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SUMMER CHANGE OF COMMAND BRINGS NEW SUPERINTENDENT TO NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

A Change of Command Ceremony was held at the Naval Postgraduate School June 28 in the plaza between Spanagel and Root Halls on the school campus. Rear Admiral Isham W. Linder, Program Director for Aircraft Carrier Acquisitions for the Chief of Naval Operations relieved Rear Admiral Mason B. Freeman.

Vice Admiral Malcolm Cagle, Chief of Naval Education and Training, was the guest speaker. Ft. Ord's 28th Army Band performed at the ceremony.

A native of Chicago, Ill., Adm. Freeman graduated from the Naval Academy in 1935 and subsequently advanced in rank to rear admiral. During his extensive Navy career, Adm. Freeman has commanded the USS Rush and the USS Conecuh. In 1956 he became Commander Destroyer Squadron Sixteen, then Director of the Electronic Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Washington. After selection for rear admiral in 1962, Adm. Freeman assumed the position of Naval Command and Control Systems Executive, Office of the CNO. After this he assumed Command of Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Two and Anti-Submarine Group "Charlie." In 1964 Adm. Freeman was assigned as Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Education and Training and then became Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet, with additional duty as Commander, Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Before assuming the position of NPS Superintendent, Adm. Freeman served as Vice Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff. Adm. Freeman will retire to Virginia Beach, Ga., June 30.

Adm. Freeman is married to the former Miss Marion Jean Wright of Portsmouth, Va., and they have three children; Jean M., Robert I., and Mason W. Freeman.

Adm. Linder, native of Jacksonville, Ill., graduated from the Naval Academy "With Distinction" in 1946 and subsequently advanced in rank to that of rear admiral. After serving aboard the USS Springfield he enrolled at the Naval School (Electronics), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. He then began flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., and at Corpus Christi, Tex. He was designated a naval aviator in 1950 and later attended Naval Postgraduate School where he received the degree of Master of Science in Electronics in 1956. In 1961 he received the doctorate degree in Engineering Science from the University of California at Berkeley. Later that year he served successively as Operations Officer, **Executive Officer and Commanding Officer** of the Air Antisubmarine Squadron Twenty-Five at the Naval Air Station, North Island, Ca.

In April 1966, he was assigned as Executive Officer of the USS Enterprise where he participated in operations in the Vietnam area and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Adm. Linder has served as the Commanding Officer of the USS Cleveland and the USS Intrepid.

In 1971 he served as Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Two and then became Head of Attack Aircraft Carrier (Nuclear Propulsion) Coordination, Office of the CNO, Navy Department.

He and his wife, Ann, have five children: Bruce, a Lieutenant (junior grade) in the Navy; Susan, a senior at Randolph-Macon Woman's College; Nancy, a sophomore at Hollins College; David and Mary, high school students in Arlington, Va.



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