

USS Hugh Purvis DD-709



Change of Command Ceremony

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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.

PROGRAM

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

INVOCATION*

**LT. E.A. SNYDER, CHC, USNR
READING OF ORDERS
*CDR. W.K. MALLINSON, USN***

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*CDR. A.G. HENNESSEY, JR., USN***

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSIONING PENNANT

**SPEAKER
*REAR ADMIRAL PARKER B. ARMSTRONG
COMMANDER, CRUISER DESTROYER FLOTILLA 10***

OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS*

***GUESTS STANDING**

HUGH PURVIS, DEPARTING



COMMANDER W.K. MALLINSON, USN

Commander William K. Mallinson, USN, a native of Lenox,, Massachusetts, was born on 17 March, 1930. He attended Tufts University, receiving his B.A. in 1952 and M.A. in 1953. He then enlisted in the Naval Reserve, attended Officer Candidate School, and was commissioned on 12 November, 1953. He has been an instructor at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois, and the United States Naval Academy. He has been assigned to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, the staff of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Force, Atlantic Fleet, and to the staff of Commander, Anti-Submarine Group 3. Commander Mallinson has served aboard USS PARK COUNTY (LST-1077), and USS BRISTOL (DD-857). He was Executive Officer of USS DECATUR (DD-936), and later assumed duties as commanding Officer of DECATUR. On 7 March, 1969, Commander Mallinson assumed command of USS HUGH PURVIS (DD-709) at New Plymouth, New Zealand. Upon being relieved, Commander Mallinson will become a member of the faculty of the US Naval War College.

Commander Mallinson is married to the former Carolyn McNeil of Clarksburg, Massachusetts. They have four children: Ann Marie, James Keith, John Steven, and William Keith, Jr. Commander Mallinson and his family reside in Middletown, Rhode Island.

HUGH PURVIS, ARRIVING



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 more recently has been the head of the College Training and In-Service Procurement Branch of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Commander Hennessey is married to the former Jayne Cecelia Flannery of Troy, New York. Mrs. Hennessey is a Lieutenant Com-^{*} mander in the Navy Nurse Corps.

USS HUGH PURVIS DD- 709

The USS HUGH PURVIS (DD-709) was named for Private Hugh Purvis, USMC, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service during the Korean Expedition of 1871. The ship is the first to bear the name Hugh Purvis. She was commissioned in March of 1945.

The HUGH PURVIS has made ten trips to the Mediterranean. She represented the United States by attending the burial of King Christian of Denmark in 1947. She served with the Sixth Fleet assigned to the United Nations Mediator at Palestine in 1948. The HUGH PURVIS has also participated with NATO forces in Operation Emigrant and Operation Mainbrace.

In 1956, the HUGH PURVIS served as an escort vessel during the evacuation of refugees from Haifa, Israel, and the removal of U.S. Truce Team officials from Gaza, Egypt. The following year, she participated in the Jamestown International Naval Review.

In 1958, the HUGH PURVIS joined Destroyer Development Group TWO, an organization established to test and evaluate equipment to improve the efficiency of destroyers. In March of 1960, she underwent alterations in the Fleet Rehabilitation and Modernization (FRAM) program, receiving new communications, radar, and sonar equipment. In 1962 she was further modernized by the installation of the Drone Anti Submarine Helicopter (DASH) System.

During the next six years, HUGH PURVIS experimented with antisubmarine radar and variable depth sonar equipment, perfecting techniques and weapons now in use throughout the destroyer force. She also served as a host ship for guests of the Navy at the America's Cup Races during this period. In August of 1967 she was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E".

Early in 1968, HUGH PURVIS underwent her regular overhaul period and trained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in preparation for her upcoming Western Pacific deployment. In August of 1968, she again received the Battle Efficiency "E", and departed for WESTPAC for an eight month tour.

During her tour, HUGH PURVIS provided carrier escort and gunfire support services in the seas off Vietnam. She was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for salvaging the USS Safeguard (ARS-25). She also received the Combat Action Ribbon for her service in WESTPAC.



On returning to Newport, HUGH PURVIS left Destroyer Development Group TWO to become a unit of DESTROYER DIVISION 102. In the summer of 1969, HUGH PURVIS participated in Midshipman training exercises in the Caribbean. Later in the year she was again a Destroyer School Training Ship. In November, she participated in the search for survivors of the wreck of the SS Koa. In September of 1969, HUGH PURVIS received her third consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" award.

The HUGH PURVIS is presently homeported in Newport, Rhode Island making preparations for her 11th Mediterranean Cruise.

