

Shipmates please provide the history and events that took place on Lawrence in 1981.

In early 81 DDG-4 went to Aruba. Definitely a 5 Star Sailor friendly port. Actually, We'd give it 5 - 5 Star's! That's 25 Stars for sailor friendly if ya know what we mean! The most in the history of ports Lawrence visited.

The Lawrence was taken up the Delaware River twice in 1981. She went up to Philadelphia to "Meet The City" and had a warm welcoming at Penn's Landing. A Real good time. She then returned about 2 months later to officially enter the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. All hands pulled her into dry dock with ropes. Drained the dry dock and took her out of the water. That's where she spent the rest of 1981 and the majority of 1982. The good news, she got rid of those reckless Tartar Surface to Air Missiles and got the newer version Standard Surface to Air Missile. A lot of upgrades. That refit took her into the 90's.