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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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 Command: Commander, Naval Surface Group Four

Commanding Officer: Jan-Dec CDR James H. Chapman, Jr., USN
Dec CDR James F. Deppe, USN

Home Port: Newport, Rhode Island

Aircraft Assigned: HSL 46, Det One
(Cutlass 460, 465, 466, and 473)

Executive Officer: Jan-Feb LCDR Gary G. Starr, USN
Feb-Dec LCDR Richard L. Page, USNR

Chief Engineer: Jan-Mar LT [REDACTED], USN
Mar-May LT [REDACTED], USN
May-Aug LT [REDACTED], USN
Aug-Dec LT [REDACTED], USN

Combat Systems Officer: LT [REDACTED], USN

Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED], USN

Support Officer: LT [REDACTED] USNR

1992
COMMAND HISTORY
USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59)

01	JAN-05	JAN	NEWPORT, RI
	03	JAN	EMBARK HSL-46 DET 1, CUTLASS 465
06	JAN-21	FEB	COUNTER-NARCOTIC OPERATIONS - CARIBBEAN SEA
	09	JAN	BSF NAVSTA GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
			EMBARK COAST GUARD LAW ENFORCEMENT DETACHMENT
	20-21	JAN	BSF NAVSTA GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
	30	JAN	RESCUE OF MERCHANT VESSEL RAMSLI'S CREW
	05-08	FEB	PVST ST. GEORGES, GRENADA
	15	FEB	BSF NAVSTA GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
			DEBARK COAST GUARD LAW ENFORCEMENT DETACHMENT
	18	FEB	BSF MAYPORT, FL, HSL-46 DET 1, CUTLASS 465
	21	FEB	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
21	FEB-03	MAY	NEWPORT, RI
	25-27	FEB	OPPE
	30	MAR-03	INSURV
	30	APR	EMBARK HSL-46 DET 1, CUTLASS 473
04	MAY-28	MAY	OCEAN VENTURE 1992 - CHERRY POINT OP AREA
	19	MAY	BSF NORFOLK, VA
			DEBARK HSL-46 DET 1, CUTLASS 473
	22-26	MAY	PVST BERMUDA
	28	MAY	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
28	MAY-06	JUN	NEWPORT, RI
07	JUN-13	JUN	UNDERWAY FOR CORTRAMID 92
13	JUN-07	JUL	NEWPORT, RI
	22-26	JUN	INTEGRATED SUPPORT ASSESSMENT
08	JUL-15	JUL	SAIL BOSTON CELEBRATION - CHARLESTOWN, MA
	08	JUL	UNDERWAY FOR CHARLESTOWN, MA
	09-15	JUL	CHARLESTOWN, MA
	15	JUL	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
15	JUL-25	JUL	NEWPORT, RI
26	JUL-29	JUL	WEAPONS OFF-LOAD
	26	JUL	DEPENDENTS DAY CRUISE
	27-29	JUL	EARLE, NJ
			WEAPONS OFF-LOAD
	29	JUL	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
29	JUL-02	AUG	NEWPORT, RI
02	AUG-23	OCT	DSRA BATH IRON WORKS, PORTLAND, MAINE
	03	AUG	ARRIVE PORTLAND, MAINE
	06	AUG	ENTER DRYDOCK
	04	SEP	DEPART DRYDOCK
	15	SEP	COMMODORE DONNELLY PRESENTED BATTLE "E" AWARD
	02	OCT	EMCS ██████ RETIREMENT CEREMONY

21 OCT	UNDERWAY FOR SEA TRIALS
23 OCT	UNDERWAY FOR NEWPORT, RI
24 OCT	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
24 OCT-06 NOV	NEWPORT, RI
04-06 NOV	CSRR
05 NOV	EN1 [REDACTED] RETIREMENT CEREMONY
06 NOV-10 NOV	WEAPONS ON-LOAD
06 NOV	UNDERWAY FOR EARLE, NJ
09 NOV	ARRIVE EARLE, NJ
10 NOV	DEPART EARLE, NJ
10 NOV	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
10 NOV-15 NOV	NEWPORT, RI
13 NOV	EMBARK HSL-46 DET 1, CUTLASS 460 AND 466
16 NOV-10 DEC	COMPTUEX 2-93
18-22 NOV	ASWPT
23 NOV	NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT EXERCISE
24 NOV	MISSILE EXERCISE
25-27 NOV	PORT VISIT ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA
03 DEC	TORPEDO EXERCISE
09 DEC	DEBARK HSL-46 DET 1, CUTLASS 460 AND 466
10 DEC	ARRIVE NEWPORT, RI
10 DEC-31 DEC	NEWPORT, RI
18 DEC	CHANGE OF COMMAND (CDR DEPPE RELIEVES CDR CHAPMAN)

USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) - 1992 A YEAR IN REVIEW

The USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) commanded by Commander James H. Chapman, Jr. began 1992 by spending the period January 6th through February 21st underway in the Caribbean. The Battle "E" winning frigate rendered assistance to two vessels during the cruise. The first instance involved a vessel that had lost propulsion; KAUFFMAN assisted by towing the vessel over 250 miles to port in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The second occurred when the 237 foot coastal freighter RAMSLI was in danger of sinking after its cargo of cement had shifted. KAUFFMAN arrived on-scene just in time to launch her small boat and rescue the crew of eight, four pet monkeys and a dog before the vessel sank in nearly 2000 feet of water. In addition, USS KAUFFMAN represented the United States during Grenada Independence Day celebrations while in port St. George's, Grenada. KAUFFMAN crewmembers participated in a parade and several civic projects, and the ship hosted a state dinner for Admiral Edney, Commander, U.S. Forces Atlantic, the Governor General, Prime Minister and Police Commissioner of Grenada.

Upon return to homeport, KAUFFMAN successfully completed a short-notice Operational Propulsion Plant Examination on February 25th. The examination evaluated the readiness and effectiveness of the ship's engineering equipment and personnel. Following the examination, KAUFFMAN continued her preparations for the upcoming Board of Inspection and Survey which conducted an all encompassing material inspection of ship's equipment and systems from March 30th through April 3rd. Many months of hard work and preparation were rewarded as KAUFFMAN received high marks from the board.

KAUFFMAN next participated in OCEAN VENTURE 92, the largest joint operation since Operation Desert Storm, involving more than 30,000 personnel from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard. The exercise, conducted off the coast of North Carolina, was designed to demonstrate the abilities of the various service branches to operate jointly. KAUFFMAN found herself involved in operations similar to those during deployment to the Persian Gulf in 1991, including providing surface surveillance and maritime interdiction operations. KAUFFMAN capped off Ocean Venture 92 with a stop in Norfolk, VA where she embarked four NROTC Midshipmen for summer training. The Midshipmen arrived just in time to enjoy KAUFFMAN's next port visit in Bermuda from May 22nd through May 26th.

After a week in Newport, KAUFFMAN found herself involved in CORTRAMID 92 from June 7th through June 13th. This underway period involved embarking groups of Midshipmen for overnight stays onboard. The purpose was to provide tomorrow's officers with a brief look at surface ship operations.

KAUFFMAN spent the next three and a half weeks inport Newport. During this period the ship underwent the Integrated Support Assessment, a combination of a complete inspection of supply department operations and the ships Planned Maintenance System. The ship did extremely well, scoring Outstanding in all areas.

The week of July 8th through the 15th found KAUFFMAN in Boston, Massachusetts participating in SAIL BOSTON 92. Events included ship's tours for the general public, athletic events with crews from other foreign and U.S. ships and participation in a parade through the streets of Boston.

KAUFFMAN next held a dependent's day cruise on July 26th. Nearly 165 family and friends of crewmembers enjoyed a day at sea off the coast of Newport. Events during the six hour cruise included communications, damage control and ship control demonstrations and a steel beach barbecue. After dropping off the day's guests, KAUFFMAN was underway for Naval Weapons Station Earle, NJ to off-load ammunition in preparation for an upcoming shipyard period.

On August 3rd KAUFFMAN arrived at the Bath Iron Works Shipyard in Portland, Maine for a three month repair availability. The availability included four weeks in the drydock where the ship was lifted completely out of the water to accomplish maintenance on systems below the waterline. During the availability maintenance, modifications and replacements were performed on a multitude of ship's systems. After dock and sea trials KAUFFMAN was once again operational and departed the shipyard on October 23rd. While in the shipyard KAUFFMAN was visited by Commodore Donnelly, Commander Naval Surface Group Four who presented the crew with their Battle Efficiency Award for the past competitive cycle.

KAUFFMAN spent the 9th and 10th of November in Earle, NJ on-loading weapons that had been off-loaded in July. For the transit to and from Earle, KAUFFMAN embarked a total of 16 Navy Junior ROTC Cadets from The Rye High School in Rye, New York. The cadets came aboard for a look at life on a U.S. naval vessel.

The ship spent November 16th through December 9th underway for COMPTUEX 2-93 in the Puerto Rico Operations Area. Thanksgiving celebrations found the ship inport Antigua for a three day port visit.

Arriving in Newport on December 10th, KAUFFMAN began preparations for the Change of Command on December 18th in which Commander James H. Chapman, Jr. was relieved by Commander James F. Deppe. The ship spent the remainder of 1992 inport Newport, Rhode Island.