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USS KAUFFMAN — (FFG 59)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)  
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Via: Commander, Naval Surface Group Four  
Subj: Command History for Calendar Year 1988  
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D  
Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Photo of Ship, photo of Commanding Officer,  
Welcome aboard pamphlet  
(4) Refresher Training Weekly SITREPS  
(5) Nomination for Safety Award containing flight  
hours, etc  
(6) Collateral Duties Listing

1. Command History for USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) is forwarded in  
accordance with reference (a)

  
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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND  
ORGANIZATION

MISSION

THE MISSION OF THE FFG-7 CLASS 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), BATTLESHIP BATTLE GROUP (BBBG), OR SURFACE ACTION GROUP (SAG) DEFENSE. THE ADDITION OF THE SQQ-89 SYSTEM TO FLIGHT FOUR FFG-7 SHIPS, LIKE THE KAUFFMAN, GIVE HER FRONT LINE CAPABILITY AGAINST THE MOST ADVANCED SUBMARINES IN THE WORLD. THIS ADDS THE MISSION OF ANTI-SUBMARINE SANITATION, PATROL, AND DELOUSING.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

IMMEDIATE SENIOR COMMAND: COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE GROUP FOUR  
COMMANDING OFFICER: CDR JOHN C. DRANCHAK, USN

HOME PORT: NEWPORT, R.I.

AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: HSL 44 DET 10 (MAGNUM 453), UNDERWAY ONLY  
DET OIC LCDR TED CHOLEY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: JAN-NOV CDR D.W. WEDDEL  
NOV-DEC LCDR A.C. ROUSE

COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER: LCDR [REDACTED]

SHIP CONTROL OFFICER: JAN-AUG LT [REDACTED]  
AUG-DEC LCDR [REDACTED]

CHIEF ENGINEER: LT [REDACTED]

SUPPLY OFFICER: JAN-DEC LT [REDACTED]  
DEC LT [REDACTED]

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

COMMANDING OFFICER

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER	SHIPS CONTROL OFFICER*	CHIEF ENGINEER	SUPPLY OFFICER	AIR DET OIC
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CS-1 DIV (OS, EW)	SC-1 DIV (QM, SM)	E-1 DIV (EM, GSE, GSM)	S-1 DIV (SK)	A-1 DIV (AT, AE, AMS AMH, AD, AW)
CS-2 DIV (STG, TM)	SC-2 DIV (RM)	E-2 DIV (EN)	S-2 DIV (MS)	
CS-3 DIV (FC, GMG, GMM)	SC-3 DIV (BM)	E-3 DIV (DC, HT)	S-3 DIV (DK, SH, YN, PN, PC)	
CS-4 DIV (ET, IC, DS)				

\*CHANGED TO OPS IN SEPT

1988 Command History  
USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)

01 Jan In Port, Newport, R.I.  
04 Jan Departed Newport for PSA BIW Bath, Maine  
05 Jan Arrived BIW for PSA  
06 Jan Industrial work began  
07 Jan Crew moved off ship  
27 Jan Ship entered drydock  
22 Mar Undocked from drydock  
11 Apr Crew moved aboard  
26 May Light Off Exam  
28 May End industrial work  
Ship finished 4100 ton modification  
RIB and SLAD replaced motor whale boat  
shock trial discrepancies corrected  
8-9 Jun Sea Trials, Boston OPAREAS  
16 Jun Sail Away  
17 Jun Arrive Newport  
20 Jun Depart Newport for Earle, NJ  
21-22 Jun Ammo Onload at NWS Earle, NJ  
23 Jun Arrive Bar Harbor, Maine for Port Visit  
24 Jun Arrive Portland, Maine for port visit  
25 Jun Tour for USS BEATTY survivors  
26 Jun Depart Portland for Halifax, NS  
27-30 Jun Port visit Halifax, NS  
01 Jul Arrive Newport  
06 Jul Dependent's Cruise  
07-08 Jul Training Readiness Evaluation  
11-14 Jul CORTRAMID VCOA/RLQs VCOA ICW USS TICONDEROGA  
and USS SOUTH CAROLINA  
15 Jul Load 2 telemetry SM-1 missiles for Vandalex at  
Earle, NJ  
15 Jul Arrive Newport  
22 Jul Change of Command Ceremony for CNSG4  
25-28 Jul CORTRAMID VCOA ICW USS TICONDEROGA and USS  
CLIFTON SPRAGUE  
28-29 Jul Vandalex VCOA  
30 Jul Arrive Newport  
08-19 Aug LAMPS Mobile Training Team  
12 Aug Death of crewmember BM3 Kerekgyarto. Petty  
Officer Kerekgyarto died instantly when the  
SLAD broke from its mount and fell on him.  
Investigation revealed a faulty weld as the  
cause.  
14 Aug Embarked HSL 44 Det 10  
12-19 Aug 20B5 Trainer  
23 Aug Departed for Guantanamo Bay, CU REFTRA  
26 Aug Stop in Mayport to load EXTORPS  
28 Aug Arrive GTMO for REFTRA

29 Aug-30 Sep REFTRA Guantanamo Bay CU  
 9-13 Sep Power Turbine changeout 1A Gas Turbine Engine  
 30 Sep Depart GTMO  
 01-03 Oct Port visit Freeport Bahamas  
 04-06 Oct ASW Exercises AUTEK ICW USS ALBEQUERQUE  
 06-07 Oct Port visit Freeport Bahamas  
 07 Oct Arrive Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 07-11 Oct First Annual Navy Appreciation Week, Ft  
 Lauderdale, FL, Tours given to over 4000  
 people  
 11 Oct En route Mayport, FL  
 12 Oct Stop in Mayport to unload HSL 44 DET 10  
 12-14 Oct En route Newport, GTMTT embarked  
 14 Oct-02 Nov Inport Newport  
 03-04 Nov OPPE (Underway NBOA 04 Nov), Above Avg Eval  
 04-14 Nov Inport Newport  
 13 Nov Embarked HSL 44 Det 10  
 17 Nov Disembarked HSL 44 Det 10  
 14-18 Nov Delta services NBOA  
 18 Nov- 31Dec Inport Newport  
 22 Nov Harpoon Certification  
 21 Nov- 31Dec IMAV Newport  
 14-15Dec Command Inspection by CNSG 4