

Coat of Arms: USS LEFTWICH (DD 984)



SHIELD

The colors blue and red are symbolic of loyalty and courage, attributes of Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich who was killed in action in Vietnam. The blue refers to the lowlands or delta areas of Vietnam, and the yellow sections rising toward the center allude to the highlands. The gold stars signify his two separate awards of the Legion of Merit. The silver star by the base represents his posthumous award of the Silver Star, and the gold cross patty recognizes the award of the Navy Cross.

CREST

The chevron-like shape, simulating a mountain, stands as a symbol of Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich's courageous effort during the emergency extraction from enemy territory by helicopter during which he met his death. The trident and dolphins are symbolic of vigilance and maritime dominance.

MOTTO

"SUPERIORITY THROUGH TEAMWORK" simple words of profound importance honor the memory of Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich. His standard practice of accompanying every emergency extraction epitomizes this motto. Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country by living up to these words. It is in memory of his heroism in combat, and the example he left for all to follow, that LEFTWICH carries on the tradition of "SUPERIORITY THROUGH TEAMWORK."

Decommissioning Ceremony

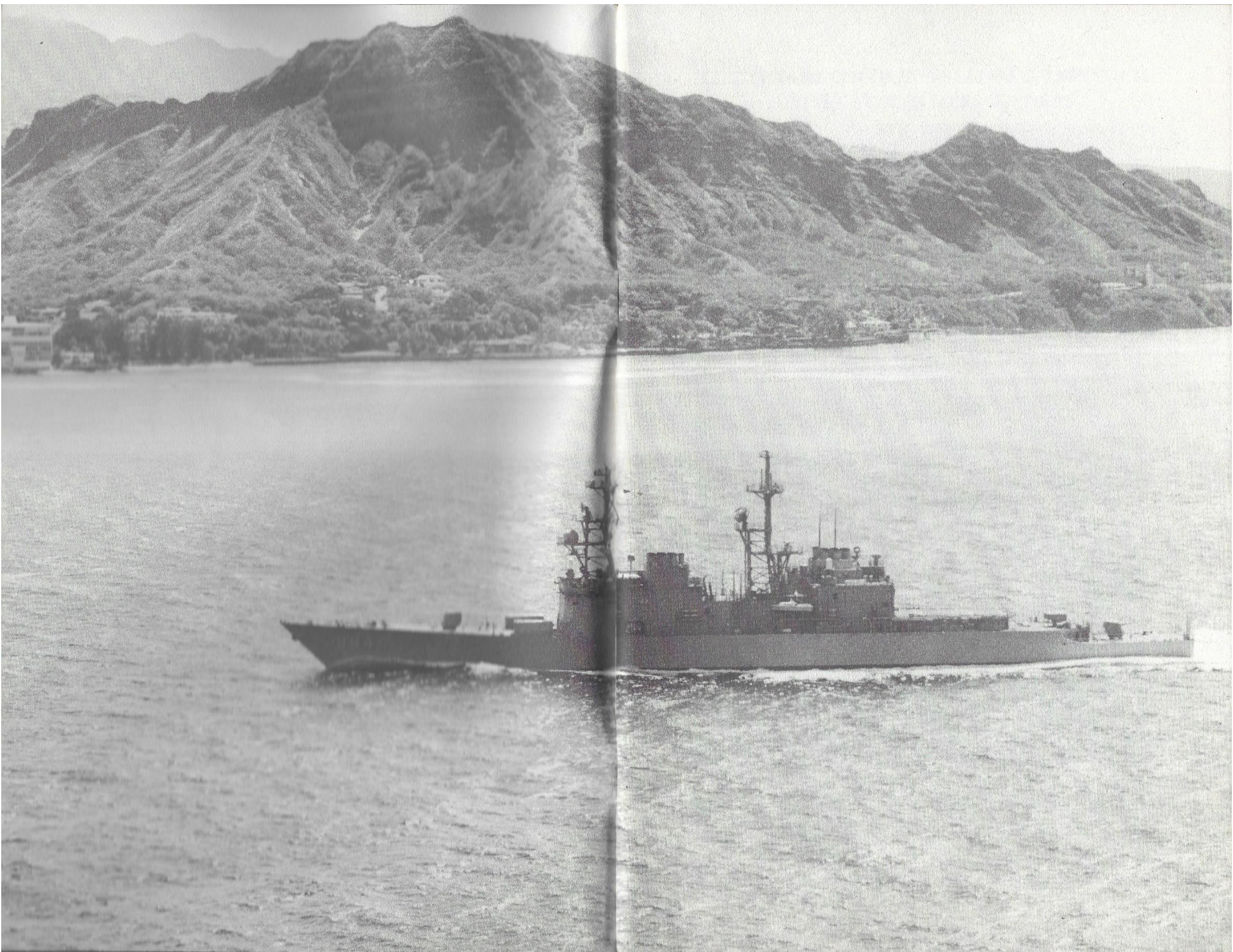
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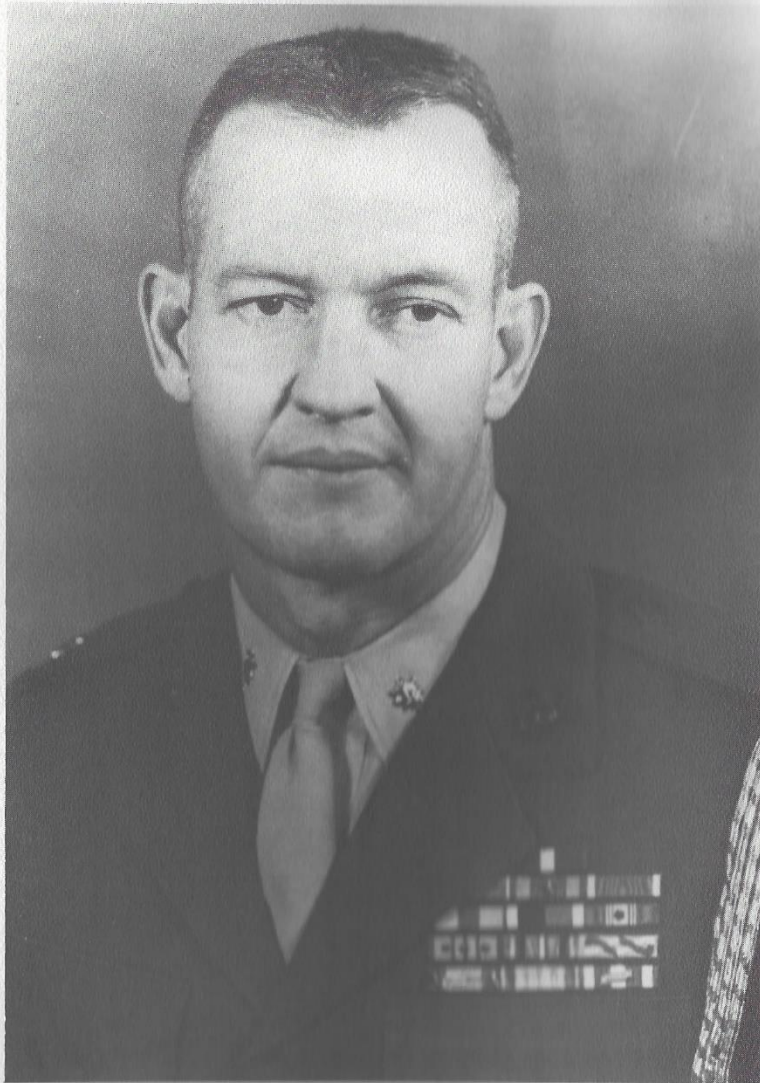


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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM G. LEFTWICH
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Lieutenant Colonel William G. Leftwich, Jr. was born on April 28, 1931 in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated from the city's Central High School. He graduated from the Naval Academy on June 5, 1953 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. At the ceremony he was commended for performing his senior year duties as Brigade Captain in an exemplary, officer-like manner which contributed "to the development of naval spirit and loyalty within the Brigade."

He completed The Basic School at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia in January 1954 and took his first rifle platoon command with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In 1955-56 he served with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa. Returning to the United States he was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California and was promoted to Captain in July 1957. His next assignment took him back to the Naval Academy as a company commander for three years. An avid athlete, he coached varsity tennis and the battalion football team.

In 1960 he rejoined the 2nd Marine Division as a company commander and in 1962 was named aide-de-camp to the Commanding General. In June 1963 he was assigned as aide to the Commandant, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico and in July 1964 was promoted to Major. Preparing for his next assignment he completed a language course in Vietnamese and in January 1965 reported for duty as Assistant Senior Advisor to the Vietnamese Marine Brigade.

Joining Task Force Alfa he spent more than 300 days in the field and participated in 27 major operations against the Viet Cong in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Wounded on March 9, 1965 at the Battle of Hoai An he was awarded a Purple Heart and the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism. According to the citation, "he played a major part in all phases of the successful relief of the village of Hoai An, which was under heavy enemy attack by two Viet Cong Battalions. By his own personal example... he led the attack. Despite injuries by enemy machine gun bullets in the back, cheek, and nose, he went to the aid of a mortally wounded comrade... and delayed his own evacuation until he could call for additional air strikes and brief the task force commander of the situation."

He returned to the United States in January 1966 and served as an instructor at The Basic School. Completing the Command and Staff College in June 1967 he was named to the school's Honor List. In November 1967, while serving as a systems analyst with the Manpower Management Information Branch, G-1 Division at Headquarters Marine Corps, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. He later became head of the Systems Analysis Section.

In 1968 he was selected by the Honorable Charles F. Baird, the Under Secretary of the Navy, to be the Special Assistant and Marine Corps Aide. He also served under Mr. Baird's successor, the Honorable John W. Warner.

In April 1970 Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich began his second tour of duty in Vietnam serving as infantry battalion commander with the 2nd Battalion, First Marines. On June 30, he assumed duty as Commanding Officer of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced).

On November 18, 1970, one of Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich's reconnaissance teams incurred casualties and requested an emergency extraction from enemy infested territory in an area beginning to be enveloped by dense fog. In accordance with his standard practice of accompanying every emergency extraction, the team was picked up under his personal supervision; but as the helicopter began its ascent it crashed into a mountainside and all aboard were killed. A partial list of his medals awards includes: The Navy Cross, the Silver Star (posthumous), the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and two gold stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with one gold star, the Purple Heart with two gold stars, and various personal awards from the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Leftwich is survived by his wife, the former Jane Ferrer, and two sons, William G. III, and Scott F. He was also survived by his mother Mrs. Mattie H. Leftwich of Memphis. His father is deceased.



REAR ADMIRAL DANIEL R. BOWLER
UNITED STATES NAVY

REAR ADMIRAL DANIEL R. BOWLER, USN
COMMANDER, CRUISER- DESTROYER GROUP FIVE

Daniel R. Bowler was born in Jacksonville, Florida in October 1947. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in June 1970 with a BS degree in Naval Engineering. Admiral Bowler's initial sea assignments were on board USS TURNER JOY (DD 951), homeported in Long Beach, as the Main Propulsion Assistant from August 1970 to August 1971 and USS WELCH (PG 93), homeported in Agana, Guam, as Engineering Officer and Executive Officer from November 1971 to August 1973. During these tours he completed three deployments to Vietnam.

Following his initial sea tours, he attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. as a BURKE Scholar from September 1973 to December 1974, earning a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations. He next served as Engineering Officer, USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1050), homeported in San Diego from November 1975 to August 1977. Following this assignment, he served as a propulsion engineering instructor at Surface Warfare Officer Schools Command in Newport, Rhode Island from January 1978 to December 1980.

Admiral Bowler next served as Executive Officer, USS OUELLET (FF 1077) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, from April 1981 to October 1982. Following this tour, he served as Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron 33, from December 1982 to June 1984. He then reported to Commander THIRD Fleet for duty as Fleet Schedules and Services Officer.

Admiral Bowler assumed command of USS LEFTWICH (DD 984), homeported in Hawaii, in March 1987 and served until May 1989. During his command tour, LEFTWICH made two battle group deployments to the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf. LEFTWICH participated in the naval gunfire attack on Iran's Rashadat oil platform in October 1987, won the Battle "E" and was the recipient of the CNO LAMPS Mk I Surface Ship Safety Award for 1988.

In May 1989, Admiral Bowler reported to the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) for duty as Head, Surface Combatant Readiness Branch. From February 1991 to June 1992 he served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel as Head, Surface Commander Assignment Branch.

In November 1992, Admiral Bowler assumed command of USS CHOSIN (CG 65) in the Persian Gulf, while deployed with the Ranger Battle Group. During his tour, Chosin earned two Battle "E" awards, 11 mission area awards, the 1992 and 1994 Silver anchor Awards for Personnel Excellence and the 1993 COMNAVSURFPAC Surface Ship Safety Award.

In November 1994, Admiral Bowler reported for duty as Assistant Deputy Director for Joint Warfighting Capability Assessments, Joint Chiefs of Staff, becoming Deputy Director for Joint Warfighting Capability Assessments in May 1996. In July of 1997 Admiral Bowler assumed the duty as Deputy Director for Force Structure and Resources, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Admiral Bowler assumed command of Cruiser-Destroyer Group FIVE on 10 December 1997.

Among his personal decorations are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Admiral Bowler is married to the former Susan Maier of Adelphi, Maryland. They have two children, Brandy and Shane.

**CAPTAIN FRANK B. GUEST III, USN
COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 31**

Captain Frank Guest is the son of RADM and Mrs. Frank B. Guest, JR and a native of Washington, DC. In 1971 he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and in September was a Distinguished Graduate from Officer Candidate School and commissioned an Ensign. In October 1971, Captain Guest married Linda Annell Hudgins of Rockville, Maryland. Their career includes 17 years of sea duty and nine years of shore duty.

Captain Guest's early shipboard experience was in the Reserve FRAM Destroyers USS BORIE and USS GYATT as a Radarman. Following his commissioning, shipboard assignments included Division Officer and Department Head tours on board USS W. S. SIMS (FF 1059) and USS TRUETT (FF 1095) respectively; and Executive Officer tours on board USS RECOVERY (ARS 43) and USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47). He commanded USS MOOSBRUGGER (DD 980). Captain Guest served afloat staff tours in Destroyer Squadron 36 as Chief Staff Officer and Sixth Fleet as Deputy Fleet Operations and Assistant Chief of Staff Joint Operations, Plans and Policy. In May of 1997, he assumed his current duties as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31. He has completed seven extended deployments and, in August 1990, deployed to the Red Sea for Maritime Interception Operations in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Ashore, Captain Guest served in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs as a liaison officer to the United States Senate, on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Surface Warfare and as an budget liaison officer on the staff of the Department of Defense Comptroller. He holds a Masters of Science Degree in Business Administration from George Mason University and a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Captain Guest has proven subspecialties in Financial Management and Anti-Submarine Warfare.

The Guests have three children, Kimberly, Frank and Michael and they have one grandchild, M. Grant Francis. Currently the Guests reside in Honolulu, Hawaii. Their permanent home is Springfield, Virginia. Among his decorations Captain Guest wears the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, multiple awards of the Meritorious Service Medal and Navy Commendation Medal and the Armed Forces and Southwest Asia Service Medals.



**CAPTAIN FRANK B. GUEST III
UNITED STATES NAVY**



COMMANDER ERIC R. ROSENLOF
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Commander Rosenlof is married to the former Debbie Michelle Skillin of Durham, California. They have two daughters, Amy and Susie.

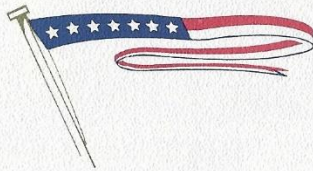
Commander Rosenlof, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, attended high school in Kearney, Nebraska and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1978. His initial sea tour was in USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986) where, as a member of the commissioning wardroom, he served as Communications Officer, Electrical Officer and Navigator. During his department head tours, Commander Rosenlof served as Combat Systems Officer in USS CUSHING (DD 985) and as Combat Systems Officer for Destroyer Squadron Thirty One then homeported in San Diego, California. His most recent sea tour was as Executive Officer in USS O'BRIEN (DD 987) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

Commander Rosenlof has completed shore assignments at the Navy Postgraduate School, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Oceanography and Meteorology, and in Washington, DC where he served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Naval Warfare Directorate, Anti-Submarine Warfare Division. Commander Rosenlof also completed a shore assignment at the Naval War College where he earned a Masters degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. His most recent shore assignment was at Headquarters, U.S. Pacific Command, where he served in the Logistics Directorate, Security Assistance Division. Commander Rosenlof is also a graduate of the Naval Command College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Among his personal decorations are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Commander Rosenlof took command of USS LEFTWICH (DD 984) on 15 November 1996, prior to USS LEFTWICH's most recent six month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf.

THE COMMISSION PENNANT



The Commission Pennant is the symbol of a man-of-war. It is said that when the Dutch Admiral Van Tromp defeated an English fleet in 1652, he cruised with a broom at his masthead to signify that he had swept his enemies from the sea. When the positions were reversed the following year, the British admiral hoisted a long streamer from his masthead to show that he had whipped his adversary. Thus the narrow "coachwhip" pennant has been adopted by all nations as the distinctive mark of a ship of war.

THE DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Each ship of the Navy holds two unique ceremonies during the course of its existence. The commissioning ceremony bearing the promise for a bright future, and the decommissioning ceremony, signifying the end of an era, honoring all of the men and women who have given their time, their energy, and, for some, their lives, to fulfill and surpass the aspirations of those who stood in the commissioning ceremony. The decommissioning ceremony is not prescribed specifically by Navy regulations, but is, instead, an honored product of Naval tradition. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive - a solemn occasion on which we pause to reflect upon the rich heritage of this command and the United States Navy.



CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPTAIN James A. Carney, USN
25 Aug 1979 - 14 Aug 1982

COMMANDER James L. Burke, USN
14 Aug 1982 - 22 Dec 1984

COMMANDER Ronald C. Berning, USN
22 Dec 1984 - 20 Mar 1987

COMMANDER Daniel R. Bowler, USN
20 Mar 1987 - 02 May 1989

COMMANDER Patrick M. Garrett, USN
02 May 1989 - 12 Jun 1991

CAPTAIN Joseph F. Herger, USN
12 Jun 1991 - 27 Feb 1993

COMMANDER Samuel J. Locklear, III, USN
27 Feb 1993 - 08 Dec 1994

COMMANDER Chris W. Kopang, USN
08 Dec 1994 - 15 Nov 1996

COMMANDER Eric R. Rosenlof, USN
15 Nov 1996 - 27 Mar 1998

PROGRAM

Band Selections
Pacific Fleet Band

Arrival of Official Party

Parade the Colors

National Anthem

Post the Colors

Invocation

Lieutenant Bruce A. Hougesen, CHC, USNR
Chaplain, Destroyer Squadron 31

Welcome and Introduction

Commander Eric R. Rosenlof, USN
Commanding Officer

Principal Speaker Remarks

Rear Admiral Daniel R. Bowler, USN
Commander, Cruiser- Destroyer Group 5

Commanding Officer's Remarks

Debarking the Ship

Officers and Men of the USS LEFTWICH

Decommissioning

Lowering the National Ensign, Union Jack and
Commissioning Pennant

Securing the Last Watch

Lieutenant Robert S. Carlisle, USN

Presentation to Leftwich Family

Benediction

Lieutenant Bruce A. Hougesen, CHC, USNR
Chaplain, Destroyer Squadron 31

Retire the Colors

Departure of Official Party

Band Selections

Reception

Tea House Lanai

USS LEFTWICH -- HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1979	
27 July	LEFTWICH pre-commissioning crew moves aboard under the direction of Commanding Officer, CDR James Carney.
06 August	LEFTWICH placed "In Service, Special."
25 August	LEFTWICH Commissioning Ceremony. USS LEFTWICH placed in commission at 1700Z. ADM Thomas Hayward, Chief of Naval Operations, is principal speaker.
27 August	LEFTWICH commences transit to homeport of San Diego.
03 September	LEFTWICH transits Panama Canal from east to west, becoming the last US warship to transit the canal before the canal is officially turned over to Panama.
13 September	LEFTWICH arrives in San Diego.
15 October-09 November	LEFTWICH undergoes "Shakedown" training.
05-08 December	LEFTWICH conducts Board of Inspection and Survey Final Contract Trials.
1980	
22 January	LEFTWICH transits Panama Canal from west to east.
25 January	LEFTWICH returns to Pascagoula, MS for Post Shakedown Availability. Harpoon, Satellite Communications, NATO Seasparrow, AN/SLO-32 Electronic Warfare suite, and MK 36 MOD 2 SRBOC (chaff) added.
13 May	LEFTWICH transits Panama Canal from east to west.
25 May	LEFTWICH returns to San Diego.
25 June	LEFTWICH completes NATO Seasparrow qualification and trial period with her first successful missile shoot.
16 August	LEFTWICH hosts Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE change of command ceremony wherein CAPT Earl H. Russell relieves CAPT George R. McKee.
07 October	LEFTWICH transfers from Destroyer Squadron NINE to SEVEN, a fleet operational squadron.
08-16 December	LEFTWICH participates in first multi-ship exercise, READIEX 81-1.
1981	
01 April	LEFTWICH departs on first WESTPAC.
21 April	LEFTWICH detects first overflight of battlegroup by Soviet reconnaissance aircraft.
01 May	LEFTWICH embarks RADM Lautermilch and becomes CTF-75 flagship.
26 May	LEFTWICH hosts CTF 75 change of command ceremony wherein RADM Harry Schrader Jr. relieves RADM Paul Lautermilch.

04 June	LEFTWICH named "Project Handclasp ship of the year."
17-23 November	LEFTWICH holds first "tiger" cruise, from Pearl Harbor to San Diego, during return from WESTPAC.
1982	
11-12 January	LEFTWICH completes second INSURV.
29 March	LEFTWICH hosts RADM Johnson, COMTRAPAC.
16-19 April	LEFTWICH inport San Francisco, CA for FLEET WEEK celebration.
18 April	LEFTWICH awarded Surface Gunnery "E."
12 July	LEFTWICH participates in for FLEETEX 82-1.
14 August	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR James Burke relieves CDR James Carney as Commanding Officer.
23 August	LEFTWICH participates in READIEX 82-5. RADM Hogg, Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group ONE, embarked.
01 September	LEFTWICH fires first Harpoon missile.
30 October	LEFTWICH departs for second WESTPAC.
1983	
10-17 March	LEFTWICH participates in Team Spirit '83.
14 May	LEFTWICH returns from WESTPAC.
04 July	LEFTWICH is visit ship at Broadway Pier, San Diego, CA.
09 July	LEFTWICH hosts Destroyer Squadron SEVEN change of command ceremony wherein CAPT H. R. Jones relieves CAPT R. G. Zeller.
21 July	LEFTWICH participates in READIEX 83-5.
19 August	LEFTWICH awarded First Place in Surface Line Week competition.
20 August-23 September	LEFTWICH receives SNAP II installation.
07 October	LEFTWICH participates in READIEX 83-7.
26 October	LEFTWICH hosts Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.
1984	
31 January	LEFTWICH participates in READIEX 84-2.
14 March	LEFTWICH participates in READIEX 84-3.
30 May	LEFTWICH underway for RIMPAC '84 and third WESTPAC.
18 November	LEFTWICH participates in FLEETEX 85-1.
20 December	LEFTWICH returns from WESTPAC.

22 December	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Ronald Berning relieves CDR James Burke as Commanding Officer.
1985	
21 March	LEFTWICH awarded ASW "A", Communications "C", Engineering "E", Gunnery "E", Missile "E", Operations "E", Electronic Warfare "EW", and Damage Control "DC".
25 March	LEFTWICH departs San Diego for homeport shift to Pearl Harbor.
01 April	LEFTWICH arrives Pearl Harbor.
01 May	LEFTWICH enters first Regular Overhaul (ROH). During overhaul, Tomahawk Armored Box Launchers and Close-In Weapons System are installed on LEFTWICH.
30 July	LEFTWICH enters Drydock Number 2, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.
16 September	LEFTWICH hosts VADM Davis, Commander Naval Surface Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
17 October	LEFTWICH hosts Mrs. Jane Michael, escorted by LTGEN D. Gray, USMC, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.
11 December	LEFTWICH undocks from Drydock Number 2.
1986	
24-28 March	LEFTWICH completes shakedown cruise after overhaul.
09 April	LEFTWICH completes ROH.
June	LEFTWICH participates in RIMPAC '86.
04-08 July	LEFTWICH inport Vancouver, British Columbia while on EASTPAC. Port visit occurs during World Expo '86.
15-17 December	LEFTWICH completes third INSURV.
1987	
20 March	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Daniel Bowler relieves CDR Ronald Berning as Commanding Officer.
27 July	LEFTWICH departs on fourth WESTPAC becoming the first Spruance Class Destroyer to deploy with two LAMPS helicopters.
12 September	LEFTWICH hosts Secretary of the Navy, James Webb, in the North Arabian Sea.
19 October	LEFTWICH participates as the lead ship in the Surface Action Group assigned to Operation Nimble Archer, against the Rashadat Oil Platform in the Arabian Gulf. The strike was a measured and appropriate response to Iran's unprovoked Silkworm missile strike against the U. S. flagged Kuwaiti tanker Sea Isle City, in Kuwaiti territorial waters.
1988	
10 January	LEFTWICH returns from fourth WESTPAC.
March	LEFTWICH awarded ASW "A", Gunnery "E", Missile "E", Operations "E", Electronic Warfare "EW", and Damage Control "DC".

30 April	LEFTWICH awarded the 1987 LAMPS Mk I Safety Award.
June-July	LEFTWICH completes two month Selective Restricted Availability (SRA).
06 December	LEFTWICH departs on fifth WESTPAC.
07 December	LEFTWICH participates in READIEX 89-1B.
1989	
02 May	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Patrick Garrett relieves CDR Daniel Bowler as Commanding Officer.
26 May	LEFTWICH returns from fifth WESTPAC.
11 September- November	LEFTWICH participates in PACEX '89.
21 October	LEFTWICH awarded Battle "E".
07 December	LEFTWICH selected to participate in pass-in-review of USS ARIZONA Memorial during Pearl Harbor Day Memorial ceremonies.
1990	
23 April	LEFTWICH completes SRA.
25 April	LEFTWICH hosts Captain John Williamson (USN retired), inventor of the "Williamson Turn" underway with WWII Destroyer Escort Commanding Officers' Association. Captain Williamson took the conn and demonstrated the maneuver.
18 July	LEFTWICH hosts change of command ceremony for Commander, Naval Surface Group, Middle Pacific, wherein RADM Earner relives RADM Chadwick.
28 October	LEFTWICH departs on sixth WESTPAC.
04 December	LEFTWICH embarks Commander, Destroyer Squadron THREE FIVE.
1991	
01 January	LEFTWICH participates in Operation Desert Shield.
17 January	LEFTWICH launches all eight Tomahawk cruise missiles on strikes into Iraq as Operation Desert Storm commences.
24 January-02 February	LEFTWICH supports the liberation of Kuwait. (SEE REMARKS AFTER HIGHLIGHTS: "OPERATIONS INSIDE THE GULF")
11 April	LEFTWICH returns from sixth WESTPAC.
12 June	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Joseph Herger relieves CDR Patrick Garrett as Commanding Officer.
25 June	LEFTWICH supports USS INGERSOLL in Operation Top Spin, 1.2 billion dollars of hashish are seized.
25 July	LEFTWICH participates in COMPTUEX 91-4.
30 September	LEFTWICH begins SRA.

1992	
06 January	LEFTWICH enters Drydock Number 4, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.
05 February	LEFTWICH receives JOTS II update.
31 April	LEFTWICH undocks from Drydock Number 4.
03 June	LEFTWICH receives CNO Ship-Helicopter Safety Award LAMPS Mk I.
16 July	LEFTWICH completes SRA.
November-December	LEFTWICH participates in FLEETEX 93-1A, 1B, and 1C.
1993	
10 February	LEFTWICH departs on seventh WESTPAC.
27 February	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Samuel Locklear relieves CDR Joseph Herger as Commanding Officer.
23 March	LEFTWICH hosts VADM Katz, Commander, United States Naval Forces, Central Command.
24 March	LEFTWICH awarded Battle "E".
05 April	LEFTWICH participates in Exercise Nautical Swimmer 93-2, a joint Saudi, Bahraini, and British exercise followed by Exercise Eager Sentry 93-3, a joint U. S., Kuwaiti, and British exercise.
04 June	LEFTWICH participates in Exercise Neon Spark 93-2, another joint exercise.
20 June	LEFTWICH hosts RADM Hickey, Commander Carrier Group SEVEN.
30 July	LEFTWICH returns from seventh WESTPAC.
25-29 October	LEFTWICH completes fourth INSURV and wins Surface Line Week Competition.
07 December	LEFTWICH participates in pass-in-review of USS ARIZONA Memorial during Pearl Harbor Day Memorial ceremonies.
1994	
09 February	LEFTWICH embarks COMDESRON 21 and begins COMPTUEX 94-1.
25 April	LEFTWICH receives CNO Safety Award.
20 June	LEFTWICH enters second ROH, the Recovery, Assist, Securing and Traversing (RAST) system, and Mk 23 Target Acquisition System are installed.
21 June	LEFTWICH enters Drydock Number 1, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.
10 November	LEFTWICH wins Surface Line Week Competition.
08 December	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Christopher Kopang relieves CDR Samuel Locklear as Commanding Officer.
1995	
27 January	LEFTWICH undocks from Drydock 1.

14 June	LEFTWICH hosts VADM Sterner, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command.
19 June	LEFTWICH hosts RADM Porter, Commander, Navy Shipyards.
21 September	LEFTWICH completes ROH.
1996	
17 January	LEFTWICH receives Admiral's Cup from RADM Holder, Commander, Naval Base Pearl Harbor.
06-09 February	LEFTWICH participates in evaluation of the Multi-Sensor Torpedo Recognition and Alertment Processor (MSTRAP).
06-10 May	LEFTWICH participates in testing of the Mk 50 torpedo.
04-17 June	LEFTWICH participates in RIMPAC 96.
01 November	LEFTWICH receives Admiral's Cup from RADM Holder, Commander, Naval Base Pearl Harbor.
15 November	LEFTWICH Change of Command: CDR Eric Rosenlof relieves CDR Christopher Kopang as Commanding Officer.
18 November	LEFTWICH departs on eighth WESTPAC.
1997	
19-30 January	LEFTWICH participates in SHAREM 119.
12-21 February	LEFTWICH intercepts M/V Paktia, M/V Master Mariner, M/V Antier, and M/V Ocean Express diverting in excess of 12,600 metric tons of illegal Iraqi gas oil, the largest total on record by a single ship.
04 March	LEFTWICH awarded Maritime Award Black "E", Engineering Award Red "E", Command and Control Award Green "E", and Logistics Management Award Blue "E".
31 March	LEFTWICH hosts ADM Johnson, Commander, Carrier Group EIGHT.
01 April	LEFTWICH hosts VADM Fargo, Commander, Fifth Fleet.
05-09 April	LEFTWICH participates in exercise INSPIRED SIREN 97-2 with Pakistan.
17 May	LEFTWICH returns from eighth WESTPAC.
08-11 July	LEFTWICH conducts Follow on Test and Evaluation of MSTRAP.
14 July-12 September	LEFTWICH completes new nine-week Type Commander SRA.
17 July	LEFTWICH hosts VADM Krekich, Commander, Naval Surface Forces Pacific.
22 August	LEFTWICH hosts LTGEN Buchholz, USA, Director C4, Joint Staff.
11 September	LEFTWICH wins COMDESRON THIRTY ONE "Golden Sea Warrior Canoe" Competition.
16 September	LEFTWICH officially slated for decommissioning.
03 October	LEFTWICH completes fifth INSURV, pronounced "fit for further service."
08 October-17 November	LEFTWICH participates in Exercise, MARCOT 2-97.

1998	
05 January	LEFTWICH commences decommissioning RAV.
15 January	LEFTWICH crew completes move to barge.
20 February	LEFTWICH wins COMDESRON THIRTY ONE "Golden Sea Warrior Canoe" Competition.
06 March	LEFTWICH completes space closeout and material offload.
27 March	LEFTWICH Decommissioning Ceremony, 1000, Bravo Pier Berth 24.

PORTS VISITED BY USS LEFTWICH

Cartegena, Columbia	Acapulco, Mexico	San Francisco, CA
Subic Bay, Philippines	Sasebo, Japan	San Diego, CA
Pusan, South Korea	Maizuru, Japan	Monterey, CA
Pohang, South Korea	Beppu, Japan	Pearl Harbor, HI
Singapore	Yokosuka, Japan	Hilo, HI
Hong Kong	Phattaya Beach, Thailand	Lahaina, HI
Esquimalt, British Columbia	Phuket, Thailand	Kona, HI
Vancouver, British Columbia	Diego Garcia	Seattle, WA
Victoria, British Columbia	Tonga, Western Samoa	Everett, WA
Freemantle, Australia	Pago Pago, American Samoa	Abu Dhabi, UAE
Sydney, Australia	Cochin, India	Dubai, UAE
Bahrain	Bali	Male, Maldives
Karachi, Pakistan	Suva, Fiji	

AWARDS AUTHORIZED FOR DISPLAY BY USS LEFTWICH

Combat Action Ribbon
 Navy Unit Commendation
 Battle "E" with Two "E's"
 Navy Expeditionary Medal
 National Defense Service Medal
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star
 Southwest Asia Service Medal with Three Bronze Stars
 Sea Service Medal with Silver Star
 U. S. Coast Guard Special Operations Medal
 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
 Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

OPERATIONS INSIDE THE GULF

After the initial Tomahawk strikes, PAUL F. FOSTER took over from LEFTWICH as antisurface command flagship. LEFTWICH was assigned to combat search and rescue duty in the northern gulf. She embarked two SH-3 Sea Kings and transferred her OH- 58Ds to a frigate. In addition she carried a 10-man SEAL platoon, extra medical personnel and a Coast Guard SAR expert. LEFTWICH was involved in 16 combat SAR recoveries. On January 24 carrier air strikes sank an Iraqi minelayer and a patrol boat near Qaruh Island, 30 miles off the Kuwaiti coast. When Iraqi forces on the island fired at helicopters assisting the Iraqi survivors, LEFTWICH launched her helicopters to land her SEAL platoon and a smaller SEAL unit from a frigate. In a six- hour operation covered by helicopter gunships and two frigates, the SEALs captured Qaruh, the first Kuwaiti territory to be recovered in the war, along with 29 Iraqi defenders and a large cache of arms that was sent to LEFTWICH.

On January 29 Iraqi land and naval forces attacked the evacuated Saudi port of Ras-al-Khafji but were mauled by coalition defenders. The next day most of the surviving Iraqi fleet attempted to flee to nearby Iran but were ambushed at start off Bubiya Island. Only two ships reached Iranian water. LEFTWICH captured 22 Iraqis from a sinking Polnochny-class landing ship used as a minelayer. The following day she recovered 15 more survivors from another sunken ship who were on an oil platform, and she controlled a Royal Navy helicopter strike on an Iraqi TNC-45 patrol boat that attempted to interfere. By February 2 the Iraqi Navy had no combat- effective ships left, and coalition naval attention shifted to minesweeping to prepare for an amphibious assault.

-Michael C. Potter, Electronic Greyhounds: The Spruance Class Destroyer



OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 OPERATIONS OFFICER
 SUPPLY OFFICER
 COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER
 ENGINEERING OFFICER
 NAVIGATOR
 COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER
 DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT
 DISBURSING OFFICER
 1ST LIEUTENANT
 ELECTRICAL OFFICER
 AUXILIARIES OFFICER
 ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER
 ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE OFFICER
 ELECTRONIC MATERIAL OFFICER

LCDR SEAN G. NEILAN
 LT ROBERT S. CARLISLE
 LT JOSEPH W. SCHAUBLE
 LT CARLOS M. BARBOSA
 LT JEFFREY J. BERNASCONI
 LT MATTHEW T. SECREST
 LT BRIAN J. STONE
 LT AMADO F. ABAYA
 LTJG WILLIAM M. PHILLIPS
 LTJG BRIAN GOLDSCHMIDT
 LTJG BRIAN G. BAUER
 LTJG ERNESTO RIVERA
 ENS ANTHONY RAMIREZ
 ENS ROBERT D. BLONDIN
 CWO2 JOHN BILELLO



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF
 CHIEF MASTER-AT-ARMS
 STORES DIV. LCPO
 3-M COORDINATOR
 EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER
 MAIN PROPULSION DIV. LCPO
 OPERATIONS INTEL DIV. LCPO
 PERSONNEL OFFICER
 ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR
 REPAIR DIV. LCPO
 COMBAT ACOUSTICS DIV. LCPO
 FOOD SERVICES DIV. LCPO
 AUXILIARIES DIV. LCPO

ETCS(SW) JAMES A. POLETTO
 MACS(SW/AW) LOREN K. ROCKEY
 SKCS(SW) NOEL P. SANQUI
 EMC(SW) ARNEL J. ELAD
 DSC(SW) ANTHONY EVANS
 GSEC(SW) JERRY JONES
 OSC(SW) GLENN T. MAYS
 PNC(SW) MEYNARDO S. MENDOZA
 QMC(SW) DOUGLAS M. MOORE
 DCC(SW) JOHN PAWLICKI
 STGC(SW) CASEY R. PORTER
 MSC ARMANDO T. TANGONAN
 ENC(SW) KENNETH C. TAYLOR

THE DECOMMISSIONING CREW

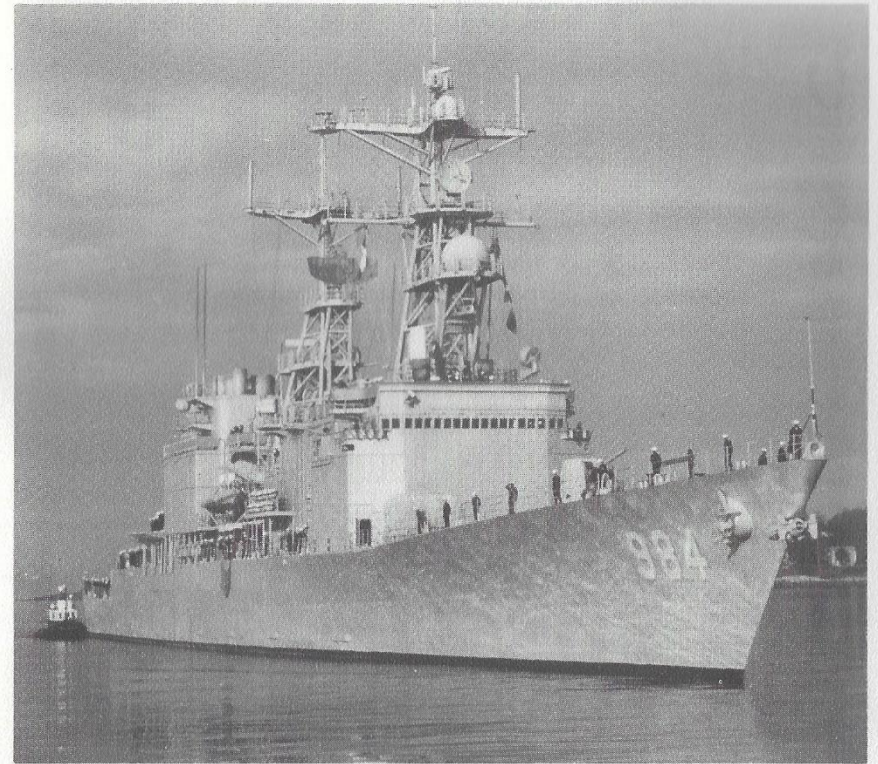
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 HT1 DON BANKER
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 IC2 ALVIN BESS
 PN2 MICHAEL BLAAUW
 SK3 AARON BLACK
 SA SCOTT BOURNE
 GSM1 MICHAEL BRISCOE
 DC3 JOHNATHAN BROWN
 FN SCOTT BROWN
 TM2 DANIEL BUJOK
 YN3 KELVIN BYRD
 STG2 EDELMIRO CACERES
 GSM3 GREGORY CARLSON
 SN JORGE CASANOVALOPEZ
 BM1 KENNETH CHARLES
 GSMFN EMMANUEL CHIPPUNGU
 SK3 HIEU CHUNG
 STGSN ROBERT COOK
 HT1 TIMOTHY COOPER
 SKSN DENNIS CORRALESBARRIOS
 OSSN SCOTT CRONER
 SA COVIA DAVIS
 GSE1 TIMOTHY DEBELAK
 STGSN CHRISTIAN DEES
 GSM2 DAVID DELGADO
 GSM3 DONALD DICKINSON
 PN3 BRADLEY DODSON
 GSMFN MICHAEL DUNAWAY
 MS1 THOMAS ESCLITO
 HM3 KAWASKI FARLEY
 EN1 TROY FERRELL
 SH2 ALEXANDER FERRER
 FN KYLE FINE
 ET1 NICHOLAS FINNELL
 MS2 CENON FLORITA
 IC1 STEPHEN GANCARZ
 PC2 JOHN GLAZE
 FC1 RODNEY GODBEY
 FA VICENTE GONZALEZBUENO
 YN3 JAMES GRAY
 RM3 JEFFREY GSCHWIND
 DC3 CHRISTIAN GUELKE
 EN1 KEVIN HACKETT
 EN2 KARLIE HALE
 FN NOLAN HAMILTON
 SN BRANDON HARTMAN
 FC1 JAMES HAUG
 RM3 VANCE HAWKS
 EW1 JEFFERY HENLEY
 SN SCOTT HICKAM
 FC2 EUGENE HODGE
 GMG3 MATTHEW HOLMAN
 RM2 JERRY HUKILL
 GMG2 ADAM HUMPHREY
 BM2 TALITGA IOSEFA
 SA MATTHEW JOHNSON
 OS3 DAVID JONES
 MS3 TERRANCE JONES
 EM3 DARREN KASUBA
 BM2 TRACY KELLEY
 STG1 CARY KELLOGG
 GSM3 SHANE KIESSLING
 OS3 JUSTIN LANGER
 FC2 MICHAEL LAVASSAUR
 DC1 JOSEPH LEJEUNE

EN2 SHAUN LAWSON
 FC2 THOMAS LEWIS
 OS3 BRIAN LONG
 DC2 CESARIO LOPEZ
 SN OYAMA LUCAS
 SH3 JORGE MALGAPO
 OS3 HEATH MANERING
 BM1 ROGER MANUEL
 SN MICHAEL MCGINNIS
 MSSN JEFFERY MOI
 ET2 DONALD MOORE
 STG3 PAUL MOSS
 RM1 MICHAEL MURAKAMI
 SK2 CESAR NARVARTE
 SN JAMES NAVARRO
 MS3 BRIGHTLY NENA
 GSM2 JOEL NOVICK
 GSEFA KELLY OBRIEN
 FN DANIEL OBRIEN
 HTFN TOKUNBO OGUNLADE
 SK1 DANILO ORIAS
 DKSN VICTOR PAREDES
 GSE3 BRYAN PAYNE
 FC1 PATRICK PEARSE
 QM2 JOHN PEELING
 ET1 MELVIN PETERSON
 BM3 RICHARD PIERCE
 SM1 MICHAEL RADOYE
 SN LOUIS REEVES
 OSSN FREDERICK REINCKE
 SK2 ROME RESOLME
 DS1 GREGORY ROBERTSON
 SH3 RICHARD ROBINSON
 NC1 EDWARD ROCKINGER
 GSEFA TOBIAS ROLLMAN
 GSM2 MICHAEL SALINAS
 DC3 JASON SAMUELS
 YN2 CEDRIC SANDERS
 DK1 TERRY SANDHOFF
 EN3 ROMMEL SANTOS
 MSSN BUNRITH SAO
 MS2 CLAYTON SCHEER
 FC2 MARK SCHIRMACHER
 TM3 BRUCE SIMMONS
 OS1 REGAN SIMMONS
 QM3 DAVID SIMS
 SN DAHL SMITH
 YN1 RUSSELL SPRINKLE
 EM1 ALFREDO SUCALDITO
 SK2 CHRISTOPHER SWOBODA
 STG3 JASON SZYLAR
 SH1 REGINALD TERRY
 QM3 BOYD TOLER
 GSMFA DANIEL TOMITZ
 STG3 JARROD TREFELNER
 FN DAMO TURNER
 IC2 GREGORY UNVERZAGT
 MS2 VALINTON
 GSM1 JOSEPH VAUGHN
 FN DEREK WALKER
 SN DONAVAN WALKER
 RM1 JOHN WEST
 STG1 GENE WHETSEL
 SMSN JOSHUA WILKIN
 HT3 JAMES WINDBIGLER
 GSE3 TAO ZHANG



"Of all the tools the Navy will employ to control the seas in any future war...the destroyer will be sure to be there."

-C.W. Nimitz, 1962



"And now the old ships and their men are gone; the new ships and the new men, many of them bearing the old auspicious names, have taken up their watch on the stern and impartial sea..."

-Joseph Conrad, 1857 - 1924