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Subj: USS JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG 53) COMMAND HISTORY FOR OCT 2003- DEC  
2004

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. Command Composition and Organization.

Mission: *To conduct prompt, sustained combat operations at sea, in support of national interests.*

Immediate Senior in Command: Captain VanHook, Destroyer Squadron 23

Commanding Officer: Commander Andrew F. Cully

Command Short Title: USS JOHN PAUL JONES

UIC: 21313

Permanent Duty Station: 32nd Street Naval Station, San Diego, California

2. Chronology.

October 10 – November 19, 2003

November 19, 2003 – March 19, 2004

December 15, 2003 – January 11, 2004

March 20 – April 11, 2004

April 12 – April 23, 2004

May 3 – May 7, 2004

May 11 – May 14, 2004

May 17 – May 28, 2004

May 24 – May 28, 2004

May 31, 2004

Post-deployment stand-down

Selected restricted availability

Holiday Stand-down

Upkeep San Diego, Naval Surface Fire

Support team training

Underway, Southern California Operating

Area (SOCAL), Cruise Missile Training

Qualifications (Harpoon), ammunition

onload

Underway, SOCAL, Group Sail, CDS 7

Underway, SOCAL, Conducted Command

Assessment of Readiness and Training II

(CART II)

Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA),

in port, Material Maintenance Management

(3M) system baseline, assist visit, Supply

Management Assessment (SMA)

Force Protection exercises II/III (FPEX

II/III)

Observed Memorial Day

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June 1 – June 4, 2004	Tailor Ship Training Availability, in port, Combat Information Center team trainer I. Visit Ship
June 3, 2004	
June 7 – June 10, 2004	Tailor Ship Training Availability, SOCAL
June 11 – June 20, 2004	Upkeep, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Station
June 14 – June 18, 2004	Post CNO Restricted Availability (PC5RA)
June 15, 2004	Visit Ship
June 21 – June 28, 2004	Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2004 (RIMPAC)
June 29 – July 5, 2004	Port visit, Pearl Harbor, HI
July 6 – July 22, 2003	RIMPAC and RIMPAC missile exercise
July 23 – July 25, 2004	Port visit, Pearl Harbor, HI
July 26 – August 2, 2004	Transit to San Diego, CA
August 3 – August 6, 2004	Tailored Ship Training Availability, in port, Material Maintenance Management certification, supply management inspection
August 10 – August 11, 2004	Underway, SOCAL
August 16 – August 19, 2004	Tailor Ship Training Availability, in port
August 17, 2004	Visit Ship
August 20, 2004	Family Day Cruise, SOCAL
August 23 – September 3, 2004	Tailored Ship Training Availability, in port, Combat Information Center team trainer II
September 6, 2004	Observed Labor Day
September 7 – September 10, 2004	Tailored Ship Training Availability, in port, Damage Control training
September 13 – September 15, 2004	Tailored Ship Training Availability, underway, Cruise Missile Training
September 20 – September 23, 2004	Qualifications, underway demonstration
September 24 – September 30, 2004	Tailored Ship Training Availability, in port
October 4 – October 15, 2004	Tailored Ship Training Availability, underway
October 4 – October 8, 2004	Trident Warrior Experiment
October 9 – October 13, 2004	Transit to San Francisco
October 14 – October 15, 2004	In port, San Francisco Fleet Week
October 19 – October 22, 2004	Transit to San Diego
October 25 – 26, 2004	Underway, SOCAL, Scientists to Sea, Final Evaluation Problem preparations
October 27 – October 28, 2004	Underway, SOCAL
October 29 – November 7, 2004	Final Evaluation Problem, SOCAL
November 8 – November 10, 2004	Upkeep, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Street Naval Station
November 11, 2004	Underway, Burial at Sea
November 12 - Present	Observed Veteran's Day
	Continuous Maintenance Availability

3. Narrative.

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One of the first to participate in the 'Sea swap' program, the crewmembers of the JOHN PAUL JONES assumed their posts after participating in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM/ENDURING FREEDOM aboard the USS HIGGINS. After a well-deserved stand-down period, the crew began to prepare the JOHN PAUL JONES for the training cycle and her next deployment.

Preparations for the training cycle began with a number of equipment installations, which significantly improved the ship's warfighting capabilities. The JOHN PAUL JONES simultaneously received enhanced AEGIS capabilities through the Track Initiation Processor (TIP), expanded the ship's network with a Gigabyte Ethernet Local Area Network, and improved the ship's crew capacity with the Women at Sea module. All the while the ship became the first Arleigh Burke destroyer to have her shafts removed and replaced. Throughout the maintenance period, the JOHN PAUL JONES maintained exceptional material readiness in all facets of shipboard operations from engineering to safety to supply management. The tremendous efforts of the crew meant that the JOHN PAUL JONES was able to meet the challenges of a condensed training cycle while preserving 100% material readiness.

After a busy time in the docks, JOHN PAUL JONES began the training cycle with an unparalleled performance during its Initial Assessment. Even with her shortened and exhaustive training period, the engineering team recorded the third highest Initial Assessment score ever achieved in the previous three years. Furthermore, JOHN PAUL JONES' exceptional combat capabilities were proven shortly thereafter in her superlative performance during the Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Part 2 (CART II).

Finally, the JOHN PAUL JONES demonstrated her war fighting proficiency during the multi-national RIMPAC exercise. In a scenario coordinated between the Japanese, South Koreans, Australians, Canadians, and Chileans, JOHN PAUL JONES displayed Undersea Warfare proficiency by tracking Chilean and South Korean diesel submarines for an unprecedented twenty hours, during which the ship held continuous track for over three hours. She also became the lead ship for a live, 17-ship, multi-national 5" Mark 54 gun firing exercise, which was executed flawlessly.

At the end of her RIMPAC performance, JOHN PAUL JONES returned to San Diego to participate in both the Trident Warrior Experiment and San Francisco's Fleet Week. The Trident Warrior Experiment was the premier sea trials event for the Navy's network-centric initiatives and during this event JOHN PAUL JONES met or surpassed all expectations.

After her stellar performance JOHN PAUL JONES entered an extended pier side availability period to be outfitted with the newest technology for her upcoming deployment.