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(a) OPNAVINST 5720.12C

Encl:

(1) Chronology of Events for 1987

(2) Narrative history for 1987

(3) Commanding Officer Biography (4) Executive Officer Biography

(5) "Welcome Aboard" Pamphlet

(6) 8" x 10" photograph of ship

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded.

USS KING (DDG-41) SHIP SCHEDULE FOR 1987

16-26 JANUARY-01-05 FEBRUARY-06 FEBRUARY-30 APRIL -07-19 MAY-20-24 MAY 26 JUNE-09-14 AUGUST-

25 AUGUST-10 OCTOBER-22-27 SEPTEMBER-27 SEPTEMBER-10 OCTOBER-07-10 OCTOBER-10-14 OCTOBER-11 OCTOBER-18 NOVEMBER-

19 NOVEMBER-24 DECEMBER-

24-31 DECEMBER-

HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP INPORT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA SRA, NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD SEA TRIALS, VIRGINIA CAPES INSURV, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA CHANGE OF COMMAND, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT, COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW (PHASE ONE) OCEAN SAFARI '87 PORT VISIT, ANTWERP, BELGIUM ENROUTE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA PORT VISIT BERMUDA, TIGER CRUISE UPKEEP, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA COMBAT SYSTEMS READINESS REVIEW (PHASE TWO), TRE, DMSR INTERIM REFRESHER TRAINING, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP

COMMAND HISTORY USS KING (DDG-41) 1987

The guided missile destroyer USS King (DDG-41), commanded by Commander James W. Moreland III, and homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, spent five months underway in 1987.

After a holiday leave and upkeep period during the final months of 1986, KING entered a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) on 06 February at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia. Among the major repairs/modifications included were: modification to the Halon System throughout the ship; modification to the ventilation system for the KING's missile equipment; major Boiler repairs in both Fire rooms; and the installation of a crew's recreation room, located in the forward part of the ship. The SRA lasted until 30 April.

KING conducted sea trials in the Virginia Capes, from 07 May until 19 May. All systems tested performed satisfactorily, and KING returned to Norfolk on 20 May to conduct her tri-annual INSURV inspection. It was also time for the crew to begin preparations for a Change of Command ceremony.

The Change of Command was held on the morning of 26 June. Commander Stephen R. Woodall was relieved by Cdr. James W. Moreland III.

KING was underway 09 August for Naval Gunfire Support and Phase One of the Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR). This tested all facets of KING's combat systems capabilities. KING returned to Norfolk on 14 August, where she remained until 25 August

KING participated in Exercise Ocean Safari '87 from 25 August to 10 October. The six week deployment had KING steaming in the vicinity of the Arctic Circle and the fjords of Norway. One of the areas of the exercise was to test KING's Combat Systems effectiveness in overland AAW with the fjords surrounding the ship. KING pulled into Antwerp, Belgium on 22 September, for a five day port visit. KING departed Antwerp on 27 September, and began her way home. On the way, KING stopped on the island of Bermuda. Male relatives of several crewmembers met the ship and rode back to Norfolk on a two day "Tiger Cruise."

KING arrived in Norfolk on 10 October and nine days later began Phase Two of the week long Combat Systems Readiness Review, where KING's Combat System was again tested.

KING remained inport until 19 November, departing for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for five weeks of Interim Refresher Training. All aspects of KING's readiness were tested and graded. Areas including Damage Control, Special Evolutions, Seamanship, Navigation, Operations and Engineering received training. REFTRA culminated in OPPE certification.

KING pulled into Norfolk on 24 December, and commenced a holiday leave/upkeep period, and began preparations for Overseas Movement which lasted throughout the remainder of 1987.

Commander JAMES W. MORELAND III United States Navy

Commander James Wesley Moreland III is a native of Cartersville, Georgia, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Moreland II. He is a 1969 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; and a 1977 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a Master of Arts degree in Political Science.

His prior sea tours include Engineer Officer/Mine Countermeasures Officer, USS AGGRESSIVE (MSO-422); Engineer Officer, USS RODGERS (DD-876); First Lieutenant, USS FREDERICK (LST-1184); Damage Control Assistant, USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67); Executive Officer, USS COMTE DE GRASSE (DD-974); Executive Officer, USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47); and Surface Operations and Plans, CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP TWO.

Ashore, Commander Moreland has served as Freshman Instructor, NROTC Unit, University of New Mexico; Assistant Detailer and Head, Surface Lieutenant Commander Assignment Branch, Naval Military Personnel Command (NMPC-411); and Assistant AEGIS Program Manager, Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Surface Warfare, Surface Combat Systems Division (OP-355).

Commander Moreland has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (with gold star in lieu of second award), and the Navy Achievement Medal (with gold star in lieu of second award). He is married to the former Anna L. Flanary of Kingsport, Tennessee, and with their two sons, Wes and Brent, they make their home in Chesapeake, Virginia.