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## COMMAND HISTORY OF USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) FOR 1991

### I. Command Composition and Organization:

USS KLAKRING, CDR Larry J. Carter commanding, the thirty-second Oliver Hazard Perry class guided missile frigate built for U. S. Navy service, and the first of its class homeported in Charleston, South Carolina, performs an extremely wide range of missions. Her varied complement of weapons and sensors, the embarked LAMPS MK III helicopters, and the Tactical Towed Array Sonar System give her the widest mission applicability of any ship her size. The mission of the FFG 7 class is to provide anti-air warfare (AAW), anti-surface (ASUW), and anti-submarine (ASW) self-defense and to effectively provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups (URGs), amphibious groups, and other military shipping against subsurface, surface, and air threats.

KLAKRING is attached to Commander Destroyer Squadron Six, Charleston's active readiness squadron of eleven Perry class frigates, one of two squadrons belonging to Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Two.

KLAKRING's employment during the year was focused on developing her readiness for a Middle East Force deployment in December of 1991. The "Finest Greyhound in the Fleet" participated in a myriad of training exercises and conducted numerous readiness inspections and evaluations. She sailed from homeport on 2 December enroute to the Arabian Gulf with all systems operable and fully prepared to carry out her mission.

### II. Chronology

- 1 Jan: Finds USS KLAKRING in homeport Charleston, SC undergoing a Holiday Upkeep period.
- 3 Jan: QM1 [REDACTED] selected as KLAKRING's Sailor of the Year.
- 4 Jan: Held Guantanamo Bay Transit Schedule of Events conference.
- 8-9 Jan: Completed Deficient Material Status Review.
- 10 Jan: Held Cuban/Caribbean Intelligence briefing and Petty Officer Third Class frocking ceremony.

- 11 Jan: Underway enroute Interim Refresher Training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- 12 Jan: Conducted Combat Systems/ASW scenario training and Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.
- 13 Jan: General Quarters for Damage Control training. Arrived Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- 14 Jan: Fleet Training Center indoctrination briefings.
- 15 Jan: Conducted Chemical, Biological, and Radiological (Gas Chamber) training and inport Damage Control drills.
- 16 Jan: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.
- 17 Jan: Moored Guantanamo Bay.
- 18 Jan: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted low visibility and swept channel exercise.
- 19 Jan: Held Ship's picnic/beach party.
- 22 Jan: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USNS NEOSHO.
- 23 Jan: Participated in ASW training with USS LAFAYETTE.
- 24 Jan: Conducted Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.
- 25 Jan: Conducted Surface to Air Gunnery and Precision Anchorage exercises. Moored Guantanamo Bay.
- 28 Jan: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted AAW Targeting exercise and Long Range Surface Firing. Moored Guantanamo Bay.
- 29 Jan: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted CIWS Firing exercise and General Quarters for Damage Control drills. Moored Guantanamo Bay and conducted inport Damage Control drills.
- 30 Jan: Participated in an inport Highline Transfer with USS Devastator. Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted AAW High Speed Gunnery and CIWS Firing exercises. Moored Guantanamo Bay.

- 31 Jan: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted low visibility and swept channel exercise, Mass Conflag Damage Control drill, and Precision Anchorage.
- 2 Feb: Conducted Main Space Fire Drill Evaluation. Moored Guantanamo Bay.
- 2-3 Feb: Conducted inport Damage Control Evaluations.
- 3 Feb: LTJG [REDACTED] [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.
- 4 Feb: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted High Speed Surface Drone Unit Gunnery exercise. Moored Guantanamo Bay. KLAKRING basketball team won first place in the Guantanamo Bay International Basketball Tournament.
- 5 Feb: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted successful Engineering Overall Readiness Evaluation.
- 6 Feb: Conducted CIWS, target balloon, and anti-mine gunnery exercises. Moored Guantanamo Bay.
- 7 Feb: Underway for Guantanamo Bay OPAREA. Conducted successful Combat Systems Overall Readiness Evaluation.
- 8 Feb: Moored Guantanamo Bay.
- 11 Feb: Underway for Guantanamo Bay. Successfully completed Mass Conflag Damage Control Overall Readiness Evaluation "Graduation Exercise." Detached Fleet Training Center Guantanamo Bay enroute to homeport Charleston, SC.
- 12 Feb: Held "Steel Beach" picnic for the crew on the ship's flight deck.
- 14 Feb: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC. Prospective Executive Officer LCDR Jim R. Miller embarked.
- 15 Feb: Commenced Executive Officer's turnover.
- 19 Feb: Underway for COMDESRON SIX OPPE Rehearsal enroute Mayport, FL.
- 20 Feb: LCDR Jim R. Miller relieved LCDR Steven O. Singleton as Executive Officer.
- 25 Feb: Commander Destroyer Squadron Six embarked.

- 26 Feb: Underway for Operational Propulsion Plant Examination.
- 27 Feb: Successfully completed Operational Propulsion Plant Examination. Moored Mayport, Fl.
- 28 Feb: Underway enroute homeport Charleston, SC.
- 1 Mar: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC.
- 6 Mar: Commenced Combat Systems Assessment.
- 7 Mar: Underway for the day in Charleston OPAREA to continue Combat Systems Assessment.
- 8 Mar: Held Retirement Ceremony for MA1 [REDACTED].
- 18 Mar: Embarked HSL 48 DET 5 aircrew personnel and Delayed Enlistment Program riders.
- 19 Mar: Underway for Jacksonville OPAREA to conduct Helicopter Deck Landing Qualifications for HSL's 44, 46, and 48.
- 22 Mar: Arrived Port Canaveral, Florida as Host U.S. Navy ship for the Annual Port Canaveral Seafood Festival.
- 23-24 Mar: Conducted ship tours for over 4300 Seafood Festival guests.
- 25 Mar: Underway enroute Charleston, SC.
- 26 Mar: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC. Commence Material Maintenance Management (3M) Inspection.
- 29 Mar: Held Captain's Call on ship's flight deck.
- 30 Mar: Completed very successful 3M Inspection.
- 2 Apr: Underway for the day in the Charleston, OPAREA for INSURV Inspection rehearsal.
- 3 Apr: KLAKRING volleyball team won second place in the Cruiser Destroyer Group Two Tournament.
- 4 Apr: OS3 [REDACTED] selected as KLAKRING's Sailor of the Quarter.
- 8 Apr: Commenced INSURV Inspection.
- 9 Apr: Underway for the day in the Charleston OPAREA to continue INSURV Inspection.

- 11 Apr: Completed outstanding INSURV Inspection.
- 15 Apr: Commenced Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) period with Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) Charleston.
- 16 Apr: KLAKRING hosted the surface navy's Standard Conventional Ammunition Automated Inventory Record (SCAAIR) program certification and became the first U.S. Navy surface ship to install the program.
- 20 Apr: Hosted tour for Savannah High School Army JROTC.
- 25 Apr: LTJG [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.
- 29 Apr: Anti-submarine Warfare (ASW) watchteams attended 14A2 ASW training course.
- 30 Apr: KLAKRING hosted "Welcome Home from Desert Storm" Celebration for USS HALYBURTON.
- 3 May: LTJG [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.
- 4 May: Held ship's family picnic at Short Stay Park/Recreation Center.
- 9 May: Completed successful IMAV.
- 10 May: Underway for the day in the Charleston OPAREA to conduct Post-IMAV Sea Trials.
- 11 May: Hosted tour for Hillcrest High School Air Force JROTC.
- 13 May: Embarked HSL 48 DET 5 aircrew.
- 14 May: Underway enroute Jacksonville OPAREA for ASW Tail (Towed Array) Proficiency Training (TPT 5-91).
- 17 May: Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USNS MISSISSINEWA.
- 21 May: Completed the final of eight TPT 5-91 exercises with USS BALTIMORE. Detached TPT 5-91 enroute homeport Charleston, SC.
- 22 May: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC.

- 28 May: Embarked two LANTRAMID I First Class Midshipmen for summer cruise training. Conducted Retirement ceremony for RMC(SW) [REDACTED].
- 29 May: Transited to Charleston Naval Weapons Station and conducted an extensive ammunition on/off load. Underway for Charleston OPAREA to conduct Joint Services Deck Landing Qualifications with the U.S. Army.
- 31 May: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC for one week upkeep.
- 1 Jun: Hosted tour for Boy Scout Troop 409.
- 7 Jun: Underway for MIDRON 1-91 Surface Warfare training exercise (aimed at achieving maximum overall ship readiness and optimum midshipmen training). Enroute to Puerto Rico OPAREA with USS MT. BAKER, USS THORN, USS CARR, and USS BLAKLEY. Conducted helo operations, 76mm and CIWS gun firing events, flashing light drills, and ASW tracking.
- 9 Jun: Participated in Quickdraw Gunnery exercise and conducted Mass Conflag Damage Control training.
- 10 Jun: Conducted multi-ship Divisional Tactics maneuvering exercise.
- 11 Jun: Conducted man-overboard drills, an underway refueling replenishment with USNS NEOSHO, and an Electronic Warfare exercise with U.S. Navy attack aircraft. Received notification that KLAKRING would be extended at sea to conduct Advanced Phase Training support for USS EISENHOWER.
- 12 Jun: Transited the Virgin Passage to the North Puerto Rico OPAREA and conducted a very successful live firing missile exercise.
- 13 Jun: Conducted Target Balloon, towed target sled, and aircraft towed target drone live firing 76mm and CIWS exercises. Conducted nighttime underway refueling replenishment with USNS Neosho. Detached MIDRON 1-91 enroute to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 14-17 Jun: Moored Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 18 Jun: Underway. Transited Virgin Passage enroute rendezvous with USS EISENHOWER for Carrier Advanced Phase Training.

- 20 Jun: Rendezvoused with USS EISENHOWER.
- 21-24 Jun: Participated in advanced ASW training exercises with USS OKLAHOMA and USS BLUEFISH.
- 21 Jun: Conducted Anti-ship Missile Defense and Electronic Warfare exercise with USS EISENHOWER aircraft.
- 22-23 Jun: Participated in CIWS tracking, lost plane recovery, and aircraft control exercises.
- 24 Jun: Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USNS HENRY J. KAISER and an AAW Detect-to-Engage exercise with USS EISENHOWER aircraft.
- 25 Jun: Conducted an aircraft towed target live firing CIWS shoot and commenced APT final exercise: Hostility Phase Warfare Freeplay.
- 28 Jun: Completed Hostility Phase with a submarine opposed underway refueling replenishment with USNS HENRY J. KAISER. Detached USS EISENHOWER enroute to homeport Charleston, SC.
- 2 Jul: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC. Commenced installation of the Joint Operational System upgrade. LANTRAMID I midshipmen departed.
- 3 Jul: Commenced a twenty-one day IMAV period with USS SIERRA, an ISMAT/ISMET 76mm Gun Inspection, Global Positioning Navigation System installation, and replacement of the ship's Halon Fire Extinguishing System piping.
- 5 Jul: SM3 [REDACTED] selected as KLAKRING's Sailor of the Quarter.
- 8 Jul: Commenced validation of KLAKRING's weapons and associated support equipment for future installation of the Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System.
- 8-12 Jul: Conducted Command Physical Readiness Testing.
- 10-12 Jul: KLAKRING's Damage Control teams attended Shipboard and Helo Firefighting schools.
- 12 Jul: Completed successful Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System and ISMAT/ISMET Gun Inspection with outstanding results.



- 14 Jul: USN divers cleaned KLA KRING's hull masker belts. Conducted onload of exercise torpedoes.
- 16 Jul: Commanding Officer and Operations Officer attended Counter-Narcotics Operations briefing in Norfolk, VA. Conducted Communications Readiness Assist Training.
- 17 Jul: SIERRA IMAV continued. KLA KRING crew began eating meals aboard USS NICHOLAS due to mess deck reconstruction.
- 18 Jul: Completed a Classified Material Security Inspection by COMDESRON SIX.
- 19 Jul: KLA KRING's First Class Petty Officer Association participated in the S.C. Highway Beautification Program and cleaned over 2.5 heavily traveled miles of Highway 78.
- 21 Jul: Embarked two LANTRAMID III midshipmen for summer cruise training. Acoustic Analysis Center of Mayport, Fl conducted debrief of results from May's Tail Proficiency Training.
- 25 Jul: Completed USS SIERRA IMAV.
- 26 Jul: Underway enroute to Freeport, Bahamas.
- 27 Jul: Held "Steel Beach" picnic for the crew on the ship's flight deck.
- 28-30 Jul: Conducted an enjoyable port visit in Freeport, Bahamas.
- 31 Jul: Underway enroute Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTE C) for ASW training.
- 1-2 Jul: Conducted multi-ship, nine event ASW training with USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORRISON and USS CINCINNATI which culminated in two successful torpedo firings.
- 3 Aug: Conducted Sonar Self-Noise evaluation. Detached AUTE C enroute homeport Charleston, SC.
- 4 Aug: Held "Steel Beach" picnic for the crew on the ship's flight deck.
- 5 Aug: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC.
- 6 Aug: Conducted Retirement Ceremony for YN1 [REDACTED].

- 6-12 Aug: Successfully completed Electronics Readiness (TECCER) evaluation, pre-deployment Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase I, Combat Systems Support Readiness Review, and an Auxiliary Systems Readiness Review.
- 8 Aug: Conducted an Aviation Assist Visit which due to its success, became a certification visit.
- 12 Aug: Caribbean/Cuban Intelligence briefing was presented to all officers and key watchstanders. LANTRAMID III Midshipmen departed.
- 13 Aug: Held Dependent's Day Cruise for KLAKRING crew's families, friends, and guests.
- 14 Aug: Embarked U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment.
- 15 Aug: Underway enroute to Caribbean Sea for Counter-Narcotics Operations. KLAKRING responded to a request for help from a 31 foot sport fishing vessel "Horsefly" 45 miles off the coast of Charleston.
- 16 Aug - 18 Sep: Continuously conducted training in preparation for upcoming Combat Systems Assessment and Engineering Mobile Assessment Team Inspection.
- 17 Aug: Conducted refueling at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Commanding Officer "frocked" promoted five new lieutenants.
- 18 Aug: Held "Steel Beach" picnic for the crew on the ship's flight deck. Commenced Counter-Narcotics Operations under CTG 4.1 tactical control.
- 21 Aug: Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USNS NEOSHO. KLAKRING medically evacuated a USNS NEOSHO sailor via small boat, ran 30 knots for 8 hours, then transferred the patient to a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter for further transfer to Naval Hospital at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- 24 Aug: Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USNS NEOSHO in the South Caribbean Sea.
- 27 Aug: COMCARGRU FOUR, RADM Laire, held Counter-Narcotics briefing aboard KLAKRING. Earlier that morning, KLAKRING detected, reported, and tracked a drug smuggling aircraft from Venezuela which was later intercepted by U.S. and Bahamian authorities.

- 28 Aug: Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USNS NEOSHO.
- 3-4 Sep: Conducted Bi-lateral exercise with Dutch Naval ship HMNS Banckert.
- 5-6 Sep: Conducted one day port visit and refueling at Williamstad, Curacao. Underway PM 6 Sep for final 3 days of Counter-Narcotics Operations.
- 8 Sep: Detached Counter-Narcotics Operations.
- 9 Sep: Arrived La Guaria/Caracas, Venezuela for three day port visit.
- 11 Sep: Underway enroute to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
- 13-14 Sep: Inport Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for refueling and final Combat Systems Assessment preparations.
- 15 Sep: Underway enroute Mayport, Fl.
- 16 Sep: Held Chief Petty Officer initiation and frocking ceremony.
- 18 Sep: Arrived Mayport, Fl. Offloaded HSL 48 DET 5 helicopter aircrew.
- 19 Sep: Combat Systems Mobile Training Team embarked. Underway enroute homeport Charleston, SC to conduct Combat Systems Assessment.
- 20 Sep: Completed very successful Combat Systems Assessment. KLAKRING became the first ship ever to score an overall above average on the revised format CSA.
- 23 Sep: Engineering Mobile Assessment Team arrived. Commenced three and a half day Engineering Assessment/Inspection.
- 24 Sep: Underway PM enroute Charleston OPAREA to continue Engineering Assessment.
- 26 Sep: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC following successful completion of the Engineering Assessment.

- 30 Sep: Transited to Charleston Naval Weapons Station, completed an ammunition on/off load and returned to Charleston Naval Station.
- 30 Sep - 4 Oct: Participated in Charleston's Surface Warfare Training Week.
- 1 Oct: Held Retirement Ceremony for MSC [REDACTED]. Commenced IMAV with SIMA Charleston, Gas Turbine Readiness Review, Radar Absorbent Material (RAM) installation, Sonar Dome inspection, and pre-fabrication for the Mast Mounted Sight System.
- 4 Oct: FC1 [REDACTED] selected as KLAKRING's Sailor of the Quarter.
- 4-6 Oct: Participated in Charleston Naval Base Security Drill.
- 7 Oct: Commenced Steering Gear inspection, Food Management Team Assist Visit, Pallet Cargo Elevator installation, and USN divers began Auxiliary Propulsion Units inspection and Pit Sword changeout.
- 9 Oct: Conducted Electronic Warfare Threat and Naval Intelligence Service Security briefings.
- 10 Oct: Conducted Naval Gunfire Support and AWACS briefings. Held first of two Dependent's Pre-Deployment briefings.
- 11 Oct: Hosted Post-IMAV Tour for Commanding Officer of SIMA Charleston. KLAKRING Officers and key watchstanders attended Middle East Rules of Engagement and Intelligence briefing.
- 14-18 Oct: Successfully completed Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase II.
- 15-17 Oct: U.S. Coast Guard conducted training of KLAKRING's Visit, Boarding, Search, and Seizure Teams.
- 15-18 Oct: Accomplished installation of the Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System program and completed Gun Weapon System Readiness Review.
- 16 Oct: Hosted tour for Johnson High School Navy JROTC.
- 17 Oct: Completed Chemical, Biological, and Radiological (CBR) Defense Training Team Assist Visit, unloaded HSL 48 DET 5 helicopter aircrew, and conducted final Pre-Deployment Dependent's briefing.

- 21 Oct: Underway for MEFEX 1-92 enroute to the Puerto Rico OPAREA in company with USS NICHOLSON and USS CARR.
- 22 Oct: Conducted Passive Detection Exercise with USS CARR versus USS NICHOLSON and 76mm, CIWS, and .50 Caliber machine gun live calibration fire.
- 23 Oct: Conducted AAW Detect-to-Engage exercise.
- 24 Oct: Participated in a Combat Search and Rescue exercise and a Small Boat Attack exercise versus USS PEGASUS.
- 25 Oct: Conducted successful AAW Live Fire Gunnery exercise. Arrived Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Received NGFS briefing and embarked CBR Defense Training Team.
- 26 Oct: Fired 76mm in two anti-surface target exercises and for the first time ever, KLAKRING fired a very successful NGFS training mission on the Isle of Vieques Gunnery Range. KLAKRING returned to the range that afternoon to become the first FFG ever to provide fire support for marine spotter training services.
- 27 Oct: Conducted mine spotting and reporting training.
- 28 Oct: Arrived Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and debarked CBR Defense Team. Underway enroute homeport Charleston, SC in company with USS NICHOLSON, and USS CARR.
- 30 Oct: Conducted Visit, Boarding, Search, and Seizure exercise with USS CARR and Detect-to-Engage/Rules of Engagement exercises.
- 31 Oct: Conducted MEFEX 1-92 Photo Exercise. Detached enroute homeport Charleston, SC. LT [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officers.
- 1 Nov: Arrived homeport Charleston, SC. Commenced Pre-Deployment Leave and Standdown period and continued RAM installation.
- 4-8 Nov: Kingfisher Sonar Minehunting System installed. Completed Combat Systems Support Readiness Review Phase III.

- 11-15 Nov: SPA-25G Radar Repeater System installed. Completed underwater hull cleaning and propeller polishing and gun barrel liner replacement.
- 18-23 Nov: Completed Ship's Self-Defense Training, Ordnance Alteration improvements on Gun Mount and STIR Radar, and SQR-4 Antenna replacement.
- 19 Nov: Conducted Classified Material Security Assist Visit.
- 25 Nov: Conducted Pre-Deployment small arms qualifications at Francis Marion State Park.
- 26 Nov: Held Children's Christmas Party onboard KLAKRING.
- 31 Nov: Completed RAM installation.
- 2 Dec: Underway for Middle East Force Deployment 1-92 in company with USS SIERRA, USS THORN, and USS CARR.
- 3 Dec: Conducted Engineering Casualty Control exercises and VBSS exercise with USS THORN and USS BOONE.
- 6 Dec: Conducted General Quarters/Damage Control training.
- 7 Dec: Rendezvous with USS AMERICA Battle Group. Conducted underway refueling replenishment with USS SAVANNAH.
- 12 Dec: Conducted refueling/provisions replenishment with USS SAVANNAH. Completed crossing of the Atlantic Ocean and changed operational control to Commander Sixth Fleet.
- 13 Dec: Conducted Battle Group Photo exercise. Detached enroute Haifa, Israel, KLAKRING in tactical control of USS SCOTT and USS BOONE.
- 14-16 Dec: Conducted AAW Detect-to-Engage/Rules of Engagement and VBSS exercises and signal drills.
- 18 Dec: Arrived Haifa, Israel for Maintenance Availability.
- 23-24 Dec: Completed Maritime Interception Force Operations turnover briefings with USS AUBREY FITCH.
- 25 Dec: Enjoyed Christmas Day in Haifa, Israel.
- 26 Dec: Underway enroute to Port Suez Harbor.

- 27 Dec: Transited southbound through the Suez Canal. Changed operational control to COMUSNAVCENT/CTG 152.1.
- 28 Dec: Relieved USS STARK on station Northern Red Sea. Commenced Maritime Interception Force Operations in support of United Nations embargo of Iraq.
- 29 Dec: Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR Paul D. Danks, embarked. Commenced Commanding Officer turnover.
- 31 Dec: Closed out 1991 conducting Maritime Interception Force Operations in the Northern Red Sea while preparing for a Change of Command to be held 4 Jan 92. A four ship naval gunnery "fireworks" display welcomed the new year at the stroke of midnight.

III.

USS KLAKRING COMMAND NARRATIVE FOR 1991

USS KLAKRING began 1991 in homeport Charleston, SC enjoying a holiday upkeep period and preparing for an upcoming six weeks of intensive training in Guanatnamo Bay, Cuba. The year will find KLAKRING participating in several complex exercises and undergoing numerous inspections and evaluations in preparation for a December Middle East Force 1-92 Deployment.

The USS KLAKRING arrived at the Fleet Training Center Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on the evening of 13 January. The following day, her crew began the pain and tribulation of Interim Refresher Training with all concentrating on one goal... successful graduation on time. During the next four weeks, KLAKRING conducted dozens of engineering, damage control, anti-submarine warfare, gunnery, and navigation exercises with each day beginning at about 0430 and usually ending no earlier than 2000. On 5 February, the graduation exercises, better known as Overall Readiness Evaluations (OREs) commenced. KLAKRING completed its final exercise, Mass Conflag Damage Control, with flying colors on 11 February and detached enroute to Charleston, SC. The prospective Executive Officer embarked as the ship arrived in homeport Charleston, SC on 14 February.

The Executive Officer turnover process began as KLAKRING directed its efforts into preparing for two very important, upcoming inspections, the Operational Propulsion Plant Examination (OPPE) and Combat Systems Assessment (CSA). On 19 February, KLAKRING was underway enroute to Mayport, Fl with COMDESRON SIX engineering staff embarked for an OPPE rehearsal. The ship



arrived in Mayport the following day and LCDR James R. Miller relieved LCDR Steven O. Singleton as Executive Officer.

Commander Destroyer Squadron Six (acting) embarked on 25 February to observe the engineering inspection. KLAKRING successfully completed the two day inspection while in the Jacksonville OPAREA, and detached enroute to Charleston, SC on 28 February, arriving in homeport the next morning.

On 6 March, the CSA commenced. The inspection consisted of one day inport with the following day at sea for live combat systems demonstrations. Once again, KLAKRING successfully completed another major inspection and demonstrated both her readiness and pride.

The ship set sail again on 19 March and conducted two days of Deck Landing Qualifications for Helicopter Squadrons HSL 44, 46, and 48 in the Jacksonville OPAREA. KLAKRING arrived in Port Canaveral, Florida on 22 March as host U.S. Navy ship for the Annual Seafood Festival. A great time was had by all as the crew not only enjoyed the festival and beaches, but was also showed off their ship to over 4300 visitors in two days. KLAKRING was underway on 25 March enroute to Charleston, SC and another major inspection. She arrived in homeport the following day and commenced the Material Maintenance Management (3M) program inspection. The inspection was very successfully completed on 30 March. The inspection team was extremely impressed and stated "KLAKRING is the best FFG on the waterfront." Of course, the crew's pride was high, but they knew there was yet another very important inspection to complete...the ship's material

quality determination by the Board of Inspection and Survey. KLAKRING commenced the INSURV inspection on 8 April. Four days later, the "Finest Greyhound in the Fleet" received praising post-inspection remarks and another significant hurdle had been leaped.

The ship entered into a 21 day Intermediate Maintenance Availability (IMAV) with the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) Charleston. On 30 April, KLAKRING hosted an extravagant "Welcome Home Celebration" for the USS HALYBURTON on their return from the Desert Storm War. The HALYBURTON's crew and families were overjoyed with both tears and smiles, and the KLAKRING crews' hearts felt warm and each knew that all of their efforts were very worthwhile.

KLAKRING began the month of May with a wonderful family picnic at the Short Stay Recreation Center. On 9 May, the ship completed the IMAV and was underway 10 May for a day of successful Sea Trials. Four days later, the ship sailed enroute to the Jacksonville OPAREA for Tail Proficiency Training (TPT)

5-91. KLAKRING completed the final of eight total ASW Towed Array exercises with USS Baltimore and detached enroute to Charleston, SC on 21 May. The training was invaluable as KLAKRING fine-tuned its passive ASW skills and mastered its use of the recently installed Tactical Towed Array Sonar System.

After arriving back home on 22 May and undergoing one week of upkeep, KLAKRING embarked two LANTRAMID I midshipmen for summer cruise training. On 29 May, the ship transited up the

Cooper River to the Charleston Naval Weapons Station, conducted an ammunition on and offload, and proceeded to the Charleston OPAREA to conduct Joint Services Deck Landing Qualifications with the U.S. Army. KLAKRING returned to homeport Charleston, SC on 31 May for another week of upkeep and preparation for a MIDRON 1-91 exercise.

On 7 June, KLAKRING was underway for MIDRON 1-91, a multiple event Surface Warfare training exercise aimed at achieving maximum overall ship readiness and providing optimum at-sea training for all embarked midshipmen. The next week would put FFG-42 through all the paces with around the clock exercises, including multi-ship tactical maneuvering, Over-the-Horizon-Targeting, ASW tracking, signal drills, and numerous live fire gunnery events. The highlight of MIDRON 1-91 was a live missile firing exercise on 12 June. The exercise was very successful, especially for KLAKRING, which was the only ship of four to achieve two "skin on skin" missile intercepts. On 11 June, KLAKRING learned that it would be extended to provide support for USS EISENHOWER's Advanced Phase Training (APT) exercise.

Following a three day inport period at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, the ship was underway again on 18 June and transited the Virgin Passage enroute to rendezvous with USS EISENHOWER. KLAKRING joined IKE on 20 June and spent the next four days conducting advanced ASW training with USS OKLAHOMA CITY and USS BLUEFISH, gunnery exercises, anti-missile defense scenarios, and aircraft control exercises. The IKE APT culminated with a four day "Hostility Phase" warfare freeplay event. KLAKRING

completed the exercise on 28 June with a submarine opposed underway refueling replenishment and detached USS EISENHOWER enroute to Charleston, SC.

The ship arrived in homeport Charleston, SC on 2 July, debarked the LANTRAMID I midshipmen and commenced a 21 day IMAV with USS SIERRA. The three week maintenance period also involved numerous outside contract jobs, equipment inspections, and new system upgrades, including installation of the Global Positioning Navigation System, new Halon Firefighting System piping, and a mess decks reconstruction project. As the inport period came to a close, two LANTRAMID III midshipmen arrived onboard 21 July for summer cruise training. The IMAV was completed on 25 July and KLAKRING was underway the following day enroute to Freeport, Bahamas. Freeport was a well deserved port visit and a wonderful time was had by all. After three sunny days in the Bahamas, KLAKRING was underway on 31 July enroute to the Atlantic Underseas Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEK) for ASW training. The three days of advanced ASW exercises with USS SAMUEL ELLIOT MORRISON and USS CINCINNATI were very successful and ended with two accurate exercise torpedo firings. KLAKRING detached AUTEK on 3 August enroute to Charleston, SC and arrived in homeport on 5 August.

On 8 Aug, the ship conducted an Aviation Assist Visit and did so well that the inspectors turned the assist visit into a full Aviation Certification for KLAKRING. KLAKRING dressed the ship on 13 August and held a one day sail Dependent's Cruise for the crew's families, friends, and guests. The cruise was

a great experience for everyone as FFG-42 provided its guests with a full script tour of the Cooper River, a weapon systems live demonstration, and a "Steel Beach" picnic on the flight deck.

A U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment embarked and the LANTRAMID III midshipmen debarked on 14 August and KLAKRING was underway the next day for Counter-Narcotics Operations in the Caribbean Sea. Just hours after underway, KLAKRING responded to a request for help from a 31 foot sport fishing vessel named "HorseFly" 45 miles off the coast of Charleston. KLAKRING corrected an engine lube oil leak, replenished the oil, notified the Charleston Coast Guard and provided the vessel with directions to Charleston Harbor. From 16 August through 18 September, the ship would train intensively for another CSA and EMAT scheduled to commence upon the completion of Counter-Narcotics Operations. KLAKRING arrived in the Caribbean Sea, changed operational control to CTG 4.1 and began Counter-Narcotics operations on 18 August.

While conducting an underway refueling replenishment with the USNS NEOSHO on 21 August, KLAKRING medically evacuated a USNS NEOSHO sailor via small boat, ran for 8 hours at 30 knots, and transferred the patient to a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter for further transfer to the Naval Hospital in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

On 27 August, KLAKRING's aggressive efforts in the Caribbean resulted in the detection, reporting, and tracking of a drug smuggling aircraft from Venezuela. The aircraft was later intercepted by U.S. and Bahamian authorities. KLAKRING's actions

led to the recovery of 13 bales of marijuana and cocaine, one fast speed boat, and the arrest of four contraband smugglers.

On 3-4 September, KLAKRING participated in a Bi-lateral exercise with the Dutch Naval ship HMNS BANCKERT. Following the Over-the-Horizon-Targeting, tactical maneuvering, and highline personnel transfer exercises, KLAKRING proceed to Williamstad, Curacao. After completing a 1 day port visit and inport refueling, the ship was underway the evening of 6 September and concluded its final three days of Counter-Narcotics Operations. KLAKRING finished the operations with an impressive tally: 726 air tracks, 21 air targets of interests, 202 surface tracks, 70 surface tracks of interests, 5 vessel boardings, and 1 very big drug bust.

Following an enjoyable port visit in La Guaria/Caracus, Venezuela from 9 to 11 September, FFG-42 proceed to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico where the final preparations for the upcoming CSA were made. KLAKRING was underway again on 15 September enroute to Mayport, Florida. The ship arrived in Mayport, Florida on 18 September, offloaded the HSL 48 DET 5 aircrew, embarked the Combat Systems Mobile Training Team, and was underway the next morning enroute homeport to conduct the CSA. KLAKRING was ready and put forth its finest efforts yet. KLAKRING became the first ship ever to achieve an overall above average score on the revised formatted CSA. The ship arrived in homeport Charleston, SC on the afternoon of 20 September with a broomstick flying from the yardarm, celebrating a clean sweep of this very important inspection.

On 23 September, KLAKRING prepared to overtake its last obstacle as the Engineering Mobile Assessment Team arrived and the Engineering Assessment commenced. The KLAKRING engineers successfully completed the three and a half day inspection, including two days at-sea in the Charleston OPAREA, on 26 September with another set of outstanding results.

On 30 September, KLAKRING transited to the Charleston Naval Weapons Station, conducted an extensive pre-deployment ammunition onload, and returned to the Charleston Naval Station that evening. The first three weeks of the month of October were spent conducting an IMAV with SIMA Charleston and completing numerous equipment inspections and pre-deployment ship modifications. During this time, KLAKRING completed Gas Turbine Engine, Sonar Dome, Steering Gear and underwater hull inspections, pre-fabrication for the Mast Mounted Sight System, and began to be outfitted with a Radar Absorbent Material (RAM) modification. Additionally, KLAKRING successfully accomplished installation of the Combat Systems Operational Sequencing System (CSOSS) program, completed Combat Systems Readiness Review Phase II, and received Visit, Boarding, Search, and Seizure (VBSS) training from the U.S. Coast Guard.

On 21 October, KLAKRING was underway for Middle East Force Exercise (MEFEX) 1-92 enroute to the Puerto Rico OPAREA in company with USS NICHOLSON, and USS CARR. During this advanced training, KLAKRING conducted VBSS, Search and Rescue, Small Boat Attack Defense, and numerous gunnery firing exercises. On 26 September, KLAKRING successfully fired its first Naval

Gunfire Support (NGFS) training mission on the Isle of Vieques Gunnery Range. Later that afternoon, KLAKRING returned to the range to become the first FFG class ship ever to provide fire support for marine spotter training services. It was a very proud day for the ship's Gunnery team, as KLAKRING put forty rounds of high explosive ammunition on target ashore.

KLAKRING returned to homeport Charleston, SC on 1 November and commenced its pre-deployment leave and standdown period. With the crew force cut in half, deployment preparations still continued. During the month of November, KLAKRING completed an enormous amount of training and equipment alterations, including installation of the Kingfisher Sonar Minehunting and SPA-25G Radar Repeater Systems, hull and propeller cleaning, gun barrel liner and SQR-4 antenna replacements, STIR Radar modifications, Ship's Self Defense Force (SSDF) training, and completion of the RAM installation.

On 2 December, the crew said goodbye to their loved ones and the "Finest Greyhound in the Fleet" set sail for a six month Middle East Force Deployment (MEF 1-92) in company with USS SIERRA, USS MT. BAKER, USS THORN, and USS CARR. KLAKRING rendezvous with the USS AMERICA Battle Group on 7 December and completed the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, transited the Straits of Gibraltar, and changed operational control to the U.S. Sixth Fleet on 12 December. On 13 December, KLAKRING detached the USS AMERICA enroute to Haifa, Israel with tactical control of USS SCOTT and USS BOONE.

After completing AAW, VBSS, and signal drills during the



Mediterranean Sea transit, KLAKRING arrived in Haifa, Israel on 18 December for a one week inport maintenance period. Following Christmas in Haifa, the ship was underway on 26 December enroute to the Port Suez Harbor. KLAKRING transited southbound through the Suez Canal on 27 December and changed operational control to CTG 152.1 and COMUSNAVCENT. On 28 December, KLAKRING relieved USS STARK on station in the Northern Red Sea and commenced Maritime Interception Force Operations in support of the United Nations sanctions against Iraq. On 29 December, the Prospective Commanding Officer, CDR Paul D. Danks, arrived onboard and commenced Commanding Officer turnover. USS KLAKRING closed out 1991 conducting Maritime Interception Force Operations while preparing for a Change of Command to be held 4 Jan 92. A four ship naval gunnery "fireworks" salute welcomed the new year at the stroke of midnight.