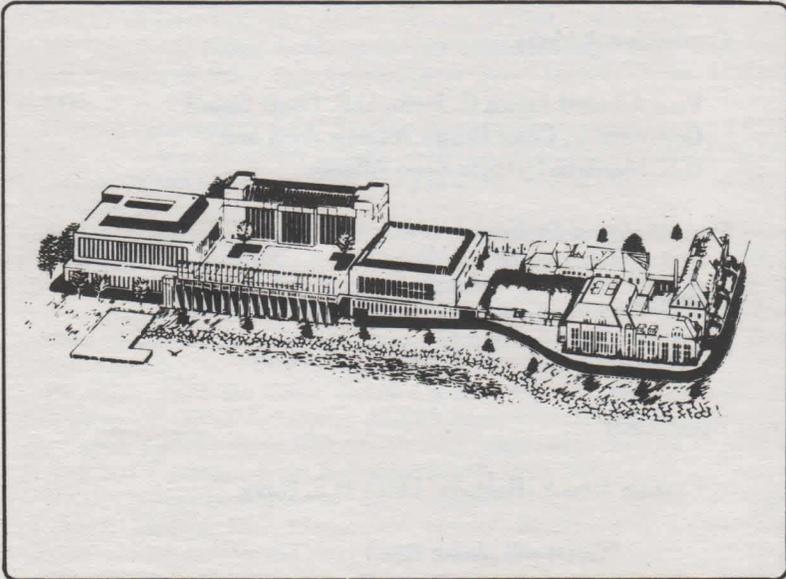




GRADUATION EXERCISE

Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island



4 November 1988

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

Vice Admiral James C. Irwin, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and
U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic

--- 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



Vice Admiral James C. Irwin
Commander, Atlantic Area and
Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic

Vice Admiral James C. Irwin assumed the duties of Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic on Governors Island June 29, 1988 from a two-year assignment as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Appointed Rear Admiral in 1982, he was Chief, Office of Reserve at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. from 1982-84. He was Chief of Staff, Eighth Coast Guard District in New Orleans, in 1980; Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1977; and Chief, Operations Division at Second Coast Guard District Office, St. Louis, in 1975.

He took command of the U.S. Coast Guard cadet training barque EAGLE in May 1974, was Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Training Center at Governors Island in January 1974, and was Commanding Officer of the cutter SPENCER in 1972.

VADM Irwin served with the Coast Guard Mission to the United Nations in New York as an advisor for Political and Security Affairs from 1969-72. He was Aide to the Secretary of Transportation in 1966 and in the Administrative Management Division from June to November 1966. From 1958-62 he served as Company Officer and Admiral's Aide at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

He commanded the Coast Guard Cutter YEATON from 1962-65, was Executive Officer of the Cutter ALERT from 1957-58 and was assigned to the Cutter TANEY from 1953-55. He also commanded the USCG LORAN Station at Talampulan in the Philippine Islands from 1956-57.

VADM Irwin's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Legion of Merit Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals and several lesser decorations.

He was graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1953, graduated from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1966 and earned a Master of Science degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. He is married to [Name], [Address]. They have five children: Teresa, Matthew, Peter,



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, Wisconsin. The couple has three sons and one daughter. Admiral Kurth has

**Presentation of Graduate
College of Continuing Education**

LT Joseph M. Quinn, Jr., USN

Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Warfare

CDR James P. Butler, USN
CDR Christopher I. Chisholm, USN
CDR Roy C. Christian, USN
CDR Hollis W. Holden, USN
CDR William R. Leddy, USN
CAPT Anthony E. Mitchell, USN
CAPT James K. Pernini, USN

CDR James W. Pebley, USN
CDR Thomas G. Seigel, USN
CDR John D. Shaw, USN
CDR Gordon G. Stewart, USN
CDR Jeffrey L. Stine, USN
CDR Philip D. Voss, USN

Presentation of Graduates
College of Naval Command and Staff

LCDR Donald W. Anderson, USN
LCDR John T. Bader, USN
LCDR Thomas J. Bily, USN
LCDR Paul M. Bland, SC, USN
LCDR Henry G. Boyter III, SC, USN
LCDR Thomas J. Brennan, USN
CDR Albert B. Brickey, Jr., USN
LCDR Frederick M. Buesser, USN
LCDR James T. Carroll III, USN
LCDR Ronald L. Chapman, USN

LCDR Raymond P. Crevier, Jr., USN
LCDR James M. Doherty, USN
LCDR David J. Fontaine, USN
LCDR John D. Furness, USN
LCDR Patrick D. Mahaffey, USN
LCDR Ronald J. McNeal, USN
LCDR Alan C. Moudy, USN
LCDR Jon J. Sheppard, USN
LCDR Gina M. Tecco, 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."