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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 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, gives the ship a state of the art advantage to be used against the subsurface threat.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

Immediate Senior In Command:

Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six (APR 87 - JAN 94)
Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two (JAN 94 - Present)

Commanding Officer: CDR James F. Deppe, USN (JAN 94 - SEP 94)
CDR David F. Britt, USN (SEP 94 - Present)

Home Port: Newport, Rhode Island (APR 87 - MAR 94)
Norfolk, Virginia (MAR 94 - Present)

Executive Officer: LCDR Kevin P. Denham, USN

Chief Engineer: LT [REDACTED], USN (JAN 93 - DEC 93)
LT [REDACTED], USN (DEC 93 - Present)

Combat Systems Officer: LT [REDACTED] USN (FEB 93 - JUN 94)
LT [REDACTED], USN (JUN 94 - Present)

Operations Officer: LT [REDACTED], USN (JUL 93 - NOV 94)
LT [REDACTED] USN (NOV 94 - Present)

Support Officer: LT [REDACTED], USN (SEP 93 - Present)

Navigation Officer: LT(jg) [REDACTED] (AUG 93 - JUL 94)
CWO2 [REDACTED] (JUL 94 - Present)

Combat Information Officer: LT [REDACTED] (JUL 93 - JUN 94)
LT [REDACTED] (JUN 94 - Present)

Communications Officer: LT(jg) [REDACTED] (DEC 91 - MAR 94)
ENS [REDACTED] (AUG 94 - Present)

First Lieutenant: LT(jg) [REDACTED] (FEB 91 - Present)

Main Propulsion Asst.: LT [REDACTED] (JUN 93 - MAY 94)

ENS [REDACTED] (MAY 94 - Present)

Auxiliaries Officer: ENS [REDACTED] (JUN 93 - MAY 94)
LT(jg) [REDACTED] (MAY 94 - Present)

Damage Control Asst: LT E [REDACTED] (JAN 93 - APR 94)
LT(jg) [REDACTED] (APR 94 - Present)

Electronic Maint. Officer: LT [REDACTED] (OCT 93 - Present)

Ordnance Officer: LT(jg) [REDACTED] (FEB 93 - MAY 94)
LT(jg) R [REDACTED] (MAY 94 - Present)

Disbursing Officer: ENS [REDACTED] (SEP 93 - Present)

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COMMAND HISTORY

1994

01 JAN - 14 FEB: IN PORT NEWPORT, RI
15 FEB - 15 APR: SELECTED RESERVE AVAILABILITY NEWPORT, RI
19 APR - 20 APR: AMMUNITION ONLOAD, EARLE, NJ
20 APR - 29 APR: IN PORT NEWPORT, RI
CART II
29 APR - 10 MAY: UPKEEP NEWPORT, RI
10 MAR - 11 MAY: EMBARK HSL 42 DET TWO
11 MAY - 13 MAY: ENROUTE TO HAITIAN OPAREA
13 MAY - 03 JUN: MARITIME INTERCEPT OPERATIONS, HAITIAN OPAREA
21 BOARDINGS COMPLETED
03 JUN - 06 JUN: ENROUTE, NORFOLK, VA;
HOMEPORT SHIFT TO NORFOLK, VA
06 JUN - 14 JUN: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
14 JUN - 17 JUN: CORTRAMID, UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA
20 JUN - 24 JUN: UNDERWAY VACAPES OPEARA, ETG ONBOARD
TSTA II
24 JUN - 28 JUN: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
28 JUN - 01 JUL: ENROUTE HAITIAN OPAREA
01 JUL - 03 JUL: UNDERWAY HAITIAN OPAREA, IN SUPPORT OF
OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY.
TRANSFER THREE U.S. ARMY KIOWA WARRIOR
HELICOPTERS ONBOARD
05 JUL - 06 JUL: RESCUED 787 HAITIAN MIGRANTS
07 JUL - 08 JUL: IN PORT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA TO TRANSFER
787 HAITIAN MIGRANTS
08 JUL - 20 JUL: UNDERWAY HAITIAN OPAREA
20 JUL - 21 JUL: TOW MOTOR VESSEL VALERIE I FROM SOUTH COAST
OF HAITI TO GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA
21 JUL - 01 AUG: UNDERWAY HAITIAN OPAREA
01 AUG - 04 AUG: ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA
04 AUG - 22 AUG: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
22 AUG - 26 AUG: UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA, ETG ONBOARD
26 AUG - 30 AUG: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
30 AUG - 02 SEP: UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA, CSTG ONBOARD
TSTA III
07 SEP - 09 SEP: CHANGE OF COMMAND AT NAUTICUS, NORFOLK, VA
CDR BRITT RELIEVES CDR DEPPE
12 SEP - 16 SEP: UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA, CSTG ONBOARD
16 SEP - 19 SEP: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
19 SEP - 23 SEP: UNDERWAY VACAPES OPAREA, ETG ONBOARD
23 SEP - 28 SEP: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
OPERATIONAL CHOP TO COMSECONDFLT
28 SEP - 29 SEP: ENROUTE MOREHEAD CITY, NC
29 SEP - 02 OCT: IN PORT MOREHEAD CITY, NC FOR THE
NORTH CAROLINA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
03 OCT - 05 OCT: ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA
CSA PREPS

05 OCT - 20 OCT: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
11 OCT - 15 OCT: LMA
20 OCT - 24 OCT: PIERSIDE NAUTICUS, NORFOLK, VA
24 OCT - 07 NOV: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
03 NOV - 04 NOV: HARPOON CERTIFICATION
07 NOV - 23 NOV: UNDERWAY IN COMPANY WITH THEODORE ROOSEVELT
BATTLE GROUP FOR COMPTUEX IN THE
PUERTO RICAN OPAREA
23 NOV - 26 NOV: IN PORT ST JOHNS, USVI
26 NOV - 05 DEC: UNDERWAY FOR COMPTUEX
05 DEC - 09 DEC: ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA, ETG ONBOARD
09 DEC - 31 DEC: IN PORT NAVSTA NORFOLK, VA
10 DEC - 18 DEC: CSRR/CSMCR/ASRR NORFOLK, VA
18 DEC - 31 DEC: OPPE PREPS, NORFOLK, VA

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1993: A YEAR IN REVIEW

USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) began 1994 pierside at the Naval Education and Training Center Newport Rhode Island, its homeport. The officers and crew of the KAUFFMAN were enjoying the holiday leave and upkeep after completing a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT BATTLE GROUP and Counter Narcotic Operations in the Caribbean. February 15, 1994 marked the beginning of a Selected Reserve Availability (SRA) which would last until mid April. KAUFFMAN made a trip to Earle, New Jersey, for ammunition for the upcoming exercises.

After an upkeep period in Newport, KAUFFMAN departed on 11 May, with HSL FOUR TWO DET TWO onboard, to the coast of Haiti to participate in the enforcement of United Nations sanctions against the military government holding power. KAUFFMAN was tasked with several Maritime Interception Operations (MIO), successfully boarding and inspecting twenty one vessels for contraband. While the ship was underway, the family members of the crew were preparing to move to Norfolk, Virginia, KAUFFMAN's new homeport. KAUFFMAN arrived to her new homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, on June 6, 1994.

Time in port was short. KAUFFMAN hosted a large number of midshipmen for CORTRAMID (Core Training for Midshipmen) and the engineering department was evaluated underway by an Engineering Training Group. One week later, 24 June, 1994, KAUFFMAN was called to return to Haiti in order to participate in OPERATION

SUPPORT DEMOCRACY. Enroute to the coast of Haiti, three United States Army KIOWA WARRIOR helicopters were embarked. On July 5, 1994, KAUFFMAN rescued migrant Haitians fleeing from their military government. Several hundred Haitians were adrift off the coast of Haiti in unseaworthy, makeshift rafts with little or no food or water and no protection from the elements. By the end of July 6, 1994, 787 migrants were onboard KAUFFMAN. KAUFFMAN then proceeded to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to transfer the Haitians and return to duty near the Southern coast of Haiti.

While on station off Haiti on July 20, 1994, KAUFFMAN investigated a suspected U.N. sanctions violator, motor vessel VALERIE I, adrift without main propulsion. KAUFFMAN towed VALERIE I to Guantanamo Bay and returned to station. The following week, KAUFFMAN returned to homeport.

Back in Norfolk, KAUFFMAN continued to prepare for the next deployment in 1995. On September 9, 1994, pierside at Nauticus, a maritime museum located in downtown Norfolk, Commander David F. Britt relieved Commander James F. Deppe and Commander Deppe was awarded his fourth Meritorious Service Medal and promoted to the rank of Captain.

KAUFFMAN again returned to her rigorous schedule of training team visits for both Engineering and Combat Systems. However, KAUFFMAN was fortunate enough to be selected to conduct a port visit to Morehead City, North Carolina to represent the United States Navy at the North Carolina Seafood Festival September 29 to October 2, 1994. The officers and crew enjoyed the first liberty port since the last deployment by sampling the great food and

savoring the warm weather. During their visit to North Carolina, KAUFFMAN's crew guided approximately 3000 people on tours of the ship.

Upon departure from North Carolina KAUFFMAN was focused on training and preparation for several upcoming examinations. The Engineering Department was preparing for the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) scheduled for early January of 1995. KAUFFMAN successfully completed a Logistic Management Assessment in October and was able to certify the reliability the HARPOON anti-ship missile engagement equipment and engagement planning process.

In November, KAUFFMAN, with HSL FOUR TWO DET SEVEN embarked, left Norfolk in company with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT BATTLE GROUP for COMPTUEX 95. This comprehensive and difficult training exercise tested all the abilities of KAUFFMAN in coordinated battle group operations. Training was held around the clock and shifted from area to area. KAUFFMAN was also selected as the battle group's alternate Anti-submarine warfare commander, and was tested in a variety of drills against United States Navy submarines acting as the aggressor force. Underway, KAUFFMAN successfully engaged a VANDAL drone with her TARTAR missile system, the only one of three FFG-7 class ships to do so. Again, during later training evolutions, KAUFFMAN achieved similar success when it engaged another remotely piloted drone with the SM-1/MK92 Fire Control System. KAUFFMAN also achieved a direct hit at a target over the horizon with a HARPOON anti-ship missile.

For Thanksgiving, the officers and crew enjoyed four days anchored off St. Johns, U.S.V.I.. This was the first time KAUFFMAN visited the island, and the crew appreciated the pleasant temperatures, the change of pace, and the exciting night life.

For the next two weeks, KAUFFMAN continued training with the battle group. KAUFFMAN practiced Naval Gunfire Support against targets located on the island of Vieques, Southeast of Puerto Rico and participated in numerous Anti-air Warfare and Electronic Warfare exercises. On December 5, 1994 KAUFFMAN began the transit to Norfolk and conducted numerous Engineering Casualty Control Exercises in preparation for the forthcoming OPPE. KAUFFMAN returned to Naval Station Norfolk on December 9, 1994.

For the month of December the entire crew of KAUFFMAN continued their efforts to improve the ship. Several different assist visits were scheduled to increase KAUFFMAN's material readiness, and improve the ship's warfighting capability. The Engineering Department continued to prepare for OPPE assisted by other departments whenever possible. Off hours the officers and crew enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends.

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