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1989

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Encl: (1) USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) Command History for Calendar
Year 1989
(2) Commanding Officer's biography and photograph

1. As directed by reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are
forwarded.

D. L. Rainey, Jr.
D. L. RAINEY, JR.

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United States Ship KITTY HAWK (CV 63) Command History for 1989

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission. USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is an aircraft carrier whose operational mission is power projection and sea lane control in support of U.S. national policy.

b. Organizational Structure.

(1) Immediate Senior in Command.

(a) Operational: Commander Task Force 41

(b) Administrative: Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

(2) Units under operational control of USS KITTY HAWK:
none.

c. Commanding Officer.

(1) Captain F. Lee Tillotson: 1 January 1989 to 27 April 1989

(2) Captain Daniel L. Rainey Jr.: 27 April 1989 to 31 December 1989

d. Homeport: Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pa.

e. Type of aircraft assigned: none.

2. Chronology.

- 1 Jan Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) overhaul continues aboard USS KITTY HAWK. CAPT F. Lee Tillotson is the Commanding Officer. The ship's administrative offices are located ashore in Building 620, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Pa.
- 23 Mar The KITTY HAWK Balance Crew Training Detachment is established. LCDR Dwight D. Lawrence is assigned as Officer in Charge.
- 27 Apr Change of Command. CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. relieves CAPT F. Lee Tillotson as Commanding Officer, USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).
- 23 Sep The KITTY HAWK Special Recruit company is sworn in amid ceremonies held at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. administers the oath of enlistment.

2. Chronology, continued.

- 4 Nov USS KITTY HAWK hosts Citizenship Day at Washington Square Park. Twenty-eight crewmen and family members are given the oath of U.S. citizenship. The Honorable John B. Hannum, U.S. District Court, presides.
- 24 Nov The KITTY HAWK Special Recruit company graduates in ceremonies held at Recruit Training Center Orlando, Fl.
- 17 Dec USS KITTY HAWK undocks from Dry Dock 5, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. The next day, the ship enters wet berth in Dry Dock 5.

3. Narrative.

a. On 1 January 1989, USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is berthed in Dry Dock 5, at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Pa. CAPT F. Lee Tillotson is the Commanding Officer. The ship is uninhabitable because of Service Life Extension Program renovations being performed. The administrative offices are located ashore in Building 620 aboard the naval shipyard.

b. On 23 March, USS KITTY HAWK's Balance Crew Training Detachment is established. The administrative office is located in Building K-BB at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. LCDR Dwight D. Lawrence is assigned as Officer in Charge.

c. On 27 April, CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. relieves CAPT F. Lee Tillotson as Commanding Officer, USS KITTY HAWK in ceremonies held aboard Naval Station Philadelphia. VADM Richard M. Dunleavy, Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, is the guest speaker. CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. reported aboard from USS SAVANNAH (AOR 4), in which he served as Commanding Officer.

d. The crew of USS KITTY HAWK increased their active participation in the Philadelphia community from the previous year, winning recognition and praise from all corners. The hallmark of KITTY HAWK community service in 1989 was the restoration of Washington Square Park, located at 6th and Walnut streets in downtown Philadelphia. After performing extensive rehabilitation work, KITTY HAWK crewmembers conducted morning colors observances there daily.

e. The crew also applied their skills and talents to the restoration of Commodore Dewey's Spanish-American War flagship, USS OLYMPIA, located at Penn's Landing near Delaware Avenue and Spruce Street in Philadelphia. The OLYMPIA is open to the public as a naval museum. The historic cruiser quickly became a favored place for KITTY HAWK reenlistment ceremonies. On 7 September, the crew was honored at a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game at Veteran's Stadium by the Philadelphia Police Athletics League. CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. threw out the first pitch. Other KITTY HAWK community honors include recognition for the ship's sponsorship of the Philadelphia Special Olympics Games.

f. On 23 September, CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. administers the oath of enlistment to KITTY HAWK's Special Recruit Company in ceremonies held at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. Seventy-four recruits are assigned to the company. On 24 November, the company graduates 59 seamen in ceremonies held at Recruit Training Center Orlando, Fl. CAPT Rainey is the reviewing officer.

g. On 4 November, USS KITTY HAWK hosts Citizenship Day ceremonies at Washington Square Park. Twenty-eight KITTY HAWK sailors and family members are given the oath of U.S. citizenship by the Honorable John B. Hannum, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

h. On 17 December, after 753 days in Dry Dock 5, KITTY HAWK undocks and moves free of the shipyard dock. The next day, KITTY HAWK re-enters Dry Dock 5, where it stayed in "wet berth" for the remainder of the year.

i. Throughout 1989, several congressional delegations, local elected officials and business leaders visited KITTY HAWK. Other distinguished visitors to the ship include VADM Peter Hekman Jr., Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, and VADM Richard Dunleavy, as Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and later as Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare).

j. On 31 December, SLEP overhaul work continues aboard USS KITTY HAWK. CAPT Daniel L. Rainey Jr. is the Commanding Officer. The ship is still uninhabitable and its administrative offices are located ashore in Building 620, Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.