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## Command Composition and Organization

1. 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.

### 2. Organizational Structure

(a) Immediate Operational Senior in Command

(1) Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1993.

(b) Immediate Administrative Senior in Command

(1) Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1993.

3. Commanding Officer. Captain James I. Maslowski, 1 January 1993 to 25 June 1993. Captain William W. Pickavance, Jr., 25 June 1993 to 31 December 1993.

4. Homeport. Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, CA, 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1993.

### 5. Type of Aircraft Assigned are as follows:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Tailcode</u>	<u>Base</u>
HS-4	SH-60F/H	NL/610 Series	NAS North Island, CA
VRC-30	C-2A	RW/030 Series	NAS North Island, CA
VF-51	F-14A	NL/100 Series	NAS Miramar, CA
VF-111	F-14A	NL/200 Series	NAS Miramar, CA
VFA-97	F/A-18A	NL/300 Series	NAS Lemoore, CA
VFA-27	F/A-18A	NL/400 Series	NAS Lemoore, CA
VA-52	A-6E	NL/500 Series	NAS Whidbey Island, WA
VAW-114	E-2C	NL/600 Series	NAS Miramar, CA
VAQ-134	EA-6B	NL/620 Series	NAS Whidbey Island, WA
VS-37	S-3B	NL/700 Series	NAS North Island, CA

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## Chronology

1. 1 Jan USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is in the Arabian Gulf, participating in Operation Southern Watch. CAPT James I. Maslowski is the Commanding Officer.
- 13 Jan USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing Fifteen team with the U.S. Air Force and other coalition Air Forces to conduct a offense strike against designated targets in Southern Iraq.
- 18 Jan USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing Fifteen provide air support for U.S. Air Force strike against designated targets in Northern Iraq.
- 23 Jan An A-6 Intruder and F/A-18 Hornet from USS KITTY HAWK are fired upon by Anti-Air Artillery batteries in Southern Iraq.
- 30 Jan USS KITTY HAWK is inport Jebel-Ali, United Arab Emirates, for a 4-day port visit.
- 3 Feb Winds gusting over 30 KTS prevent USS KITTY HAWK from leaving port in Jebel-Ali.
- 5 Feb USS KITTY HAWK is underway for the Northern Arabian Gulf.
- 28 Feb USS KITTY HAWK is inport Jebel-Ali, United Arab Emirates, for a 5-day port visit.
- 4 Mar USS KITTY HAWK is underway for the Northern Arabian Gulf.
- 13 Mar USS KITTY HAWK departs Northern Arabian Gulf en route the Straits of Hormuz.
- 14 Mar USS KITTY HAWK transits the Straits of Hormuz and departs the Arabian Gulf.
- 18 Mar USS KITTY HAWK conducts a turnover with USS NIMITZ (CVN 68).
- 26 Mar USS KITTY HAWK is inport Singapore for a 5-day port visit.
- 31 Mar USS KITTY HAWK departs Singapore for Hong Kong.
- 5 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is inport Hong Kong for a 5-day port visit.

10 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Honolulu, Hawaii.

19 Apr USS KITTY HAWK outchops from the SEVENTHFLT Area of Responsibility (AOR) and inchops the THIRDFLT AOR.

23 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is inport Honolulu, Hawaii, for a 3-day port visit.

26 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is underway for its homeport in San Diego, CA.

3 May USS KITTY HAWK returns to Naval Air Station North Island, concluding its WESTPAC deployment.

5 June USS KITTY HAWK commences a 3-month Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) inport at Naval Air Station North Island.

25 June CAPT James I. Maslowski concludes his 18-month tour as Commanding Officer of USS KITTY HAWK and is relieved by CAPT W. W. Pickavance, Jr.

1 Sept A Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART) is conducted on board to ensure the ship will be ready to maximize upcoming training opportunities.

3 Sept CART is completed. The Afloat Training Group (ATG) declares the ship is ready to proceed into basic phase training.

7 Sept USS KITTY HAWK's 3-month SRA is officially concluded.

9 Sept USS KITTY HAWK conducts 1-day Fast Cruise in preparation for getting underway.

10 Sept USS KITTY HAWK is underway for 7-days of Sea Trials.

17 Sept USS KITTY HAWK is inport at Naval Air Station North Island.

8 Oct USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Tailored Ship's Training Availabilities (TSTA), Phases I and II.

11 Oct Internal Vibrations in Number Four Main Engine force USS KITTY HAWK to return to North Island for trouble shooting and repairs, temporarily preempting TSTA training.

- 15 Oct      Removal of the 8-ton turbine casing on Number Four Main Engine reveals damage to the turbine rotor.
  
- 1 Nov        A new turbine rotor is installed and the turbine casing is bolted back on.
  
- 15 Nov      USS KITTY HAWK is underway for TSTA I and II. Carrier Air Wings 2 and 9 are conducting Carrier Qualifications.
  
- 22 Nov      TSTA I and II are completed.
  
- 23 Nov      USS KITTY HAWK is inport at Naval Air Station North Island.
  
- 1 Dec        USS KITTY HAWK is underway for TSTA Phase III training and the Final Evaluation Period (FEP).
  
- 8 Dec        USS KITTY HAWK completes TSTA Phase III and FEP.
  
- 9 Dec        USS KITTY HAWK returns to North Island to onload Training Command for Training Command Carrier Qualifications. The ship gets underway the same day.
  
- 10 Dec      USS KITTY HAWK begins Training Wing Carrier Qualifications.
  
- 15 Dec      USS KITTY HAWK is inport at Naval Air Station North Island for a 3 week holiday standown period.

## Narrative

1. 1 Jan USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is deployed, stationed in the Arabian Gulf and participating in Operation Southern Watch. The purpose of the joint operation is to enforce the United Nations designated No Fly Zone over Southern Iraq. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group Five and Carrier Air Wing Fifteen are embarked on board for the deployment.
  
- 13 Jan USS KITTY HAWK and Carrier Air Wing Fifteen team with the U.S. Air Force and other coalition Air Forces to conduct a successful power projection strike against existing command and control facilities and surface-to-air missile sites in Southern Iraq. The 35 plane strike launched from KITTY HAWK is in response to increasing Iraqi violations of United Nations resolutions.
  
- 18 Jan F-14s, EA-6Bs and E-2Cs launched from USS KITTY HAWK provide support for a U.S. Air Force strike against targets in Northern Iraq. A planned 29-plane strike from KITTY HAWK is aborted when mobile Surface-to-Air Missile targets in Southern Iraq are moved.
  
- 23 Jan One A-6 Intruder and 2 F/A-18 Hornets from USS KITTY HAWK are fired upon by Anti-Air Artillery batteries in Southern Iraq. After identifying the source of the fire, the A-6 drops a 1,000 lb on the target. All three aircraft return safely to KITTY HAWK undamaged.
  
- 30 Jan USS KITTY HAWK is inport Jebel-Ali, United Arab Emirates, for a 4-day port visit. It is the ship's first port visit in 52 days.
  
- 3 Feb Winds gusting over 30 KTS create a sand storm that prevents USS KITTY HAWK from leaving port in Jebel-Ali for 2 days.
  
- 5 Feb USS KITTY HAWK is underway for the Northern Arabian Gulf to resume Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.
  
- 28 Feb USS KITTY HAWK is inport Jebel-Ali, United Arab Emirates, for a 5-day port visit. It is the ship's last port visit in the Arabian Gulf.
  
- 4 Mar USS KITTY HAWK is underway for the Northern Arabian Gulf for its final line period in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

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- 13 Mar USS KITTY HAWK departs the Northern Arabian Gulf en route to the Straits of Hormuz.
- 14 Mar USS KITTY HAWK transits the Straits of Hormuz and departs the Arabian Gulf en route to its turnover with USS NIMITZ (CVN 68).
- 18 Mar USS KITTY HAWK conducts a turnover with USS NIMITZ, outchoping the Naval Central Command Area of Responsibility (AOR) and inchoping into the SEVENTHFLT AOR.
- 26 Mar USS KITTY HAWK arrives in Singapore for a 5-day port visit. Approximately 600 people tour the ship.
- 31 Mar USS KITTY HAWK departs Singapore for Hong Kong.
- 5 Apr USS KITTY HAWK arrives in Hong Kong for a five-day port visit. Approximately 800 people tour the ship.
- 10 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 19 Apr USS KITTY HAWK outchops the SEVENTHFLT AOR and inchops the THIRDFLT AOR.
- 23 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is inport Honolulu, Hawaii, for a 3-day port visit and embarks 500 fathers and sons for a 1 week Tiger Cruise.
- 26 Apr USS KITTY HAWK is underway for its homeport in San Diego, CA.
- 3 May USS KITTY HAWK returns to Naval Air Station North Island, concluding its WESTPAC deployment. The ship begins a 30-day stand down.
- 5 Jun USS KITTY HAWK commences a 3-month Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) inport at Naval Air Station North Island. More than 2,000 jobs, totalling approximately \$30 million, will be accomplished by ship repair companies, the local Ship's Intermediate Maintenance Activity and the KITTY HAWK crew during the availability.
- 25 Jun CAPT James I. Maslowski concludes his 18-month tour as Commanding Officer of USS KITTY HAWK and is relieved by CAPT W. W. Pickavance, Jr.
- 1 Sept Command Assessment of Readiness for Training (CART) Phase II begins a three day assessment onboard to ensure the ship will be ready to maximize upcoming training opportunities.

The Afloat Training Group evaluates USS KITTY HAWK's material and administrative readiness, training teams and approves the ship's plan for basic phase training.

- 3 Sept CART II is completed. ATG deems the ship ready to proceed into basic phase training.
- 7 Sept USS KITTY HAWK's 3-month SRA is officially concluded. More than 200,000 man days of work are completed on jobs ranging from repairs and upgrades to the ship's Engineering Plant, Combat Weapons System and Flight Deck, to habitability improvements in various work and living spaces.
- 9 Sept USS KITTY HAWK conducts a 1-day Fast Cruise in preparation for getting underway.
- 10 Sept USS KITTY HAWK is underway for 7 days of Sea Trials. During the Sea Trials, KITTY HAWK's Flight Deck and Flight Deck Team are recertified to launch and recover aircraft, and numerous drills and exercises are conducted to ensure the ship is ready to begin extensive at sea operations.
- 17 Sept USS KITTY HAWK is inport at Naval Air Station North Island.
- 8 Oct USS KITTY HAWK is underway for Tailored Ship's Training Availabilities (TSTA), Phases I and II. TSTA I emphasizes training in the areas of Navigation, Seamanship, Engineering, Damage Control and Combat Systems. TSTA II emphasizes training on flight deck operations.
- 11 Oct Internal vibrations in Number Four Main Engine force USS KITTY HAWK to return to North Island for trouble shooting and repairs, temporarily preempting TSTA training.
- 15 Oct Removal of the 8-ton turbine casing on Number Four Main Engine reveals damage to the turbine rotor. Continued trouble shooting reveals the rotor shaft is severely damaged. Further investigation indicates the damage was caused by foreign material, possibly industrial debris left from KITTY HAWK's Service Life Extension Program overhaul.
- 1 Nov A new turbine rotor is installed and the turbine casing is bolted back on.



- 15 Nov USS KITTY HAWK is underway to resume TSTA Phases I and II. Number Four Main Engine is absent of previous vibrations and runs perfectly.
- 22 Nov TSTA I and II are completed. The Afloat Training Command declares KITTY HAWK has an effective integrated training team and that all ship's training teams are capable and ready to conduct follow-on training. Assessments of individual training areas are contained in enclosure (4).
- 23 Nov USS KITTY HAWK is inport for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 1 Dec USS KITTY HAWK is underway for TSTA Phase III and the Final Evaluation Period (FEP). During TSTA III the emphasis is on more complex training exercises. During FEP the ATG makes a final determination whether the ship's training teams can plan and execute integrated ship-wide training, and whether the crew is ready to progress to more advanced levels of training. Grades of individual training areas are contained in enclosure (4).
- 8 Dec USS KITTY HAWK completes TSTA Phase III and FEP. The Afloat Training Command declares that based on observed performance during various training exercises, watchstanders in all mission areas performed at or above that expected at the conclusion of basic training.
- 9 Dec USS KITTY HAWK returns to North Island to on load the Training Command for Training Command Carrier Qualifications. The ship gets underway the same day.
- 10 Dec USS KITTY HAWK begins Carrier Qualifications (CQ) for Training Wing One, Meridian, MS, Training Wing Two, Kingsville, TX, and Training Wing Six, Pensacola, FL.
- 15 Dec USS KITTY HAWK completes the Training CQ and returns to North Island to commence a holiday standown.