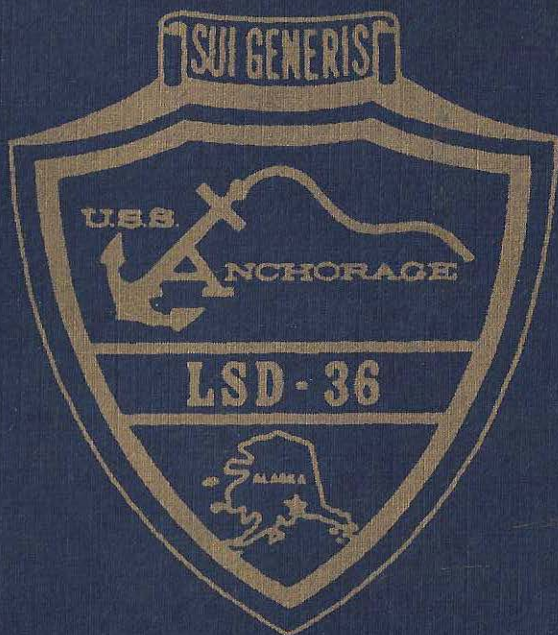


# CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY



UNITED STATES SHIP ANCHORAGE  
(LSD 36)

CDR K. V. FLOWERS  
COMMANDING

CDR M. E. CEDRUN  
RELIEVING

03 MAY 2002  
CARAT 2002 DEPLOYMENT



## *THE COMMISSIONING PENNANT*

The origin of commission Pennant is said to date to the 17<sup>th</sup> century when the Dutch were fighting the English. Admiral Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to indicate his intention to sweep the English from the sea. The gesture was soon answered by the English Admiral who hoisted a horsewhip to indicate his intention to chastise the Dutch. The British cried out their boast and ever since the narrow or coachwhip pennant (symbolizing the original horsewhip) has been the distinctive mark of a ship at war and has been adopted by all nations.



## *The Change of Command Ceremony*

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

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

COMMANDER KENT V. FLOWERS, U.S. NAVY

To be relieved by

COMMANDER MARK E. CEDRUN, U.S. NAVY



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**COMMANDER  
KENT V. FLOWERS  
UNITED STATES NAVY**



Commander Flowers is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He is a 1981 graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received a B.A. in Biology. He was commissioned in May 1981 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

His first tour was in USS MIDWAY (CV-41). He served from July 1982 to October 1984 as Main Engines and Boilers Division Officer. Following his initial sea tour he was assigned to a second sea tour in USS BRONSTEIN (FF-1037). He served as Navigator and Administrative Officer from January 1985 to August 1986. He reported to the U.S. Naval Academy in August of 1986. He served as an Admissions Counselor until October 1988. In June 1989 he reported to USS COOK (FF-1083) as Engineer Officer. His second Department Head tour was as Engineer Officer in USS HALSEY (CG-23) from March 1991 to November 1992. Commander Flowers enrolled as a student at the College of Naval Command and Staff in November 1992. He graduated with a M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies in November of 1993. He assumed duties as Executive Officer in USS ESTOCIN (FFG-15) in February 1994. He was assigned to the Naval Sea Systems Command in November of 1995 as the Branch Head for Fleet Modernization Program Policy and ADP System Support. He reported to USS PELELIU (LHA-5) in April of 1998 and served as Operations Officer until June of 2000. He assumed Command in USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36) in November of 2000.

Commander Flowers' decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon and other service awards.

Commander Flowers is married to the former Deborah A. Goodman of Memphis, Tennessee. They have two children, Christopher and Kiah, who reside with them in San Diego, CA.

**COMMANDER  
MARK E. CEDRUN  
UNITED STATES NAVY**



Commander Cedrun enlisted in the United States Army in 1979 and graduated from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, Fort Monmouth, NJ in 1980. He received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in 1984. Following Surface Warfare Division Officer training, he served aboard USS RANGER (CV 61) where he received his Surface Warfare Officer qualification. Upon completion of Department Head School in 1988, Commander Cedrun served as Chief Engineer aboard USS SAGINAW (LST 1188). He served a subsequent department head tour as Chief Engineer aboard USS BUTTE (AE 27) homeported at Naval Weapons Station Earle, NJ. While assigned to BUTTE, he completed a North Atlantic Cruise, Mediterranean Deployment in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT, and received his qualification for Command at Sea.

Commander Cedrun graduated in 1994 with a Masters of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

Returning to New Jersey, he served as Operations Officer on the staff of Commander, Combat Logistics Squadron TWO until the squadron was disestablished in 1995. He was then assigned as Officer-In-Charge, Combat Logistics Group TWO Detachment Earle, NJ until 1996.

Commander Cedrun then reported to USS SAIPAN (LHA 2) as the ship's Damage Control Assistant. During this period, SAIPAN deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, participated in Bosnian peacekeeping operations and was awarded the Atlantic Fleet Battle E.

In 1998, he reported aboard USS CLEVELAND (LPD 7) where he served as Executive Officer. While assigned to CLEVELAND, he participated in a highly successful Western Pacific/Arabian Gulf deployment for Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and won two consecutive Pacific Fleet Battle E's.

Commander Cedrun just completed his most recent assignment as Chief Staff Officer, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN. Commander Cedrun's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



## CAPTAIN ROBERT S. RICHE UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain Riche, a native of Thousand Oaks, California, was commissioned in 1975 after graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy.

After completing the Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) Basic course, Captain Riche reported to USS TOWERS (DDG 9) where he served successively as Main Propulsion Assistant, CIC Officer, Acting Operations Officer from 1976-1979. He then attended the Naval Postgraduate School in the Weapons systems Technology curriculum, graduating in 1981 with a B. S. in Computer Science and a Weapons Systems subspecialty.

After graduating from the SWOS Department Head course, Captain Riche reported to the USS HOEL (DDG 13) where he served as Operations Officer from 1982 to 1984. He next served as the commissioning Operations Officer aboard USS VINCENNES (CG 49) from 1984 to 1987. Captain Riche then attended the Command and Staff course at the Naval War College, graduating with distinction and receiving a M. A. in National Security Strategy in 1988. Captain Riche also received a M. A. in International Affairs from Salve Regina College in 1988.

Captain Riche then reported to USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53) as Executive Officer serving from 1988 to 1990. His next assignment was in the Surface Combat Systems Division of OPNAV, where he served as the Requirements Officer for Ship Radar systems from 1990 to 1992. From 1992 through 1995, Captain Riche served as the commissioning Commanding Officer of USS CURTIS WILBUR (DDG 54). Captain Riche next served in the CINC Liaison Branch of the OPNAV staff from 1995-1996. He then attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, from which he graduated with distinction while receiving a M. S. in National Resource Strategy. Captain Riche's previous assignment was as Deputy and Chief of Staff for the Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization (JTAMDO) of the Joint Staff.

Captain Riche's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (with one gold star), the Navy Achievement Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal (with one gold star), and various other service and campaign ribbons.





# **CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY**

## **USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36)**

### **03 MAY 2002**

*MUSICAL SELECTIONS*

*ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY*

*PARADING OF THE COLORS*

*NATIONAL ANTHEM*

*POST THE COLORS*

*INVOCATION*

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER KEVIN SWEENEY, U.S. NAVY  
CHAPLAIN  
DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY THREE**

**REMARKS BY  
CAPTAIN ROBERT S. RICHE, U.S. NAVY  
COMMODORE  
DESTROYER SQUADRON TWENTY THREE**

**REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS  
COMMANDER KENT V. FLOWERS, U.S. NAVY**

**READING OF ORDERS AND ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND  
COMMANDER MARK E. CEDRUN, U.S. NAVY**

**PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION PENNANT  
CMDM (SW) MICHAEL S. KAMPS, U.S. NAVY  
USS ANCHORAGE COMMAND MASTER CHIEF**

**BENEDICTION  
LIEUTENANT RANDAL K. MORTENSON, U.S. NAVY  
CHAPLAIN  
LANDING FORCE CARAT 2002**

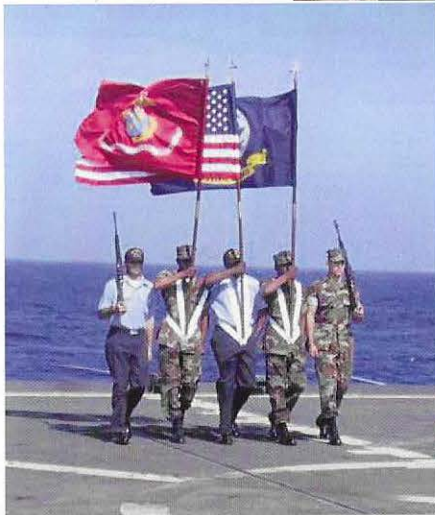
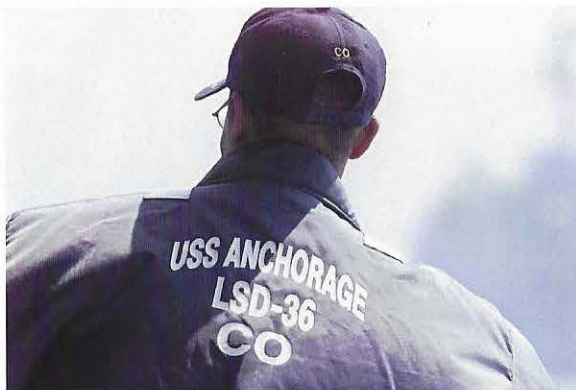
*RETIRE THE COLORS*

*DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY*

*RECEPTION ON BOARD USS ANCHORAGE*

**U.S.S. ANCHORAGE**





## HISTORY OF THE INSIGNIA OF USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36)

The ANCHORAGE insignia portrays both the origin and meaning of her name, including the reason for her existence and depicting that she is the first of her type in a new class of Dock Landing Ships.

Symbolized in the anchor and lines are stability and security, which this ship will provide for the United States Navy on the high seas.

The Latin term "Sui Generis" is literally translated to mean "of particular kind or first of a class." It is the first ship to be named after the largest city in Alaska, ANCHORAGE, which is represented by the star on the map.





## HISTORY OF USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36)

The first ship to be named after Alaska's largest city, USS ANCHORAGE was launched at Pascagoula, Mississippi on May 5, 1968 and commissioned on March 15, 1969 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

During service that has spanned three decades, ANCHORAGE has patrolled in three of the world's oceans and countless trouble spots. Her deployments have included the evacuation of Vietnam in April 1975 (Operation Frequent Wind), the Gulf War in 1990-1991 during Operation Desert Storm and most recently supporting the USS COLE (DDG 67) after her devastating attack in Aden Yemen. During Operation Desert Storm, ANCHORAGE controlled the largest LCAC offload of amphibious ships in history and participated in the only amphibious offload in support of combat operations. These actions earned ANCHORAGE the Navy Unit Citation and the South West Asia Service Medal (2 stars).

In 1991, ANCHORAGE participated in the Bangladesh cyclone relief effort (Operation Sea Angel) delivering over 1500 tons of relief supplies. Her actions earned her the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Humanitarian Service Medal.

During ANCHORAGE's December 1998 deployment, where she sailed in the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf in support of operations Southern Watch and Desert Fox. During this time, ANCHORAGE offloaded Marines to Kuwait for extended operations ashore.

ANCHORAGE returned from her most recent deployment in February 2001. She earned her second Humanitarian Service Medal supporting humanitarian efforts in East Timor. Also, before entering the Arabian Gulf, she was diverted to Aden Yemen to support the USS COLE and her crew. While in the Gulf, she conducted MIO in support of United Nations Resolutions. She was the first Amphibious Ship to do so in nearly two years.

ANCHORAGE is the oldest active duty LSD in the Navy. She continues to build on her excellent reputation in the new millennium. During Kernel Blitz '01, ANCHORAGE was the LCAC Control Ship during the MEB level amphibious assault exercise. After completing Multi-Million dollar Planned Maintenance Availability in June 2001, she successfully completed a compressed Inter-Deployment Training cycle in preparation for the CARAT 2002 deployment in South East Asia.

ANCHORAGE has earned the following awards; Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (3 Awards), Battle "E" Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (3 Awards), Vietnam Service Medal (4 Awards), Southwest Asia Service Medal (3 Awards), Humanitarian Service Medal (2 Awards), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait). She is the most decorated ship on the waterfront. ANCHORAGE is truly worthy of the motto First in Class, Second to None.

## OFFICERS

LCDR NICOLAS RANGEL	EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR PETER FELARCA	FIRST LIEUTENANT
LT GREGORY HOLMES	OPERATIONS OFFICER
LT MATTHEW MAURER	CHIEF ENGINEER
LT NADINE CATER	SUPPLY OFFICER
LT GILBERT LARA	P. FIRST LIEUTENANT
LTJG DEAN BALCIRAK	NAVIGATOR
LTJG ANGELA MAGANZA	TRAINING OFFICER
LTJG CHRISTOPHER BURNS	COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
LTJG NAM HAN	CIC OFFICER
LTJG ADAM LEWIS	ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER
ENS CHRISTOPHER SANFORD	MP-2 DIVISION OFFICER
ENS ALEXANDER SINGLETON	MAIN PROPULSION ASST.
ENS MILAGROS RIVERA	FIRST DIVISION OFFICER
ENS AARON PIAZZA	DISBURSING OFFICER
ENS SHAWN FISCHER	ELECTRONICS MAINT. OFFICER
ENS TIMOTHY REISWIG	MP-1 DIVISION OFFICER
ENS LESLIE GEIGER	SECOND DIVISION OFFICER
ENS ROBERT WILKINSON	WEAPONS OFFICER
ENS CHRISTY EUSTICE	ELECTRICAL OFFICER
ENS YVONNE PEREZ	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
ENS JOCELYN BUTCHER	P. AUXILIARIES OFFICER
ENS GRANT WHITMER	REPAIR DIVISION OFFICER
CW03 ROY INNISS	SHIP'S BOATSWAIN
CW02 MICHAEL BLASDEL	DAMAGE CONTROL ASST.
CW02 JAMES GALLAGHER	AUXILIARIES OFFICER
CW02 TORRENCE MORGAN	MAINTENANCE OFFICER

## CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

CMDCM (SW) MICHAEL S. KAMPS  
COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

MMCM (SW) APOLONIO FLORES	NCC (SW/SCW/AW) BRENT EMRICSON
MACS (SW) JEFFERY CHAMBERLIN	OSC (SW/AW) CALVIN BROWN
MSCS (SW) JOE RAMIREZ	PNC (SW) GERALD PEDRON
BMC (SW) MARK BUSH	SKC (SW) RICHARD BROOKS
BMC (SW) RAFAEL MAY	SMC (SW) JOHN WOOD
EMC (SW) JAMES RAMIREZ	MMC (SW) LEE HOLMES
ENC (SW) SAMUEL LACY	MMC (SW) JOHN WELCH
ETC (SW) FRANK SAMBOL	MMC (SW) DAVID BYRNE
EWC (SW) MERRILL BROWNING	DCC (SW) DAVID KESSLER
HMC (SW/FMF) UGOCHUKWU ANOSIKE	



## USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36) COMMANDING OFFICERS

Captain P.S. Beaman, U.S. Navy 15 March 1969 – 25 March 1971	Commander M.C. Wein, U.S. Navy 11 December 1986 – 15 December 1988
Captain C.A. Rank, U.S. Navy 25 March 1971 – 10 August 1972	Commander G.C. Butler, U.S. Navy 15 December 1988 – 29 December 1990
Captain R.A. Congdan, U.S. Navy 10 August 1972 – 23 September 1973	Commander T.P. Labrecque, U.S. Navy 29 December 1990 – 11 September 1992
Commander L.P. Aldana, U.S. Navy 23 September 1973 – 28 June 1975	Commander T.J. Brown, U.S. Navy 11 September 1992 – 24 March 1994
Commander A.C. Wright, U.S. Navy 28 June 1975 – 01 September 1975	Commander P.C. Cassani, U.S. Navy 24 March 1994 – 22 January 1996
Commander J.R. Lund, U.S. Navy 01 September 1975 – 24 November 1976	Commander J.A. Read, U.S. Navy 22 January 1996 – 22 August 1997
Commander P.I. Bledsoe, U.S. Navy 24 November 1976 – 29 August 1978	Commander R.L. Thomas, U.S. Navy 22 August 1997 – 30 March 1999
Commander R.D. Foster, U.S. Navy 29 August 1978 – 01 October 1980	Commander D.S. Angood, U.S. Navy 30 March 1999 – 10 November 2000
Commander W.R. McCann, U.S. Navy 01 October 1980 – 25 September 1982	Commander Kent V. Flowers, U.S. Navy 10 November 2000 – 03 May 2002
Commander R.R. Kruszona, U.S. Navy 25 September 1982 – 01 December 1984	Commander Mark E. Cedrun, U.S. Navy 03 May 2002 -



## COMMAND AT SEA

"Only a seaman realizes to what extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman, this is not understandable and at times, it is even difficult for us to understand. But it is so!

A ship at sea is a different world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units, the Navy must place great power, responsibility, and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command.

In each ship there is one man who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one alone who is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship.

His is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instance during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small, nevertheless, command is the spur which has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the highest, time-honored title of the seafaring world ... CAPTAIN."



