

## **2004 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS JARRETT (FFG 33)**

JARRETT rang in the New Year 2004 while in Seychelles for a port visit during the inaugural deployment of Expeditionary Strike Group ONE in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM. On the way home from this successful WESTPAC, the crew enjoyed stops in Broome, Australia, Guam, and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. While activities ranging from Community Relations Projects to surfing were on tap, the crew was ready to return to San Diego.

After a month reprieve, JARRETT was ready to get back on track, with both a new Commanding Officer and Executive Officer at the helm. Selected to participate in a new joint operational exercise named ROGUEX, she performed admirably, demonstrating the strength of the Fleet against possible coastal threats to homeland security.

The summer was spent in port at NASSCO Shipyards for a nine-week maintenance availability. Personnel took advantage of this time by attending schools and training for watch and in-rate qualifications.

By far, the highlight of the fall was JARRETT's trip up to San Francisco, CA for Fleet Week 2004. She was one of eight ships participating in a stunning Parade of Ships entering San Francisco Bay. For five days over Columbus Day Weekend, crew members participated in receptions, official visits, and displays of good will. JARRETT was also open to the public for guided tours where hundreds of people passed through, fully satisfied with their time aboard America's Battle Frigate.

Before going on Holiday Leave, JARRETT acted as a member of "opposition forces" to assist in the preparation of the NIMITZ and CARL VINSON Strike Group's upcoming deployment. Demonstrating superior tactics, she had missile hits on both the carrier and cruiser without ever being prosecuted.

JARRETT's many successes throughout 2004 proved that there was plenty of life still remaining inside this 21 year-old hull as she stood poised to face a challenging 2005.