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(2) Narrative History for 1989
(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) thru (6) are forwarded.


R. E. WILLIAMS JR.

USS KING (DDG-41) SHIP SCHEDULE FOR 1989

1 JAN - 9 FEB	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
10 - 18 FEB	CV ESCORT SERVICES - PROA
19 - 24 FEB	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
25 FEB - 5 MAR	ENROUTE NORTH ATLANTIC
6 - 20 MAR	EXERCISE NORTH STAR 89
21-24 MAR	PORT VISIT AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND
25 MAR - 2 APR	ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA
3 APR - 3 MAY	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
4 - 6 MAY	ENROUTE VACAPES OP AREA
7 - 18 MAY	EXERCISE SOLID SHIELD 89
19 MAY	ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA
20 - 23 MAY	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
24 - 25 MAY	WEAPONS OFFLOAD, YORKTOWN, VA
26 MAY - 9 JUN	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
10 JUN	CHANGE OF COMMAND, NORFOLK, VA
11 JUN	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
12 JUN - 25 OCT	DSRA, PORTSMOUTH, VA
26 - 27 OCT	SEA TRIALS, VACAPES OP AREA
28 - 29 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
30 OCT - 2 NOV	WEAPONS ONLOAD, YORKTOWN, VA
3 - 20 NOV	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
21 - 22 NOV	SEA TRIALS, VACAPES OP AREA
23 - 26 NOV	INPORT NORFOLK, VA
27 - 30 NOV	ENROUTE PROA
1 - 3 DEC	TYPE TRAINING, PROA
4 - 7 DEC	PVST ST. MAARTIN, W.I.
8 - 15 DEC	NGFS/SPOTTER SVS, VIEQUES
16 - 17 DEC	ENROUTE NORFOLK, VA
18 - 31 DEC	HOLIDAY STANDDOWN/UPKEEP, NORFOLK, VA

NARRATIVE COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1989

The guided missile destroyer USS KING (DDG-41), commanded by Commander Robert E. Williams, Jr., and homeported in Norfolk, Virginia spent 2 1/2 months at sea and 5 months in dry dock at Portsmouth, Virginia in 1989.

Upon completion of the holiday standdown/upkeep period the first two weeks of January KING went into an IMAV with USS YELLOWSTONE (AD-41). After completion of IMAV KING proceeded South to the Puerto Rican Operating Area (PROA) for Carrier Escort Services with the USS CORAL SEA (CV-43).

After a short inport period KING set sail for the North Atlantic as a member of Task Force 40 for participation in NATO Exercise North Star 89. Upon completion of the exercise KING enjoyed a much needed port visit in Amsterdam, Holland.

KING returned to Norfolk, VA and commenced another IMAV with USS YELLOWSTONE (AD-41) after which she transited South in the Virginia Capes Operating Area (VACAPES) to participate in Fleet Exercise Solid Shield 89.

KING returned from Exercise Solid Shield 89 and offloaded all her weapons in Yorktown, VA in preparation for the upcoming Drydocking Ship's Restricted Availability (DSRA).

On 10 June KING had a Change of Command where Commander James W. Moreland III was relieved by Commander Robert E. Williams, Jr.

KING commenced a 5 month DSRA on 12 June at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, VA. in which she was painted out top to bottom, and had extensive structural and mechanical repair work completed. This included refurbishing the ship's galley and messdecks and a self-help rehabilitation of all but one of the forward crews berthing areas.

KING came out of drydock 2 days early and commenced sea trials. On 30 October she successfully and safely completed a weapons onload in Yorktown, VA and returned to the VACAPES for additional sea trials.

The beginning of November was spent in IMAV with SIMA, Norfolk, after which she proceeded South to the Puerto Rican Operating Areas for Type Training. After a highly successful port visit in St. Maartin, W.I. KING expended over 400 rounds of ammunition for Naval Gun Fire Support providing Spotter Services to Naval Amphibious School and U.S. Army 82nd Airborne.

KING returned home on 17 December and began a Holiday Leave/Standdown period lasting in to the new year.

Commander
ROBERT EDWARD WILLIAMS, Jr.
United States Navy

CDR Robert E. Williams, Jr. received his commission and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1972.

Upon completion of nuclear propulsion training he served on the commissioning crew of USS SOUTH CAROLINA (CGN-37), first as the Anti-submarine Warfare Officer, then as Electrical officer. Following a tour as an NROTC Instructor at the University of Virginia, he served in USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) as Electrical Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69) as Reactor Officer.

CDR Williams reported to USS KING (DDG-41) from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey where he earned a Master of Science degree in financial management.

CDR Williams' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

CDR Williams is married to the former Gail Ann Murphy of Falls Church, VA. They have three children: Mike, Rob, and Jennifer. The Williams family currently resides in Virginia Beach, VA.