Captain R.D. Risser Plans Retirement

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In the Navy—and in particular here at Postgraduate School, June is traditionally the month of farewells. But this month, a special farewell is being said, as CAPT R. D. Risser retires after thirty years of service.

During the past four years ("the longest time we've ever been in one spot"), CAPT and Mrs. Risser have become a distinctive part of the life here at school. Reporting first as Director of the Engineering School, CAPT Risser became Director of Programs two years ago; last year he assumed the duties of Deputy Superintendent.

— Received Navy Cross —

A submariner for most of his Navy career, CAPT Risser's distinguished record includes the award of the Navy Cross during World War II. As commanding officer of the USS Flying Fish, he took the submarine on patrol through mine-infested waters into the Sea of Japan.

On looking back at their many duty stations during the years, CAPT and Mrs. Risser say perhaps their favorite "home" was Hawaii, where they had two tours. While there, CAPT Risser began what is now a fantastic collection of shells. The collection has grown to include many rare and unusual shells and literally thousands of all types. In what Mrs. Risser calls their "Shell Room," CAPT Risser has also added examples of a recent collection begun in Monterey—that of finding and polishing rock specimens, particularly Monterey jade.

Throughout their stay here, Mrs. Risser has given her time and talent to many groups. She has served as Senior Advisor of the OWC Board, as advisor and guiding light for the Postgraduate Little Theater Group, and she has been actively involved in the Ladies' Golf Association. Golf is her main hobby, she said, and she thoroughly enjoys her hours on the links. Does CAPT Risser share her enthusiasm for the sport? "I'm just a golf widower," he replied with amusement.

— Summer Plans —

Immediate plans for the future include a relaxing summer's stay at a ranch near Point Lobos. Particularly looking forward to the move to the ranch is the Risser's fifteen-year-old daughter, Betsy, who will have plenty of opportunity to enjoy her favorite sport, horseback-riding. The whole family has come to love this area and are looking forward to enjoying the Peninsula this summer.

Our best wishes go with CAPT and Mrs. Risser and our hopes that the future will hold as many happy memories for them as they have from the past.