

# USS Hugh Purvis DD-709



## Change of Command Ceremony

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U.S. NAVAL BASE

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

## HUGH PURVIS DEPARTING



COMMANDER A. G. HENNESSEY, Jr., USN

**Commander A. G. HENNESSEY, Jr., is a native of Philadelphia and was commissioned in June 1953 upon graduation from Villanova College. He has served aboard USS DELTA (AR-9), USS HORACE A. BASS (APD-124), USS NEOSHO (AO-143), USS SAMUEL B. ROBERTS (DD-823) and USS BRISTOL (DD-857). He has previously commanded USS LIDDLE (APD-60) and USS BEVERLY W. REID (APD-119). He has been assigned to the Staff of Commander, Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and has been the head of the College Training and In-service Procurement Branch of the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Commander HENNESSEY assumed command of USS HUGH PURVIS (DD-709) on 10 July 1970 at Newport, Rhode Island. Upon being relieved, he will report to the Staff, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.**

## HUGH PURVIS ARRIVING



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER C. E. GIESE Jr., USN

Lieutenant Commander Giese enlisted in the Navy in 1952 and received a Fleet appointment to the Naval Academy in 1954. He graduated with the class of 1958 and served his first tour of duty aboard USS FECHTELER (DD-870) as Main Propulsion Assistant and Engineering Officer. This was followed by a tour aboard USS MARSHALL (DD-676) as Engineer Officer. In 1961 Lieutenant Commander GIESE served a tour aboard USS OZBOURN (DD-846) as Staff Material Officer on the Staff of Commander Destroyer Division 112.

After an initial four year tour in Destroyers, Lieutenant Commander GIESE attended the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering 1964. Upon completion of Postgraduate School Lieutenant Commander GIESE was ordered to command of USS MARYSVILLE (EPCER-857). MARYSVILLE was homeported in San Diego, Calif, and involved in oceanographic research. After two years in command of MARYSVILLE, he was assigned to duty at the Naval Academy as an instructor in the Engineering Department with additional duty as an instructor in the Department of Naval Science.

Upon detachment from the Naval Academy, Lieutenant Commander GIESE attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk Va. Lieutenant Commander GIESE recently completed a tour as Executive Officer aboard USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY Jr. (DD-850).

**PROGRAM**

**OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES \***  
**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM \***

**INVOCATION**  
*LT. R. J. QUINN, CHC, USNR*

**READING OF ORDERS**  
*CDR. A. G. HENNESSEY, JR., USN*

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*LCDR. C. E. GIESE, JR., USN*

**SPEAKER**  
*CAPTAIN C. K. MOORE, USN*

**OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS \***

**\* GUESTS STANDING**

**THE CEREMONY**

**The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and men of the command the continuity of the authority of command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The Change of Command of a naval ship is nearly unique in the world today: it is a transfer of total responsibility authority, and accountability from one individual to another.**