



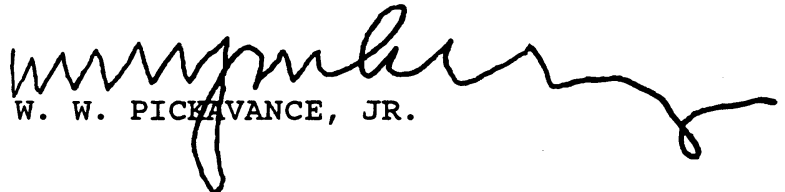
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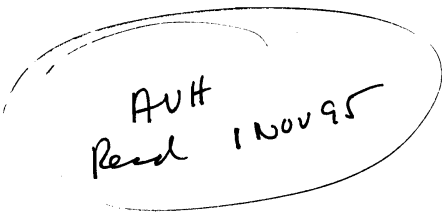
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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
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Command Composition and Organization

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 to 31 December 1994.

(b) Immediate Administrative Senior in Command

(1) Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, 1 January to 31 December 1994.

3. Commanding Officer. Captain William W. Pickavance, Jr., 1 January to 31 December 1994.

4. Homeport. Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, Calif., 1 January to 31 December 1994.

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
VQ-5	ES-3A	NL/720 Series	NAS Agana, Guam/NAS North Island, CA

Chronology

1. 1 Jan USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is inport at NAS North Island (NASNI), San Diego, Calif. CAPT William W. Pickavance, Jr., is the Commanding Officer.
- 18 Jan USS KITTY HAWK underway 18-25 January for Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE) and Limited Type Training (LTT).
- 14 Feb USS KITTY HAWK underway 14-20 February for Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) IV and Fleet Replenishment Squadron Carrier Qualifications (FRS CQ) in SOCAL.
- 19 Feb Movie company embarks overnight to film a portion of "Clear and Present Danger."
- 22 Feb Commander, Carrier Group 1 (CCG-1) embarked for upcoming COMPTUEX/Intermediate Training Assessment (ITA).
- 28 Feb USS KITTY HAWK underway with Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN (CVW 15) 28 Feb-21 March for COMPTUEX 94-12 and ITA (13-17 March) in SOCAL.
- 14 Mar Swedish Chief of Naval Operations visits KITTY HAWK underway.
- 22 Mar USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI until 25 Mar.
- 25 Mar USS KITTY HAWK underway 25-31 March for FLEETEX 94-2A in SOCAL.
- 1 Apr USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI for Easter (1-3 April).
- 4 Apr USS KITTY HAWK underway in SOCAL 4-8 April.
- 9 Apr USS KITTY HAWK underway for one-day guest cruise.
- 9 Apr USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI 9-24 April.
- 25 Apr USS KITTY HAWK underway 25 Apr-4 May for FLEETEXs 94-2B and 94-2C.
- 4 May USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI 4-10 May .
- 11 May USS KITTY HAWK underway 11-20 May for FRS CQ and TCQ.
- 21 May USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI for one day to off-load training command.
- 22 May USS KITTY HAWK underway for OPPE 22-25 May.
- 26 May USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI 26 May-23 June for Pre-

Overseas Movement (POM) period.

- 24 Jun USS KITTY HAWK underway for ship's 17th deployment.
- 28 Jun USS KITTY HAWK onloads ammunition.
- 11 Jul F-14A Tomcat strikes the flight deck ramp, exploding into a fireball. Pilot and Radar Intercept Officer rescued. Pilot suffered severe burns.
- 14 Jul USS KITTY HAWK commences PASSEX operations with Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (14-16 July).
- 16 Jul USS KITTY HAWK visits Sasebo, Japan, 16-18 July.
- 19 Jul USS KITTY HAWK underway.
- 20 Jul USS KITTY HAWK participates in RAIDEX 94 20-23 July.
- 20 Jul USS KITTY HAWK conducts PASSEX with JMSDF 20-24 July.
- 24 Jul USS KITTY HAWK operates in East China Sea 24 July-3 August.
- 24 Jul USS KITTY HAWK conducts PASSEX with South Korean navy 24-26 July.
- 28 Jul South Korean Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff visits of KITTY HAWK.
- 4 Aug USS KITTY HAWK inport Yokosuka, Japan, 4-9 August.
- 10 Aug USS KITTY HAWK underway 10-21 August, operates in East China Sea.
- 22 Aug USS KITTY HAWK inport Hong Kong 22-26 August.
- 27 Aug USS KITTY HAWK underway 27 Aug.-12 Sept., operating in East China Sea and Sea of Japan.
- 3 Sep SH-60 helicopter from HS-4 impacts the water and sinks. All four crewmembers escape uninjured.
- 12 Sep Republic of Korea President Kim and several other distinguished guests visit USS KITTY HAWK underway off southern South Korea. CVW-15 provides air power demonstration.
- 13 Sep USS KITTY HAWK visits Pusan, South Korea, 13-17 Sept.
- 18 Sep USS KITTY HAWK underway 18-28 Sept, operating in China Sea. KITTY HAWK conducts first Pacific Fleet test of the Threat Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) system.
- 29 Sep USS KITTY HAWK inport Pusan 29 Sept-3 Oct.

- 4 Oct USS KITTY HAWK departs Pusan for Yokosuka, 4-9 Oct.
- 10 Oct USS KITTY HAWK inport Yokosuka 10-15 Oct.
- 15 Oct Secretary of the Navy John Dalton visits KITTY HAWK.
- 16 Oct USS KITTY HAWK underway 16-18 Oct to CQ airwing.
- 19 Oct USS KITTY HAWK returns to Yokosuka 19-24 Oct.
- 25 Oct USS KITTY HAWK underway in Sea of Japan/Western Pacific for exercises KEEN EDGE and ANNUALEX.
- 14 Nov Japanese Minister of State for Defense visits KITTY HAWK.
- 18 Nov VFA-97 lost an F/A-18 at sea during routine flight operations. Pilot was recovered safely.
- 21 Nov USS KITTY HAWK returns to Hong Kong 21-26 Nov.
- 21 Nov USS KITTY HAWK embarked RADM Brown, CCG-1, for TANDEM THRUST 95.
- 24 Nov The Belgian Consul General tours KITTY HAWK on Thanksgiving Day.
- 26 Nov USS KITTY HAWK hosts Governor-General Patten of Hong Kong.
- 26 Nov USS KITTY HAWK underway 26 Nov-6 Dec for the joint training exercise TANDEM THRUST 95.
- 6 Dec USS KITTY HAWK records its 300,000th trap.
- 14 Dec USS KITTY HAWK visited by ADM Zlatoper, CINCPACFLT; formed HAPPY HOLIDAYS flight deck spellout; pulled into Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- 16 Dec USS KITTY HAWK underway, departs Pearl Harbor for Tiger Cruise, return to San Diego.
- 21 Dec USS KITTY HAWK hosts USO show with several entertainers including Stephen Stills.
- 22 Dec USS KITTY HAWK returns to NASNI, concluding its WESTPAC deployment; commences holiday standdown.

Narrative

1. 1 Jan USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63) is inport at NAS North Island (NASNI), San Diego, Calif., enjoying holiday standdown. CAPT William W. Pickavance, Jr., is the Commanding Officer.

- 18 Jan USS KITTY HAWK underway 18-25 January for Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE) and Limited Type Training (LTT) in preparation for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) in Southern California (SOCAL) operating area.

- 14 Feb USS KITTY HAWK underway 14-20 February for Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) IV. TSTA IV is a Fleet Replenishment Squadron Carrier Qualifications (FRS CQ) period in which engineering training is emphasized during non-flying periods.

- 19 Feb Hollywood production company embarked and remained overnight to film a portion of the movie "Clear and Present Danger," including B-Roll of a VFA-303 F/A-18 with inert "smart" weapon.

- 22 Feb Commander, Carrier Group 1 (CCG-1) embarked for upcoming COMPTUEX/Intermediate Training Assessment (ITA).

- 28 Feb USS KITTY HAWK underway with Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN (CVW 15) 28 Feb-21 March for COMPTUEX 94-12 and ITA (13-17 March) in SOCAL. The COMPTUEX (Composite Task Unit Exercise) focuses on integrating and developing the CV/CVW team into a single tactical combat system. The ITA determines the level of ship/airwing operational readiness and potential for integration into battle group operations.

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- 4 Apr USS KITTY HAWK underway in SOCAL 4-8 April for FLEETEX 94-2A.

- 9 Apr USS KITTY HAWK underway for one-day guest cruise, embarking over 3,000 visitors.

- 9 Apr USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI 9-24 April.

- 25 Apr USS KITTY HAWK underway 25 Apr-4 May for FLEETEXs 94-2B and 94-2C. Underway with battlegroup/CVW-15. After two days of air wing CQ, FLEETEX kicks off. Observers from Third Fleet, CCG-1, COMNAVAIRPAC onboard.
- 4 May USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI 4-10 May .
- 11 May USS KITTY HAWK underway 11-20 May for VFA-125 CQ and training command CQ (CTW-11).
- 21 May USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI for one day to off-load training command.
- 22 May USS KITTY HAWK underway for OPPE 22-25 May.
- 26 May USS KITTY HAWK inport NASNI 26 May-23 June for Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) period.
- 24 Jun USS KITTY HAWK underway for ship's 17th deployment. Initially slated to head to the Arabian Gulf, a period of instability in the Korean peninsula stemming from the death of North Korean president Kim, Il sung and from North Korea's refusal to allow U.N. inspections of nuclear facilities force KITTY HAWK to spend its deployment largely in the Western Pacific, Sea of Japan and East China Sea. Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE, Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVENTEEN, and Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN are embarked on board for the deployment.
- 28 Jun USS KITTY HAWK unloads ammunition - 185 pallets -from USS ROANOKE and USS FLINT. Ammo received included missiles, laser-guided bombs, 20mm bullets, small arms ammunition and ordnance accessories.
- 11 Jul F-14A Tomcat from VF-51 strikes the flight deck ramp during a nighttime approach, breaks in two and explodes into a fireball. Pilot and Radar Intercept Officer safely eject, landing on the flight deck. The pilot, however, lands in the inferno. His life is saved, though, due to the quick reactions of the flight deck crew. The pilot suffered severe burns.
- 14 Jul USS KITTY HAWK commences PASSEX operations with Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (14-16 July). Four Japanese destroyers and a diesel submarine work with the Battle Group in an effort to enhance the interoperability of the U.S. Navy and JMSDF.
- 16 Jul USS KITTY HAWK visits Sasebo, Japan, 16-18 July, for the first port visit of the deployment.
- 19 Jul USS KITTY HAWK underway.

- 20 Jul USS KITTY HAWK participates in RAIDEX 94 20-23 July. The carrier embarked several hundred Marines with their CH-53 and AH-1W and UH-1N helicopters and was used as a launching platform for the exercise. RAIDEX was designed to demonstrate the capability of Marines on board carriers. KITTY HAWK's own Marines acted as the protagonist terrorists on the Japanese island of Ie Shima near Okinawa for the exercise.
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- 24 Jul USS KITTY HAWK operates in East China Sea 24 July-3 August.
- 24 Jul USS KITTY HAWK conducts PASSEX with South Korean navy 24-26 July to improve interoperability with the ROK fleet.
- 28 Jul South Korean Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff GEN Lee, Yang Ho leads a contingent of nine ROK military and 11 business and education leaders on a visit of KITTY HAWK in the East China Sea.
- 4 Aug USS KITTY HAWK inport Yokosuka, Japan, 4-9 August.
- 10 Aug USS KITTY HAWK underway 10-21 August, operates in East China Sea.
- 22 Aug USS KITTY HAWK inport Hong Kong 22-26 August. Several KITTY HAWK Sailors come to the aid of a American expatriot in need of a rare blood type for an operation, donating several pints.
- 27 Aug USS KITTY HAWK underway 27 Aug.-12 Sept., operating in East China Sea and Sea of Japan.
- 3 Sept SH-60 helicopter from HS-4 impacts the water and sinks during routine flight operations in the East China Sea. All four crewmembers escape uninjured and were recovered by rigid hull inflatable boat and helicopter.
- 12 Sep Republic of Korea President Kim, Young sam and several other distinguished guests including the ROK minister of defense, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, chief of naval operations, and U.S. Ambassador James Laney visit USS KITTY HAWK underway off southern South Korea. CVW-15 provides air power demonstration. USS VINCENNES (CG 49) and USS COWPENS (CG 63) pass in review.
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- 18 Sep USS KITTY HAWK underway 18-28 Sept, operating in China Sea. KITTY HAWK conducts first Pacific Fleet test of

the Threat Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) system. TBMD is designed to have satellites relay missile launch information to the tactical commanders in the area.

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- 14 Nov Japanese Minister of State for Defense Tokuichiro Tamazawa visits KITTY HAWK. Several Japanese and U.S. ships participating in ANNUALEX passed in review. Aircraft from CVW-15 demonstrated air power.
- 18 Nov VFA-97 lost an F/A-18 at sea during routine flight operations in the Philippine Sea, about 48 miles southeast of Okinawa. Pilot ejected soon after takeoff and was recovered safely by an HS-4 helicopter crew.
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