

Kitty Hawk's Last War-time Deployment

The scene: Mid-'73, Kitty Hawk has completed her last war-time deployment and has been converted to a CV, vice CVA, ND from black oil. and was doing her shake-down in SF Bay and off-shore. We had a production crew from the local NBC TV station headed-up by its weather lady, Terri Lowry, onboard for a two day, one night cruise off-shore. Since the TV crew had spent so much time in and out of the wx office, our honcho LCDR Ken Hinman, devised a little entertainment for the ship's crew for the upcoming deployment to WestPac and the I.O. We had the deployment's MovRep, so we knew 'where and when' we'd be. Ken and I devised a five part presentation that the TV people filmed. First was in the S.C. Sea, the day before Hong Kong; the second off Singapore; then in the Gulf of Oman; then crossing the line a day out of Mombasa, and the last approaching Subic, to end our deployment. It was remarkable how many of the deployed crew thought we really had Terri onboard for the past 9+ months!!!!

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