



Commanding Officer

CDR James Michael Graham reported aboard SANTA BARBARA for duty as Commanding Officer on February 24, 1993. He received his commission through the Reserve Officer Candidate (ROC) program at Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI in October 1975 after graduation from the University of Mississippi. Commander Graham's initial sea tour was aboard USS HARRY E. YARNELL (CG-17) as the Electronic Warfare Officer and Assistant CIC Officer. After Department Head School, he completed a highly successful tour as Engineering Officer aboard USS VREELAND (FF-1068). His following tour as the Operations Officer for Tactical Destroyer Squadron 14 found him riding and serving on various CRUDES units. Commander Graham was the Executive Officer of USS SAN DIEGO (AFS 6) from 1987 to 1989. Commander Graham's shore assignments included duty as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at the University of Virginia NROTC Unit, studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA (where he earned a Master's of Science Degree in Information Management Systems), and assignment to the offices of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare). Commander Graham's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. CDR Graham and his lovely bride Kathy currently reside in Tampa, Florida with their daughter Abbie and son Daniel.

