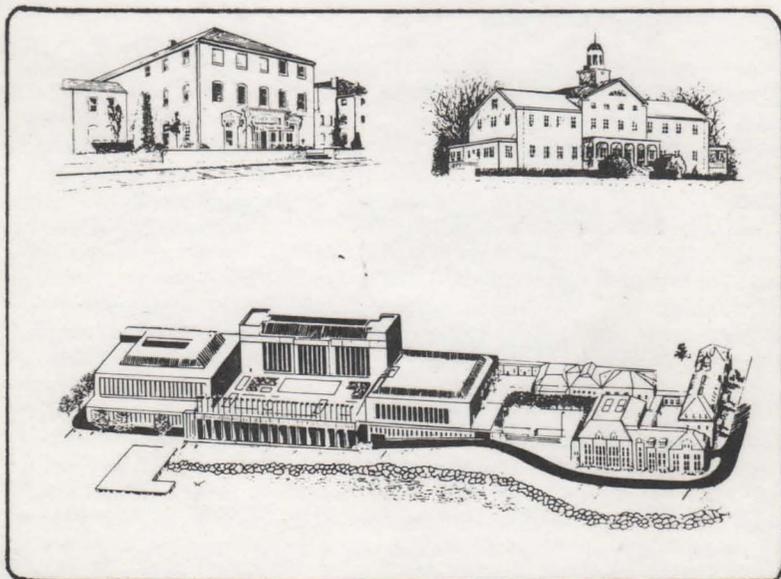




GRADUATION EXERCISE

Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island



3 March 1989

PROGRAM

--- Music by Navy Band

--- Student Procession*

--- Arrival of Official Party*

--- National Anthem*

--- Invocation*

Captain John F. Baldwin, CHC, U.S. Navy

--- Welcome

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, U.S. Navy
President, Naval War College

--- Graduation Address

--- Presentation of Diplomas

--- Remarks

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, U.S. Navy

--- Benediction*

Captain John F. Baldwin, CHC, U.S. Navy

*Guest will please stand



Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, USN
President, Naval War College

Rear Admiral Ronald J. Kurth, U.S. Navy, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, which he left for the U.S. Naval Academy, joining the class of 1954. After graduation, he entered flight training and was designated a naval aviator in March, 1956. His squadron experience has been in Airborne Early Warning, including the Hurricane Hunters, and Anti-Submarine Warfare Patrol.

In 1961, after his first squadron tour and a subsequent assignment as an instructor of Russian language at the U.S. Naval Academy, he entered Harvard University as a Navy-sponsored post-graduate student. Two periods at Harvard, one at the beginning and another at the end of the sixties, were separated by five years of aviation assignments. During those five years he served in VP-5 and then in USS AMERICA (CVA-66) where he was the Nuclear Weapons Officer and a Carrier Task Force OOD. While in AMERICA, he completed deployments to the Mediterranean and to Vietnam.

At Harvard, where he earned a Ph.D. in Government, he also received a corporate appointment to the faculty as a Teaching Fellow in American National Government. Leaving Harvard in 1970, he served in the Politico-Military Policy Section (OP-61), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. It was during this tour, in October 1971, that Admiral Kurth first went to Moscow to negotiate the Incidents at Sea Agreement. Thereafter, he served as the Desk Officer for the Soviet Union, East Europe and Yugoslavia. In 1975, after duty on the Staff, Commander SIXTH Fleet, he went to Moscow as the Naval Attache.

Returning from Moscow, Admiral Kurth took command of Naval Air Station, Memphis. After a subsequent year as a Military Fellow at the Council of Foreign Relations in New York, he went to Washington in 1980 as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (OP-06). Selected for Rear Admiral in 1981, he became Director of Politico-Military Policy (OP-61) and subsequently Director, Long Range Planning (OP-09X), before returning to Moscow as the Defense Attache. Admiral Kurth assumed command of the Naval War College on 11 August 1987.

Admiral Kurth is married to the former Charlene Schaefer, also of Madison,



Vice Admiral Howard B. Thorsen
Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and
Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic

Vice Admiral Howard B. Thorsen assumed duty as Chief, Office of Law Enforcement and Defense Operations, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., in July, 1988.

Prior to this assignment, Vice Admiral Thorsen was Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District and Coordinator, Southeast Region National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, Miami, Florida. He was graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1955 and served in cutter *Ingham* for two years before being assigned to flight training. He earned his wings as a naval aviator in 1958. He is a 1977 Distinguished Graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Other duty assignments include Chief, Office of Research and Development, Coast Guard Headquarters; Fifth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff; Commandant of Cadets at the Coast Guard Academy; Commanding Officer of Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas; and Chief of the Aeronautical Engineering Division at Coast Guard Headquarters.

On February 27, 1989, Vice Admiral Thorsen assumed temporary additional duties as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and Commander, Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic, pending a formal change of command on March 31.

Vice Admiral Thorsen's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, three Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, an Air Medal, and two Coast Guard Commendation Medals.

He was born in York, North Dakota, November 1, 1933. He was reared in Brainerd, Minnesota where he was graduated from Washington High School in 1951. He is married to the former Marlyn Nitsche of New London, Connecticut. They are the parents of two daughters, Tracey and Suzanne.

Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Warfare

CDR Christopher L. Addison, USN
CAPT Laurence M. Bergen, Jr., USN
CDR Thomas J. Bernsen, Jr., USN
CAPT John A. Byers, USN
CDR John C. Dailey, USN
CDR Thomas C. Davis, USN
CDR John P. Dinger, USN
CAPT James D. Ellington, USN
CAPT Paul R. Erickson, USN
CDR James M. Farley, USN
CDR Steven P. Hannifin, USN

CDR Robert L. Hume, USN
CDR Warren H. Ide, Jr., USN
CAPT Charles W. Mayer, Jr., USN
CDR Jay M. Munninghoff, USN
CDR James M. Piotrowski, USN
CDR James F. Scurria, USN
CDR William R. Sisley, Jr., USN
CDR Douglas S. Thompson, USN
CDR Jerry A. Thompson, USN
CDR Michael R. Tollefson, USN
CDR William J. Woerman II, USN

Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Command and Staff

LCDR Edwin D. Abbott, USN
LCDR Larry G. Booth, USN
CDR Barry M. Costello, USN
LCDR David C. Cox, USN
LCDR John J. Coyne, USN
LCDR William L. Decker, USN
LCDR Robert E. Droppa, USN
LCDR Michael L. Dvorsky, USN
LCDR David E. Edwards, USN
LCDR Richard F. Frank, USN
LCDR Jack E. Frazier, USN
LCDR Robert J. Freeburn, Jr., USN
LCDR Shelley P. Gallup, Jr., USN
LCDR Bret C. Gary, USN
LCDR James S. Green, USN
LCDR Stephen J. Himes, USN
LCDR Ronald D. Hughes, USN
LCDR Charles E. Jamison, Jr., USN
LCDR David W. Martin, Jr., USN

LCDR Daniel E. Moore, Jr., USN
LCDR Stephen H. Morris, SC, USN
LCDR Patrick S. O'Brien, USN
LCDR Richard W. O'Sullivan, USN
LCDR Alan G. Palazzo, USN
LCDR Frederick A. Palkovic II, USN
LCDR Duane J. Phillips, USN
LCDR Richard W. Rogers, USN
LCDR Edward J. Rourke, Jr., SC, USN
LCDR Herschel A. Smith III, USN
LCDR Raymond L. Smith, USN
LCDR Keith J. Stewart, USN
LCDR David W. Strong, Jr., USN
LCDR Rocco G. Tomazic, USN
LCDR Barbara J. Vittitoe, USN
LCDR Richard A. Voytek, USN
LCDR John H. Wepplo, USN
LCDR Kenneth A. Williams, USN



UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE COAT OF ARMS

The wavy white and blue bars at the bottom of the shield represent water. The trident rising from it symbolizes mastery of naval activities. The three tines of the trident allude to an understanding of naval warfare at sea, in the air, and on land. The pilot wheel alludes to the mission of the Naval War College, education in naval warfare. The eight spokes refer to honor, duty, leadership, command, strategy, tactics, logistics, and weapons. The laurel wreath is for achievement of the mission. The motto is "Victory Through Sea Power."