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Encl: (1) 1992 Command History for USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG 48)

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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USS VANDEGRIFT 1992 COMMAND HISTORY

Part I

The mission of USS VANDEGRIFT (FFG-48) is "To provide self defense and effectively supplement planned and existing escorts in the protection of underway replenishment groups, amphibious forces and military and mercantile shipping against subsurface, air and surface threat; to conduct ASW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces tasked to ensure our use of essential sea lanes of communications". From 1 January through 22 April and 22 October through 31 December 1992, VANDEGRIFT was under administrative command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine and Commander, Naval Surface Group Long Beach CA. VANDEGRIFT shifted to various operational commanders while deployed during the period 22 April to 22 October 1992 as listed in Part II. VANDEGRIFT was commanded by CDR Theodore L. Kaye and was homeported in Long Beach, CA. Two LAMPS Mark III SH-60B "Seahawk" helicopters assigned to VANDEGRIFT were attached to Helicopter Anti-Submarine (Light) Squadron (HSL) 49, Detachment Six, located at NAS North Island, California.

Part II

The following events, exercises, and operations were conducted during 1992. Dates not listed were spent inport Long Beach, CA conducting routine maintenance and administration.

01-09 Jan	Holiday Upkeep (UPK)
06-26 Jan	Restricted Availability (RAV)
06-26 Jan	Installed Over-Board Trainer (OBT)
	Installed Harpoon Weapon Console (SWG-1A)
16-21 Jan	Installed Kingfisher Mod
27-31 Jan	Conducted Weapon Systems Accuracy Trials (WSAT)
	Conducted All Comers At-Sea Training (ACAT) in the

29 Jan Southern California Operating Area (SOCAL)
 Conducted Replenishment At Sea (RAS) with USS
 ROANOKE
 01-06 Feb In Port (IPT) San Francisco (SF) CA
 01-02 Feb Visit Ship IPT SF
 03-06 Feb Harpoon Material/Safety Certification
 10-13 Feb Tailship Proficiency Training (TPT) 92-2 SOCAL
 Embarked/Debarked HSL-49 Det 6
 19-20 Feb Underway SOCAL
 20 Feb Ammunition Onload (ONLD) North Island San Diego
 24-28 Feb Conducted Inspection Survey (INSURV)
 25 Feb Underway INSURV SOCAL
 25 Feb Embarked/Debarked COMDESRON NINE
 27 Feb Conducted Harpoon Tactical Qualification
 16-20 Mar Conducted Mid-East Force Exercise (MEFEX) SOCAL
 16-17 Apr Conducted Pre-Deployment Shakedown
 22-29 Apr Underway Enroute (ENR) Pearl Harbor HI
 Conducted MEFEX 92-3
 22 Apr Assigned to CTU 30.1.0 (COMDESRON 21) for transit
 Embarked HSL-49 det 6
 27 Apr Conducted WSAT
 29 Apr-01 May IPT Pearl Harbor HI
 01-11 May ENR Guam (ICW Transit Task Unit CTU 35.8.4/CTU
 75.9.3)
 01-17 May Conducted MEFEX 92-3
 08 May Chop to 7th Fleet and CTF 75
 11 May Conducted Brief Stop for Fuel (BSF) Guam
 11-18 May ENR Singapore
 19-23 May IPT Singapore
 24-28 May ENR India
 25 May Conducted Passing Exercise (PASSEX) with HMS Beaver
 28-29 May Underway Indian Ocean
 Conducted Malabar '92 with Indian Naval Units
 30 May-01 Jun IPT Mormagoa (Goa) India
 01-08 Jun ENR Bahrain
 05 Jun Chop to Commander Task Force 154 (COMUSNAVCENT)
 07 Jun Conducted RAS with USNS San Jose
 08-10 Jun IPT Mina Sulman, Bahrain
 08 Jun Relieved USS Ingersoll of Arabian Gulf duties
 11-12 Jun Conducted Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG) Patrol (PTL)
 12 Jun Conducted RAS with Andrew J. Higgins (USNS)
 13-21 Jun IPT Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates (UAE)
 22-25 Jun Underway Arabian Gulf (AG) Operations (Ops)
 22 Jun Conducted RAS with Motor Vessel Gianella (MVG)
 24-25 Jun Conducted PASSEX with USS Bunker Hill
 26-28 Jun IPT Mina Sulman, Bahrain
 28-29 Jun ENR Qatar
 29 Jun Anchor vicinity Ad Dawhah (Doha) Qatar
 30 Jun-02 Jul Underway AG Ops
 Conducted Eastern Sailor 92-3
 02-04 Jul IPT Doha, Qatar
 05-10 Jul Underway AG PTL
 11-14 Jul UPK Mina Sulman, Bahrain
 15-24 Jul Underway AG PTL
 24 Jul-03 Aug UPK Jebel Ali, UAE

04-10 Aug ENR Pakistan
 10-14 Aug IPT Karachi, Pakistan
 15-16 Aug Underway Northern Arabian Sea
 Conducted Inspired Siren 92-1
 16-18 Aug ENR Dubai, UAE
 18-25 Aug UPK/RAV Dubai, UAE
 26 Aug-01 Sep Underway NAG PTL
 02-04 Sep UPK Bahrain
 04 Sep ENR Jebel Ali, UAE
 05 Sep Anchor vicinity Jebel Ali, UAE
 Conducted turnover with USS Fanning
 05-13 Sep ENR Thailand with Transit Group CTU 75.9.4
 08 Sep Chop to 7th Fleet and CTF 75
 09 Sep Conducted RAS with USS Wabash
 13-18 Sep Anchor vicinity Patong, Thailand
 19-20 Sep ENR Singapore
 20 Sep Conducted BSF Singapore
 20-25 Sep ENR Hong Kong
 21 Sep Crossed Equator at 105 deg West Longitude
 25-28 Sep IPT Hong Kong
 28 Sep-04 Oct ENR Guam
 04 Oct Conducted BSF Guam
 04-13 Oct ENR Pearl Harbor, HI
 07 Oct Chop to 3rd Fleet
 13-15 Oct IPT Pearl Harbor, HI
 16-22 Oct ENR Long Beach, CA (Tiger Cruise)
 22 Oct Detached HSL-49 Det 6
 Shifted to DESRON 9
 24-25 Nov Underway SOCAL
 29 Nov-01 Dec ENR San Francisco, CA
 02-06 Dec IPT San Francisco, CA
 07 Dec ENR Concord Weapons Station, CA
 07-08 Dec Weapons Off-load, Concord, CA
 09-10 Dec ENR Long Beach, CA
 11-31 Dec Holiday Upkeep

Part III

27-31 Jan: Participated in All Comers At-Sea training in SOCAL. The exercise was arranged by Commander Destroyer Squadron Twenty-One. Training involved all warfare areas and included air services and flight ops. Commander's evaluation: "...well organized and provided excellent training."

10-14 Feb: Conducted Tailship Proficiency Training with HSL-49 Det 6. Officer Conducting the Exercise was Commander Destroyer Squadron Seven. Exercises were designed to allow ASW operators to practice submarine prosecution and over the horizon targetting.

24-28 Feb: Conducted and successfully completed Inspection Survey with minor discrepancies.

- 27 Feb: Conducted and successfully completed Harpoon Tactical Qualification, allowing VANDEGRIFT to deploy fully Harpoon missile capable.
- 16-20 Mar: Conducted Middle East Force Exercise to gain proficiency and familiarity with operational and battle scenarios in the Arabian Gulf.
- 22 Apr-17 May: Conducted MEFEX with COMDESRON 21 task unit. Exercises included small boat/low flyer deconfliction, VBSS, Rules of engagement, Rescue and Assistance, publications exercises, etc.. Executive summary (COMDESRON 21): "MEFEX 92-3 phase III marks completion of first standardized 'MEF/third world ops' training for west coast deployers".
- 27 Apr: Successfully completed WSAT. Exercise required one simulated and one actual exercise torpedo drop.
- 26-29 May: Successfully completed all phases of exercise Malabar '92. Exercise was intended to strengthen Indo-US ties and familiarize the navies with one another's operating procedures. Operational Commander's comments: "...Malabar 92 lays the groundwork for future operations of increasing sophistication".
- 30 Jun-02 Jul: Successfully completed exercise Eastern Sailor 92-3 with USS THACH and two naval vessels from Qatar. Objective: "...provide mutual training between navies and build on operational and exercise procedures".
- 15-16 Aug: Successfully completed exercise Inspired Siren 92-1 with two Pakistani navy vessels. Exercises consisted of maneuvering drills, torpedo evasion and some flight operations.
- 24 Nov: Conducted Deck Landing Qualifications with U.S. Army helos (UH-1H). Exercise was intended to determine feasibility of using Perry class frigates as platforms for staging Army helos in such areas as the Arabian Gulf.

LAMPS Mark III flight statistics for 1992 were:

Flight hours - 818.7
 Launches - 1707
 Landings - 1707

Part IV

The following photos and documents are enclosed as part of VANDEGRIFT's Command History 1992:

- CO photograph and biography
- Welcome Aboard pamphlet
- 1 photo of VANDEGRIFT
- Copy of MEFEX 92-3 POSTEX (COMDESRON TWO ONE 222101ZMAY92)
- Copy of Exercise Malabar POSTEX (VANDEGRIFT 051330ZJUN92)
- Copy of Exercise Eastern Sailor POSTEX (VANDEGRIFT
061420ZJUN92)
- Copy of Exercise Inspired Siren Quicklook (VANDEGRIFT
212023ZAUG92)
- Copy of Exercise Inspired Siren POSTEX (VANDEGRIFT
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