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MUSICAL SELECTIONS	U. S. Atlantic Fleet Band
ARRIVAL OF GUESTS	
ARRIVAL OF CHANGING COMMANDERS	Captain Theodore L. Johnson, USN Captain Bernard Peters, USN
NATIONAL ANTHEM	U. S. Atlantic Fleet Band
INVOCATION	LT. Thomas F. Johnson, CHC., USN Chaplain, USS SYLVANIA (AFS - 2)
OPENING REMARKS	Rear Admiral Richard R. Pratt, USN Commander Service Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet
READING OF ORDERS	Captain Theodore L. Johnson, USN
READING OF ORDERS	Captain Bernard Peters, USN
NAVY HYMN	U. S. Atlantic Fleet Band
BENEDICTION	LT. Thomas F. Johnson, CHC., USN Chaplain, USS SYLVANIA (AFS - 2)
PRINCIPALS DEPART	

RECEPTION FOR OFFICERS AND
GUESTS IN THE WARDROOM

SCHEDULE

CHANGE OF COMMAND

at which

Captain Theodore L. Johnson, USN

will be relieved by

Captain Bernard Peters, USN

PROGRAM

Captain JOHNSON was born in Washington, D. C. on the 10th of Oct-

ober 1922. After graduating from Western High School in that city, he received an appointment to the U. S.

Naval Academy and upon graduation was commissioned on 7 June 1944. As an Ensign, he served aboard the USS INDIANAPOLIS, and participated in the battles of Palau, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. He was designated a naval aviator on 20 December 1946, and subsequently served with VF - 10A, VF - 93, VF - 92, and as a flight and ground instructor in the Naval Air Advanced Training Command. He was attached to VC - 4 for a night fighter and special weapons tour, and was the Commanding Officer of VF - 31 and VF - 131. Following a tour as navigator of the nuclear powered USS ENTERPRISE, he was designated Commander, Carrier Air Wing ONE in the USS ROOSEVELT. Captain JOHNSON also served as a military assistant to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

His service schooling includes the U. S. Naval Test Pilot School at the U. S. Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland; the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington D. C., where he received a master of science in Business Administration.

During his career, Captain JOHNSON received the following decorations and ribbons: Joint Service Commendation Medal, American Defense, American Campaign, Asiatic - Pacific (3 stars), European Occupation, World War II Victory and the National Defense Service Medal.

Captain JOHNSON is married to the former EVELYN MUSSEAU of Newfoundland, Canada and they have one married son,



CAPTAIN THEODORE L. JOHNSON

Captain, PETERS, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, received his commission upon graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1945. He entered the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman in 1940 and prior to his attendance at the Naval Academy served in the Battleships USS NEW YORK and USS WYOMING.

His initial assignment on graduation from the Naval Academy was aboard the USS GOSSELLI (APD - 126). In 1947, he attended submarine school and subsequently served aboard USS BERGALL (SS - 320); USS BLACKFIN (SS - 322); USS TILEFISH (SS - 307); USS GREENLET (ASR - 10); USS SCABBARDFISH (SS - 397); Executive Officer of USS SEA DEVIL (SS - 400); Commanding Officer of USS SEA DOG (SS - 401) and USS SIRAGO (SS- 485) , and Commander Submarine Division SIX-



TY ONE. His shore assignments have included instructor at the the NROTC unit, Marquette University, Staff of Fleet Air Wings, Atlantic; Staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet; and Head of the FBM (Polaris) Department at the Guided Missile School, Dam Neck, Virginia. Captain PETERS is also a graduate of the U. S. Navy Deep Sea Diving School.

Captain PETERS comes to USS RIGEL (AF - 58) from Service Squadron EIGHT where he served as Chief Staff Officer. He additionally served as Commander Service Squadron EIGHT as an interim Commander for a period of about two months.

Captain PETERS is married to the former MARY ANN STEEHOLM of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The PETERS and their children reside at 3011 Vendome Terrace, Norfolk, Virginia.

CAPTAIN BERNARD PETERS



COMMANDER
SERVICE FORCE ATLANTIC FLEET
GUEST SPEAKER
REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD R. PRATT

PREVIOUS COMMANDING OFFICERS

Captain W. T. GRIFFIN, USN	1954-1955
Captain R. R. HAY, USN	1955 -1956
Captain J. K. FYFE, USN	1956-1957
Captain C. S. FOSTER, Jr., USN	1957 -1958
Captain G. L. KETCHUM, USN	1958 -1959
Captain E. H. MAHER USN	1959-1960
Captain R. W. SCHUMANN, Jr., USN	1960 - 1961
Captain R. D. QUINN, USN	1961-1962
Captain D. H. GUINN, USN	1962 - 1963
Captain L. LOCKETT, USN	1963-1964
Captain G. MACRI, USN	1964 -1965
Captain E. BIDDLE USN	1965 -1966
Captain H. G. BRADSHAW, USN	1966 - 1967
Captain P. A. SCHWEMELY, USN	1967 -1968
Captain T. L. JOHNSON, USN	1968-present

PRESENT WARDROOM OFFICERS

LCDR Edward A Brewton	LTJG John R. Knepley
LCDR Jolt B. Roth	LTJG Edward. J. Novak
LCDR Arthur H. Bates	LTJG Keith A. Cochran
LT Eppa B. Barkley	LTJG William D. Orr
LT Robert F. Bandy	LTJG Robert S. Tonsmeire
LTJG Frank L. Coulson	ENS John A. Owens
LTJG Frank J. Di Stefano	ENS Richard S. Willis
	CWO2 Herbert H. Underwood

PREVIOUS COMMANDING OFFICERS



The USS RIGEL (AF - 58) is the second United States Navy ship to bear the-name of the first magnitude star in the constellation Orion. The first RIGEL was a pre-World War II repair ship whose crew members distinguished themselves by saving many lives on the capsized battleship OKLAHOMA after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

The present RIGEL, a unit of Service Squadron TWO, Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, was commissioned on September 2, 1955. Built by Ingalls Ship-building Corporation, Pascagoula, Mississippi, under the direction of the U.S. Maritime Commission, the ship was delivered to the Navy under the command of Captain W. T. GRIFFIN. The RIGEL is a high speed, fully refrigerated Navy stores issue ship, embracing in her construction many advanced characteristics essential to the mobile logistic support of our fast Task Force. She is one of the largest and fastest refrigerated storeships in the Navy, with an overall length of 502 feet and a light displacement of 9,600 tons. Her 350,000 cubic feet of refrigerated storage space can accommodate over 5,000 tons of cargo. RIGEL'S hull is of the "mariner" class, with six cargo holds. She has a geared Turbine Drive and is capable of speeds up to 20 knots.

The history of the USS RIGEL includes many hours of steaming in the Atlantic, the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean, numerous awards and several record breaking operational performances. In the seventeen month period that Captain JOHNSON has served as Commanding Officer, RIGEL deployed five times to the Mediterranean. During these cruises, which varied in length from five to seven weeks, RIGEL logged a total of 57,000 miles.

HISTORY OF USS RIGEL