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From: Commanding Officer, USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)  
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Subj: USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) 2004 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12J

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John P. Gelinne  
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph, CDR  
Kenneth A. Krogman  
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1. Command Data

Name of Command: Guided Missile Frigate USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)

Unit Identification Code (UIC): 21390

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer:

Gelinne, John P., Commander

Krogman, Kenneth A., Commander

Date Assumed Command:

CDR Gelinne: 01 January 2004

CDR Krogman: 31 August 2004

Permanent Location. She is homeported at Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, VA.

Organizational Structure. From 01 January 2004 to 21 May 2004, KAUFFMAN was assigned to Harry S. Truman Battle Group with Commander Destroyer Squadron Two-Six as her Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC). As of 21 May 2004, KAUFFMAN is assigned to Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group. Commander Amphibious Squadron Eight is her ISIC.

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 23 Enlisted: 222 Chief Petty Officers: 17

Command Point of Contact:

LTJG Christopher A. Torres  
Navigator

2. Commander's Assessment:

Equipped with gun systems, the latest in Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) equipment, and the capability to carry two LAMPS Mk III helicopters, KAUFFMAN has the capabilities and propulsion system to respond rapidly and effectively to support our Nation's Maritime strategy.

3. Chronology and Narrative:

- (a) 17 December 2003 to 04 January 2004. Holiday leave period.
- (b) 05 January 2004 to 09 January 2004. Supply Management Inspection of S-3 Division. During this inspection, each and every part of the Supply Department was looked at in fine detail. Each division, not including Disbursing, was dissected, analyzed and studied in order to identify deficiencies so that a detailed report could be delivered to the Commanding Officer. Significant areas looked at include: Sales divisions

and the barbershop. Record keeping including the ability to maintain accurate accountability is a key element in ensuring the divisions are maintaining solvent operations. Retail Operations scored an overall 91 percent.

- (c) 12 January 2004 to 16 January 2004. Initial Assessment (Inport Norfolk, VA). Initial Assessment (IA) is an assessment by Afloat Training Group Atlantic (ATGLANT) to see where a ship stands in watchstanding capabilities and her ability to handle casualties in the engineering plant. KAUFFMAN received an above average score in material condition. The Main Space Fire Drill was assessed as not effective. 10 out of 14 programs were assessed as effective and 4 out of 14 programs were assessed as partially effective. KAUFFMAN was allowed to continue progressing towards her Underway Demonstration.
- (d) 22 January 2004 to 23 January 2004. Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II (CART II). CART II is a comprehensive assessment of KAUFFMAN's ability to properly train her warfare areas. KAUFFMAN received a training level III in Air Warfare, FSO-M, SUW and USW; training level IV in Communications, Electronic Warfare, MOB-D and MOB-S; and training level V in Intelligence and MOB-N.
- (e) 11 February 2004 to 12 February 2004. Ammunition on-load, Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia.
- (f) 17 February 2004 to 20 February 2004. Underway Independent (Vacapes). ATGLANT riders were onboard to evaluate engineering and seamanship.
- (g) 23 February 2004 to 27 February 2004. Underway Independent (Vacapes). On 25 February Anti-Submarine Warfare exercises observed by ATGLANT are conducted; KAUFFMAN receives an overall grade of 95 percent.
- (h) 27 February 2004. KAUFFMAN notified that she received the following Command Excellence awards for her performance in 2003: Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award; Command, Control, Communications and Information Warfare Excellence Award; Supply Management Excellence Award and the TYCOM Safety Award.

- (i) 08 March 2004 to 10 March 2004. Underway Independent (Vacapes). ATGLANT riders were onboard again to evaluate engineering and seamanship. KAUFFMAN successfully completed a crew proficiency navigation assessment and was authorized for unrestricted navigation operations.
- (j) 09 March 2004. Burial at Sea ceremony conducted. The cremains of Arthur Helton, UN Official; Donald W. Layton, USN, Ret.; Arthur C. Kyle, USN, Ret.; Richard A. Dickson, USN, Ret and Melvin M. Mutchler, USAF, Ret. were committed to the sea.
- (k) 15 March 2004 to 17 March 2004. Underway Independent (Vacapes). Conducted tow/be-towed evolutions with USS MONTEREY on 16 March.
- (l) 22 March 2004 to 26 March 2004. Underway Independent (Vacapes).
- (m) 05 April 2004 to 26 April 2004. Underway for Harry S. Truman Group Sail 2004.
- (n) 06 April 2004. KAUFFMAN completed its underway demonstration with an above average adjective grade for operations and material readiness and is certified for unrestricted engineering operations and intermediate training.
- (o) 07 April 2004 to 08 April 2004. KAUFFMAN completed its Final Evaluation Problem, receiving a training level I in MOB-N, MOB-S and SUW while receiving training level II in all other warfare areas.
- (p) 29 April 2004. VBSS Phase II conducted.
- (q) 03 May 2004 to 07 May 2004. ATFP Phase II conducted.
- (r) 10 May 2001 to 04 June 2004. Continued Maintenance Availability. HF whip antenna platforms, engineering escape trunk safety nets and KAUFFMAN's Zodiac all overhauled.
- (s) 17 May 2004 to 21 May 2004. ATFP Phase III conducted.
- (t) 21 May 2004. Tactical control of KAUFFMAN shifts from Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group to Kearsarge

Expeditionary Strike Group. New KAUFFMAN ISIC is COMPHIBRON 8.

- (u) 07 June 2004 to 25 June 2004. CORTRAMID 2004. KAUFFMAN hosts three separate groups of 3/C Midshipmen. The KAUFFMAN Midshipmen take home the CORTRAMID Cup three weeks in a row during the CORTRAMID picnic. The CORTRAMID Cup is awarded to the ship that distinguishes herself in a multi-ship athletic competition, events included: Volleyball, basketball, softball and a relay race.
- (v) 08 June 2004 to 09 June 2004. Underway ISO CORTRAMID 2004.
- (w) 15 June 2004 to 16 June 2004. Underway ISO CORTRAMID 2004.
- (x) 22 June 2004 to 23 June 2004. Underway ISO CORTRAMID 2004.
- (y) 28 June 2004 to 30 June 2004. Underway Independent, enroute to Eastport, ME.
- (z) 30 June 2004 to 04 July 2004. Port visit to Eastport, Maine.
- (aa) 05 July 2004 to 07 July 2004. Underway Independent, enroute to Norfolk, VA.
- (bb) 09 July 2004. Underway ISO Friends and Family Cruise (Vacapes).
- (cc) 15 July 2004 to 22 September 2004. The Decoy Launching System (DLS) Mk 53 (NULKA) was installed, greatly enhancing KAUFFMAN's ability to defend against modern radar-guided anti-ship missiles.
- (dd) 23 August 2004 to 31 August 2004. Underway ISO Kearsarge Expeditionary Strike Group Type Commander Amphibious Training (Vacapes and Onslow Bay).
- (ee) 31 August 2004. Change of Command. CDR Kenneth A. Krogman relieved CDR John P. Gelinne as Commanding Officer of KAUFFMAN.

- (ff) 30 September 2004. Final Evaluation Problem conducted by COMPHIBRON 8. This evaluation, assisted by the Afloat Training Group Atlantic, represents the culmination of Maintenance and Unit Level Training Phases and proves KAUFFMAN's ability to conduct multiple simultaneous combat missions, support functions in an integrated environment, and survive complex casualty control situations under stressful situations. KAUFFMAN achieved an overall score of xxx.
- (gg) 25 October 2004 to 27 October 2004. Underway ISO Kearsarge ESG Groupsail (Vacapes).
- (hh) 1 November 2004 to 3 November 2004. Search and Rescue (SAR) Evaluation Phase I conducted. The first of two phases, this event evaluates KAUFFMAN's two SAR swimmers through various practical performance tests during night and day operations.
- (ii) 2 November 2004. Aviation Assist Visit (AAV).
- (jj) 12 November 2004. Search and Rescue (SAR) Evaluation Phase II satisfactorily completed, certifying KAUFFMAN's two SAR swimmers.
- (kk) 15 November 2004 to 23 November 2004. Underway ISO COMPHIBRON 8 26<sup>th</sup> MEU Integrated Training (Cherry Point Op Area).
- (ll) 6 December 2004 to 10 December 2004. Fleet Information Warfare Center (FIWC) conducted Computer Network Defense training in conjunction with KAUFFMAN's Automated Data Processing personnel.
- (mm) 6 December 2004 to 8 December 2004. Aviation Facility Certification Inspection (AVCERT) completed, certifying KAUFFMAN's flight deck and facilities for all future air operations during this biannual inspection.
- (nn) 14 December 2004. KAUFFMAN completed Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ).
- (oo) 14 December 2004 to 15 December 2004. Conducted Small Boat Attack Exercise (Gulf Anchorage, Norfolk).

(pp) 16 December 2004 to 6 January 2005. Holiday leave period and upkeep.

4. Supporting Documents. Enclosures (3) through (14) are provided per reference (a) and contain the following information therein:

(a) Major Exercise Reports

(b) Reports on performance of weapons systems, major projects or material

5. Published Documents. Enclosures (1), (2), (16) and (17) are provided per reference (a) and contain the following information therein:

(a) Biography and photograph of Commanding Officer

(b) Change of Command Brochure

(c) Welcome Aboard Brochure

6. Photographs. Enclosure (15) is provided per reference (a) and contains the following information therein:

(a) Ship's Photograph

  
K. A. KROGMAN

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