

Commanding Officer



Cdr. John M. Ferrante

Commander John M. FERRANTE was born 3 February 1922, in Centerville, California. He attended San Jose State College for 2 years and was commissioned at Cornell University in March 1945.

His first fleet duty was aboard the USS BLACK (DD-666) in the Pacific Theatre, until December 1945. Returning to the United States, he was ordered to the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron Seven, which included the USS INGRAHAM, as Squadron CIC and Communications Officer. The Squadron participated in fleet exercises, the Bikini Atom Bomb Tests and as part of the Central Pacific Fast Carrier Striking Force visited many Pacific ports including Australia. He reported aboard USS PCE-895 in December 1947 as Executive Officer on this weather patrol ship, serving until April 1949. From mid-1949 until mid-1951 he served on the staff of CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT as a member of the communications department. He then returned to attend a six month course at the CIC Officers School, Glenview, Ill. He was then ordered to USS BOXER (CV-21), where he served until December 1952 as "F" Division Officer, CIC watch officer and air controller, during the Korean action.

In January 1953 he reported to USS WALKER (DDE-517) as Operations Officer, operating in the Pearl Harbor area and in the western Pacific. In January 1955 he reported to the Fleet Training Center, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as Executive Officer, where he served for 31 months. He reported aboard USS YARNALL (DD-541) as Executive Officer and on her decommissioning a year later reported to USS STODDARD (DD-566) in the same capacity, during which time the ships operated in Alaska and the western Pacific. In December 1959 he reported to USS CURRIER (DE-700) serving as Commanding Officer until she was decommissioned in April 1960. From June 1960 until January 1962 he served as Director of Officer Training at the Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida. He attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia until July 1962 when he was ordered to USS INGRAHAM as Commanding Officer.

He married the former Joyce Alice Jacques of Pymble, NSW, Australia in August 1947. They have three children, Jane Marie, Margret Anne, and John Michael, Jr. They presently reside in Newport, Rhode Island.