

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS



To Crew, Family and Friends:
This Cruise Book is dedicated to the men of Hayler who served during Middle East Deployment 4-93 from September 1993 to October 1994. It was a long six month spent mostly underway in the not most glamorous part of the world. The hours were long and their resourcefulness and training time and again allowed Hayler to accomplish her mission-safely. We all can be proud of the accomplishments of this superb ship.

Whether supporting United Nation sanctioned boarding operations, or serving as a tomahawk strike contingency platform, the men of Hayler excelled. Never to be forgotten are the friendships forged during a deployment of this nature. They are for life.

Also critical to Hayler's success were the family and friends which supported us over the many months. The challenges our wives faced with out us made their contributions just as significant as ours. With out them we would not be whole.

We are a team- the men and family of Hayler and it is for all of us that we have this reminder of the period of time we served.

This is Strike Destroyer Hayler---Second To None!

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