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Encl: (1) JARRETT Command History, Calender year 1983
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Commissioning Book

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted. Enclosures (2) and (3) are provided for additional background.

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Command History
USS JARRETT (FFG 33)
Calendar Year 1983

The year 1983 saw the addition of USS JARRETT (FFG 33) to the fleet. The crew of this new construction ship was assembled at Fleet Introduction Team, Todd Pacific Shipyard, San Pedro, California where initial outfitting was completed and training for this relatively young, inexperienced crew was conducted. Construction and outfitting were completed in May and the ship was delivered to the Navy on 27 May 1983. On 27 June, JARRETT was moved to Naval Station, Long Beach, her homeport, and commissioned on 2 July 1983.

During the first few months following delivery emphasis was placed on familiarizing the crew with their new ship and conducting the training necessary to make JARRETT ready to perform her various missions. Once JARRETT completed the inspections required for getting underway, she became a sea-going vessel, spending a substantial part of the months of August, September and October underway. Final Contract Trials were conducted 14 through 18 November and material discrepancies were noted. On 5 December, JARRETT commenced Post Shakedown Availability at Todd Shipyard which will continue through March 1984. During this period modifications to the original contract specification were performed and INSURV discrepancies corrected. The following timeline provides more detailed information concerning specific events which occurred during 1983.

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27 May	JARRETT (FFG 33) is delivered to the United States Navy by Todd Pacific Shipyard, Los Angeles Division, San Pedro, CA during a ceremony on the ship's flight deck. The ship is named for VADM Harry B. Jarrett, famed destroyerman of World War II. Representing Todd Shipyard is Mr. Len M. Thorell, Vice President and General Manager. Accepting the ship on behalf of the Navy is CAPT David G. Kalb, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Long Beach, CA. The prospective Commanding Officer is CDR Harry E. Selfridge. A cake cutting ceremony is held in the starboard helicopter hangar and the evening meal is the first meal served onboard ship. Support department commences operation of complete range of services.
1 Jun	JARRETT successfully completes Pilot Rescue Team Training.
24 Jun	JARRETT successfully turns an Aviation Assist visit into an Aviation Readiness Evaluation. JARRETT is certified to land and operate helicopters.
27 Jun	JARRETT departs Todd Shipyard and arrives at Naval Station, Long Beach where she is homeported.
2 Jul	USS JARRETT (FFG 33) is commissioned at Pier 7 West, Naval Station, Long Beach. The Commissioning Officer is COMMO E. Inman Carmichael, Commander Naval Base, San Diego, California. Principal speaker is RADM Walsh, Commander Amphibious Group Eastern Pacific. CDR Harry E. Selfridge assumes command. Mr Lloyd A. Gurnett and Edwin "Muscles" Crowder present JARRETT with the USS MORRIS' (DD 47) battle flag and commissioning pennant from the Battle of Talagi, Solomon Islands, May 6 and 7, 1942. LT Gurnett, USN (RET) served as VADM Jarrett's quartermaster onboard USS MORRIS (DD 47) and Crowder served as a fireman first class. USS JARRETT (FFG 33) is assigned to Destroyer Squadron NINE.
8 Jul	JARRETT Completed Training Readiness Evaluation in preparation for Shakedown Refresher Training.
26-27 Jul	JARRETT successfully passes Light-Off Examination at Naval Station, Long Beach.
28 Jul	JARRETT successfully passes Crew Certification.
29-30 Jul	JARRETT conducts first underway Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE).
2 Aug	JARRETT loads weapons at Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach. GMLS rail slot was not large enough to allow for movement of the retract trigger. Trigger is retooled to fit faulty slot. New trigger assembly is to be installed during Post Shakedown Availability.

3-4 Aug	ISE in Southern California Operation Area (SOCAL) for Structural Test Firing. MK15 Close In Weapons System (CIWS) tested on 4 August. one hundred rounds PAC fired in 1.9 seconds.
7 Aug	JARRETT conducts first Dependents' Cruise trip to Santa Catalina Island and anchorage off of Avalon.
8-26 Aug	ISE and Shakedown Refresher Training in SOCAL. MK 75 Gun Structural Test Firing is held on 11 August; due to malfunction of MK 92 STIR antenna, only 35 of 65 rounds scheduled are actually fired. First underway replenishment is conducted alongside USS ROANOKE (AOR 7) on 10 August. On 14 August, JARRETT experiences first actual fire during helicopter operations. A class "C" fire started in a transmitter switch panel in the Communications Center. It was caused by ship-building debris in the wire runs which dropped down into the wafers causing a short circuit. The helicopters were waved off and the fire was extinguished by ET3 Weatherford and ET2 Hudson using CO_2 extinguishers. The ship was forced to return to anchorage until the wafers could be rebuilt with parts supplied onboard.
27 Aug- 3 Sep	JARRETT Conduct Weapons Systems Acceptance Trials in Long Beach and at San Clemente Island. JARRETT shoots her first MK 46 torpedos.
7-8 Sep	JARRETT Conducts Acoustics Trials off Santa Cruz Island.
9-26 Sep	Upkeep in Long Beach. Engineering Operational Sequencing System is conducted 12-16 September. Hot and cold checks. All radars and weapons systems fire control radars are collimated 19-24 September.
27 Sep- 27 Oct	JARRETT conducts Combat Systems Ship Qualification Tests (CSSQT). During this month, JARRETT tracks aircraft, fires MK 15 CIWS, MK75 76 MM Gun, two missiles, and Super Rapid Blooming Off Ship Chaff (SRBOC). On 5 October a gunnery exercise (designated ASU-8-B Modified) is conducted. A towed sled on a course parallel to JARRETT at a range of 5,000 to 10,000 yards is fired upon successfully. 45 rounds are fired. The exercise is not scored, however, each of the 30 rounds which would have counted toward a score are evaluated as hits or near misses. During the exercise a gun module overheats. The modules are air cooled while operating resulting in successful completion of the exercise. The Combat Systems Team rehearsed for two weeks during CSSQT for the opportunity to launch two TLM birds at a PQM-74C drone on 25 October. The drone is sucessfully tracked and missiles launched without difficulty, however, the missiles act erratically in flight and no hits are scored. It is later discovered that MK 92 fire Control System channel match cables were installed incorrectly by Todd Shipyard. The missiles had no CWI interface in flight and self-desctructed. RE-CSSQT is to be scheduled for 1984.
30 Sep	MS2 Eugene D. Wiliams is selected as JARRETT's first Sailor of the Quarter for the period of 1 July through 30 September.
31 Oct- 5 Nov	JARRETT Conducts Harpoon Certification. JARRETT is now qualified to fire Harpoon Missiles.

31 Oct-3 Nov	Assist visits from Personnel and Administration Assist Team, Pacific reviews personnel, administration, and disbursing services.
31 Oct-10 Nov	Navy Food Management Assist Team reviews entire Food Service Operation.
14-18 Nov	Final Contract Trials are conducted by main Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) headed by RADM Bulkley, USN (RET), Medal of Honor winner during World War II.
4 Dec	JARRETT returns to Todd Pacific Shipyard.
5 Dec	JARRETT commences Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) at Todd Pacific Shipyard, San Pedro.
3 Dec	SN Jose O. Torres is selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the period 1 October through 31 December.