

# CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



**U. S. S. RUSHMORE (LSD-14)**

23 DECEMBER 1965



Commander  
Burton B. WITHAM, Jr.  
United States Navy

Commander Burton B. WITHAM, Jr., was born at Portland, Maine on the 18th of March 1923. He entered the naval service as a student in the naval reserve officers training course on September 19, 1942. After attending Northeastern University and Harvard University, Commander WITHAM received his commission as an Ensign on 8 February 1945. He subsequently served at the following duty stations;

Explosive Investigation Officer, U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Balboa, Canal Zone; Staff Officer, Commander Caribbean Sea Frontier, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Gunnery Officer, USS HARRY F. BAUER (DM-26); Gunnery Officer, USS VAN VALKENBERG (DD-656); Commanding Officer, USS LST-822; Staff, General Line School, Monterey, California; Commanding Officer, USS BOLD (MOS-424); Commander Mine Division 82; Director of Enlisted Training, Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida; Executive Officer, USS FRANCIS MARION (APA-249).

Commander WITHAM is married to the former Caroline Milliken of Portland, Maine and has two daughters, Anne, and Mary. Commander WITHAM and his family are presently residing in Princess Anne Plaza.

Captain  
John H. BURTON  
United States Navy



Captain John H. BURTON was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on May 17, 1918 and attended Rutgers University. Upon completion of flight training at Floyd Bennett Field and Jacksonville, Florida, he was commissioned in June 1942 and served three successive combat tours with Patrol Squadron 71, Bombing Squadron 104, and Patrol Bombing Squadron 104 until the wars end in August 1945.

Since then Captain BURTON has served both afloat and ashore in such billets as the Operations Department, NAS Norfolk, Flight Deck Officer, USS SAIPAN (CVL-48); Office of Information, Washington, D.C.; ASW Officer, Staff of Commander Fleet Air Wing Eleven; student at the General Line School, Monterey, California and George Washington University; Operations Officer, VA (VM)13, Chincoteague, Virginia; Executive Officer, Patrol Squadron 26; Commanding Officer, Patrol Squadron 11; Comptroller, NAS Norfolk; Operations Officer, USS DUXBURY BAY (AVP-38); Assistant Chief of Staff (Operations and Readiness), Commander Fleet Air Wings Atlantic; and Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as assistant for Program Management, Analysis and Budgets for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Air).

Captain BURTON is married to the former Miss Alma DePaul of East Orange, New Jersey. They reside at 4709 Bradston Road, Virginia Beach with their five children.

# Ceremony

Invocation by Chaplain

Remarks by Commander WITHAM

Commander WITHAM reads his orders

Captain BURTON reads his orders and  
relieves Commander WITHAM

Remarks by Captain BURTON

Remarks by guest speaker

Presentation of Commission Pennant

Reception in the Wardroom