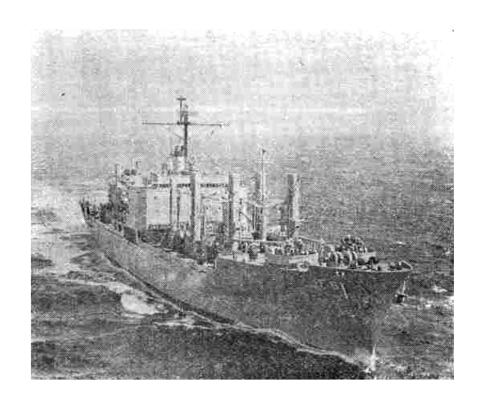
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Change of Command



U.S.S. MARS (AFS-I)

1400, 3 OCTOBER 1969 YOKOSUKA, JAPAN



CAPTAIN P. A. ANDERSON, USN

CAPT Paul A. ANDERSON was born in Park River, North Dakota, 2 September 1922. He graduated from High School in Grand Forks, North Dakota and attended the University of North Dakota before entering the Naval Flight Training Program on 1 January 1943. He received his commission as Ensign and was designated a Naval Aviator on 16 July 1944.

Career highlights in the years following include tours in various fighter and attack squadrons aboard many of the Navy attack carriers. Captain ANDERSON commanded VA-64 in USS ENTERPRISE in 1962, followed by a tour as Air Officer in ENTERPRISE. He was also a Staff Officer on the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific just prior to taking command of USS MARS.

Captain ANDERSON is a graduate of the Armed Forces Joint Service College and holds a BA from George Washington University. His next assignment will be in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C.

Captain ANDERSON is married to the former Virginia SYLVESTER of Muncie, Indiana, and they have four children, Pamela, Paul, Phillip and Nella.



CAPTAIN THOMAS O. NUTT, JR., USN

Captain NUTT joined the Navy on 16 February 1944. He served aboard USS BURKE (APD 65) and USS MCGOWAN (DD-678) as a Division Officer. He then became Executive Officer on USS ARENGE (MSO-423).

After serving as Commanding Officer of USS GREER COUNTY (LST-799), he went to duty as Flag Secretary for Commander Carribean Sea Frontier. He attended George Washington University where he received an MBA in Financial Management. Captain NUTT became Commanding Officer of USS ESTEEM (MSO-438) and then went on to be Commander Mine Division SEVENTY-ONE.

Captain NUTT was promoted to Captain on 22 September 1969 and is reporting as Commanding Officer of USS MARS (AFS-1) from his position as Head Undersea Warfare Section and Assistant Coordinator of Program and Budget Research and Development, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Captain NUTT and his wife, Wynnona, have four children; Thomas Owen III, Theodore, Wynnona Lynn, and Frederick.

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INVOCATION

Chaplain HEALER

REMARKS and READING of ORDERS

Captain Paul A. ANDERSON

READING of ORDERS and ACCEPTANCE of COMMAND

Captain Thomas O. NUTT

BENEDICTION

Chaplain HEALER