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COMMAND HISTORY OF USS KLAKRING (FFG 42) FOR 1993

I. Command Composition and Organization:

USS KLAKRING, CDR Steve A. Hill commanding, the thirty-second Oliver Hazard Perry Class Guided Missile Frigate built for U. S. Navy service, and the first of its class to be home ported 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 Four, Charleston's active readiness squadron of nine Perry class frigates, and six Spruance class destroyers. Under the new fleet reorganization, KLAKRING is also attached to the USS DWIGHT D EISENHOWER Battle Group, which is under the command of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Eight.

KLAKRING's employment during the year was dominated by two events, Counter Drug Operations and the Naval Blockade of Haiti - Operation Support Democracy. The "Finest Greyhound in the Fleet" worked with numerous multinational forces during these two events including Dutch, British, Canadian, French, Venezuelan, Columbian, St. Vincent and Argentinean Naval forces.

II. Chronology

- 1 Jan: Finds USS KLAKRING inport Charleston finishing Selected Restricted Availability 3 which was started the previous September.
- 4 Jan: Commenced a week long Aviation Tech Assist.
- 5 Jan: Conducted a Main Space Fire Drill (MSFD) and Security training.
- 6-11 Jan: Conducted a successful Light Off Assessment conducted by Destroyer Squadron Four.
- 11 Jan: Conducted a MSFD.
- 12 Jan: Conducted a Fast Cruise for Sea Trials.
- 13 Jan: Conducted a MSFD.

19 Jan: Underway Charleston OPAREA for Sea trials. Conducted a Pacfire for CIWS and 76mm gun, a Detect To Engage (DTE) with a Lear jet, an abandon ship drill, and an optest of the Counter Measure Wash Down System and flight deck AFFF sprinkling.

20 Jan: Held a frocking ceremony for Petty Officers.

25-29 Jan: Conducted Limited Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR). Participated in Surface Warfare Training Week (SWTW). Had a Sanitation Disposal Systems (SDS) Inspection.

31 Jan: Had a fire on a barge alongside the ship. No damage to the ship.

1-5 Feb: Successfully passed an Aviation Certification Inspection.

3 Feb: Underway to the Naval Weapons Station for a weapons onload.

4 Feb: Returned to Charleston Naval Station.

5 Feb: Had a Communications Management Security Systems (CMS) assist visit from Destroyer Squadron Four. Held an awards ceremony.

8 Feb: Underway from Charleston for the Caribbean and Counter Drug Operations (CDOPS). Embarked HSL 42 Det 2.

9 Feb: Conducted A MSFD and a Pacfire for CIWS and 76mm gun.

10 Feb: Moored NAVSTA Guantanamo Cuba. Embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 7E.

11 Feb: Departed NAVSTA GTMO.

12 Feb: On station for CDOPS.

13 Feb: Conducted two boardings.

14 Feb: Conducted one boarding.

16 Feb: Conducted a General Quarters Drill (GQ). Conducted one boarding.

18 Feb: Conducted Basic Engineering Casualty Control Evolutions (BECCES).

19 Feb: Conducted a GQ.

20 Feb: Conducted BECCES. Conducted two boardings.

21 Feb: Transitted the Panama Canal. Moored Rodman, Panama.

22 Feb: Underway from Rodman, Panama for the Eastern Pacific. Conducted BECCES.

24 Feb: Crossed the equator. Held proper and dignified ceremonies.

25 Feb: Conducted one boarding.

27 Feb: Conducted GQ and BECCES.

1 Mar: Conducted SQS-56 sonar training with a Mini-Mobile Target. Conducted flag hoist training, BECCES, and GQ.

2 Mar: Held a small arms famfire. Boarded one vessel.

3 Mar: Medivaced a sailor from USS Duncan. Conducted BECCES and man overboard training.

4 Mar: Moored NAVSTA Rodman, Panama.

5 Mar: Underway from Rodman. Transitted the Panama Canal eastbound.

6 Mar: Conducted BECCES and MSFD. Outchopped from CDOPS.

7 Mar: Stopped at GTMO, Cuba for a brief stop for fuel (BSF).

8 Mar: Conducted small arms famfire.

10 Mar: Returned to Charleston.

15 Mar: Passed a CMS Inspection given by DESRON 4.

16 Mar: Conducted a MSFD.

18 Mar: Conducted a MSFD.

23 Mar: Conducted a MSFD.

25 Mar: Conducted a MSFD.

26 Mar: Conducted CCC-9-SF, and an R&A drill.

29 Mar: Conducted flag hoist and semaphore training. Hosted NJROTC tour from local High School.

30 Mar: Went out to the Charleston OPAREA for a Dependent's Day Cruise.

6 Apr: Conducted a MSFD, and a flashing light drill. Held an awards ceremony.

8 Apr: Conducted a MSFD and a CCC-9-SF.

12 Apr: Embarked HSL 42 Det 2 and LEDET for upcoming CDOPS.

13 Apr: Underway for CDOPS in the Caribbean. Conducted Deck Landing Quals for COMHSWING 1. Conducted DTE training.

14 Apr: Held a burial at sea for SH1 Lawrence A. Calkins. CNN conducted an overflight.

15 Apr: Conducted a MSFD.

16 Apr: Stopped at GTMO, Cuba for a BSF.

17 Apr: On station for CDOPS.

19 Apr: Conducted BECCES and a MSFD.

20 Apr: Conducted a GQ and a Pacfire for CIWS and 76mm gun. Boarded and seized the fishing vessel Ariel after finding marijuana on board.

22 Apr: Turned over the F/V Ariel to the Venezuelan Coast Guard.

24 Apr: Transitted the Panama Canal, and moored at Rodman Naval Station, Panama.

26 Apr: Underway from Rodman for the East Pacific.

27 Apr: Conducted CIWS and 76mm gun Pacfires.

29 Apr: Conducted a GQ for missile and torpedo hits.

1 May: Conducted a GQ.

2 May: Held a steel beach picnic and swim call. Boarded one vessel.

6 May: Moored Rodman Naval Station, Panama.

6-10 MAY: Port call Rodman, Panama.

10 May: Underway in the Eastern Pacific.

11 May: Conducted man overboard and small boat training.

12 May: Conducted BECCES. Conducted one boarding.

13 May: Conducted REXTORP exercise and held a GQ.

14 May: Held small arms training and BECCES.

15 May: Conducted a GQ and a MSFD.

16 May: Held a steel beach picnic and swim call.

18 May: Held a Safety Standdown.

19 May: Conducted a TORPEX, small arms training, and BECCES.

20 May: Conducted Pacfire for 76mm gun and CIWS, held a GQ.

21 May: Conducted MSFD, BECCES, and small arms training.

22 May: Moored Naval Station Rodman for a BSF. Transitted the Panama Canal to the Caribbean.

23 May: Held a steel beach picnic, swim call, and DC Olympics.

26 May: Conducted Replenishment at Sea (RAS) with USNS John Lenthall. Conducted exercises with HMS Cumberland, including an EW exercise, a surface tracking exercise, a flashing light exercise; cross decked the LEDET.

28 May: Boarded one vessel. Arrived in Aruba for a port visit.

30 May: Underway from Aruba for Charleston. Held a DC Olympics.

3 Jun: Returned to Charleston, SC.

8 Jun: Had a NATO Secret Inspection which was passed with zero discrepancies.

10 Jun: Held a MSFD.

14-18 Jun: Held semi-annual Physical Readiness Training (PRT).

15 Jun: Conducted flashing light training, a MSFD, and a Combat Systems drill.

17 Jun: Conducted a MSFD, and a Combat Systems drill.

21 Jun: Had a fire in number 2 switchboard which necessitated almost total replacement. There were no injuries.

22 Jun: Held flag hoist training, and conducted a MSFD.

25 Jun: Underway for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

26 Jun: Held a GQ.

28 Jun: Arrived at GTMO for a Limited Team Trainer(LTT).

28 Jun-9 Jul: LTT

29 Jun: Conducted a Communications Assessment, aviation equipment checks, and a helo crash drill.

30 Jun: Underway GTMO OPAREA for training. Held training on low visibility navigation, navigating a swept channel, long range high speed gunnery, CBR defense, and repairing damage from structural hits.

1 Jul: Underway GTMO OPAREA for training. Held training on low visibility navigation, navigating a swept channel, mooring to a buoy, VERTREP, helo land/launch, and HIFR's.

2 Jul: Underway GTMO OPAREA for training. Held training on low visibility navigation, navigating a swept channel, anti-mine gunnery, short range high speed gunnery, conflagration drill, and abandon ship.

4 Jul: Observed the 4th of July with full dress ship.

5 Jul: Held a DC Olympics for the embarked Midshipmen.

6 Jul: Underway GTMO OPAREA for training. Conducted leapfrogs, an underway personnel transfer, and held a conflagration drill.

7 Jul: Underway GTMO OPAREA for training. Conducted a Communications Assessment, precision anchoring, and a conflagration drill.

8 Jul: Underway GTMO OPAREA for training. Conducted a mini-conflagration drill, a towing exercise, astern refueling, and a Mediterranean moor.

9 Jul: Conducted a mass conflagration drill. Finished LTT. Underway enroute Mayport, Fl.

11 Jul: Conducted radar cross section measurements off Mayport.

12 Jul: Moored at Naval Weapons Station Charleston for weapons onload. Returned to Charleston after onload.

12-23 Jul: Combat Systems Limited Team Trainer(CSLTT).

16 Jul: Held Petty Officer frocking ceremony.

20 Jul: Completed an Aviation Readiness Evaluation.

27-29 Jul: Underway CHASN OPAREA for an Engineering Training Group (ETG) visit. Conducted BECCES.

6 Aug: Underway for the Caribbean and CDOPS. Embarked HSL 42 Det 2.

8 Aug: Stopped at GTMO for a BSF.

10 Aug: Conducted a GQ and abandon ship drills.

11 Aug: Conducted an UNREP with USNS Leroy Grumman.

12 Aug: Boarded one vessel.

13 Aug: Conducted BECCES.

14 Aug: Conducted a Combat Systems drill.

16 Aug: Conducted RAS with RFA Oakleaf. Conducted BECCES and a .50 cal famfire.

17 Aug: Conducted a GQ and 76mm gun and CIWS pacfire. Boarded one vessel.

18 Aug: Arrived at Barbados for a port call.

19 Aug: Held a reception for local officials on the flight deck.

23 Aug: Departed Barbados. Assisted St Vincent Coast Guard in a Search and Rescue (SAR) for a small sailing vessel.

24 Aug: Held a GQ.

25 Aug: Conducted BECCES.

26 Aug: Conducted a Combat Systems drill. Boarded one vessel.

27 Aug: Conducted one boarding.

29 Aug: Held a steel beach picnic. Conducted a RAS with RFA Oakleaf.

31 Aug: Conducted a RAS and VERTREP with USNS Leroy Grumman.

1 Sep: Held BECCES and a MSFD. Conducted one boarding.

3 Sep: Held BECCES and a MSFD.

4 Sep: Conducted a .50 cal machine gun famfire.

5 Sep: Held a steel beach picnic.

6 Sep: Conducted one boarding.

7 Sep: Held a GQ, ASUW drill, and a CIWS pacfire.

9 Sep: Conducted a Combat Systems drill.

10 Sep: Conducted BECCES.

12 Sep: Boarded one vessel. Held a steel beach picnic.

13 Sep: Conducted flaghoist training, BECCES, and man overboard drills. Conducted one boarding.

6 Sep: Stopped at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads (NSRR) for a BSF.

17 Sep: Moored St Kitts.

20 Sep: Celebrated St Kitts 10th Independence Day. A portion of the crew marched in the Independence Day parade.

21 Sep: Departed St Kitts.

23 Sep: Boarded one vessel.

24 Sep: Conducted a GQ, BECCES, and a CS drill.

26 Sep: Held a steel beach picnic.

27 Sep: Conducted one boarding.

28 Sep: Held a GQ and CIWS and 76mm gun pacfires.

29 Sep: Boarded one vessel.

30 Sep: Held a Combat Systems drill and BECCES. Boarded one vessel.

1 Oct: Conducted an anchor drop test. Stopped at NSRR for fuel and parts (BSP/BSP).

2 Oct: Boarded one vessel.

3 Oct: Held a steel beach picnic.

5 Oct: Held BECCES and a GQ.

7 Oct: Conducted a RAS with USNS Kanawha

8 Oct: Conducted a CIWS and 76mm gun pacfires, Combat Systems drill, and BECCES.

10 Oct: Boarded one vessel.

11 Oct: Arrived at GTMO, Cuba.

11-15 Oct: Maintenance availability in GTMO.

13 Oct: Held an awards ceremony and a picnic on the pier.

15 Oct: Sortied from GTMO in response to political situation in Haiti.

16-22 Oct: On station off Haiti.

19 Oct: Commenced enforcing the embargo off Haiti - Operation Support Democracy. Boarded one vessel.

20 Oct: Conducted one boarding.

21 Oct: Conducted one boarding.

22 Oct: Outchopped Haitian Ops, inchopped CDOPS.

23 Oct: Conducted one boarding.

24 Oct: Conducted a RAS with USNS Kanawha.

25 Oct: Conducted a MSFD.

26 Oct: Arrived St Vincent for a port call.

27 Oct: Held a reception on the flight deck for St. Vincent Officials in honor of their Independence Day.

29 Oct: Departed St Vincent.

1 Nov: Conducted BECCES and a MSFD. Outchopped from CDOPS.

2 Nov: Moored NSRR for Prospective Commanding Officer Submarine Training (PCOSS) Ops Brief. CDR Steve A. Hill, PCO, arrives.

3 Nov: Underway from NSRR.

4-6 Nov: Submarine PCO exercises (PCOSS).

6 Nov: Enroute Charleston, SC.

8 Nov: Conducted a GQ, MSFD, and abandon ship drill.

9 Nov: Disembarked HSL 42 Det 2, arrived in Charleston.

11 Nov: Held a change of command rehearsal.

12 Nov: CDR Steve A. Hill relieved CDR Paul D. Danks as Commanding Officer of USS KLAKRING (FFG-42).

23 Nov: Had a Tempest Inspection.

29 Nov: Embarked ETG. Underway for Operation Support Democracy, embarked HSL 42 Det 2. Conducted CIWS and 76mm gun pacfire.

30 Nov: Conducted BECCES.

2 Dec: Onstation for Operation Support Democracy. Refueled with USNS Henry J. Kaiser.

4 Dec: Boarded one vessel.

5 Dec: LCDR Joe D. Banker relieved LCDR Charles G. Sanders as XO. Boarded one vessel.

7 Dec: Conducted a RAS with USS Platte.

8 Dec: Conducted a CS drill.

9 Dec: Visited by a team of Congressional Staffers. Conducted a CS drill. Conducted one boarding.

11 Dec: Conducted a RAS with USS Platte. Held a MSFD.

12 Dec: Conducted two boardings.

13 Dec: Conducted BECCES. Boarded two vessels.

14 Dec: Conducted one boarding.

15 Dec: Boarded one vessel.

16 Dec: Conducted a RAS with USS Platte.

17 Dec: Outchopped from Operation Support Democracy. Conducted BECCES.

18 Dec: Conducted CIWS and 76mm gun pacfires.

19 Dec: Stopped at Mayport, FL to offload a helo. Disembarked HSL 42 Det 2.

20 Dec: Arrived back in Charleston.

20-31 Dec: Holiday standdown.

III. USS KLAKRING COMMAND NARRATIVE FOR 1993

USS KLAKRING began 1993 at Charleston Naval Station finishing a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). This would be the year of Caribbean boardings with KLAKRING operating for seven and a half months conducting Counter Drug Operations (CDOPS) and supporting the UN military and petroleum imports embargo on Haiti (Operation Support Democracy). KLAKRING would have the privilege of working with numerous ships from other nations while patrolling in the Caribbean. Towards the end of the year, a lot of time was spent preparing for some crucial exams and inspections scheduled for early 1994.

The new year began with finishing the selected restricted availability (SRA) from the previous year. The first week of January was a leave standdown period. The ship had an Aviation Technical Assist Visit the second week in preparation for the upcoming Aviation Certification. The crew had a successful Light Off Assessment (LOA) conducted by DESRON 4 in the third week of January. The LOA was in preparation for the conclusion of the SRA and the sea trials to follow. On the 19th of January the ship got underway for a one day sea trial. KLAKRING had not been underway since 24 August the previous year. During the sea trials, the crew flexed the Combat Systems suite, tested the new AFFF system, lit-off the Counter Measure Washdown System (CMWDS), and trained the sea and anchor and navigation details.

The next couple weeks were spent preparing KLAKRING and her crew for assignment to CDOPS. In the last week of January KLAKRING had three events.

Combat Systems Department was kept busy with a Limited Combat Systems Readiness Review which involved checking the readiness of their equipment. The Engineers had a highly successful Sanitation Disposal System Inspection with zero discrepancies. The entire crew participated in their first Surface Warfare Training Week for the calendar year. On the last day of the month a duty section proved their fire party skills by extinguishing a fire caused by leaky old batteries on board a barge alongside the KLAKRING. The ship had previously removed all of its ammunition for the SRA, so on 3 February Klakring made a trip to the Naval Weapons Station for a complete onload. During the first week of February the aviation side of the ship was inspected with an Aviation Certification visit. The Certification was passed successfully, and the team noted the ship's well written Helicopter Control Bill. DESRON 4 paid the ship another visit on 5 February with a Communications Management Security Systems (CMS) assist visit. During this first part of the year KLAKRING held 3 Main Space Fire Drills (MSFD), an awards ceremony, and a frocking ceremony.

The KLAKRING departed Charleston on 8 February to participate in CDOPS. HSL 42 Det 2 was embarked also with one helicopter. KLAKRING arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) on 10 February and embarked a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET). Enroute to CDOPS, the ship conducted a MSFD and pacfires for CIWS and 76mm gun. KLAKRING departed GTMO the following day and inchooped to CDOPS on the 12th. From February 12th through 16th, KLAKRING conducted four boardings. On 20 February KLAKRING

boarded two more vessels.

The USS KLAKRING passed through the Panama Canal for its first time on 21 February with 12 military and civilian guests.

KLAKRING moored at Rodman Naval Station, Panama that evening and got underway the next day for the Eastern Pacific. On 24

February KLAKRING crossed the Equator for its first time.

Eighty-five percent of the crew, helo detachment, and LEDET were Wogs resulting in a long and interesting ceremony. The crew conducted two boardings in the Eastern Pacific on 25 February and 2 March. KLAKRING continued to exercise the Snipes with Engineering drills, GQ's, and MSFD's. The ship moored at Rodman on 4 Mar, and transitted the Panama Canal to become Caribbean bound the following day.

KLAKRING outchopped from CDOPS on the 6 March. On 7 March KLAKRING briefly refueled at GTMO to arrive at Charleston on 10 March. The ship continued the training routine with more MSFD, GQ's, BECCES, and a small arms famfire. On 15 March, KLAKRING successfully passed DESON FOUR's CMS inspection.

KLAKRING was slated to return to CDOPS in April. The rest of March and beginning of April were spent in upkeep and training.

The ship held a MSFD every Tuesday and Thursday during this period. The crew was able to show off the ship to family and friends during a Dependent's Day Cruise on 30 March. An awards ceremony was held on

6 April. HSL 42 Det 2 returned to the KLAKRING along with a new LEDET on 12 April. KLAKRING departed Charleston for CDOPS in the

Caribbean on 13 April. The flight deck crew received an opportunity to handle a different type of aircraft as SH-3's of COMHSWING 1 conducted deck landing qualifications on the 13 April. The following day, KLAKRING's crew got an opportunity to participate in a solemn Navy tradition conducting a burial at sea. KLAKRING stopped at GTMO on 16 April for fuel, and inchooped to CDOPS on 17 April. On 20 April, the helo spotted the ARIEL and vectored Klakring towards the suspicious looking fishing vessel. Upon sighting the KLAKRING, ARIEL immediately started throwing bales of marijuana in the water. KLAKRING pursued and stopped ARIEL about 20 miles from the Columbian coast. The Venezuelan Coast Guard later arrived, boarded, and seized the Venezuelan vessel, crew, and evidence.

KLAKRING transitted the Panama Canal for its second time on 24 April. The ship moored in Rodman until the 26th enjoying some liberty in Panama City, Panama. A week a half later, KLAKRING boarded another vessel. On 2 May, swim call was held and enjoyed by all. Training was the main event of this period with a pacfire and many GQ's. The ship arrived back in Rodman for a port call on 6 May. The crew agin enjoyed the port visit, which included a softball tournament between the ship's divisions. KLAKRING departed Rodman on the 10th for more steaming in the Eastern Pacific. The next 12 days had no boardings but allowed the ship to take advantage of the time to conduct valuable training: GQ's, MSFD's, BECCES's, small arms famfire, CIWS and 76mm gun pacfires, and two ASW/torpedo exercises with the helo. The crew saw the Panama Canal for its last time this year as the

ship transitted to the Caribbean the 22th. On 23 May KLA KRING was busy with DC Olympics, Steel Beach picnic, and a swim call. On the 26th, KLA KRING conducted an UNREP with the USNS JOHN LENTHALL and conducted various exercises with HMS CUMBERLAND. The LEDET boarded their last vessel on the 28 May before arriving in Aruba for it's best port call of the year. KLA KRING left Aruba on the 30 May. Enroute home the KLA KRING was vectored to intercept a small, fast possible drug runner. KLA KRING joined HMS CUMBERLAND in attempting to intercept the vessel chasing it for seven hours without gaining or losing ground. The drug runner remained about 1000 yards ahead of both KLA KRING and CUMBERLAND with the chase ending when it approached Columbian waters. KLA KRING arrived back in Charleston on 3 June. On the 8th of June, DESRON FOUR inspected Klakring's NATO Secret control procedures. The Inspection was passed with zero discrepancies. The crew was very pleased to participate in the semi-annual PRT the second week of June.

KLA KRING was scheduled to go to Norfolk, VA for 5 days and conduct Midshipmen training. Unfortunately, this did not occur due to a fire on the evening of 21 June in #2 Switchboard. The fire's cause was a leaking pipe connection near the switchboard and necessitated almost total replacement of #2 Switchboard. Repairs were completed in time for the ship to get underway on 25 June for GTMO. KLA KRING arrived in GTMO, Cuba on 28 June for a Limited Team Trainer. Training consisted of many exercises: sea and anchor details, low visibility navigation, mooring to a buoy, a Mediterranean moor, gun shoots, navigating a swept channel, a

precision anchoring, VERTREP, HIFR, helo crash, comms assessment, abandon ship drill, and many GQ's including a mass conflagration drill. While at GTMO the crew celebrated the 4th of July with a picnic on the pier. KLAKRING departed GTMO on the 9th of July for Charleston, stopping briefly at Mayport Naval Base on 11 July for a radar cross section analysis. KLAKRING arrived in Charleston 12 July proceeding to the Naval Weapons Station for an ammunition onload and returning to the Naval Station later that afternoon.

The next three weeks were taken up by training assists. From 12 to 23 July, KLAKRING had a Combat Systems Limited Team Trainer. The ship took time out of the training to conduct a frocking ceremony on 16 July. KLAKRING passed an Aviation Readiness Exam on the 20 August with high marks. An Engineering Training Group (ETG) visited KLAKRING 27 to 29 August with the ship underway the latter 2 days in the CHASN OPAREA.

KLAKRING departed Charleston the 6th of August for a final CDOPS and again embarked HSL 42 Det 2. KLAKRING arrived at GTMO on the 8th for a BSF and embarked a new LEDET. KLAKRING inchooped to CDOPS the following day. The crew conducted a boarding on the 12th. The ship also participated in two UNREPS the first week: USNS LEROY GRUMMAN and RFA OAKLEAF. While enroute to it's port call in Barbados, KLAKRING conducted a second boarding.

The wardroom held a reception on the flight deck on 20 August for Barbados officials and other VIP's from neighboring Islands. The hospitality was returned 2 days later when the wardroom was

invited to a reception held by the Barbados Military. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by the crew.

KLAKRING left Barbados on 23 August and that night coordinated a rescue of a sailboat in distress. KLAKRING's helo spotted what appeared to be a sailboat drifting and a enlisted nearby merchant to assist. Both KLAKRING and the merchant assisted as well as they could but eventually directed a St Vincent Coast Guard vessel to the scene to tow the sailboat into port.

The ship had two boardings on the 26th and 27th of August. The crew did an UNREP with RFA OAKLEAF for training purposes on the 29 August. USNS LEROY GRUNMANN did a RAS and VERTREP with KLAKRING on the 31st of August. In the first two weeks of September, the ship conducted four boardings. Throughout all three months of this deployment when the ship was not boarding, multiple training was conducted: GQ's, MSFD's, BECCES, and Combat Systems drills. The ship stopped at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads (NSRR), Puerto Rico for a BSF/BSP.

The ship anchored off of St Kitts on 17 September for KLAKRING's second port call in the mini-deployment. The ship arrived during the Island's tenth Independence Day celebration and a contingent from the KLAKRING marched in St. Kitt's Independence Day parade on the 20th of September. St. Kitts was an enjoyable port call. KLAKRING recieved a new LEDET and departed St Kitts on the 21st of September.

In the last four days of September, KLAKRING boarded three vessels. The ship stopped at NSRR again on the 1st of October

for a BSF/BSP. In the next week and a half, KLA KRING boarded two vessels and conducted a RAS with USNS KANAWHA.

KLA KRING arrived at GTMO on 11 Oct for a one week IMAV. It was a nice break for the crew and a lot of needed maintenance was accomplished. The ship conducted a picnic on the pier on the 14 October.

On 15 October, KLA KRING received orders to sortie from GTMO and respond to the political situation in Haiti. KLA KRING arrived on station in the early hours of the following morning. From the 16th through the 18th of October, KLA KRING provided a visual presence of U.S. military power. The ship patrolled Port-Au-Prince's harbor three times the three days closing to within three miles of the coast. On October 16 KLA KRING was the senior ship on scene until DESRON 22 arrived the following day. The embargo on all military goods and petroleum products went into effect at midnight on the 18th. KLA KRING enforced the embargo by conducting its first boarding on the morning of the 19th. The boarded vessel was cleared, but decided to divert to a non-Haitian port. The crew conducted two more boardings in the next two days diverting one vessel for inaccessible cargo and clearing the other vessel.

The ship encountered an interesting event the night of the 20th as they escorted an uncooperative vessel south bound. The uncooperative vessel would periodically attempt to close within Haitian waters and even attempted diverting KLA KRING. On October 22, KLA KRING was relieved by USS SAMUEL E MORISON and returned to CDOPS.

The ship boarded a vessel the following day and did their last RAS with USNS KANAWHA. KLAKRING arrived in St. Vincent on the 26th for the third and final CDOPS port call. The ship held a reception on the flight deck to celebrate St. Vincent's Independence Day. KLAKRING departed St. Vincent the 29th, and outchopped from CDOPS on 1 November.

KLAKRING moored in NSRR on 2 November for a four day brief on the Submarine Prospective Commanding Officer (PCOSS) Operations with Klakring's PCO arriving and the LEDET departing the same day. The ship left NSRR on 3 November and participated in the PCOSS operations from the 4th through the 6th. Three ships and two submarines participated in exercises involving simulated weapons engagement.

On November 6, KLAKRING proceeded enroute to Charleston, SC. The ship arrived in Charleston on the 9th, and disembarked HSL 42 Det 2. The crew held a dress rehearsal for the Change of Command on November 11th. CDR Steve A. Hill relieved CDR Paul D. Danks on the 12th of November. The rest of the month was spent in correcting material deficiencies from the 3 month deployment and preparing for the battery of inspections to be conducted in 1994. The ship had a successful Tempest inspection on the 23 November.

KLAKRING departed Charleston for its last time in 1993 on 29 November for Operation Support Democracy off Haiti. Both ETG and HSL 42 Det with their two helicopters also embarked. ETG provided KLAKRING very valuable training with BECCES and inspections. While transitting towards Haiti, KLAKRING conducted a pacfire and arrived on station the 2nd of December with an

UNREP from the USNS HENRY J KAISER. The crew conducted two boardings the first week on station. LCDR Joe D. Banker relieved LCDR Charles G. Sanders as Executive Officer on 5 December. The ship was visited by a group of six Congressional Staff Members from 9 December to 11 December who had an opportunity to view a boarding. In the last week on station, the crew busily boarded six vessels in four days. KLAKRING outchopped Operation Support Democracy on 17 December with three additional RAS's from the RFA OAKLEAF and USS PLATTE.

The KLAKRING briefly stopped in Mayport, FL on the 19th to offload a helo requiring maintenance returned to Charleston on 20 December. The remainder 1993 was a holiday stand-down period for the crew as everyone began preparing for a CSA and OPPE in 1994.