

U.S.S. MONTICELLO

LSD-35



CHANGE OF COMMAND
CEREMONY
FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 1973
U.S. NAVAL STATION
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



COMMANDER BRUCE A. TAGER, USN

Commander TAGER enlisted in the Navy in February 1951 and rose through the ranks to Petty Officer First Class. In 1956 he was commissioned an Ensign through the USN Integration Program.

His shipboard assignments have included billets as division officer, department head and executive officer in destroyers and Surface Operations Officer on the Staff of Commander Patrol Force, Seventh Fleet. He has commanded USS PAGE COUNTY (LST-1076), USS COOK (LPR-130) and USS RICHARD S. EDWARDS (DD-950).

Ashore he has served as Head of the Enlisted Data Section in the Bureau of Naval Personnel and as Head of the Amphibious Warfare Division at the Fleet Computer Programming Center, Pacific. His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and Navy Commendation Medal, both with Combat "V"

Commander TAGER, his wife, Myrt and their three children will remain in the San Diego area in his new assignment on the Staff of Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

PROGRAM

Music by COMNAV AIRPAC Band

National Anthem

Invocation

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MYRON B. HENRY, CHC
U. S. NAVY

Remarks

CAPTAIN K. J. CHRISTOPH, JR., U. S. NAVY,
COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS SQUADRON THREE

Farewell Remarks and Reading of Orders

COMMANDER BRUCE A. TAGER, U. S. NAVY

Reading of Orders and Remarks

COMMANDER JOHN J. FLYNN, U. S. NAVY

Benediction

Reception



THE CEREMONY

The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates the continuity of the authority of Command. It is a formal ritual, conducted before the assembled ship's company. The Change of Command of a U.S. Navy ship is nearly unique in the world today; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability from one individual to another.



COMMANDER JOHN J. FLYNN, USN

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Commander John J. FLYNN, USN, graduated from Providence College and was commissioned an Ensign upon completion of Officer Candidate School in 1956. His first assignment was the USS CHAMBERS (DER-391) where he served as Communications/Electronics Officer.

Subsequent duty assignments included a tour as Communications Officer, U.S. Naval Communications Facility, Londonderry, North Ireland; First Lieutenant, USS ALLAGASH (AO-97); and Chief of the Communications Control Branch, Defense Communications Agency, Paris, France. From 1966 to 1968, Commander FLYNN was assigned as Executive Officer, USS SALAMONIE (AO-26). In 1968, he assumed command of the USS LORAIN COUNTY (LST-1177). Prior to reporting on board as Commanding Officer, USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35), Commander FLYNN was assigned as Head of the Plans Division, Naval Communications Command Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

Commander FLYNN, his wife, Rosanne, and two children, Gregory and Tara, are residing in the San Diego area.