



# **CHANGE OF COMMAND**

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**USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)**

**Thursday, May 28, 1987**

**Bellingham, Washington**

## The Ceremony

### Arrival Honors \*

### The National Anthem \*

### Invocation \*

### Remarks by

Rear Admiral T. J. Wojnar, USCG  
Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District

### Reading of Orders and Remarks

Captain Leo N. Schowengerdt, USCG

### Inspection of Ship's Company

### Remarks and Reading of Orders

Captain Cecil W. Allison, USCG

### Benediction \*

### Official Party Departs \*

\* Guests Are Requested to Stand; Military Members Remain Covered.

## Captain Leo N. Schowengerdt, Jr.

Captain Leo N. Schowengerdt, Jr., USCG, is a 1960 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, and also holds the degree of Master of Public Administration from the George Washington University. His previous assignments included two years as Assistant to the Vice President and Director, National Narcotics Border Interdiction System in the White House where he was responsible for the coordination of federal drug interdiction efforts.

Captain Schowengerdt was Chief, Operational Law Enforcement Division in Headquarters from 1980-83 with responsibility for all Coast Guard Law Enforcement programs and program management of high endurance cutters. His prior commands include the USCGC DUANE out of Portland, Maine, 1977-79; the Coast Guard LORAN Station at Hawi, Hawaii, 1962-64; and the USCGC CAPE HIGGON, 1961-62. He was Executive Officer of USCGC YOCONA out of Astoria, Or, 1969-71; Operations Officer in USCG WASHUSETT out of Seattle, Wa, 1964-66 and CIC/ASW Officer in MINNETONKA, 1960-61. Captain Schowengerdt also served as the Coast Guard liaison officer to the Department of State, 1974-77, where he was responsible for the broad range of international fisheries and narcotics enforcement issues. He is recognized by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization as an expert in International fisheries enforcement and contributes regularly to their conferences.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal and Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Captain Schowengerdt is married and has three children. His wife Jane is a professional writer.



## Captain Cecil W. Allison

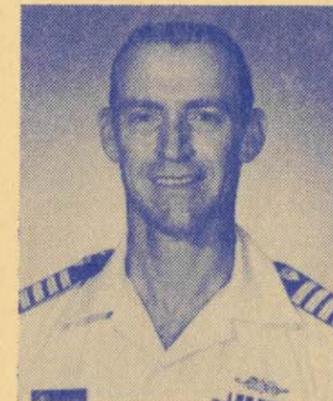
Captain Allison reports aboard having served as Coast Guard Liaison Officer to Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet from April, 1986 to May, 1987 and as Coast Guard Liaison Officer for Maritime Defense Zone to Commander, Third Fleet from August, 1985 to April, 1986.

On receiving his commission in 1965, Captain Allison served in CGC Westwind during Arctic and Antarctic icebreaking operations. Subsequent sea duty includes tours as executive officer in CGC Vigilant and CGC Hamilton.

His tours of duty ashore include a tour as an instructor at the Coast Guard Academy and civil engineering assignments in the Twelfth Coast Guard District, Third Coast Guard District, Coast Guard Section Far East in Japan, and Coast Guard Headquarters.

Captain Allison holds degrees from the Coast Guard Academy, University of Illinois, and Salve Regina College and is a graduate of the College of Naval Warfare, Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He has been awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and a Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Captain Allison is married to the former June McClintock of Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania. The Allisons have a son, Scot (17), and a daughter, Lara (14).



# **Bellingham High School**

## **Concert Band**

*Under the direction of*

**Mr. Mark Patterson**

*Principal — Mr. Larry Stephen*

*Coordinator of Music — Mrs. Beverly Haddock*

*Superintendent — Dr. Lee Olsen*

*Assistant Superintendent — Dr. John Zei*

### **Selections**

Captain F. S. Van Boskerck, USCG — *Semper Paratus*

John Philip Sousa — *King Cotton*

— *El Capitan*

— *Washington Post*

— *Stars and Stripes Forever*

Saint Saens — *Marche Militaire Francaise*

Beethoven — *Military March in C*

## THE CEREMONY

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The change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and crew 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.

Portions of the Change of Command Ceremony are steeped on tradition but perhaps of unknown purpose to many of the guests. The information below is therefore provided.

Honors are rendered to distinguished military and civilian visitors, and all foreign military officers. They are also customarily rendered to retiring personnel, regardless of rank, and to the immediate past Commanding Officer upon his formal departure from the ship. The Boatswain's pipe dates from the days of antiquity when either a pipe or a flute was used to signal the strokes of the oars on the vessels of Rome and Greece. Records show its use in the crusades when English crossbows were called on deck to attack by its signal. The whistle has been used since the middle ages for salutes to distinguished persons and passage of orders. Its shrill notes are to the sailor what the bugle is to the soldier. The "sideboys", through which a person walks while honors are rendered, date back at least 500 years. In sailing days visitors sometimes required being hoisted aboard in boatswain chairs due to the roughness of the water. Since the portliness of the visitor was frequently in direct proportion to his rank or station, more men were required to do the hoisting of more distinguished persons. Thus the number of sideboys (always even) varies from two to eight in accordance with prescribed regulations.

Publishing of orders by the old and new Commanding Officer is an official pronouncement to the crew of the official action by which the command is changed, and is required by regulations.

The Commissioning Pennant is a distinctive mark of any naval ship in the world. It flies from the masthead at all times except if replaced by the flag of an admiral (hence "Flag Officer") or extremely high civilian (Cabinet level or above). It is a survival of the "pennon" used by noble families of the middle ages on which were emblazoned the Arms of the bearer. These streamers were flown aboard ships on which the owners were embarked. The Commissioning Pennant of today is standardized in each naval service of the world, but nevertheless represents the personal insignia of the officer appointed to the command of the ship. Hence, it is customarily presented to the Commanding Officer after he has been relieved.