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1. Per the reference, enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) FOR 1988

1 January finds USS KLAKRING in homeport, Charleston, South Carolina enjoying the holiday standdown period.

4 January Intermediate Maintenance Availability with SIMA Charleston begins.

9 January USS KLAKRING ship's party held at Hotel Francis Marion, Charleston, SC.

11 January Habitability ILS Assessment, and Ordnance Equipment Condition Review.

18 January Prospective Commanding Officer CDR Dennis J. VanBuskirk arrives.

22 January CDR VanBuskirk relieves CDR James M. Coon as Commanding Officer.

25 January underway for Naval Weapons Station Charleston. Offload ordnance in preparation for drydocking.

26 January underway for Jacksonville Shipyards for drydocking.

27 January arrive Jacksonville, Florida: prepare for drydocking.

1 February USS KLAKRING enters drydock.

2 February back out of drydock.

3 February reenter drydock.

16 February Prospective Executive Officer LCDR James D. Winter, USN arrives.

22 February undocking.

23 February Training and Readiness Evaluation Team arrives onboard for assessment of USS KLAKRING'S preparations for Interim Refresher Training.

26 February Supply Management Inspection team comes aboard for an informal assist visit.

29 February begin week-long COMNAVSURFLANT Sewage Disposal Improvement Program visit.

1 March conduct "fast cruise" evolutions in preparation for post-drydock sea trials and Gas Turbine Engineering Mobile Training Team visit.

2 March EMTT arrival; we begin cold and hot checks on engineering plant.

7 March conduct burial at sea prior to arrival at Naval Weapons Station, Charleston for weapons onload.

8 March attend Antisubmarine Warfare Forum, Charleston, SC

9 March underway for and arrive Naval Station, Charleston.

11 March conduct awards ceremony onboard.

14 March embark COMDESRON SIX.

16 March COMDESRON SIX shifts pennant. Attend COMCRUDESGRU TWO Intelligence Seminar.

17 March attend MK 92 Readiness Seminar in Charleston.

21 March underway for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for Interim Refresher Training. USS KLAKRING assigned to Task Group 43.2.

24 March arrive Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. CAPT Johnson, Commander, Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, arrives onboard for brief.

25 March commence Interim Refresher Training. Conducted daily operations associated with training requirements.

13 April conduct underway replenishment with USNS TRUCKEE.

19 April conduct Combat Systems Operational Readiness Examination in coordination with USS MILLER.

21 April commence engineering ORE.

22 April complete IREFTRA; underway for Mayport, Florida.

26 April arrive Naval Station, Mayport, FL.

28 April commence Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Underway for Charleston, SC.

29 April return to homeport after successful completion of OPPE.

02 May underway for Jacksonville, FL OPAREA for helicopter landing qualifications with Helicopter Antisubmarine (Light) Squadron 46 Det .

06 May conduct helo and shipboard ASW exercises at Autec torpedo range.

07 May conduct ship self radiated noise monitoring in the morning upon completion of ASW exercises. Depart Autec enroute to port visit in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

08-13 May enjoy long awaited port visit in Fort Lauderdale.

13 May underway for St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands. We conduct gunnery, missle, Electronic warfare, engineering casualty control, and a variety of helo exercises enroute.

18 May refuel at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico. Underway for and arrive in St. Thomas.

21 May depart St. Thomas after more sun drenched liberty. Enroute to AFWTF Range, St. Croix, USVI.

23 May brief stop for fuel in Roosevelt Roads.

25 May conduct awards ceremony onboard enroute to homeport.

26 May helo flies off for Jacksonville. Remainder of air det remains on board for departure in Charleston.

27 May arrive pier-side NAVSTA Charleston.

1 June thirty students from Bowman Elementary School enjoy an exciting visit to USS KLAKRING.

4 June KLAKRING continues to entertain and educate as twenty Delayed Entry Program personnel from Rockingham, North Carolina and twenty-six NJROTC Cadets from Iraquois High School, Louisville, Kentucky tour the ship.

13 June onload U.S. Coast Guard Rigid Inflatible Boat in preparation for Caribbean Law Enforcement Operations.

14 June underway with Coast Guard Detachment onboard for LEO Ops. Conduct burial at sea. Helo fly-on for DLQs/RLQs.

18 June arrive Mayport, FL to onload helo det. Underway for Miami, FL.

19 June arrive in Miami for onload of remainder of Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment equipment and personnel. Ship Control and Combat Systems Departments engage Engineering, Supply, CPOs, and Officers in titanic gridiron struggle.

22 June underway for Caribbean with COGARD and Helo detachments for record setting LEDET Operation.

27 June moor at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for refueling.

1 July moor Roosevelt Roads for fuel.

5 July conduct precision anchorage.

8 July stop at Roosevelt Roads for fuel and detaching of Coast Guard personnel. Underway for Charleston.

9 July Fourth of July steel beach picnic and fantail skeet shoot.

13 July arrive in homeport Charleston.

24 July proudly serve as host ship for USS SAMUEL ELLIOT MORRISON upon her return from deployment.

25 July commence three day Supply Management Inspection. Conduct week-long Combat Systems training utilizing 20B5 van.

26 July begin formal preparations for upcoming Command Inspection. Make presentation of gifts collected for My Sister's House, a local shelter for battered women.

1 August KLAKRING visited by 3-M Assist Team from Readiness Support Group, Charleston.

6 August KLAKRING takes on USS DEWERT in softball challenge '88.

9 August undergo Harpoon Tactical Qualification.

11 August receive Aviation Assist Visit to help prepare for Aviation Certification.

16 August underway for helo squadron landing qualification in Jacksonville, FL OPAREA. We conduct numerous drills and exercises including Full Power and Economy Trials, a CIWS firing, a Torpedo Exercise, a towed sled 76mm gun shoot, and burial at sea.

20 August stop briefly in Mayport, FL to embark Helo det dependents for day cruise.

24 August Arrive homeport after extremely high tempo helo operations.

26 August we invite families and friends aboard for a sunny day-cruise off the coast of South Carolina.

29 August Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I begins in homeport.

02 September complete CSRR Phase I.

06 September hold arrival conference for three week long Intermediate Maintenance Availability and begin Ships Maintenance Material Management Inspection.

07 September commence COMDESRON SIX Command Inspection.

09 September change Operational Control from COMNAVSURFLANT to COMSECONDFLT.

15 September demonstrate aviation capabilities for Aviation Readiness Examination.

24 September enjoy end of summer Command picnic at Short Stay recreation facility.

26 September begin second phase of Combat Systems Readiness Review.

27 September undergo JOTS 5.0 installation and conduct associated training. Hold Selected Restricted Availability brief with PERACRUDES representatives.

07 October underway to Charleston OPAREA for Anti Air Warfare Operational Readiness Examination; return to port upon conclusion.

12 October underway for MEFEX 1-89 with USS OBANNON, USS DEWERT, and USS HAWES. Conduct astern refueling with USNS TRUCKEE.

13 October begin operational exercises conducted throughout MEFEX.

16 October refuel alongside USS CALOOSAHATCHEE.

18 October unrep with USS CALOOSAHATCHEE.

19 October we become an oiler for a day and refuel USS PEGASUS.

22 October unrep with USS CALOOSAHATCHEE. Anchor off Vieques Island.

27 October conduct flight operations with U. S. ARMY helicopters.

28 October conclude MEFEX with U. S. COAST GUARD opposed approach to Charleston harbor, avoid attacking craft and arrive pierside in homeport.

31 October welcome Engineering Mobile Training Team for check of KLAKRING'S Engineering readiness.

01 November underway for Charleston OPAREA to conduct Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises associated with MTT visit.

04 November return to Charleston Naval Station after conclusion of MTT drills.

08 November attend Navy Investigative Service Terrorist Brief.

15 November contractor polishes KLAKRING'S screw.

17 November award Surface Warfare Officer designation to LT Chris Deloach and LT Jimmy Green.

22 November CINCLANTFLT Deputy Inspector General, CAPT Shrenkengaust, arrives for a close look at KLAKRING'S damage control capabilities.

30 November onload Crypto van in preparation for Mideast deployment. while several members of Team Klakring visit a local elementary school to demonstrate the many jobs performed onboard a navy warship.

01 December attend MEF briefs at COMDESRON SIX conference room.

02 December underway for predeployment dependents cruise. Receive word that USS KLAKRING has been removed from MEF deployment.

03 December enter ready ship status.

21 December conduct the final awards ceremony and personnel inspection of the year onboard.

25 December we enjoy a surprise Christmas at home.

28 December conduct safety standdown.

31 December USS KLAKRING ends 1988 in homeport, Charleston, South Carolina.