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Encl: (1) USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) Command History for 1988

1. Per references (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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BASIC HISTORY

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND MISSION

USS SAFEGUARD is a diving and salvage ship based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, under the control of Service Squadron FIVE. Lieutenant Commander Michael J. O'Moore, USN, was in command throughout the calendar year. Lieutenant Commander Jeffrey B. McDonell, USN, was Executive Officer until 17 November when he was relieved by Lieutenant Mark T. Helmkamp, USN. The following officers also served onboard: Lieutenant Karen M. Kohanowich, USN, (Operations Officer until 16 December); Lieutenant Patrick B. McElerney, USNR, (Engineer Officer until 22 November); Lieutenant David J. Harrison, USN, (relieved as Engineer Officer 22 November); Lieutenant Lloyd G. Eukers III, USN, (First Lieutenant until 20 September); Lieutenant James B. Biles, USNR, (Supply Officer until 25 November, relieved as Operations Officer 16 December); Lieutenant David C. Austin, USNR, (Damage Control Assistant throughout the calendar year, relieved as Supply Officer 25 November); Lieutenant (junior grade) Melanie A. Knight, USNR, (Communications Officer until 3 September, relieved as First Lieutenant 20 September).

CHRONOLOGY

01 JAN Duty section brought in the new year uneventfully while moored M-2, Pearl Harbor, HI

02-03 JAN Completion of "S" availability with SIMA Pearl Harbor.

04-18 JAN Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

19 JAN Underway, ISE

20 JAN Underway ISE; UNREP exercise with USS CONSERVER (ARS 39). Return to port, moored A-7.

21-24 JAN Upkeep Pearl Harbor.

25-29 JAN Diving operations, pierside A-7.

30 JAN-02 FEB Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

03 FEB Ammunition offload, W2.

05-07 FEB Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

08-12 FEB SWTA/PCOSS Exercises. Returned to port 12 FEB. Moored B-17. Commenced defueling.

13 FEB Upkeep, Pearl Harbor. Completed defueling.

14-15 FEB Upkeep, Pearl Harbor. Command Picnic 15 FEB.

16 FEB-15 APR Planned Maintenance Availability (PMF). Command inspection conducted by COMSERVRON FIVE.

MILESTONES:

16 FEB - Crew moved into BEQ.
 22 FEB - Firemain secured.
 23 FEB - CHT secured.
 25 FEB - Steam and Potable water secured.
 28 MAR - Steam and potable water reactivated.
 29 MAR - Firemain and CHT reactivated.
 30 MAR - Crew moved back onboard.
 12 APR - Fast cruise.
 13 APR - Sea trials.
 15 APR - Completed PMF.

15 APR Commenced "R" availability.

16-18 APR Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

19-20 APR Supply Management Assessment.

22 APR Ammunition onload, W-2. Moored B-16.

23-25 APR Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

26-29 APR Upkeep, Pearl Harbor. 3M Inspection. Completed "R" availability 29 APR.

30 APR-20 MAY Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

03 MAY Underway, ISE.

04-05 MAY Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

06 MAY Shifted berths form B-16 to B-20.

07-08 MAY Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

09-26 MAY Underway, QWAST/BARSTAR hydrophone inspection. Moored B-20 26 May.

27 MAY Shifted berth to B-26, outboard USS HAROLD E HOLT .

28 MAY-06 JUN Upkeep, Pearl Harbor. Material/Personnel Inspection by COMSERVRON FIVE on 3 JUN completed Command Inspection.

07 JUN Underway, ISE. Anchored ammo anchorage for anti-swimmer defense drill.

08 JUN Underway, ISE. VERTREP training with HCL 37. Anchored reef runway anchorage. Underway, received target sled. Provided target towing services.

09 JUN Moored A-7.

10-19 JUN Upkeep, Pearl Harbor. CSRT conducted by NAVSEASYSKOM 13-17 JUN.

20-24 JUN Underway, RAN/RAAF Harpoon Target Services. Performed towing service of YF-866 and YOG-79 target ships. Moore A-7 24 JUN.

25-28 JUN Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

29 JUN-01 JUL Underway, RIMPAC SEPCOPS NSW Operations. Moored A-7 1 JUL.

02-25 JUL Upkeep, Pearl Harbor.

06-08 JUL Underway, RIMPAC SPECOPS.

09 JUL Moor F-12 for equipment offload. Underway and moored B-15.

10-17 JUL "R" availability.

18 JUL Underway, moored F-13 to connect towing bridle ex-USS COUCAL. Underway with tow.

19 JUL-08 AUG Towing services for CNO Project K-310. Moored S-4 08 AUG.

09 AUG Shifted berths to B-15.

09 AUG-01 SEP "R" availability.

02 SEP Underway. Moored W-2 for ammunition onload. Underway, full power run. Enroute San Diego, CA.

03-09 SEP Enroute San Diego, CA.

10 SEP Arrived San Diego, CA. Moored Pier 1 Berth 15.

11 SEP Upkeep, San Diego, CA.

12-13 SEP Underway, support services for MK 48 Service Weapon Test.

14 SEP Return to port. Moored Pier 1 Berth 15.

15-20 SEP Upkeep, San Diego, CA.

21-22 SEP Enroute San Francisco, CA.

23 SEP Arrived San Francisco. Moored Pier 1 Berth 4, Treasure Island.

24-25 SEP Inport, San Francisco for liberty.

26-27 SEP Enroute San Diego, CA.

28 SEP Arrived, San Diego. Moored Pier 1 Berth 15.

29 SEP-01 OCT Upkeep, San Diego, CA.

03-15 OCT Enroute Pearl Harbor with ex-USS BRADLEY and YFN 1272 in tow.

16 OCT Arrived Pearl Harbor. YFN disconnected in stream, vicinity bouys 1 and 2. Moored F-12 to disconnect ex-USS BRADLEY. Switch berths to M-1. Prospective CSR-5 onboard for visit.

17-31 OCT "R" availability.

01 NOV ISE, OPPE preps. Moored A-7.

02-03 NOV ISE, OPPE preps. Moored A-7 03 NOV.

04-06 NOV Inport, fast cruise, MTT visit.

07-13 NOV Upkeep Pearl Harbor.

14-15 NOV Successfully passed the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE).

16-20 NOV Upkeep Pearl Harbor.

21 NOV J.O. shiphandling competition.

22-27 NOV Upkeep Pearl Harbor.

28 NOV-01 DEC Anchored OPAREA SP for DIVEOPS/Master Diver Evaluations. Moored A-7 01 DEC.

02-05 DEC Upkeep Pearl Harbor.

06-07 DEC Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

08 DEC Inport Pearl Harbor.

09 DEC Ammunition onload W-3. Moored A-7.

10-11 DEC Inport Pearl Harbor.

12-14 DEC Underway local OPAREAS for FORAC range array repair.

15-18 DEC Upkeep Pearl Harbor.

19-31 DEC Holiday Leave and Upkeep.

NARRATIVE HISTORY

The USS SAFEGUARD's (ARS 50) primary operational duties in her homeport of Pearl Harbor, HI are providing diving and salvage services to the fleet as necessary and providing towing and support services. SAFEGUARD did not have a chance to exhibit her expertise in her primary mission of diving and salvage, however, she had many opportunities throughout the year to provide towing and support services.

The new year found SAFEGUARD at "Mike" piers completing an "S" availability with SIMA. The month of January and half of February had the SAFEGUARD On several short ISE's and upkeep periods with preparations gradually being made for the upcoming Planned Maintenance Availability (PMF). On the 16th of February, SAFEGUARD started the PMF which was conducted at Pier "B-16" in conjunction with Honolulu Shipyard Industries and SIMA. This was a period during which the crew moved off the ship since the major habitability systems were secured for repair. A successful sea trial on the 13th of April led to the conclusion of the yard period which officially ended on the 15th. SAFEGUARD underwent an "R" availability to complete minor repairs left unfinished after the PMF. During this timeframe, SAFEGUARD also successfully completed a Command inspection and a Supply Management Assessment.

May saw the start of many special operations performed by SAFEGAURD that continued throughout the year. From the 19th to the 26th of May, SAFEGUARD was utilized as the surface platform for the QAST/BARSTUR hydrophone inspection in the PMRF off Kauai, HI. RIMPAC 88 occurred in June and July in the Hawaiian OPAREAS. During this time, SAFEGUARD demonstrated her fleet support capability by providing target towing services for the RAN/RAFF Harpoon exercise from the 20th to the 24th of June, being utilized as the surface support platform for the RIMPAC COMBAGEX NSW Operations from the 29th of June to the 18th of July and finally providing target towing services for the ex-USS COUCAL during CNO Project K-310 from the 18th of July until the 8th of August. From the 9th of August to the 1st of September SAFEGUARD completed an "R" availability at Pearl Harbor during which she completed preparations for her two month trip to San Diego, CA.

On the 2nd of September, SAFEGUARD departed for San Diego where she performed several fleet support services. The first of these took place on the 12th and 13th of September, only two days after arriving in San Diego, as SAFEGUARD provided support and target deployment and recovery services for a MK 48 service Weapons Test. From the 21st to the 27th, SAFEGUARD traveled North to San Francisco where the crew participated in along awaited R&R weekend. After this, it was back to San Diego for final preparations for the towing of the ex-USS BRADLEY and FYN 1272 to Pearl Harbor. SAFEGUARD got underway with her tows on the 3rd of October and arrived in Pearl Harbor on the 16th.

The remainder of October had SAFEGUARD In another "R" availability. The first week of November brought on the final preparations for SAFEGUARD's upcoming Operational Propulsion plant Examination (OPPE). The OPPE was successfully conducted on the 14th and 15th of November. SAFEGUARD was in an upkeep period through the 21st of November when she go underway for one day for Junior Officer Shiphandling Competition. This was followed by another brief inport period through the 27th of November. From the 28th of November

to the 1st of December, SAFEGUARD was anchored of Oahu for diving operations during which Master Diver Evaluation Training was conducted. SAFEGAURD underwent a Training Readiness Evaluation (TRE) on the 7th and 8th of December. This was followed by an ammunition onload at West Loch on the 9th. SAFEGUARD's last underway period of the year was for FORACS range array repair from the 12th to the 14th. The rest of 1988 saw SAFEGAURD involved in training and preparations for the upcoming Interim Refresher Training (IRFT) in January 1989.