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Subj: USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1993  
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents  

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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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.


5. Type of Aircraft Assigned are as follows:

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Encl (1)
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 an 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.

Encl (2)
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).

15 Dec  USS KITTY HAWK is inport at Naval Air Station North Island for a 3 week holiday standown period.

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.
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.
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, outchopping the Naval Central Command Area of Responsibility (AOR) and inchopping 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. Maslawski 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 Availability (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 in port 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 standdown.