

# HISTORY

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After the cease fire, KENNEDY transited the Suez Canal for the fourth time in seven months and began its journey home. KENNEDY arrived on March 28, 1991, to the greatest homecoming celebration and outpouring of public support since World War II.

KENNEDY then entered a four-month Selected Restricted Availability at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The ship departed the shipyard at the end of September with extensive repairs and maintenance accomplished on engineering systems, flight deck systems and equipment. Additionally, the ship was ready to handle F/A-18 HORNET aircraft to replace the A-7E CORSAIR IIs that had flown on the last deployment from the deck of KENNEDY.

The 1992-93 deployment, from Oct. 7, 1992 until April 7, 1993, marked KENNEDY's 14th to the Mediterranean area. The tone of the deployment was set by turmoil in the former Republic of Yugo-

slavia. The ship conducted multiple exercises with the armed forces of Mediterranean littoral nations, hosted a great number of visitors in port and at sea and spent substantial operating time in the Adriatic Sea. On December 8, 1992, KENNEDY reached a milestone by recovering its 250,000th trap of an aircraft. USS JOHN F. KENNEDY completed a two-year comprehensive overhaul in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on September 13, 1995. Following the overhaul, KENNEDY moved to its new homeport at the Mayport Naval Station in Mayport, Florida.

KENNEDY departed Mayport in April 1997 for its 15th deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and returned to Mayport in late October 1997.

KENNEDY entered a three-month Selected Ship's Restricted availability at Naval Station Mayport. In 1998 KENNEDY participated in Fleet Week.



(Above) View of the ship's rudders and two of the 21 feet screws in dry dock.

(Right) Bob Hope and Ann Gillian are just two of the many guest the ship has entertained.

