

2002

**USS MCINERNEY (FFG 8)  
Command History Narrative**

During 2002 USS MCINERNEY, home ported in Mayport, Florida, conducted a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA), Inter Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC), Group Sail, while also visiting Boothe Bay, ME, Boston, MA, and St. Thomas US Virgin Islands.

**SRA 261 (01JAN02-03MAY02)**

From January to May of 2002 USS MCINERNEY, commanded by CDR Nick Holman, conducted SRA 261. During the SRA the ship received the following major upgrades: refurbishing of combat systems berthing, refurbishing of the wardroom and officer's berthing, AER 60715 (female berthing modification), installation of Information Technology 21 (IT 21) which improved the ship's communication ability by being able to receive classified and unclassified email, and chat with other ships in real time. Other upgrades were Sailor Satellite Television, Battle Force email, and International Maritime Satellite B (INMARSAT B).

**Port Visit, Boothe Bay, Maine (03MAY02-01JUL 02)**

MCINERNEY finished SRA on 3 May and commenced work up and training for deployment. MCINERNEY was underway from 21 June to 24 June enroute to Boothe Bay. While transiting the crew conducted a seamanship Limited Team Training with an Underway Replenishment (UNREP). MCINERNEY was inport Boothe Bay, Maine from 24 June to 28 June, and returned to homeport on 1 July.

**Inter Deployment Training Cycle and Port Visit to Boston (02JULY02-03NOV02)**

During the IDTC MCINERNEY conducted a port visit to Boston, MA from 30 August to 5 September. On 11 September a Change of Command ceremony was held at sea, in which CDR Rick Williams relieved CDR Nicholas Holman as Commanding Officer. During the IDTC USS MCINERNEY completed Aviation Certification (AVCERT) on 21 June, Initial Assessment (IA) on 19 July, Command Assessment of Readiness and Training II (Cart II) on 29 July, Underway Demonstration (UD) on 10 September, Integrated Training Team Certification (ITT Cert) on 3 October, Cruise Missile Tactical Control (CMTQ) on 10 October, Final Evaluation Period (FEP) on 18 October and Week One Work Ups (WOWU) on 31 October.

**Group Sail 03-01 and Upkeep (04NOV02-31DEC02)**

USS MCINERNEY was underway from 4 November to 20 November for the Intermediate Phase of the Training Cycle conducting Group Sail 03-01 with USS

Halyburton and USS O'Bannon. MCINERNEY conducted training in the form of missile shoots, gunshoots, boardings, and EXTORP shoots. During Group Sail 03-01 MCINERNEY conducted a port visit in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands from 15 November to 17 November. MCINERNEY completed Group Sail 03-01 on 25 November and was certified and ready for deployment.

MCINERNEY concluded 2002 in December with maintenance and upkeep in preparation for its deployment to the Southern Command Area of Responsibility.