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Command Composition and Organization

1. Mission. USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is an aircraft carrier whose operational mission is power projection and sea lane control, in support of U.S. national policy.

2. Organizational Structure

(a) Immediate Operational Senior in Command

(1) Commander, Carrier Group ONE, 1 January 1992 to 17 August 1992

(2) Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, 18 August 1992 to 31 December 1992

(b) Immediate Administrative Senior in Command

(1) Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN, 1 January 1992 to 17 August 1992

(2) Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, 18 August 1992 to 31 December 1992

3. Commanding Officer. Captain James I. Maslowski, 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992

4. Homeport. Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, CA., 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992

5. Type of aircraft assigned are as follows:

Squadron	Aircraft Type	Tailcode	Base
HS-4	SH-60F/H	NL/610 Series	NAS North Island, CA
VS-35	S-3A	NK/700 Series	NAS North Island, CA
HC-11	CH-46E	VR/060 Series	NAS North Island, CA
VRC-30	C-2A	RW/030 Series	NAS North Island, CA
VF-51	F-14A	NL/100 Series	NAS Miramar, CA
VF-111	F-14A	NL/200 Series	NAS Miramar, CA
VFA-97	F/A-18A	NL/300 Series	NAS Lemoore, CA
VFA-27	F/A-18A	NL/400 Series	NAS Lemoore, CA
VA-52	A-6E	NL/500 Series	NAS Whidbey Island, WA
VAW-114	E-2C	NL/600 Series	NAS Miramar, CA
VAQ-134	EA-6B	NL/620 Series	NAS Whidbey Island, WA

VS-37	S-3B	NL/700 Series	NAS North Island, CA
VMA-311	AV-8B	WL/000 Series	MCAS Yuma, AZ

Chronology

1.	1 Jan	USS KITTY HAWK is in holiday stand down. CAPT James I. Maslowski is the Commanding Officer.
	6 Jan	Post-SLEP Availability/Selected Restricted Availability (PSA/SRA) work begins on board USS KITTY HAWK.
	9 Mar	USS KITTY HAWK is inport undergoing a nine-day Command Inspection.
	7 Apr	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for PSA/SRA Sea Trials. A detachment from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron FOUR is embarked. Detachments from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron ELEVEN and Air Anti-Submarine Squadron THIRTY-FIVE also operate on board. The ship returns to homeport six days later.
	11 May	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Interim Refresher Training. The ship returns to homeport 11 days later. Carrier Air Wing Wing FIFTEEN and a detachment from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron ELEVEN are embarked.
	28 May	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Composite Training Unit Exercise. The ship returns to homeport 14 days later. Commander, Carrier Group ONE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, and a detachment from Marine Attack Squadron 311 are embarked. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, embarks for three days.
	13 Jun	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for a Dependents' Day Cruise. The ship returns to homeport the same day.
	22 Jun	CDR Paul Hennessy relieves CDR Gene Stevens as Executive Officer, USS KITTY HAWK.
	22 Jun	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Phase Three of Exercise RIMPAC 1992. Commander, Carrier Group ONE is embarked aboard as Commander, Battle Force X-Ray. Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, and a detachment from Fleet Logistics Squadron THIRTY are also embarked.
	30 Jun	Battle Force X-Ray rendezvous with nine Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force ships off the coast of Hawaii to conduct exercises and drills.
	2 Jul	USS KITTY HAWK is inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for Phase Four of Exercise RIMPAC 1992 and liberty port visit. The ship departs five days later.

7 Jul	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Phase Five of Exercise RIMPAC 1992.
16 Jul	USS KITTY HAWK participates in Exercise TANDEM THRUST. VMA-311 is embarked aboard for three days.
19 Jul	USS KITTY HAWK detaches from Exercise TANDEM THRUST and rejoins Exercise RIMPAC 1992.
22 Jul	CDR Michael Cooper relieves CDR Paul Hennessy as Executive Officer, USS KITTY HAWK.
24 Jul	USS KITTY HAWK is inport San Diego for Phase Six of Exercise RIMPAC 1992. The ship is underway five days later for Phase Seven of Exercise RIMPAC 1992, returning to homeport seven days later.
1 Aug	USS KITTY HAWK becomes the COMNAVAIRPAC ready carrier.
31 Aug	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Fleet Exercise 92-2A (FLEETEX 92-2A). The ship returns to homeport 11 days later. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN are embarked.
14 Sep	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. The ship returns to homeport four days later.
21 Sep	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for FLEETEX 92-2B and 92-2C. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN are embarked. The ship returns to homeport eleven days later.
3 Oct	USS KITTY HAWK begins Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) standdown.
3 Nov	USS KITTY HAWK is underway for six-month deployment to Western Pacific. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE is embarked as Commander of the KITTY HAWK Battle Group. Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN are also embarked.
18 Nov	USS KITTY HAWK inchops into the COMSEVENTHFLT Area of Responsibility.
22 Nov	An F/A-18 Hornet from Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN'S Strike Fighter Squadron 97 (VFA-97) impacts the water following a night catapult launch from USS KITTY HAWK. The pilot safely ejects and is rescued unharmed.

25 Nov	USS KITTY HAWK is inport Hong Kong, BBC for a five day port visit.
30 Nov	USS KITTY HAWK is underway, en route to the Republic of Singapore.
5 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK is inport Singapore for a five-day port visit.
10 Dec	CAPT Michael McCammish, USN, relieves CAPT Frederic Ludwig, JR, USN, as Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN. USS KITTY HAWK is underway, en route to relieve USS RANGER in Indian Ocean.
18 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK relieves USS RANGER, and inchops in the USCINCCENT Area of Responsibility, beginning it's involvement in Operation RESTORE HOPE.
20 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK and Air Wing FIFTEEN take part in the combined U.S. Marine/Belgian Paratrooper amphibious assault on Somalia's southern port city of Kisamayu.
22 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK's Marine Detachment is sent in to provide security for the unloading of food from relief ships in Somalia's port city of Mogadishou.
24 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN provide close air support and reconnaissance for Marine Forces securing the Somali city of Oddur.
25 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN provide close air support and reconnaissance for Multi-National Forces securing the Somali city of Bardera.
26 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN provide close air support and reconnaissance for Multi-National Forces securing the Somali city of Gialalassi.
27 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK is ordered to detach from Operation RESTORE HOPE and proceed at best speed to the Arabian Gulf.
31 Dec	USS KITTY HAWK transits the Straits of Hormuz and into the Arabian Gulf.

2. Distinguished visitors to USS KITTY HAWK in 1992 by month included the following:

<u>January</u>

10 - AVCM (AC/AW) Duane Bushey, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

March

2 - The Honorable Marcel Masse, Canadian Minister of National Defense

5 - The Honorable Mary Heron, Mayor of Coronado, CA; RADM Luther Schriefer, Commander, Naval Base San Diego; Actress Dina Merrill Hartley; Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor, Actor Telly Savalas

13 - Ambassador Jacques Andreani, Ambassador of France to the United States, VADM Edwin Kohn, Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific, The Honorable Gerard Coste, Consul General of France at Los Angeles

April

27 - RADM Joseph Dantone, Commander, Carrier Group THREE; RADM James Fitzgerald, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE

May

6 - Portuguese Air Force LTGEN Pelagio Castelo-Branco, Commandant, NATO Defense College

July

4 - Congressman Neil Abercrombie (D-Hi), the Honorable Kensaku Hogen, Consul General of Japan; the Honorable Frank Fasi, Mayor of Honolulu, Hi; ADM Robert Kelly, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; ADM (Ret.) Thomas Hayward, former Chief of Naval Operations; ADM (Ret.) Ronald Hays, former Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; RADM Larry Vogt, Director for Strategic Planning and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command; RADM Henry McKinney, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RADM David Robinson, Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RADM Thomas Paulsen, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RADM William Earner, Commander Naval Surface Action Group, Middle Pacific; MAJGEN George Christmas, Director of Operations, U.S. Pacific Command; RADM Edward McGinley, Fleet Maintenance Officer, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RADM Francis Holian, Deputy Chief of Staff for Resources and Logistics, U.S. Pacific Fleet; RADM John Ryan, Director for Logistics and Security Assistance, U.S. Pacific Command; BGEN Coleman Kuhn, Commanding General, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade; RADM William Donnell, USCG, Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District; RADM Takashi Ishiyama, Commander, Escort Flotilla Two

5 - Ex-football star and actor Rosie Grier

6 - The Honorable Frank Fasi, Mayor of Honolulu, HI; ADM Charles Larson, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; ADM Robert Kelly, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; GEN Jimmie Adams, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Air Force; ADM (Ret.) Thomas Hayward, former Chief of Naval Operations; LTGEN Henry Stackpole, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet; LTGEN Harold Fields, USA Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, MAJGEN Edward Richardson, USANG, Adjuntant General, State of Hawaii

8 - Honorable Robert Tyson, Consul General of Australia

18 - RADM John Donegan, Commander, Naval Command, Control and Ocean Surveillance Center; BGEN Joseph Bolt, Assistant Division Commander, Sixth Infantry Division (Light)

19 - 20 - ADM Charles Larson, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command

21 - RADM Robert Spane, Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT

August

14 - RADM Frank Tillotson, Command Director, NORAD Combat Operations Staff.

21 - The Honorable Sean O'Keefe, Acting Secretary of the Navy

September

22 - 23 September - RADM James Stark, Commander Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet

23 - 24 September - The Honorable Anders Bjorck, Swedish Minister of Defense

28 - RADM James Fitzgerald, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group THREE; RADM George Emery, Commander, Submarine Group FIVE

29 - RADM George Emery, Commander, Submarine Group FIVE

October

9 - VADM (Ret.) Edward Martin, former Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare); RADM James Stark, Commander Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet

10 - RADM (Ret.) Martin Carmody, former CO, USS KITTY HAWK

November

20 - RADM Brent Bennett, Commander, Carrier Group FIVE

December

3 - Ambassador John Huntsman, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore; Dr. Lee Boon Yang, Second Minister for Defense; Mr. Tan Cheng Bock, Minister of Parliament; COL Shae Toh Hock, Director, Defense Policy

8 - Ambassador John Huntsman, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore; RADM R. Tucker, Commander, Logistics Force Western Pacific

11 - Ambassador John Stern Wolf, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia; Abdul Razak, Minister of Defense; Bin Shariff, Secretary General, Ministry of Defense; LTGEN Bin Omar, Chief of Staff, Malaysian Armed Forces; LTGEN Haji Ahmad, Deputy Chief of the Army; RADM Mohammed Noor, Deputy Chief of the Navy

27 - CAPT Swede Peterson, Commander, Amphibious Group THREE

31 - RADM Arthur Cebrowski, Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia

Narrative

1. a. On 1 January 1992, USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is pierside at Naval Air Station North Island in holiday standdown. CAPT James I. Maslowski is the Commanding Officer.

b. On 6 January, Post-SLEP Availability/Selected Restricted Availability work begins on board USS KITTY HAWK. The purpose of the 90-day PSA/SRA is to complete renovations started during the ship's 42-month Service Life Extension Program overhaul.

c. On 9 March, Commander, Carrier Group SEVEN is on board USS KITTY HAWK to conduct a Command Inspection of the administrative operation of the ship. After nine-days the inspection is completed and KITTY HAWK receives a passing grade of satisfactory.

d. On 7 April, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for PSA/SRA Sea Trials off the Southern California coast. A detachment from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron FOUR is embarked. Detachments from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron ELEVEN and Air Anti-Submarine Squadron THIRTY-FIVE operate aboard. On 12 April, the ship conducts a Burial at Sea Ceremony for CDR Richard G. McKee, USN (Ret) and LCDR Jack M. Enochs, USN (Ret). The ship returns to homeport on 13 April.

f. On 11 May, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Interim Refresher Training. Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and a detachment from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron ELEVEN are embarked. CAPT Frederic Ludwig Jr. is Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN. The ship earned satisfactory grades in all areas of damage control and combat readiness. The ship returns to homeport 11 days later.

g. On 28 May, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Composite Training Unit Exercises. Carrier Group ONE and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN are embarked. RADM Joseph Prueher is Commander, Carrier Group ONE. RADM Philip Coady Jr., Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, embarks for three days. A four-plane detachment from Marine Attack Squadron 311 embarks for two days to perform day and night carrier qualifications in the AV-8B Harrier II. The ship returns to homeport 14 days later.

h. On 13 June, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Dependents' Day Cruise. This is the first such cruise in more than five years; more than 2,000 KITTY HAWK family members and guests are embarked. The ship returns to homeport the same day.

i. On 22 June, CDR Paul Hennessy relieves CDR Gene Stevens as Executive Officer. CDR Hennessy previously served as Operations Officer aboard.

j. On 22 June, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Phase Three of Exercise RIMPAC 1992, as the Flagship for Battle Force X-Ray. Carrier Group ONE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN are embarked. Commander, Carrier Group ONE serves as the Battle Force Commander. CAPT Terry Sheffield is Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN. A two-plane detachment from Fleet Logistics Squadron THIRTY is also embarked. Battle Force X-Ray includes USS COWPENS, USS LEAHY, USS WILLIAM H. STANLEY, USS JARRETT, USS SACRAMENTO, and USS LOS ANGELES.

k. On 30 June, Battle Force X-Ray rendevzous with nine Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force ships off the coast of Hawaii to conduct two days of exercise coordination and formation drills.

l. On 2 July, USS KITTY HAWK is inport Naval Station Pearl Harbor for Phase Four of Exercise RIMPAC 1992 and a five-day port visit. Units of Battle Force X-Ray are moored nearby. It is the first time in seven years that KITTY HAWK has visited Pearl Harbor. On 4 July, KITTY HAWK serves as the host ship for the CINCPACFLT 4th of July Reception. On 5 July, the ship conducts general public visiting, with more than 13,000 people visiting in nearly eight hours. On 6 July, KITTY HAWK serves as the host ship for a USCINCPAC evening social for Hawaiian Government and civic leaders.

m. On 7 July, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Phase Five of Exercise RIMPAC 1992. Units of Battle Force X-Ray include nine ships and one submarine of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force.

n. On 16 July, USS KITTY HAWK detaches from Battle Force X-Ray, and becomes the Flagship for Commander, Naval Forces, in Exercise TANDEM THRUST. Commander, Carrier Group ONE serves as Commander, Naval Forces. VMA-311 embarks aboard for the next three days, to participate in air strikes in support of a mock amphibious landing.

o. On 19 July, USS KITTY HAWK detaches from Commander, Joint Task Force in Exercise TANDEM THRUST, and resumes assignment as Flagship for Commander, Battle Force X-Ray in Phase Five of Exercise RIMPAC 1992. The ship returns to homeport five days later.

p. On 22 July, CDR Michael Cooper relieves CDR Paul Hennessy as Executive Officer. CDR Cooper previously served as Executive Officer of USS RANGER.

q. On 24 July, USS KITTY HAWK is inport San Diego for Phase Six of Exercise RIMPAC 1992. The ship is underway on 29 July for Phase Seven of RIMPAC, returning to San Diego seven days later. Also on 29 July, the ship conducts a Burial at Sea Ceremony for CAPT George Riley, USN (Ret).

r. On 1 August, USS KITTY HAWK becomes the COMNAVAIRPAC ready carrier. As ready carrier, the ship is under 96-hour alert to deploy under Commander, THIRD or SEVENTH Fleet.

s. On 31 August, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Fleet Exercise 92-2A (FLEETEX 92-2A). Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN are embarked. RADM Philip Coady Jr., is Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE. The Navy Tactical Combat System - Afloat 2.0 (NTCS-A 2.0) is employed operationally for the first time aboard an aircraft carrier. The system integrates intelligence information with anti-submarine, anti-surface and anti-air warfare information. The ship returns to homeport 11 days later.

t. On 14 September, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for an Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE). Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN are ashore. The OPPE was the first for the ship since entering the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in July 1987. The ship earns satisfactory grades and returns to homeport four days later.

u. On 21 September, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for FLEETEX 92-2B and 92-2C. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN and Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN are embarked. The ship successfully completes Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWAI), Supply Material Inspection (SMI), Mine Compentency Review Inspection (MCRI) and a COMNAVAIRPAC Material and Maintenance Management (3-M) Inspection; all with satisfactory grades. The ship returns to homeport 11 days later.

v. On 3 October, en route to homeport, USS KITTY HAWK participates in a Parade of Ships for Accolades 1992, an annual City of San Diego/U.S. Navy celebration in honor of the military. Upon arrival at NAS North Island, USS KITTY HAWK begins Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) standdown.

w. On 3 November, USS KITTY HAWK is underway for it's first deployment in more than five year. KITTY HAWK last deployed to the Western Pacific in January 1987. KITTY HAWK is the centerpiece of an eight ship Battle Group which includes the Guided Missile Cruisers USS COWPENS (CG 63), USS LEAHY (CG 16) and USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32); the Frigate USS JARRETT (FFG 33), the Replenishment Ship USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) and the attack submarines USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) and USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724). The Battle Group is commanded by RADM Philip Coady, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE. CAPT Terry Sheffield, Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN, and CAPT Frederic Ludwig, Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN are also embarked. Additionally, on this day, the ship conducts a Burial at Sea Ceremony for LT Robert Stevenson, III, USN (Ret), GMM2 Victor Balch, USN (Ret), and CPL Seymour Schweiger, USA (Ret).

x. On 18 November, USS KITTY HAWK outchops COMTHIRDFLT and inchops into COMSEVENTHFLT's Area of Responsibility.

y. On 22 November, An F/A-18A Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 97 (VFA-97) impacted the water following a night carrier catapult launch. The pilot successfully ejected prior to the plane entering the water and was rescued by an SH-60F Helicopter from Helo Anti-Submarine Squadron FOUR. The pilot was not injured.

z. On 25 November, USS KITTY HAWK is anchored in the Port of Hong Kong for a five-day port visit. It is KITTY HAWK's first port visit of the deployment. More than 1200 people are given tours of the ship from 27 - 29 November. KITTY HAWK also hosts a reception on board 28 November for more than 200 people of the Hong Kong Government and local business community.

aa. On 30 November, USS KITTY HAWK is underway, en route to the Republic of Singapore.

bb. On 5 December, USS KITTY HAWK is anchored in the Port of Singapore for a five-day port visit. More than 600 people are given tours of the ship from 5 - 7 December. KITTY HAWK also hosts a diplomatic reception on board in honor of Mr. John Huntsman, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore.

cc. On 10 December, CAPT Michael McCamish, USN, relieves CAPT Frederic Ludwig, Jr., USN, as Commander, Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN. CAPT McCamish last served as Deputy Director of Navy Program Appraisal on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. USS KITTY HAWK is underway, en route to turnover with USS RANGER in the Indian Ocean.

dd. On 18 December, USS KITTY HAWK relieves USS RANGER off the Coast of Somalia, and inchops into USCINCCENT Area of Responsibility. KITTY HAWK joins other multi-national forces in "Operation RESTORE HOPE," a United Nations effort to instill a secure environment for relief operations to occur in the famine stricken country of Somalia.

ee. On 20 December, USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN participate in the amphibious assault by U.S. Marines, and Belgian Paratroopers, on Somalia's southern port city of Kisamayu. Jet aircraft from Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN make several show of force flyovers, then conduct reconnaissance and on call close air support missions in support of the amphibious forces.

ff. On 22 December, USS KITTY HAWK's Marine Detachment is sent in to Somalia's southern port city of Mogadishu to provide security for the unloading of food from relief ships. Additionally, E-2C aircraft from KITTY HAWK team with Air Traffic Controllers on board USS LEAHY and Marine Controllers on the ground to direct incoming relief flights into Southern Somalia.

gg. On 24 December, USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN provide close air support and reconnaissance for Marine Forces securing the Somali city of Oddur.

hh. On 25 December, USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN provide close air support and reconnaissance for Multi-National Forces securing the Somali city of Bardera.

ii. On 26 December, USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN provide close air support and reconnaissance for Multi-National Forces securing the Somali city of Gialalassi.

jj. On 27 December, USS KITTY HAWK is ordered to detach from Operation RESTORE HOPE and proceed at best speed to the Arabian Gulf. KITTY HAWK's abrupt detachment is in reaction to recent incursions by Iraqi Aircraft into the United Nations designated "No Fly" zone in Southern Iraq. Accompanying KITTY HAWK on the transit north are the USS SACRAMENTO and USS LEAHY.

kk. On 31 December, USS KITTY HAWK transits the Straits of Hormuz and into the Arabian Gulf to to assume responsibilities associated with Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.