

Retirement Ceremony

For

***Rear Admiral David D. Pruett
Civil Engineer Corps
United States Navy***



9 September, 2003

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Leutze Park

Washington Navy Yard

PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors

Arrival of Official Party

Inspection of Troops

National Anthem

Invocation

*LCDR Robert E. Lebron, Chaplain Corps, USN
Naval District Washington*

Welcome to the Navy Yard

*Rear Admiral Christopher E. Weaver, USN
Commandant, Naval District Washington*

Guest Speaker and Presentation of Award

*Rear Admiral Christopher W. Cole, USN
Director, Ashore Readiness Division*

Remarks and Presentations

*Rear Admiral Michael R. Johnson, CEC, USN
Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and
Chief of Civil Engineers*

Remarks

*Rear Admiral David D. Pruett, CEC, USN
Deputy Director, Ashore Readiness Division
Chief of Naval Operations*

Reading of Orders

Presentation of Flag by

*Master Chief Harrell Richardson
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Seabees*

Benediction

LCDR Robert E. Lebron, Chaplain Corps, USN

Pass In Review

Departure of Official Party

Reception

Catering and Conference Center, Bldg 211

**REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER E. WEAVER,
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDANT, NAVAL DISTRICT WASHINGTON**

Rear Admiral Christopher Weaver was born 4 July 1949 in Harrisonville, Missouri. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1971. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Naval Academy and a Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University. He is also a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Rear Admiral Weaver was designated a Surface Warfare Officer in 1973. His sea tours include duty aboard USS MARVIN SHIELDS (DE 1066), USS CAPODANNO (FF 1093), USS BOULDER (LST 1190) and USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13). He has commanded USS EXULTANT (MSO 441) and USS SPRUANCE (DD 963).

Ashore, Rear Admiral Weaver has served as an Assignment Officer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, as Head of the Seamanship and Navigation Department at the U.S. Naval Academy, as Head of the Surface Combatant Branch of the Surface Warfare Division (OP-03), and as Head of the Mine Warfare Branch of the Expeditionary Warfare Division (N85). Rear Admiral Weaver commanded U.S. Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia immediately prior to assuming his assignment as Executive Officer to the Director for Logistics (J4), The Joint Staff. He was selected for Flag rank in February 1997. Rear Admiral Weaver currently serves as the 83rd Commandant of Naval District Washington, the oldest continuously operated Navy installation in the nation.

Rear Admiral Weaver's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Campaign and Service Medals, Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Rear Admiral Weaver is an Honorary Seabee and Honorary Master Chief Petty Officer.

Rear Admiral Weaver is married to the former Christine Diane Gilmore of Canton, Ohio. They have three children, Katherine, Carolyn and John.

REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER W. COLE
UNITED STATES NAVY
DIRECTOR, ASHORE READINESS DIVISION OPNAV (N46)

Rear Admiral Cole attended the University of North Carolina on an NROTC scholarship. Following graduation in 1971, he was commissioned an Ensign and reported to flight training in Pensacola, Fla.

Upon designation as a Naval Aviator, Rear Admiral Cole was assigned to Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Fifteen (HS-15). During his tour, HS-15 deployed with USS GUAM (LPH 9), USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62), USS AMERICA (CV 66), and USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) on her maiden deployment. In 1976, Rear Admiral Cole reported to HS-1, serving as an instructor pilot and ASW Officer. In 1978, he was ordered to Canada for duty as an exchange pilot, flying the CH-124A Sea King helicopter with HS-423 in Shearwater, Nova Scotia.

Following graduation from the Naval War College in 1981, Rear Admiral Cole reported to HS-5 and deployed three times to the Mediterranean and once to northern Europe with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69). In 1984, he was assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Air Anti-submarine Warfare Training Branch. In 1986 Rear Admiral Cole reported to HS-4 as the Executive Officer, and in January 1988 he assumed command. HS-4 was deployed twice to the western Pacific and Indian Ocean with USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70). In 1989 he reported to USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) as the Ship's Navigator, and deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm. From June 1991 to May 1992, Rear Admiral Cole commanded HS-1, the Atlantic Fleet Readiness Squadron.

In November 1992, Rear Admiral Cole reported to USS EL PASO (LKA 117) as Commanding Officer. In 1993 EL PASO deployed to the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf, and participated in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. EL PASO was awarded the Battle "E" for 1993, and Rear Admiral Cole decommissioned her in April 1994. In July 1994 Rear Admiral Cole reported to USS KEARSARGE (LHD 3) as Executive Officer, and in January 1995 he assumed command. KEARSARGE completed a 1995 deployment to the Mediterranean and was awarded the Battle "E" and Golden Anchor for 1995 and 1996, as well as the Navy Unit Commendation for operations in the Adriatic. In July 1996, Rear Admiral Cole reported to the Secretary of Defense Strategic Studies Group in Arlington, Va., and was selected for flag rank in August 1997.

His first Flag Officer assignment was as the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea where he also served as Commander, Naval Component, United Nations Command; and Deputy Naval Component Commander, US-ROK Combined Forces Command. He commanded Navy Region Mid-Atlantic in Norfolk, VA from November 1999 through August 2001. Rear Admiral Cole began his present assignment as Director, Ashore Readiness Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. in August 2001.

Rear Admiral Cole's decorations include the Legion of Merit (4), Meritorious Service Medal (4), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and Kuwait Liberation Medal.

REAR ADMIRAL MICHAEL R. JOHNSON
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER, NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND

Rear Admiral Michael R. Johnson, CEC, USN, assumed duty as Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), and Chief of Civil Engineers on October 20, 2000. He previously was triple-hatted as Commander, Atlantic Division, NAVFAC; Commander, Second Naval Construction Brigade; and Director, Shore Activities Readiness, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in Norfolk, Va.

A native of Enid, Okla., and raised in Fullerton, Calif., RADM Johnson received his bachelor's in civil engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and in 1970, he was commissioned an Ensign via the NROTC Program. In 1972 after a tour on board USS MOUNT KATMAI (AE 16), he transferred to the Civil Engineer Corps. RADM Johnson also holds a bachelor's degree in business/economics from Chapman College, earned masters degrees in civil engineering and in public works at the University of Pittsburgh and completed the University of Michigan executive education program.

His earlier tours included Chief Staff Officer, 31st Naval Construction Regiment; Commanding Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40; Public Works Officer, Naval Air Station, Adak, Alaska, with additional duty as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Adak/Officer in Charge of Construction, Adak; Seabee Enlisted Detailer/Branch Head, Bureau of Naval Personnel with additional duty as Seabee

Enlisted Community Manager in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Other tours included Seabee Division, NAVFAC; Public Works Officer, Naval Station, Panama Canal area; ROICC/Officer in Charge of Construction, Panama Canal area and Civil Engineer Advisor to Latin American navies; Alpha Company Commander/Detail Sigonella Officer in Charge NMCB Four; and Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction/Assistant Public Works Officer at Marine Corps Logistics Supply Base Pacific, Barstow, Calif.

From August 1990 to March 1991, RADM Johnson deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm where he served as Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Pacific Fleet (Forward Deployed) and then as Commander, Third Naval Construction Regiment, assigned to the First Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Central Command, Saudi Arabia. His next duty assignment was Deputy Director, Facilities and Engineering Division for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics), where he served from August 1992 to July 1995. From August 1995 to October 1997, RADM Johnson was the Commander, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, San Diego.

RADM Johnson is qualified both as a Surface Warfare Officer and a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. He is also a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, member of the Acquisition Professional Community, and a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers and The Society of American Military Engineers.

He is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Public Works Association, American Society of Public Administration, and the Naval Institute.

Personal decorations presented to RADM Johnson include the Legion of Merit with three Gold Stars, Meritorious Service Medal with four Gold Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

RADM Johnson is married to the former Terry Leigh Reutter of Kent, Wash. They have two grown children, Jessica and Shawn.

REAR ADMIRAL DAVID D. PRUETT
CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ASHORE READINESS DIVISION

Rear Admiral Pruett reported to the Chief of Naval Operations Staff in September 1999, following five consecutive years of duty at Navy Public Works Centers; first as Production Officer for the Center in Norfolk, then as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the Center in Washington, DC. He was promoted to Flag rank and assigned as the Civil Engineering Readiness Division Director in January 2001, then reassigned to his current position in May 2002.

Rear Admiral Pruett was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated from Benton Senior High School in Benton, Arkansas. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering graduating with Merit from the U.S. Naval Academy, and was commissioned an Ensign in June 1975. His first assignment was aboard the frigate USS AINSWORTH (FF-1090), where he served as Damage Control Assistant and qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer. He reported to the Georgia Institute of Technology Naval ROTC unit as Senior Class Instructor in August 1978. During this tour, he began graduate work in construction management and transferred to the Civil Engineer Corps in December 1980.

Rear Admiral Pruett received a Master of Science Degree from Georgia Tech and reported to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE THIRTY-THREE in June 1981. After deployments to Guam, MI; Rota, Spain and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he detached from the battalion in October 1983 and assumed duties as Seabee Rating Assignment Officer, Naval Military Personnel Command, Washington, D.C. In April 1986, he reported to the Officer in Charge of Construction, TRIDENT, Kings Bay, Georgia, where he was initially assigned as Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Industrial, then, in June 1987, as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Cranes. During this tour, he was awarded the 1988 Society of American Military Engineers' Moreell Medal for outstanding contributions to military engineering. In June 1989, Rear Admiral Pruett reported as Facilities Acquisition Officer on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet where he coordinated facilities planning and programming for the new homeport at NAVSTA Everett, Washington, withdrawal from Subic Bay to Guam, and base closures on the west coast. He assumed Command of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE in July 1992, and led the battalion in support of Hurricane Andrew recovery efforts in Miami, FL, and through a full deployment to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope.

Rear Admiral Pruett is qualified as a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and various other service awards and medals. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Florida, and a graduate of the Carnegie Mellon University Program for Executives.

Rear Admiral Pruett and his wife, the former Phyllis Armiger of Upper Marlboro, MD, have two children: Kent, a recent graduate of James Madison University and Laura, a freshman at James Madison University.

Piping Over the Side Tradition

It is a time honored Naval tradition for a retiring career Navy man to be piped ashore by a Boatswain Mate through an honor guard of side boys. Piping as a ceremony with side boys is a custom evolving from the days when visitors to a ship at sea were physically hoisted aboard by use of the boatswain's chair. The pipe was used for the commands "hoist away" and "avast heaving." Members of the crew of the host ship did the actual hoisting. It is from the aid they rendered in "Tending the Side" that the custom of having a certain number of (side boys) present originated. In time, it became a courtesy for high-ranking officers and diplomatic officials to be honored by side boys and the piping ceremony.

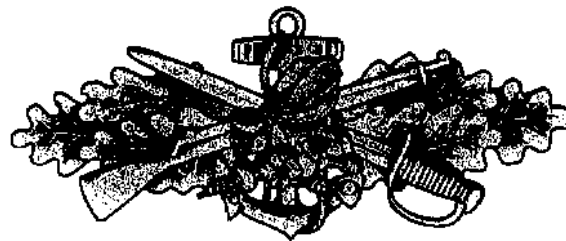
Rear Admiral Pruett is honored to have as his Side Boys the following shipmates:

Side Boys

Captain Frank Sweigart, USN
Captain Bob Raines, CEC, USN
Captain Dan King, CEC, USN
Captain Dan Wheeland, CEC, USN
Captain Kevin Slates, CEC, USN
Captain Bill Peacock, CEC, USN

Master of Ceremonies

Captain Will Boudra, CEC, USN



History of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps

On March 2, 1867, Congress passed an act which provided that the Navy's civil engineers should be commissioned by the President with the consent of the Senate. This legislation signaled the birth of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. Before that time, civil engineers had been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

The insignia of the United States Civil Engineer Corps (crossed oak leaves of gold and acorns of silver) originally consisted of the silver Old English letters "CE" as a collar device above the stripes of rank. This insignia comes from the live oak used to construct U.S. Navy ships in the days of sail, considered to be the world's finest source of such timber.

History of the Seabees

Authorized in January 1942, the Naval Construction Battalions—the Seabees—were established on March 5th. They are led by Civil Engineer Corps officers. From the start, Seabees built a can-do reputation based on their motto: "we build, we fight."

During WWII, from Guadalcanal to Okinawa, they went ashore with the U.S. Marines, and built airstrips and bases; and in Europe they took part in amphibious invasions from Sicily to Normandy. Seabees also played a key role in the landings at Inchon during the Korean War. In Vietnam, Seabees built port facilities and bases from the Mekong Delta in the south to the demilitarized zone with North Vietnam.

Participating in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Seabees built hangars and taxiways, ammunition supply points, perimeter defenses and camps for more than 42,000 troops. They also took part in relief efforts in Somalia and supported peacekeeping operations in the Balkans. Most recently, they supported U.S. forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Since the 1960's, Seabee civic action teams have helped developing Nations build and repair schools, hospitals, utilities and roads. Seabees have also been critical to disaster relief including earthquakes in California, hurricanes in Florida, the Gulf Coast and the Caribbean, Monsoon floods in Bangladesh, and volcanoes in the Philippines.