

COMMAND HISTORY

Command Composition and Organization

Command Short Title: USS KLA KRING (FFG 42)
UIC: 21109
ISIC: Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN
Commanding Officer: CDR James S. Maynard, USN, and
CDR Stephen F. Davis, Jr., USN
Homeport: Portsmouth, VA

Chronological List of Events and Narrative for 2000

January

KLA KRING began the new year by sailing on 18 January with her squadron mates in a Group Sail to the Puerto Rican Operating Area (PROA). During Group Sail, KLA KRING had the opportunity to conduct MK15 Phalanx and 76mm gunnery exercises, observe a P3 flight demo, a Roboski Firex, AAW/SUW/SAG operations, at sea rescue and assistance drills and DIVTACS. KLA KRING finished the Group Sail with a port visit to Roosevelt Roads and picnic in her future homeport, Mayport, FL. The picnic was at Kavanaugh Field where officers and crew enjoyed good food, fun and a softball game.

February

February began with an underway Engineering Limited Team Trainer (LTT) enroute Portsmouth, VA. Upon arrival in Portsmouth, the crew had a chance to rest for a week before getting underway again for an Engineering Underway Demonstration, which was completed successfully. KLA KRING then unloaded weapons in Yorktown, VA, in preparation for training later in the month. On 18 February, KLA KRING had the privilege of conducting a Family Day Cruise from Yorktown to Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Many of the crews' family had the opportunity to ride and see first-hand a ship operating at sea. From the 22nd to the 25th, KLA KRING completed an LTT Basic Phase and AAW/USW Training Assist. PAC fires and AAW Detect-to-Engage (DTE) scenarios were conducted, in addition to an underway replenishment with USNS LARAMIE. KLA KRING closed out the month by conducting a 76mm/CIWS Gunnery Exercise in the Jacksonville Operating Area (JAXOA).

March

KLAKRING completed CMTQ and SMA Assist Visits at the start of March and also conducted USW training, sharpening her skills while inport Portsmouth. Next on the agenda, KLAKRING completed C5RA Phase I and SEMAT II inport starting on the 13th and continuing until the 23rd of the month. KLAKRING got underway for the JAXOA to begin a Damage Control (DC) Training Assist. KLAKRING then rendezvoused with USS HARRY S TRUMAN and provided plane guard services. After a brief stint at home, KLAKRING got underway to act as Opposition Force (OPFOR) for the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battlegroup.

April

While underway with the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battlegroup, KLAKRING stopped for a port visit in Nassau, Bahamas from the 3rd to the 7th receiving some valuable time off. Upon arrival back in Portsmouth, KLAKRING successfully demonstrated her surface warfare capabilities in CMTQ. At the end of the month, KLAKRING started Phase II of C5RA.

May

KLAKRING completed a successful C5RA at the beginning of the month and on 08 May got underway in the Virginia Capes Operating Area (VCOA) for her Final Evaluation Problem. KLAKRING was once again called on to provide OPFOR services for the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battlegroup.

June

During Group Sail, KLAKRING conducted CIWS and 76mm PAC fires, a TORPEX, MISSILEX, and before pulling back into homeport, a small arms gun shoot. Upon pulling back into port, we began preparations for a change of command. On 16 June, CDR S. F. Davis, Jr. relieved CDR J. S. Maynard as Commanding Officer. On 18 June, KLAKRING headed to a port visit in Gloucester, MA. KLAKRING anchored off Gloucester and participated in the St. Peter's Fiesta and the Annual Blessing of the Fleet.

July

July began KLAKRING's pre-deployment stand down in preparation for UNITAS 41-00. The crew enjoyed 2 weeks of leave to see family and friends before an intense deployment. Command Master Chief Parker re-enlisted at the top of the main mast.

August

KLAKRING began UNITAS 41-00 on August 4th. There was an extremely busy period starting with CIWS and 76mm PAC fires, BECCES and HIFR/VERTREPs. On 09 August, KLAKRING made a brief stop at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Underway again on the 10th, KLAKRING conducted a DRONEX on the 12th and transited the Panama Canal on 13 August, followed with a few Days of liberty in Balboa, PM. In keeping with tradition, KLAKRING's crew participated in a Crossing of the Line Ceremony on the 20th, indoctrinating over 60% of her crew in the solemn mysteries of the deep. After operating with forces from Ecuador, Peru and Columbia in the Pacific Phase of UNITAS, the officers and crew enjoyed a port visit at Callao, Peru from 24-27 August. On the 27th, KLAKRING was underway again and participated in another DRONEX and MISSILEX, returning to Callao for a second visit on 31 August.

September

KLAKRING remained in Callao, Peru from the 1st to the 4th. The ship got sailed on 05 September to begin the Chilean Phase of UNITAS, transiting south to conduct bilateral operations with the Chilean Navy. CAPT Weppler, Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN assumed command of the task force during this phase of the operation. Training in the early part of the month included DIVTACS and AAW DTE's and UNREP approaches. KLAKRING arrived in Iquique, Chile on 07 September and remained inport until 10 September. Underway from Iquique, the ship transited south with USS HAYLER (DD 997) and USS LA MOURE COUNTY (LST 1179), conducting exercises with the Chilean units participating in the exercise. KLAKRING conducted several underway replenishments from the Chilean oiler ARAUCANO and several crewmembers were able to cross-deck to Chilean naval ships during the transit to Valparaiso. On 11 September, KLAKRING and HAYLER engaged in a HARPOONEX, scoring a direct hit against the target vessel. After an overnight stop in Coquimbo, Chile on 15 September,

KLAKRING continued operations with the Chileans while heading south, arriving in Valparaiso, Chile on 17 September. Following an exceptional visit in Valparaiso, KLAKRING headed to Talcahuano, Chile and arrived there 22 September. Prior to departing, the CINCLANFLT Navy Show Band embarked in KLAKRING to continue their participation in the UNITAS events. Upon arrival in Talcahuano, KLAKRING had the honor of hosting a reception for the U.S. Ambassador to Chile, the Honorable John O'Leary. The ship sailed from Talcahuano on 25 September, embarking two Chilean naval coastal pilots for the transit of the Chilean Inland Waterway and Strait of Magellan. The transit was broken up by a one day port visit to Punta Arenas, Chile on 28 September. On the 29th, the ship got underway and completed the remainder of the transit, arriving in Ushuaia, Argentina on the evening of 30 September. The Chilean pilots disembarked and the Chilean Phase of UNITAS ended.

October

01-04 October were spent in port Ushuaia, preparing for the Atlantic Phase of UNITAS. Participants from France, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay arrived to begin the exercise. USS TICONDEROGA (CG 47) assumed the duties as flagship for Commodore Weppler. Underway from Ushuaia on 05 October, KLAKRING participated in more warfare exercises, maneuvering exercises and underway replenishments, including a DRONEX with 13 ships firing at the target launched by the VC-6 detachment embarked in KLAKRING. The ship refueled from the Argentinean oiler PATAGONIA and the Brazilian oiler GASTEO MATTA. Atlantic Phase operations concluded with the arrival of the group in Puerto Belgrano, Argentina on 14 October. On 17 October, the Argentines hosted a farewell reception for all participants at the officers' club on base. On 19 October, KLAKRING and TICONDEROGA sailed with the Urugayan ship MONTEVIDEO to conduct a bi-lateral exercise. This exercise included more warfare and maneuvering exercises. The exercise concluded with KLAKRING's arrival in Montevideo, Uruguay on 20 October. On 21 October, KLAKRING hosted an official reception on behalf of COMUSNAVSOUTH, RADM Kevin P. Green, USN. Guests included the U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay and the numerous flag and general officers from the Urugayan military. KLAKRING sailed from Montevideo and proceeded to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for a port visit 26-28 October. Port visits included Ushuaia, Argentina from the 1st to the 4th, Puerto Belgrano, Argentina from the 14th

to the 18th, Montevideo, Uruguay from the 20th to the 23rd and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from the 26th to the 28th.

November

November started with a port visit 02-03 November in Forteleza, Brazil. Then it was underway again for the transit back to Portsmouth. Enroute, the ship conducted unit level training and another Crossing of the Line Ceremony on 05 November to indoctrinate newly reported members of the crew. KLAKRING rendezvoused with ships from Destroyer Squadron 26 and participated in part of their Group Sail. On the 12th, Magnum 445 departed and the crew started making preparations to return to homeport. KLAKRING pulled into Norfolk Naval Shipyard on the 13th to begin a 30 day stand down period.

December

Stand down continued into the month of December. On 07 December, KLAKRING held a Holiday Party at the Double Tree Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA. The CINCLANT Fleet Show Band, who had been guests on KLAKRING for a portion of UNITAS, provided the entertainment. On 13 December, ETCS [REDACTED] retired with a ceremony held onboard the ship. On 15 December the ship began its holiday leave period, which ran through the beginning of January.

Supporting Documents

Supporting documents include the Welcome Aboard Pamphlet, Mission Area Excellence Awards and the Commanding Officer's photo.