

## Departing Home

**RUSH** left Alameda early on the morning of 21 March 1983 to participate in the Navy FleetEx of 1983 and a short Alaska Patrol. Pulling away from the pier, though was no easier than at other times for this patrol was going to much longer than usual; **RUSH** would not be returning for ten weeks.

**RUSH** followed the **CORRAL SEA** out under the Golden Gate. It was a rare experience for the crew as jets, fireboats and helicopters escorted the aircraft carrier out of the Bay as the huge Navy ship left San Francisco for the last time. From the height of the Golden Gate well-wishers dropped rose petals to **CORRAL SEA**'s decks. **RUSH**, however, was not forgotten because the Cascardi family dropped rose petals on her decks as she followed the Navy out to sea for FleetEx.



Clockwise from above left: A farewell from the local firefighters; RADM Larkin bids us to **RUSH** back; The **CORRAL SEA** leaving S. F. for the last time; LT Hull displays his bright bouquet of balloons; CG helo checking out the situation.

