

COMMAND HISTORY 2002

Command Composition and Organization

USS KLAKRING (FFG 42), 21109, mission is to be ready to conduct prompt and sustained combat operations at sea. Commander, Destroyer Squadron FOURTEEN is Klakring's ISIC, and COMNAVSURFLANT is the Type Commander. KLAKRING is commanded by CDR Mark Genung and is homeported in Mayport, FL.

JANUARY

Klakring began the year with a pre-deployment standdown in preparation for getting underway for Counter Drug Operations.

FEBRUARY

The month began with Klakring getting underway for counter drug operations. During the Counter Drug operations Klakring took down a fishing vessel, seizing over 12 tons of cocaine, which was the largest maritime drug seizure in history. During the underway period, the Klakring also transited the Panama Canal and visited several ports such as Gulfito, Costa Rica and Vasco Nunuz de Balboa, Panama.

MARCH

During the month of March, Klakring continued to perform Counter Drug Operations off the west coast of South America. The crew was also fortunate enough to BSF in Manta, Equador for one day. The Klakring also engaged in some humanitarian work by saving a Sea Turtle that was entangled in a stray fishing net.

APRIL

Well engaged in Counter Drug Operations, Klakring took down another fishing vessel, seizing nearly two tons of cocaine. Klakring was also able to conduct port visits in Callao (Lima), Peru and Manta, Equador.

MAY

The month of May was an important one for Klakring. The month began with a port call in Key West for Narcotics offload and a special Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) East ceremony honoring Klakring's successful efforts during the CD Ops deployment. Klakring also visited Port Canaveral and picked up the families of the crew for a Family Day Cruise. Many family members were able to ride the ship from Port Canaveral to Mayport, FL. But perhaps the most significant event of the month was the Change of Command ceremony, which was held on 17 May. Commander Stephen F. Davis, Jr., was relieved by Commander Mark D. Genung. The month concluded with a two-week maintenance availability.

JUNE/JULY

During the months of June and July, Klakring deployed again, this time for UNITAS 43-02. During UNITAS, Klakring visited Panama, Chile and Peru. While in Chile, Klakring executed a 21-gun and 17-gun salute with the recently installed 40 MM

saluting battery. The Klakring also conducted highly successful missile and Gun shoots on July 7. Miraculously, all three drones utilized in the firing events were successfully recovered, saving the Navy thousands of dollars. The month of July concluded with SIFOREX with Peruvian naval forces.

AUGUST

During the month of August, Klakring conducted a post-deployment standdown period.

SEPTEMBER

Klakring transited to Earl, New Jersey for an ammunition offload. Klakring also visited Norfolk, VA. During this visit, Klakring took advantage of a training availability. The ships crew was able to attend schools for Force Protection, Link management, GCCS, Fiber Optics and fire fighting. By attending these schools, Klakring saved the Navy over \$38,000 in TAD funds. Additionally, Klakring was the first U.S. Navy ship to utilize the Professional Range Instruction Simulator (PRIMs).

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

On October 22, Klakring entered Atlantic Dry Dock and became the first frigate in 10 years to be pulled up on the rail system. Klakring entered Atlantic Dry Dock to conduct Extended Dry dock Selective Restrictive Availability (EDSRA). EDSRA was a \$4.5 million availability executed in two phases; dry dock and topside availability. The total package consisted of 1980 depot level maintenance line items and 240 jobs which were accomplished by SIMA Mayport. Some of the maintenance conducted on Klakring included; replacement of Controllable Pitch Propellers, rudder repairs, Fin Stabilizer repairs, Sonar Dome replacement, overhaul and testing of all four Ship's Service Diesel Generators and NAVSEA Preservation Team paintout of numerous spaces.

DECEMBER

The month of December brought the end of the Dry Dock period. Klakring entered the water on December 21 and continued with dry dock maintenance until 10 January 2003 when Klakring proceeded to get underway for Sea Trials.