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USS VANDEGRIFT 1993 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 threats; to conduct ASW operations in conjunction with other sea control forces tasked to ensure our use of essential sea lanes of communications; and be the best at it." From 1 January to 3 February, VANDEGRIFT was homeported in Long Beach, CA. From 3 February to 31 December, VANDEGRIFT was homeported in San Diego, CA. From 1 January to 2 April, VANDEGRIFT was commanded by CDR Theodore L. Kaye. From 2 April to 31 December, VANDEGRIFT was commanded by CDR David C. Harrison. From 1 January to 31 July, VANDEGRIFT was under the administrative command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine. From 31 July to 31 December, VANDEGRIFT was under the administrative command of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirty Three.

Part II

The following events occurred during 1993.

Date:	Event:
01 Jan-02 Feb	Inport Long Beach CA
03 Feb	Enroute San Diego CA; Dependent Cruise
03 Feb-08 Feb	Inport San Diego
03 Feb	Change of Homeport
08 Feb-31 Oct	Continental Maritime Shipyard San Diego CA; Extended Selected Repair Availability
08 Feb-31 Oct	Installed: Mk 96 Mod 6 New Threat Upgrade SPS-49(V)5 upgrade SLQ-32(V)5 upgrade Passive Countermeasure Modification
02 Apr	Change of Command
16 Jul	Chief of Naval Operations 1992 Ship-Helicopter Safety Award
31 Jul	Change of Squadron
14-15 Sep	Crew Certification Phase I
05-07 Oct	Light Off Examination
13-15 Oct	Crew Certification Phase II
01-02 Nov	Underway Southern California Operating Area/Sea Trials
01 Nov	TACAN Certification
02 Nov	Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific Top Financial Performance Award
02-21 Nov	Inport San Diego CA
08-09 Nov	Aviation Assist Visit
15 Nov	Aviation Readiness Evaluation
16 Nov	Aviation Ordnance Safety Survey Certification

15-19 Nov Harpoon Certification
 22 Nov Commander, Surface Force Pacific Food Service
 Excellence Award
 22-23 Nov Enroute Seal Beach CA
 23 Nov Inport Seal Beach CA/Ammunition Onload
 23-24 Nov Enroute San Diego CA
 24-29 Nov Inport San Diego
 30 Nov-10 Dec Underway Southern California Operating Area/Fleet
 Exercise
 10 Dec-31 Dec Inport San Diego

Part III

08 Feb-31 Oct Underwent Extended Selected Repair Availability at
 Continental Maritime Shipyard, San Diego. Command
 Goal: "To safely and efficiently execute all tasks
 and quality assurance actions required to finish
 the ESRA on time and successfully complete the
 Light Off Examination and all associated sea
 trials." Over 500 depot, intermediate, and ship's
 force work items completed. CNSP noted that avail
 ability completed 16 days early and well within
 projected end costs.

16 Jul Received the Chief of Naval Operations 1992 Ship-
 Helicopter Safety Award, LAMPS Mk III Helicopter
 category. The Award was shared with HELICOPTER
 ANTI-SUBMARINE (LIGHT) FORTY-NINE, DETACHMENT SIX.

31 Jul Changed squadrons from Destroyer Squadron NINE in
 Long Beach to Destroyer Squadron THIRTY THREE in
 San Diego due to previous homeport change.
 Homeport was changed because of extensive shipyard
 time and closing of Naval Station Long Beach.

05-07 Oct Completed Light Off Examination. CNSP noted that
 VANDEGRIFT was first COMNAVSURFPAC ship during
 calendar year 1993 to successfully complete the
 examination as originally scheduled. Overall grade
 of "Satisfactory" was assigned (highest possible
 overall grade). Grade of "Good" was assigned for
 material condition.

01-02 Nov Conducted Sea Trials in which 21 of 22 scheduled
 Combat Systems tests were completed, including
 tests of major upgrades to the MK 92 MOD 6 Fire
 Control System, SPS-49 radar, SLQ-32 Electronic
 Warfare System, and WSN-2 Gyrocompass. Successful
 Pre-Action Calibration firing and actual firing
 runs of the Close-In Weapon System and 76mm guns
 were also conducted. TACAN (Tactical Aid to
 Navigation) was certified, a major hurdle toward
 Aviation certification.

- 02 Nov Awarded CNSP top Financial Performance Award.
- 15 Nov Completed Aviation Readiness Evaluation. The evaluation was upgraded to a full certification, allowing VANDEGRIFT to conduct flight operations.
- 16 Nov Completed Aviation Ordnance Safety Survey Certification. CDS-33 noted virtually no discrepancies during Harpoon Material Safety Certification.
- 22 Nov Selected as Commander, Surface Force Pacific's first place winner (small afloat category) of the Food Service Excellence Award.
- 30 Nov-10 Dec Participated in Fleet Exercise 94-1B/1C. Performance commended by COMCARGRU ONE and COMTRAPAC. One month following Sea Trials, VANDEGRIFT was battle ready and operating with over 25 other ships, submarines, and hundreds of aircraft. As an Orange Force unit, VANDEGRIFT matched and in many cases exceeded Blue Force counterparts in the areas of tactical employment and command, control and communications proficiency.

Part IV

The following items are included as part of VANDEGRIFT's Command History 1993.

- Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- Change of Command Pamphlet, including Commanding Officer Biography
- Commanding Officer Photograph
- Ship Photograph