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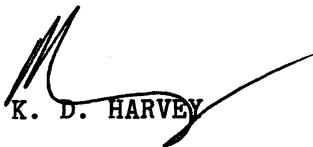
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From: Commanding Officer, USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Encl: (1) USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) Command History

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted.


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USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) 1985 COMMAND HISTORY

1. Mr. Ellsworth Peterson, President, Peterson Builders Inc., Sturgeon Bay, WI delivered SAFEGUARD to the Navy on 2 August, 1985. Delivery was accepted by CAPT Thomas J. Kile, USN, Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair, Sturgeon Bay, WI, representing the Naval Sea Systems Command. Custody of SAFEGUARD was transferred to LCDR Kenneth D. Harvey, USN, Prospective Commanding Officer, USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50). The crew moved aboard and began training.
2. USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) was Commissioned on 17 August, 1985 in the first ceremony of its kind in Sturgeon Bay, WI since World War II. USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) is the "First in Class" of the ARS 50 class of salvage and rescue ships.
3. The crew successfully passed the Propulsion Examining Board's (PEB) Light Off Examination (LOE) on 4 and 5 September, 1985. USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) was the first Pacific Fleet ARS/ATS ship to undergo an LOE and the results were highly satisfactory.
4. The crew was certified to operate USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) during 10 and 11 September, 1985. Crew Certification (Phase II) was conducted by members of the training and readiness branch of the Type Commander, Commander, Naval Surface Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
5. USS SAFEGUARD (ARS 50) got underway and was operated by her crew for the first time on 12 September, 1985 when she steamed from Sturgeon Bay, WI to Milwaukee, WI.
6. The diving system was fully certified by the Naval Sea Systems Command Certification Authority after conducting certification dives off Milwaukee, WI on 16 September, 1985.
7. USS SAFEGUARD began the transit from Sturgeon Bay, WI to her homeport, Pearl Harbor, HI, on 17 September, 1985. She arrived in Pearl Harbor on 12 November, 1985 after transiting 10,200 miles. The trip included the transit of five of the Great Lakes and connecting waterways, the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the entire Atlantic coast of the United States, the Caribbean Sea, through the Panama Canal, the Pacific coast of Central America, Mexico and the United States to San Diego, CA, then across the eastern Pacific to Hawaii.
8. Upon arrival at Pearl Harbor on 12 November 1985, US SAFEGUARD enjoyed a Leave Upkeep Period then conducted Performance Trials commencing 16 December and continuing up to 21 December, the start of the Christmas Leave Period.

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