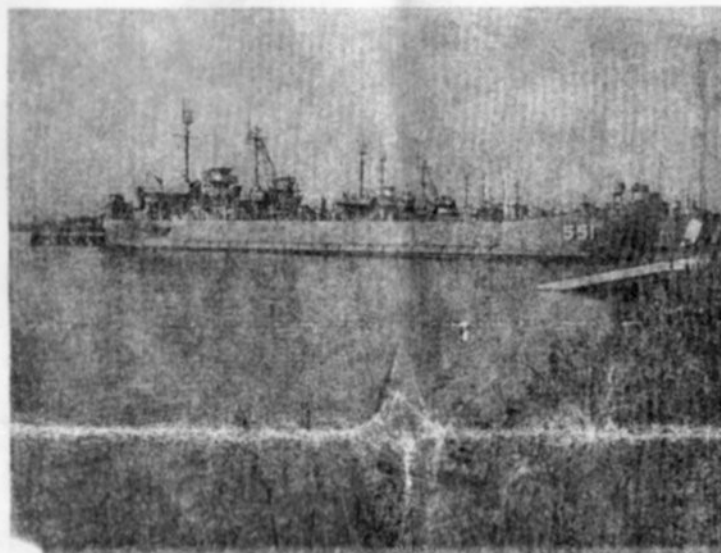


Change of Command Ceremony



U. S. S. CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
(LST-551)

*1/26 Sun. 10:30 AM D-
BOARDING 101
47135*

Thursday, 6 January 1966

PROGRAM

INVOCATION BY LCDR H. R. MILLER, CHC, USN



LT BEAUBE READS ORDERS



REMARKS BY LT BEAUBE



LT CLEMENT READS ORDERS



REMARKS BY LT CLEMENT



LT CLEMENT RELIEVES LT BEAUBE



JAMES D. BEAUBE
LIEUTENANT, USN

Lieutenant Beaubé reported aboard the U. S. S. CHESTERFIELD COUNTY in March of 1963 for commissioning and Prospective Commanding Officer. LT Beaubé remained on board as Commanding Officer from 29 March 1963 until January of 1966. LT Beaubé has orders to COMPHIBGRU TWO Staff.



FRANK J. CLEMENT
LIEUTENANT, USN

Lieutenant Clement was commissioned Ensign following graduation from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis on 4 June 1958. His first active duty was on board the destroyer GATLING in the Atlantic. In March 1960 he reported to the Commander Destroyer Division 253 staff at Pearl Harbor. From November 1961 until July 1963 he was Operations Officer of destroyer BAUSELL in the Pacific. Before reporting to the CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, LT Clement was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D. C.

A native of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, LT Clement is married to the former Miss Sandra Hazen of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. They live at 229 Overholt Drive, Virginia Beach, with their son, Edward.

HISTORY OF THE
U. S. S. CHESTERFIELD COUNTY (LST-551)

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY was named for the counties in the states of South Carolina and Virginia. Originally commissioned LST-551, she was assigned the name CHESTERFIELD COUNTY in July 1955.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY was built by the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company and commissioned on 14 April 1944.

During WW II, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY participated in the invasion of Southern France and subsequent support operations, earning one battle star and numerous other awards.

After the war, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY returned to the states, participating in training and operations on both the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards. In 1955, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY was decommissioned and assigned to the Florida Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet and eventually to the Norfolk Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet.

On 29 March 1963, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY was placed in commission in reserve and assigned to Reserve LST squadron TWO at Little Creek, Virginia.

From March 1963 to April 1965, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY participated in type training, Army operations and local operations.

From April 1965 to the present, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY participated in the Dominican Republic operations, being the first Reserve LST Squadron TWO ship to beach in the Dominican Republic. In August 1965, CHESTERFIELD COUNTY helped to activate Project AUTECH (Atlantic Underwater Test and Evaluation Center) at Andros Island, Bahamas, bringing the first load of men and equipment to the island.