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# PUTTING AEGIS TO SEA

The lead ship of the Guided Missile AEGIS Cruiser Class, **TICONDEROGA** is the first surface combatant equipped with the AEGIS Weapon System, the most sophisticated air defense system in the world. It was designed to defeat attacking missiles and provide quick reaction, high firepower and jamming resistance to deal with the Anti-Air Warfare threat expected to be faced by the Battle Force. **TICO** also brings a tremendous multi-warfare capability to the fleet, strengthening Battle Force operational effectiveness, defense and survivability.

**USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47)** was built in Pascagoula, MS, Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries. Using a Spruance Class hull, measuring 567 ft with a beam width of 55 ft, **TICO** displaces 9800 tons. In addition to AEGIS, she carries two Vulcan Phalanx Close-in Weapons Systems (CIWS), two 5"54 guns, two MK-26 Guided Missile Launching Systems, two LAMPS MK-1 helicopters, Anti-Submarine Rocket (ASROC) torpedoes, over-the-side torpedoes, and Harpoon missiles. **TICONDEROGA'S** sponsor is our First Lady, Mrs. Nancy Reagan.



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"Star Wars" at sea



## FIRST AND FORMIDABLE



TICONDEROGA has carried the AEGIS System to sea and proved its worth in multiple operational environments and demanding test scenarios. Her success and excellence is reflected by two Navy Unit Commendations, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Navy Expeditionary and two Armed Forces Expeditionary medals, in just under five years of service to America and confirm TICO's motto:

*"First and Formidable"*

Following commissioning, TICO completed one of the most arduous and ambitious testing and evaluations in modern history, demonstrating a formidable warfare capability under threat environments that would have totally overwhelmed other ships. During her first deployment she distinguished herself by providing Naval Gunfire Support to the multi National Peacekeeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon. In January, 1985 TICO set sail for Central American operations, working with several foreign navies and paying visits to various Central and South American ports where the new crew participated in a number of civic action projects. Later in 1985 she participated in major NATO exercises Ocean Safari and BALTOPS '85. Crossing the Arctic Circle enroute the fjords of Norway, TICO earned her first "Blue Nose."

During this period, TICO fired her 100th missile in just 34 months of commissioned service. March, 1986 found TICO in the Gulf of Sidra in a large scale Freedom of Navigation exercise designed to demonstrate the United States' ability to freely transit areas recognized as international waters. Libya responded by unsuccessfully attacking battle force aircraft, and the force, relying heavily on AEGIS surveillance and control, retaliated, destroying Libyan surface to air missiles, radars and missile carrying patrol boats. The following month, TICO served as Anti-Air Warfare Commander during joint U.S. Navy/U.S. Air Force strikes against Libya and terrorism. During both periods of hostilities, TICO and AEGIS responded superbly as "The Shield of the Fleet."

