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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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### MISSION:

The mission of the FFG-7 Class ship is to provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups and other military shipping against subsurface, air and surface threats, as well as anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-surface warfare (ASUW) and anti-submarine warfare (ASW) self defense. FFG-7 class ships can also contribute to Carrier Battle Group (CVBG) operations and defense. The addition of the SQQ-89 system to Flight Four FFG-7 Class ships, like the KAUFFMAN, give them state of the art capability against the subsurface threat.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

Immediate Senior In Command: Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six

Commanding Officer: CDR James F. Deppe, USN

Home Port: Newport, Rhode Island

Aircraft Assigned: HSL 46, Det One  
(CUTLASS 460, 466 from Mar-Sep)  
(CUTLASS 465 from Oct-Dec)

Executive Officer: Jan-Jul LCDR Richard L. Page, USNR  
Jul-Dec LCDR Kevin P. Denham, USN

Chief Engineer: LT John Fatigate, USN

Combat Systems Officer: Jan-Feb LT James D. Hendricks, USN  
Feb-Dec LT Jeff Harvey, USN

Operations Officer: Jan-Jul LT David King, USN  
Jul-Dec LT David Dickison, USN

Support Officer: Jan-Sep LT Jay Davis, USNR  
Sep-Dec LT Robert St. John, USN

**USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)**

**COMMAND HISTORY**

**1993**

01 JAN-03	JAN	INPORT NEWPORT, RI
04 JAN-05	JAN	UNDERWAY ENROUTE GENERAL SHIP CORPORATION SHIPYARD, BOSTON, MA
05 JAN-26	JAN	INPORT GENERAL SHIP CORPORATION SHIPYARD
05 JAN		ENTER DRYDOCK
26 JAN		DEPART DRYDOCK/SHIPYARD
27 JAN		ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
28 JAN		UNDERWAY FOR EARLE, NJ
29 JAN		ARRIVE EARLE, NJ FOR AMMO ONLOAD DEPART EARLE, NJ
30 JAN		ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
31 JAN-02	FEB	INPORT, NEWPORT, RI
03-11	FEB	FLEETEX 2-93
09-11	FEB	COMBAT SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT, NARRAGANSETT BAY OPAREA
11 FEB		ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
12 FEB-10	MAR	PRE-OVERSEAS MOVEMENT PERIOD
11 MAR-		DEPLOYED MEDITERANNEAN (MED 2-93)
31 MAR-02	APR	PORT VISIT DURRES, ALBANIA
02-05	APR	PORT VISIT CORFU, GREECE
07 APR		TRANSIT TURKISH STRAITS
08-11	APR	PORT VISIT CONSTANTA, ROMANIA
11-15	APR	PORT VISIT BURGAS, BULGARIA
16 APR		TRANSIT BOSPORUS STRAITS
16-21	APR	PORT VISIT ISTANBUL, TURKEY
21 APR		TRANSIT DARDANELLES
22-28	APR	PORT VISIT ATHENS, GREECE
29 APR-24	MAY	OPS ADRIATIC SEA
25 MAY-01	JUN	IMAV WITH USS SHENANDOAH AUGUSTA BAY, SICILY
02 JUN-18	JUN	OPS ADRIATIC SEA
18 JUN-21	JUN	ENROUTE RED SEA
21 JUN		TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL
22 JUN		TURNOVER WITH USS NICHOLAS
22 JUN-08	JUL	MARITIME INTERDICTION OPS, NORTH RED SEA
09 JUL-13	JUL	PORT VISIT, HURGHADA EGYPT
14 JUL-26	JUL	MARITIME INTERDICTION OPS, NORTH RED SEA
27-29	JUL	PORT VISIT, HURGHADA EGYPT
30 JUL		ENROUTE, JEDDAH SAUDI ARABIA
31 JUL		INPORT, JEDDAH SAUDI ARABIA
01-03	AUG	UNDERWAY, EXERCISE INDIGO SERPENT
04 AUG		INPORT, JEDDAH SAUDI ARABIA
05 AUG		ENROUTE, NORTH RED SEA
06-08	AUG	MARITIME INTERDICTION OPS, NORTH RED SEA
08-11	AUG	PORT VISIT HURGHADA EGYPT

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12-17 AUG	MARITIME INTERDICTION OPS, NORTH RED SEA
18 AUG	ENROUTE SUEZ CANAL
19 AUG	TRANSIT SUEZ CANAL
20 AUG-24 AUG	TRANSIT MED
25-28 AUG	IN PORT MALAGA, SPAIN
28 AUG	TRANSIT STRAITS OF GIBRALTER
29 AUG-04 SEP	TRANSIT ATLANTIC
31 AUG-02 SEP	OPERATIONAL PROPULSION PLANT EXAM
05 SEP	EMBARK TIGERS, BERMUDA
05-07 SEP	ENROUTE NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND
08 SEP	ARRIVE NEWPORT, R.I.
09 SEP-27 OCT	INPORT NEWPORT, R.I.
28 OCT-31 OCT	TRANSIT TO ROOSEVELT ROADS, P.R.
01 NOV	BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL, ROOSEVELT ROADS, P.R.
02 NOV-08 NOV	INPORT, ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO
09-28 NOV	COUNTER DRUG OPS, CARIBBEAN
29 NOV-02 DEC	INPORT, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS
02 DEC-06 DEC	COUNTER DRUG OPERATIONS, CARIBBEAN
07 DEC-11 DEC	SUBMARINE SERVICES, AUTEK, BAHAMAS
10 DEC	SHIPBOARD RADIATED NOISE MEASUREMENTS, AUTEK
14-15 DEC	AMMO OFLOAD, CHARLESTON, S.C.
16 DEC	IN TRANSIT NEWPORT, R.I.
17 DEC	ARRIVE NEWPORT, R.I.
18-31 DEC	INPORT NEWPORT, R.I.

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USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)

1993: A YEAR IN REVIEW

USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59), commanded by Commander James F. Deppe, began 1993 in the General Ship Corporation Drydock in Boston, Massachusetts, completing a restricted availability maintenance period. After loading ammunition in Earle, New Jersey, KAUFFMAN participated in FLEETEX 2-93 in the Caribbean, and completed a Combat Systems Assessment to successfully certify her combat systems equipment and operators for deployment.

After a brief preparation period in Newport, KAUFFMAN departed on 11 March as part of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Carrier Battle Group deploying to the Mediterranean Sea (MED 2-93). Upon arrival in the Mediterranean, KAUFFMAN continued in to the Adriatic Sea as part of the U.S. CVBG supporting OPERATION DENY FLIGHT. For her first port visit, KAUFFMAN had the honor of being the second U.S. Navy ship to visit Durres, Albania since World War II. Following a visit to Corfu, Greece, KAUFFMAN transited the Turkish Straits and entered the Black Sea for visits to Constanta, Romania, and Burgas, Bulgaria. While visiting ports in the Black Sea, KAUFFMAN hosted numerous receptions for military and civilian officials from these formerly Communist nations. Easter was spent with underway services in the Black Sea.

KAUFFMAN then visited Istanbul, Turkey, for one week of liberty. The month of May was spent operating as part of the NATO Standing Naval Forces, Mediterranean squadron (STANAVFORMED) off the coast of Croatia and Serbia. While there, she boarded three merchant vessels in support of United Nations OPERATION MARITIME GUARD. After a brief maintenance availability with USS SHENANDOAH (AD 44) in Augusta Bay, Sicily, KAUFFMAN returned to duties with STANAVFORMED in the Adriatic Sea.

On 21 June, KAUFFMAN transited the Suez Canal enroute to the Northern Red Sea. During the next two months, she boarded 80 vessels while enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq. While in the Red Sea, KAUFFMAN enjoyed three port visits to Hurghada, Egypt and one to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. During this time, KAUFFMAN also participated in Exercise Infinite Shadow with the Royal Jordanian Naval Forces and Exercise Indigo Serpent with the Royal Saudi Naval Forces.

On 19 August, KAUFFMAN transited the Suez Canal, beginning her return trip back to Newport. The last port visit of Med 2-93 was spent in Malaga, Spain, where crewmembers were provided 5 days of relaxing liberty. In the ensuing transit home, KAUFFMAN successfully completed a short-notice Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) and propulsion plant operations were certified for two more years.

The last leg of the journey home started in Bermuda, where KAUFFMAN stopped briefly to embark 58 civilian guests for a

"Tiger" Cruise. The Tiger Cruise allowed friends and family members to get first hand experience of shipboard life. KAUFFMAN returned to Newport on September 8 and remained inport for maintenance until the end of October. On October 28, KAUFFMAN sortied Newport to conduct Counter-Drug Operations in the Caribbean Sea as part of Joint Task Force FOUR, RADM G.N.Gee commanding.

During the next 5 weeks, KAUFFMAN patrolled widely through the Caribbean Sea with a single helicopter embarked (HSL 46 Det 1) as well as a U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET 7J). Throughout counter-drug operations, KAUFFMAN's LEDET boarded eight vessels and on 25 November, KAUFFMAN's LEDET discovered a Colombian stowaway and 35 kilograms of cocaine during a boarding of the Greek-flagged merchant vessel *Agios Nektarios*. The vessel was escorted to San Juan, Puerto Rico where the stowaway and the contraband narcotics were turned over to U.S. Federal authorities. On 7 November, KAUFFMAN's Inport Rescue and Assistance Team responded to a request for assistance from the Argentine frigate ARA GRANVILLE, who suffered salt-water and diesel fuel flooding in her main engine room. Personnel from KAUFFMAN were able to temporarily patch the leak and dewater the space which had filled with 14 feet of oily water. A short ceremony was held on board KAUFFMAN the following morning where the Commanding Officer presented Navy Achievement medals to KAUFFMAN's Damage Control Assistant, LT Edward G. Gernat, USN and

the Leading Damage Controlman, DC1 Donald Cloud, USN. In total, seven Navy Achievement Medals and 27 Letters of Commendation were awarded in recognition of crewmembers who displayed exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication to duty in the GRANVILLE flooding incident. On 30 November, KAUFFMAN was conducting a visit to Bridgetown, Barbados and participated in that country's 27th Independence Day Celebration by hosting a reception onboard for nearly 100 dignitaries and local officials. Personnel from KAUFFMAN also donated much of their liberty time to help repair and paint the Barrow Children's Home in Barbados as part of a community service project.

At the completion of Law Enforcement Operations, KAUFFMAN spent three days providing surface ship services for U.S. submarines on the AUTEK Range at Andros Island, Bahamas and conducted an Anti-Submarine Warfare freeplay exercise against USS SAN JUAN (SSN 751) firing a Mk-46 Recoverable Exercise Torpedo (REXTORP) from the embarked SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter and the ship-mounted torpedo tubes.

KAUFFMAN offloaded ammunition in Charleston, South Carolina on 14-15 December in preparation for an upcoming Selected Restricted Availability, then proceeded to Newport in time to spend the Christmas holidays with family and friends.