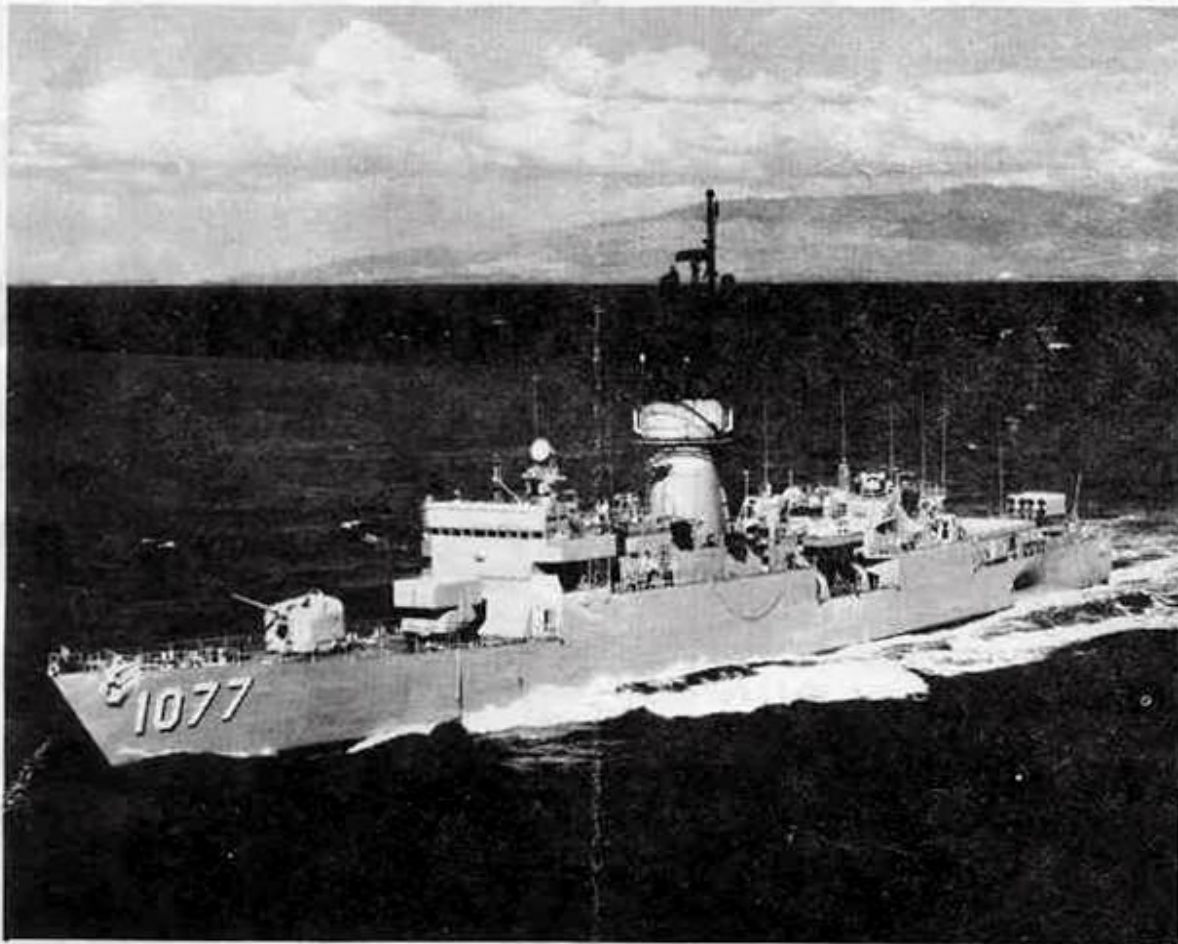


CHANGE OF COMMAND



USS OUELLET DE-1077

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JUNE 1972



Commander HENRY was born in Atlanta Georgia on 8 June 1935. He attended local schools in College Park, Georgia and in May 1952 was graduated from the Georgia Military Academy where he won an honor student appointment to the Naval Academy. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1956 he was commissioned an Ensign and reported aboard USS BREMERTON (CA-130) as "F" Division Officer. Following this tour, he served as Gunnery Officer and Senior Watch Officer, USS GEARING (DD-710).

In October 1960 he reported to Commander, Charleston Naval Shipyard for duty as his aide and served in this capacity until July 1962 when Commander HENRY entered the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California. After graduation from Postgraduate School in June 1963 with an M.S. Degree in Management, he returned to sea duty as Commanding Officer, USS SENECA (ATF-91). Next he served as Executive Officer, USS W.C. LAWE (DD-763).

In October 1966 Commander HENRY reported to Washington D.C. for duty as the Long-Range Strategic Plans Officer, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. While serving in that assignment until March 1969, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. His second command came in May 1969 when he assumed command of River Assault Squadron 15 in the Mekong Delta, Republic of Vietnam. This tour was followed by a six month assignment as Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans on the staff of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam.

Commander HENRY reported in July 1970 as Prospective Commanding Officer, USS QUELLET (DE-1077) under construction at Avondale Shipyards Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Commander HENRY is married to the former Shelby Jean Howell of Tyner North Carolina. They have two daughters, Susan Jeanette and Ruth Ellen.

Commander HENRY wears the following awards and decorations: Legion of Merit with V, Bronze Star Medal with V, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Distinguished Service Order Medal.



Commander John F. BAUMGARDNER, USN, was born in Coffey, Missouri and attended the University of Missouri where he was awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Education and his commission in the U.S. Naval Reserve through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Program.

Commissioned an Ensign in June 1954, he subsequently served in USS EPPING FOREST (LSD-4) as Engineering Officer and First Lieutenant/Weapons Officer until December 1956 and as Operations Officer and Navigator of USS GURKE (DD-783) until December 1958. He was then assigned to the Operations Division, Staff, Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Between November 1962 and August 1963, Commander BAUMGARDNER served in the precommissioning detail for USS WORDEN (DLG-18) and on commissioning was assigned as Operations Officer until July 1964. He then attended the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California and was awarded a Masters Degree in Management in August 1965.

From Monterey, Commander BAUMGARDNER joined USS MAHAN (DLG-11) for duty as Executive Officer, serving in that capacity until January 1967. He then served as Chief Staff Officer on Commander Destroyer Squadron FIFTEEN Staff and in August 1968 was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy in the Office of Programs Appraisals.

From February 1969 to February 1970 he served in Vietnam with the U.S. Military Advisory Command with the Studies and Observation Group. He then served in the Plans Division, Staff, Commander in Chief Pacific until August 1971. Prior to reporting aboard USS OUELLET (DE-1077) he was assigned as Commanding Officer, USS KEPPLER (DD-765).

He is married to the former Helen R. CLARK of New Milford, Conn. They have two children: Candace Ann 16 and Craig 13.

Commander BAUMGARDNER wears the following awards and decorations: Bronze Star with V, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with V, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal 1st Class, and Vietnam Staff Service Medal.

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Commissioned	12 December 1970
Completed Fittingout Availability	22 February 1971
Assigned to Destroyer Squadron Thirty Three	1 April 1971
Completed Post Shakedown Availability	22 September 1971
Completed Shakedown Training	7 December 1971
Deployed	29 January 1972



THE SHIP'S INSIGNIA

The USS OUELLET insignia centers about David G. Ouellet for whom the ship was named. The 22 stars represent the age of Seaman Ouellet at the time he won the Medal of Honor. The white stars on a blue field signify the Congressional Medal of Honor. The white stripes indicate the late Seaman Ouellet's rate.