct-Dec	Prepared for regular overhaul.
Dec 8,1971	Awarded the Battle Efficiency E for DESRON 4.

1972

Jan 4 – May 4	Conducted first Compressed Regular Overhaul attempted on a DDG.
May-June	Conducted SDT, WSAT and REFTRA in Caribbean Sea.
July 9 – Aug 18	At Charleston
July 28	Commander Richard Lew Carson assumes command.
Aug 18-Sept 1	Transited to Athens, Greece her new homeport.
Aug 28	Visited Rota, Spain.
Oct 3	Arrived in Phaleron Bay.
Oct 4-9	Conducted Black Sea operations.
Nov	Conducted Operation Bystander , surveillance of four Soviet Foxtrot submarines.

1973

Feb 5-10	Conducted Black Sea operations.
March	Operated in Tunis to assist Tunisian flood victims providing communications link for USS Forrestal helos.
June 11-16	Participated in exercise Dawn Patrol
Sept	Participated in NATO Naval On-Call Forces Mediterranean, exercise Diligent Duty . <u>During deployment visited:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barcelona, Spain • Palma de Majorca • Naples, Italy • Mikonos, Crete • Istanbul, Turkey • Villefranche, France
Oct 6-25	1973 Arab Israeli War
Oct-Nov	Operated with USS Independence, CV-62, in Eastern Mediterranean during Middle East Crisis. Meet Black Seas Fleet at the Straits of Bosphorus.
Dec	Awarded Battle Efficiency E by COMCRUDESFDRLANT.

Dec 17 Began onboard installation of Distillate Fuel Conversion in Hellenic Shipyards, Skaramangas, Greece.

1974

March 21 Completed onboard installation of Distillate Fuel Conversion in Hellenic Shipyards, Skaramangas, Greece.

July 19 Commander Robert L. Whitmire assumes command.

June 19-21 Participated in **Operation Flaming Lance**.

Nov 22 Safely recovered 3 crewmembers of a downed SH3D helicopter from the USS Independence, CV- 62. Safely towed the helicopter to the Independence.

1975

Awarded Battle Efficiency **E** for DESRON 12.

March 22 Rescued and towed the *El Greco Commander*, a Liberian fishing vessel, to Augusta Bay, Sicily.

May 30 In Taormina, Sicily, Ensign Frederick R. Minier perished in a diving accident when he went to the aid and saved another diver in distress.

July 28 Departed Athens for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Aug 20 Arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Aug 25 Officially shifted homeport to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1976

All year RDH at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

Sept 30 Commander Albert L. Bartels assumes command.

1977

Feb 7-10 Shifted to new homeport in Mayport, Florida.

April Conducted CSQT, WSAT, and REFTRA in Caribbean Sea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

May 29 Ran aground at the entrance to San Juan, Puerto Rico, but was cleared within an hour by the ship's engines and one tug. The sonar dome was slightly damaged.

Sept Deployed to Mediterranean Sea.

During cruise Visited:

- Malaga, Spain
- Gaeta, Italy
- Naples, Italy
- Catania, Sicily

Nov 12-19 Conducted Black Sea operations.

Nov 13-21 Conducted Black Sea operations.

Nov 23-28 Visited Ashdod, Israel.

Dec 16-19 Visited Alexandria, Egypt.

Note: Sampson was the first US Navy ship to visit both Israel and Egypt on the same deployment.

Nominated by COMDESRON 12 for Navy Award.

1978

Visited:

- Athens, Greece

- Palma de Mallorca
- April 25 Returned to Mayport, Florida.
- July 28 Commander Ted P. Fenno assumes command.
- July 31-Aug 18 Participated in **COMPTUEX 4-78**. Successfully launched fourteen SM-1-MR missiles as missile school ship's training, embarking firing teams from USS Conyningham, DDG-17, USS Sellers, DDG-11 and USS Julius A. Furer, FFG-6.

1979

- Jan-Feb Participated in **READEX 1-79**.
- March 13 Deployed to Mediterranean Sea with USS America, CV-66 CVBG.
Visited during deployment:
- Lisbon, Portugal
 - Barcelona, Spain
 - Toulon, France
 - Trieste, Italy
- Transited the Suez Canal
- June 6-Aug 24 Conducted operations in Southern Red Sea and Persian Gulf. Awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal.
Visited during deployment:
- Republic of Djibouti
 - Bahrain
- Transited the Suez Canal
Visited Rota, Spain
- Sept 22 Arrived in Mayport, Florida.
- Dec 10 Awarded Battle Efficiency **E** for DESRON 12.

1980

- Jan 14-Feb 1 Participated in **READEX 1-80** in the Caribbean Sea with COMDESRON 32 embarked.
- May 26-June 4 Participated in **OPSAIL 80**, celebration of Boston's 350th birthday with Vice Admiral Thomas J. Bigley, COMSECONDFLT, former commanding officer of the Sampson embarked.
- June 4-21 Participated in **COMPTUEX 4-80** in the Caribbean Sea.
- Sept 10-24 Participated in NATO exercise **Teamwork 80** in the North Atlantic.
- Nov 3 Returned to Mayport, Florida.
- Dec Awarded Battle Efficiency **E** for DESRON 12.

1981

- All year Conducted RDH at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.
- Received AN/SQQ-23 PAIR sonar
 - Replaced AN/SPS37 with AN/SPS40D air search radar

1982

- March Returned to Mayport from RDH at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.
- June 4-Aug 13 Conducted WSAT, NGFS, CSQT and REFTRA in the Caribbean Sea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- July 19 Rescued six civilians from the sailing boat *So Fine* while enroute to Guantanamo

Bay, Cuba.

Aug 13-15 Embarked USCG TACLET for anti-drug smuggling operations.

Oct 1-15 Participated in **READEX 3-82** in the Caribbean Sea with USS Nimitz, CVN-68 CVBG.

Nov 10 Deployed with USS Clifton Sprague, FFG-16, to the Persian Gulf as part of the Middle East Force.

1983

(no dates) Transited Suez Canal and Red Sea
 Visited:

- Djibouti
- karachi

Jan 1-10 Conducted surveillance of Soviet carrier *Minsk* and cruiser Tashkent in the Indian Ocean

Feb 22-March 16 Participated as part of multi-national peacekeeping force off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon.
 March 31-April 16

April 8 US Embassy bombed in Beirut, Lebanon.

May 20 Returned to Mayport, Florida.

June 9 Commander Jerrold J. Negin assumes command.

Oct 1-27 Conducted operations on the Pacific side of the Panama Canal.

Nov 3-23 Participated in Operation **Urgent Fury**, the military action to liberate the Caribbean island of Grenada as CTU28.1.1.

Nov 30 Returned to Mayport, Florida.

Awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for involvement in Operation **Urgent Fury**. Awarded Battle Efficiency **E** for DESRON 12.

1984

Jan 1-Oct 12 Participated in pre-deployment operations including:

- **COMPTUEX 2-84** in the Caribbean Sea
- IRFT at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
- **READEX 2-84**

Oct 13 Deployed to Mediterranean with USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, CVN-69 CVBG.

Nov 8-Dec 16 Conducted Eastern Mediterranean contingency operations off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon.

1985

Conducted **Operation Eagle Eye** surveillance of Soviet units in (? Hanmant ?) anchorage.

Feb 14-April 5 Conducted Eastern Mediterranean contingency operations off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon.

March 2 Rescued crew of Turkish fishing vessel *Bilal Ogullari* in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

Visited during deployment:

- Trieste, Italy
- Genoa, Italy
- Naples, Italy

- Syracuse, Sicily
- Palma de Mallorca, Spain
- Valencia, Spain
- Haifa, Israel

May 7 Returned to Mayport, Florida.
 Aug 15 Commander Dennis I. Parsons assumes command.
 Sept 15-Dec 31 Conducted SRA in Mayport, Florida.

1986

Jan 28-Feb 3 Participated in recovery operations off Cape Canaveral after the Shuttle Challenger disaster. Received the USCG Unit Commendation.
 May 16-June 24 Conducted IRFT in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
 Oct 6 Deployed to Persian Gulf as member of Middle East Force.
 Visited Bermuda and the Azores on the crossing.
 Transited the Suez Canal.
 Conducted escort services for Kuwaiti and American merchant ships in the Persian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq war.
 Visited Bahrain and Dubai.

1987

Jan 4-5 Visited Shuaiba Kuwait (first US Navy port visit in Kuwait in seven years).
 Visited Gibraltar for three days on trip back home
 April 6 or 7 Returned to Mayport from Persian Gulf Deployment.
 May 4-28 Conducted anti-drug smuggling surveillance operations in the Caribbean Sea.
 Aug 19-Dec 17 Conducted Drydocked Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA) in Charleston Naval Shipyard.

1988

Feb 18 Commander Earl Robert Jones assumes command.
 March 23-31 Conducted LEO operations and **MISSILSEX** in Caribbean Sea.
 July 19 Commander M. R. Rice assumes command.
 July 19-Dec 9 Participated in **UNITAS XXIX** with COMDESRON 36 embarked.
 Visited:

- Roosevelt Roads, PR
- La Guaria, Venezuela
- Cartagena, Columbia
- Panama Canal
- Manta, Ecuador
- Lima, Peru
- Valparaiso, Chile
- Punta Arena, Chile
- Montevideo, Uruguay
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

 Aug 1 Commander Albert Clinton Myers assumes command.

1989

Feb 6- March 16 Conducted LEO operations with USCG in Caribbean Sea.
 Aug 21-Sept 1 Conducted Limited Team Training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
 Oct 2-24 Conducted LEO operations with USCG in Caribbean Sea.
 Dec18 Awarded Battle Efficiency **E** for DESRON 12.

1990

Feb 2-9 Participated in **FLEETEX 1-90 BASIC** in Puerto Rico Operations Area.
 Feb 10-18 Participated in **Operation Topkick** off Columbia as a SAR unit in support of Presidents Bush's South American Drug Summit.
 April 12 Participated in **VANDALEX** weapons firing.
 June 7-22 Participated in **FLEETEX 3-90 ADVANCED** in Puerto Rico Operations Area with USS Saratoga, CV-60 CVBG.
 Aug 3 Commander William D. Sullivan assumes command.
 Aug 7 – Mar 28 Departed Mayport, Florida.
 Deployed to Mediterranean with USS Saratoga, CV-60 CVBG.
 (Deployed from Aug 7 to March 28 1991.)
 Aug 15 Assigned to Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.
 Transited the Suez Canal.
 Aug 24 Joined units in the Northern Red Sea. Began Maritime interception and boarding in support of UN sanctions against Iraq.
 Aug 22-Sept 21 Operated in Red Sea in support of **Operation Desert Shield**. Conducted fourteen merchant boardings.
 Aug 26 Conducted the first boarding and search of **Desert Shield**.
 Aug 28 Boarded and searched vessel – identified prohibited cargo and goods intended for Sudan. Consisted of vehicles taken from Kuwait of various types. After a 3 day wait with the ship, the ship was ordered back to Aqaba, Jordan and not allowed to transport the war plunder to The Sudan. This was the first vessel diverted as part of Dessert Shield. Sampson's boarding and search operation were highlighted during an ABC newscast with Peter Jennings
 Sept 3 Presented with the "Eight Ball Award" for superlative performance during Maritime Interception operations, by Rear Admiral Nick Gee, Commander of Cruiser Destroyer Group 8.
 Sept 15-18 Visited at Hurghada, Egypt for inaugural port visit.
 Sept 21 Transited the Suez Canal to join the 41st activation of NATO's **Naval On-Call Forces Mediterranean**.
 Sept 26-Oct 22 Participated in NATO's **Naval On-Call Forces Mediterranean, Exercise Deterrent Force 2-90**. Operated with the Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, British, German, Turkish, and Hellenic navies in **Display Determination 90** exercise.
 Celebrated and hosted 215th birthday of the US Navy in Bari, Italy.
 Nov 1 Transited the Suez Canal and rejoined the Northern Red Sea units.
 Nov 1-Dec 15 Operated in Red Sea in support of **Operation Desert Shield**. Conducted twenty-two merchant boardings.
 Conducted first ASROC exercise in the Red Sea as part of operations with the USS Saratoga, CV-60 CVBG.
 Dec 16 Transited the Suez Canal.

Visited:

- Alexandria, Egypt
- Izmir, Turkey
- Antalya, Turkey

1991

- Jan 1-March 14 Participated in NATO's **Naval On-Call Forces Mediterranean**, in support of **Operation Desert Storm** in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.
Note: Awarded Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal and Southwest Asian Service Medal (with Bronze Star) for participation in **Operation Desert Shield** and **Operation Desert Storm**.
- March 28 Returned to Mayport, Florida ending deployment started Aug 7, 1990.
- May 3 Family Day Cruise
- May 4-Jun 23 Prestrike in port Mayport
- June 24 Decommissioned as last of Adams class on the East Coast.

1992

- Nov 20 Stricken from Navy List.

1994

- Dec 16 Sold for scrap.

1995

- July 25 Sold and scrapped.

2003

- June Scrapped in Philadelphia.
Sampson anchor saved and now displayed in Greenboro, North Carolina.