CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

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USS WILLIS A. LEE (DL-4) is the third of four Mitscher class frigates (DL). Originally authorized by Congress in 1947 as DD-929, Lee was re-designated as a Frigate prior to launching in 1952 due to the large size. Lee is 497 feet long, has a 50 foot beam and a displacement of 5,000 tons, making her considerably larger than the existing general purpose destroyer types.

The Lee was built in the Fore River Yard, Quincy, Massachusetts, at a basic cost, exclusive of all armament, of more than $29 million. She was named for Vice Admiral Willis A. Lee, Jr., famed battle ship commander of World War II, who near the end of the war was Commander Battleships, Pacific. After Commissioning on 5 October, 1954, Lee immediately took a place as an active unit of the Atlantic Fleet. With her extensive electronic and communications equipment, Lee is aptly suited for the role of flagship in modern naval tactical missions. For much of her career with the fleet she has served as flagship of Commander Destroyer Flotilla Six and later as flagship of Commander Destroyer Flotilla Two.

Her main engineering plant uses a 1200 psi steam system with uncontrollable superheat. She is capable of developing 80,000 shaft horsepower and speed in excess of 34 knots. When commissioned, she was armed with 3 inch 70 caliber guns and a "Weapon ABLE" (12.75 inch rocket launcher). These have since been removed, leaving her armed with two 5 inch 54 caliber guns, Mark 24 and Mark 32 above water torpedo tubes.

Lee has made four cruises to the Mediterranean. The first cruise, 1955, marked the initial participation of a DL in Sixth Fleet operations. She has served as flagship for several Atlantic and Caribbean exercises. In the summer of 1959, Lee took part in "Operation Inland Seas, the first cruise of a U.S. Naval fleet on the Great Lakes since the War of 1812. In 1962, Lee took part in the critical naval "quarantine" of Communist Cuba and in March 1963 was off Haiti during the unrest there.

In late 1960 and 1961, Lee underwent an extensive overhaul to incorporate a prototype of the SQS-26 sonar system. In the summer of 1963, Lee joined the ranks of Destroyer Development Group Two for research in the field of destroyer technology.

In July 1965, Lee entered the Boston Naval Shipyard for a regular overhaul and to have a rubber acoustic window affixed to her bow mounted sonar dome. The dome, being a prototype installation, presented numerous problems and delays which extended Lee's yard period to April 1966. Following the shipyard overhaul Lee's assignment was changed from research and development work that of a fully operational unit of the Cruiser-Destroyer Force. Having completed refresher training with Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in October 1966, Lee got underway for a six-month operational cruise in the Mediterranean Sea with the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Since her return to the continental United States, Lee has been under the operational control of Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and has been engaged in ASW training and exercises. She has recently returned to the Mediterranean Sea for operations with the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Lee is the flagship for Commander Destroyer Squadron Twenty Four. She normally carries two officers and 350 men in addition to staff.

Commander William J. Moredock, USN

Commander William J. Moredock was born June 13, 1929, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Moredock.

Following graduation from the University of Florida in 1954, with his Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management, he accepted a position with the Proctor and Gamble Distribution Company, Jacksonville, Florida, and his commission as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

In 1956, CDR Moredock received orders to active duty and after the CIC Officers Courses at Glenview, Illinois, and Advanced Air Control School in Glynnco, Georgia, joined USS HARLAN R. DICKSON (DD 708) as CIC Officer, fleet up to Operations Officer and Navigator. He augmented into the Regular Navy in 1958. In 1959, he was ordered to the Staff, Commander Escort Squadron Ten as Chief Staff Officer and Operations Officer where he made the first UNITAS cruise that circumnavigated South America.

In 1961, Commander Moredock reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served as a Special Assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations. During this period in Washington, D.C., he entered Graduate School at George Washington University and in 1964 received his Masters Degree in Personnel Management. He reported to USS ROBISON (DDG 12) as Executive Officer in March 1964.

Commander Moredock assumed command of USS LOWE (DER 325), a unit of Escort Squadron Seven, on 15 September, 1965, at Guam, Marianas Islands. The USS LOWE completed two seven month deployments with the U.S. Seventh Fleet as a member of the Vietnam Coastal Surveillance Force. He was then ordered to the Armed Forces Staff College as a student in September 1967, and then to Command of USS WILLIS A. LEE (DL 4) in February 1968.

Commander Moredock is married to the former Frances Parker of Maitland, Florida. They have four sons: William Jr. (10), James (8), Jeffery (6), and David (3).
Commander Peter J. Goldman, USN

Commander Peter J. Goldman was born in New York City and after completing school in that city attended the Johns Hopkins University for 18 months prior to entering the U.S. Naval Academy in 1944.

After graduating in 1947 in the Class of 1948A, he was assigned to duty in USS FARGO (CL-106), flagship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Upon FARGO's decommissioning in early 1950, he served in USS HAYDES (AF-28) until ordered to the recommissioning detail of USS STOCKHAM (DD-683) in 1951.

In 1952 he entered the USN Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., as an ordnance Engineering student. In June 1953 his curriculum was changed to the Office of Naval Research sponsored Advance Science Program in Chemistry, which he completed in two years at Yale University in September 1955, earning a Master of Science degree and election to full membership in the Society of the Sigma Xi Research Honor Society.

He then returned to duty in destroyers, as gunnery officer and senior watch officer of USS BORIE (DD-704), remaining 18 months until becoming executive officer of USS COATES (DE-685), and assumed command of COATES in July 1958. Commander Goldman conducted cruises to train the selected reserve crew to assume responsibility for the ship as the first East Coast ship to enter the Selected Reserve Program.

Detached from duty as the first O-in-C in October 1958, he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy as an instructor in Naval Operations, Command Department. He returned to sea as executive officer of USS PUTNAM (DD-757) in June 1960. Upon the activation of ships to meet the Berlin Crisis of 1961, he recommissioned the USS RUCHAMKIN (APD-89) and served as commanding officer until July 1963; when promoted to his present grade he was ordered to the Armed Forces Staff College as a student. After schooling in Tartar and Terrier missile systems, he reported to the Joint Staff, U.S. Commander in Chief, Europe, serving as general war plans officer, Plans Branch, J-3 Division, until detached in September 1965 to become commanding officer of USS WILLIS A. LEE (DL-4).

Having commanded that ship for a period of two years, three months, Commander Goldman will now assume duties as Commander, Destroyer Division 242. He was selected for the rank of Captain in August, 1967.

Commander Goldman is married to the former Grete Klamber of New York, New York. They have one daughter Susan (17) and reside in Middletown, Rhode Island.
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Supply Officer
Operations Officer
Engineer Officer
First Lieutenant
Communications Officer
ASW Officer
Disbursing Officer
CIC Officer
Sonar Material Officer
Damage Control Assistant
Deck Division Officer
Main Populsion Assistant
Assistant DCA
Assistant CIC Officer
Fire Control Officer
“M” Division Officer
Ordnance Officer
Electrical Officer
Ass’t Disbursing Officer
EMO

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