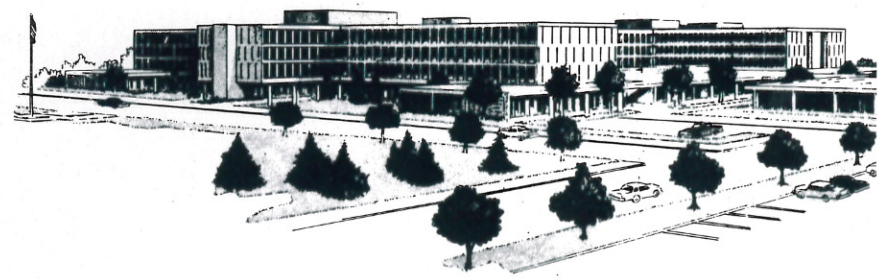


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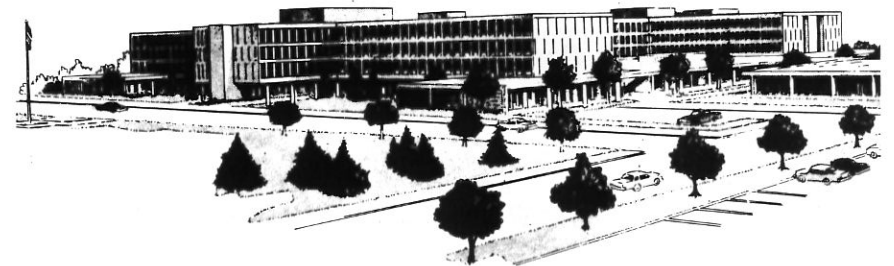


Decommissioning Ceremony

27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FLEET

DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Each Navy Command holds two unique ceremonies during the course of its existence. The commissioning ceremony bears the promise for a bright future, and the decommissioning ceremony, signifying the end of an era, honors all of the men and women who have given their time, their energy, and, for some, their lives, to fulfill and surpass the aspirations of those who stood in the commissioning ceremony. The ceremony is not prescribed specifically by Naval regulations, but is instead an honored product of Naval tradition. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive - a solemn occasion on which we pause to reflect upon the rich heritage of this command and the United States Navy.



Music
EL TORO 3rd MARINE AIR WING BAND

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Arrival of Official Party

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Honors to
CAPTAIN BARBARA A. MENCIK, NC, USN

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Honors to
CAPTAIN HARRY E. SELFRIDGE, USN

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Honors to
VICE ADMIRAL DONALD F. HAGEN, MC, USN

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Parading of the Colors
1st MEDICAL BN, 1st FSSG, FMFPAC COLOR GUARD

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National Anthem

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Posting of the Colors

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Invocation
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DAVID A. BROWN, CHC, USN

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Opening Remarks
CAPTAIN BARBARA A. MENCIK, NC, USN

Guest Speaker
VICE ADMIRAL DONALD F. HAGEN, MC, USN

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Award Presentations

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Reenlistment Ceremony

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Retirement Ceremony for
HMCM (SW) WILLIAM D. STOCKTON, USN

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Decommissioning of Naval Hospital, Long Beach

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Securing the Watch

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Benediction

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Retiring of the Colors

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Departure of Official Party

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Reception to follow east of the ceremony area

Surgeon General of the Navy Donald F. Hagen

Vice Admiral, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy

VADM Hagen became the thirty-first Surgeon General of the Navy and Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, on 28 June 1991.

A native of Williston, ND, VADM Hagen received his B.A. degree in 1959 from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, and began medical education at the University of North Dakota. In 1961 he transferred to Northwestern University, receiving his medical degree in 1963. Following completion of his internship at Los Angeles County General Hospital, he was commissioned in the Navy in 1964.

After completing Field Service School at Camp Pendleton, CA, VADM Hagen served as a battalion surgeon with the Marine Corps in Vietnam, followed by a tour of duty with Fleet Marine Force Headquarters, HI. Beginning in 1966, he served as a general medical officer (GMO) aboard the hospital ship USS REPOSE (AH 16) off the coast of Vietnam. Following his assignment as a GMO at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, he returned to Vietnam, serving as staff surgeon with the Navy's Riverine Assault Forces, Mekong Delta.

He completed his surgical residency in 1973 at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA, and then had a series of assignments as Chief of Surgical Services at the Naval Aerospace and Regional Medical Center, Pensacola, FL; the U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, and the Naval Regional Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL. In 1981, he reported as Director of the Contingency Planning Division at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, DC. He then became the Director of the Medical Education and Training Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

During VADM Hagen's July 1984 to September 1986 tour as Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton, CA, he was selected for promotion to flag rank. Returning to Washington, DC, he served as Director, Health Care Operations Division, in the office of the Surgeon General of the Navy. In August 1988, he became the Deputy Commander for Health Care Operations, Naval Medical Command, and Chief of the Navy Medical Corps. He served as Commander of the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, from 2 December 1988 to 4 June 1991.

VADM Hagen's Military awards include: the Legion of Merit (three awards); Bronze Star with Combat V; Meritorious Service Medal (two awards); Combat Action Ribbon; and several other personal and campaign awards.

VADM Hagen is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. He has also received the American Hospital Association's "Federal Health Care Executive Award of excellence." The Admiral is also a Delegate to the American Medical Association and an Alternate Delegate to the American Hospital Association; a member of the Board of Regents for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the National Library of Medicine; an Executive Board member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States; a member of the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces; and a Board of Governors' member for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute.

He and his wife Karen (Pizzino of Altoona, PA), who is a former Navy nurse, have three daughters, Dana, Lisa and Amanda.



CAPTAIN Harry E. Selfridge, U.S. Navy



Captain Harry Edward Selfridge, born July 1942 in Boston, Massachusetts, is the son of Harry A. and Viola L. Selfridge. He graduated from Verdugo Hills High School in Tujunga, California and attended Glendale College for two years. He enlisted in the Navy in 1959, and while serving on active duty as leading Electronics Technician on board USS ACME (MSO 508) he was selected for the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP).

Through NESEP, Captain Selfridge received concurrent MSEE and BSEE degrees from Purdue University in 1968. After graduation from Officer Candidate School and commissioning in August 1968, Captain Selfridge served on USS SPERRY (AS 12) before reporting to Nuclear Power School at Mare Island, California.

After successful qualification at S5G Nuclear Reactor Prototype in Idaho, Captain Selfridge was assigned briefly to USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN 25). He made three deployments to the Gulf of Tonkin and Western Pacific in TRUXTUN, first Auxiliaries Officer, then as Reactor Control Officer, and ultimately as Damage Control Assistant.

Captain Selfridge served as Engineer Officer USS SOUTH CAROLINA (CHG 37) from February 1976 to January 1979. In 1982, Captain Selfridge established the precommissioning detachment for USS JARRETT (FFG 33). He accepted JARRETT for the Navy in May 1983, commissioned the ship on July 2, 1983, and served in command until September 1985. From July 1987 to May 1990, he commanded USS ARKANSAS (CGN 41).

Captain Selfridge has served ashore as Training Officer at the ATW Nuclear Reactor Prototype in Idaho. From March 1979 to January 1982, he was Assistant Branch Head for Ocean Policy (OP-616) in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. His duties included work with Soviet Naval Officers in Washington, D.C. and Moscow regarding the US/USSR Agreement on Prevention of incidents on the High Seas. From 1985 through 1986, Captain Selfridge was Repair and Maintenance Officer for the Commander, Naval Surface Group, Long Beach, California. From May 1990 to June 1992, he served as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Selfridge assumed command of Naval Surface Group Long Beach on 19 June 1992.

Captain Selfridge has been awarded the Legion of Merit with one gold star, the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and a number of citations, campaign medals and service medals.

Captain Selfridge is married to the former Sandra Ruth Blaske of Tujunga, California. They have a son, Michael and a daughter, Laura.





CAPTAIN Barbara A. Mencik, NC, U.S. Navy

CAPT Barbara Mencik was born on 27 October 1942 in New York City. She spent her early years in New York where she graduated from High School in 1960. She completed a diploma of nursing program at Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York City in 1963 and worked at Bellevue Hospital for three years prior to commissioning in the U.S. Navy in May 1966 as an Ensign.

Following OIS, CAPT Mencik reported to Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton as a staff nurse in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). In 1967, she was transferred to Naval Hospital, San Diego where she was first assigned as staff nurse in the ICU and then reassigned as Charge Nurse on a Medical Unit.

In 1971, CAPT Mencik received orders to Naval Hospital, Bethesda where she worked as a staff nurse and then charge nurse on the ICU. From 1974 to 1976, she attended the University of Maryland for DUINS to complete her bachelor's degree in nursing. In 1976, CAPT Mencik was stationed at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy where she served as Charge Nurse on a Medical/Surgical Unit, Infection Control Nurse and Command Education Officer.

In 1979 she was reassigned to Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida where she served as Department Head for the Critical Care Areas and Pediatrics, and as the Command Risk Management Coordinator. In 1982, CAPT Mencik was selected for DUINS for a graduate degree in Nursing Administration at the Medical College of Virginia. Following program completion in 1984, she was reassigned to Naval Hospital, Portsmouth: first as Department Head for Critical Care Areas, and then as Assistant Director for Nursing Services.

In 1990, CAPT Mencik reported to Naval Hospital, Long Beach as Director for Nursing Services and in January 1991, she received orders as Executive Officer, Naval Hospital, Long Beach. In July 1993, she assumed command of Naval Hospital, Long Beach.

CAPT Mencik's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation with bronze star, and the National Defense Medal with bronze star.



HMCM (SW) William D. Stockton, U.S. Navy



Master Chief Hospital Corpsman (Surface Warfare) William D. Stockton was born in Dalhart, Texas on 21 March 1948. He enlisted in the United States Navy on 24 April 1968 as a Hospital Recruit reporting to Naval Training Center, San Diego. Upon completion of recruit training he reported directly to Hospital Corps 'A' School in San Diego. He was selected to attend Operating Room Technician 'C' School in Oakland, CA.

Upon completion of O.R. school, he was assigned to Naval Hospital Lemoore, CA; Subsequent duty stations include: Third Marine Division, FMF, Okinawa, JA; first Marine Division, FMF, Camp Pendleton, CA; USS CARPENTER (DD 825); Branch Clinic NAS Moffett Field, CA; Third Force Service Support Group, FMF, Okinawa, JA; Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, DC; USS MISSOURI (BB-63) and Naval Hospital, Long Beach, CA.

Master Chief Stockton has received the following decorations and awards: Navy Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon (Third Award), Navy Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (3rd Award).

Master Chief Stockton, his wife Leah, daughter Jenifer and sons Thomas and Chuck will reside in West Covina, California.



COMMAND HISTORY

In April 1964, construction commenced on a Naval Hospital to serve members of the military community living in the Long Beach/Los Angeles area. Located on a 65-acre tract, Naval Hospital, Long Beach was officially commissioned in February 1967. Initially, the hospital was a five-floor structure with a capacity of 350 beds. During the Vietnam conflict the hospital, along with its support facilities, Naval Station dispensary and Hospital Ship REPOSE, served as a primary debarkation point for personnel returning to the continental United States via air medical evacuation.

In July 1972, ground was broken and construction commenced on an additional nursing wing with a capacity of 220 beds, a comprehensive outpatient care area and an administrative wing. Construction was completed in September 1973 and clinics were permanently established.

In November 1974, the outpatient pavilion and nursing wing were officially dedicated. The new inpatient tower included additional administrative and logistics support spaces in the first floor basement, a male orthopedic and general surgery ward on the second floor, the obstetric and gynecology services on the third floor -including a newborn nursery and the alcohol rehabilitation service with 65 beds on the fourth floor.

In July 1972, Naval Hospital, Long Beach was redesignated as Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach and functioned as such until 26 April 1983 when it was again redesignated as a Naval Hospital.

The Naval Hospital, Branch Medical Clinic Annex, Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach provides sick call and occupational health services to approximately 1,200 Civil Service and 200 military personnel.

The Naval Hospital, Branch Medical Clinic Annex, Naval Warfare Assessment Center, Corona provides occupational health services to eligible personnel assigned to the station.

The NAVCARE Clinic Tustin provides outpatient services to all eligible military beneficiaries, both active duty and retired personnel and dependents. Responsibility transferred to Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton on 1 October 1991.

The Naval Hospital, Branch Medical Clinic, Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake provides care to eligible beneficiaries. Responsibility transferred to Naval Medical Clinic, Port Hueneme in the fall of 1993.

During its last year of full service, Naval Hospital, Long Beach supported a population of approximately 250,000 eligible beneficiaries and was the only Navy medical treatment facility between Camp Pendleton, 75 miles to the south and Fort Ord, 300 miles to the north.

As this Naval Hospital ends a distinguished era of service to the fleet and surrounding communities, its credo of "STANDING BY TO ASSIST" has been passed to Naval Medical Clinic, Terminal Island. Opened in 1988, the clinic provides comprehensive occupational health services to shipyard workers, military sick call, medical support to fleet and shore based naval personnel at the Terminal Island complex.

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

Captain P. R. Engel, MC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 1 FEB 67 - 28 AUG 69

Captain C. K. Holloway, MC, USN
Co NAHOSP 28 AUG 69 - 30 SEPT 71

Captain C. E. Kee, MC, USN
CO NRMC 30 SEPT 71 - 15 MAY 74

Captain E. P. Rucci, MC, USN
CO NRMC 15 MAY 74 - 12 AUG 77

Captain R. M. Lehman, Jr., MC, USN
CO NRMC 12 AUG 77 - 13 JUL 78

Captain Q. E. Crews, Jr., MC, USN
CO NRMC 13 JUL 78 - 15 AUG 81

Captain L. H. Eske, MC, USN
CO NRMC 15 AUG 81 - 7 JUL 83

Captain M. G. Mowad, DC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 7 JUL 83 - 21 JUN 85

Captain M. F. Hall, NC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 21 JUN 85 - 3 SEP 87

Captain C. Cote, NC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 3 SEP 87 - 18 MAY 89

Captain F. G. Sanford, MC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 18 MAY 89 - 18 APR 91

Captain F. L. Jackson, MC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 18 APR 91 - 2 JUL 93

Captain B. A. Mencik, NC, USN
CO NAVHOSP 2 JUL 93 - 31 MAR 94