

"TO ALL THE KINGS MEN  
WHO MAKE THIS SHIP  
THE FINEST DLG IN THE NAVY"





**FLEET ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING  
UNITED STATES NAVY, DECEASED**

ERNEST JOSEPH KING WAS BORN IN LORAIN, OHIO, ON NOVEMBER 23, 1878, SON OF JAMES C. AND ELIZABETH KEAN KING. HE ATTENDED LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT IN 1897 TO THE U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. IN JULY AND AUGUST 1898, DURING THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, HE SERVED IN THE GRADE OF NAVAL CADET IN THE USS SAN FRANCISCO, FLAGSHIP OF THE NORTHERN PATROL SQUADRON. GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE CLASS OF 1901, HE SERVED TWO YEARS AT SEA, THEN REQUIRED BY LAW BEFORE COMMISSIONING, AND WAS COMMISSIONED ENSIGN TO RANK FROM JUNE 7, 1903.

AFTER GRADUATION FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY IN 1901, HE SERVED SUCCESSIVELY IN THE USS EAGLE, THE USS CINCINNATI, A PROTECTED CRUISER AND IN THE USS ILLINOIS, FLAGSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN SQUADRON, REJOINING THE CINCINNATI IN JANUARY 1903. IN AUGUST OF 1903 HE REPORTED TO THE USS ALABAMA, FLAGSHIP OF THE SECOND DIVISION ATLANTIC FLEET.

ON DUTY AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY FROM SEPTEMBER 1906 UNTIL JUNE 1909, HE SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AS INSTRUCTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ORDNANCE AND GUNNERY, AND ONE YEAR ON THE EXECUTIVE STAFF. HE NEXT SERVED AS AIDE ON THE STAFF OF COMMANDER, SECOND DIVISION, ATLANTIC FLEET AND IN MARCH 1910 WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE USS NEW HAMPSHIRE, WITH DUTY AS FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE SENIOR ENGINEER OFFICER, AND FROM AUGUST 1910 SERVED AS SENIOR ENGINEER OFFICER. FROM JUNE 1911 UNTIL JUNE 1912 HE HAD DUTY AS AIDE AND FLAG SECRETARY ON THE STAFF OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET.

FROM JUNE 1912 UNTIL APRIL 1914 HE HAD SHORE DUTY AT THE ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTAL STATION, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. UPON DETACHMENT HE REPORTED TO THE DESTROYER TERRY FOR HIS FIRST COMMAND. ON JULY 18, 1914 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO COMMAND OF THE USS CASSIN, AND ON AUGUST 10 WAS ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL DUTY AS AIDE TO COMMANDER TORPEDO FLOTILLA, ATLANTIC FLEET, WITH HIS PENNANT IN THE CASSIN.

DURING THE WORLD WAR 1 PERIOD, HE CONTINUED STAFF DUTY AS AIDE AND SQUADRON ENGINEER OFFICER IN THE FLAGSHIP ARKANSAS, AND LATER THE USS WYOMING AND USS PENNSYLVANIA. HE WAS AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS "FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE LINE OF HIS PROFESSION AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET."

IN THE RANK OF CAPTAIN, ADMIRAL KING SERVED AS HEAD OF THE POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT, U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY, FROM MAY 1919 UNTIL JULY 1921, AND THE SUCCEEDING YEAR COMMANDED THE USS BRIDGE. IN JULY 1922 HE REPORTED FRO DUTY ON THE STAFF OF COMMANDER, SUBMARINE FLOTILLAS, ATLANTIC FLEET, AND ON NOVEMBER 20, 1922 ASSUMED COMMAND OF SUBMARINE DIVISION ELEVEN, WITH ADDITIONAL DUTY FROM APRIL 1923 AS COMMANDER, SUBMARINE DIVISION THREE. FROM SEPTEMBER 1923 UNTIL JULY 1926 HE HAD COMMAND OF THE SUBMARINE BASE, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT, AND SUBMARINES BASED AT NEW LONDON, AND ALSO SERVED AS NAVAL INSPECTOR OF ORDNANCE IN CHARGE, NAVY MINE DEPOT, NEW LONDON, DURING THAT TOUR OF DUTY HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SALVAGE OF THE USS S-51 WHICH WAS SUNK OFF BLOCK ISLAND, SEPTEMBER 25, 1925. HE WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL "FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SALVAGING OF THE USS S-51."

ON JULY 28, 1926 HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE AIRCRAFT TENDER WRIGHT, WITH ADDITIONAL DUTY AS SENIOR AIDE ON THE STAFF OF COMMANDER, AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, SCOUTING FLEET, DETACHED IN JANUARY 1927, HE REPORTED TO THE NAVAL AIR STATION, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, FOR FLIGHT TRAINING AND WAS DESIGNATED NAVAL AVIATOR NO. 3368 ON MAY 26, 1927. HE REJOINED THE WRIGHT IN JUNE 1927 TO SERVE AS HER COMMANDING OFFICER UNTIL JUNE 1928. WHEN THE USS S-4 WAS SUNK OFF

PROVINCETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, IN DECEMBER 1927, HE HAD TEMPORARY COMMAND OF THE SALVAGE FORCE THAT RAISED THE SUBMARINE.

HE WAS AWARDED A GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A SECOND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SALVAGE FORCE ENTRUSTED WITH THE RAISING OF THE USS S-4.

AFTER SERVING AS COMMANDER, AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, SCOUTING FLEET, FROM JUNE 1, UNTIL AUGUST 2, 1928, HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS, NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY FROM AUGUST 1928 UNTIL APRIL 1929. HE COMMANDED THE NAVAL AIR STATION, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, THE NEXT YEAR, AND IN JUNE OF 1930 ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE USS LEXINGTON, WHICH HE COMMANDED FOR TWO YEARS. HE COMPLETED THE SENIOR COURSE AT THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, IN APRIL 1933, AFTER WHICH, WITH THE RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL, HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS, NAVY DEPARTMENT, UNTIL JUNE 1936.

DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 1936 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1937, HE HAD DUTY AS COMMANDER OF AIRCRAFT, BASE FORCE, AND FOR FOUR MONTHS THERAFTER WAS COMMANDER, AIRCRAFT SCOUTING FORCE, WITH ADDITIONAL DUTY AS COMMANDER PATROL WING ONE. IN JANUARY 1938, HE WAS DESIGNATED COMMANDER AIRCRAFT, BATTLE FORCE, WITH THE ACCOMPANYING RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL. IN AUGUST 1939, HE REPORTED FOR DUTY AS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE NAVY, AND IN DECEMBER 1940 RETURNED TO SEA AS COMMANDER PATROL FORCE, U. S. FLEET.

ON FEBRUARY 1, 1941, HE WAS DESIGNATED COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ATLANTIC FLEET, TO SERVE IN THE RANK OF ADMIRAL. HE WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET ON DECEMBER 20, 1941, AND ASSUMED COMMAND DECEMBER 30, 1941. THE DUTIES OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES FLEET, AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, WERE COMBINED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 12, 1942, AND THE NEXT DAY HE WAS NOMINATED CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, AND CONFIRMED TO THAT OFFICE BY THE SENATE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS FROM MARCH 18, 1942.

BY ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED DECEMBER 14, 1944, THE GRADE OF FLEET ADMIRAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY — THE HIGHEST GRADE IN THE NAVY — WAS ESTABLISHED FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS ON THE ACTIVE LIST OF THE NAVY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ON DECEMBER 15, 1944, NOMINATED, AND BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, APPOINTED ERNEST J. KING A FLEET ADMIRAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. ADMIRAL KING ACCEPTED THE APPOINTMENT AND TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE ON DECEMBER 20, 1944.

FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CONCURRENTLY AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE U. S. FLEET, AND CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, DURING THE WORLD WAR II PERIOD, FLEET ADMIRAL KING WAS AWARDED A GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF THE THIRD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

ON DECEMBER 15, 1945, FLEET ADMIRAL KING WAS RELIEVED BY FLEET ADMIRAL CHESTER W. NIMITZ, USN, AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, AND FROM THAT TIME SERVED IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

MARRIED IN 1905 TO THE FORMER MARTHA LAMKIN EDGERTON OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ADMIRAL KING HAD SIX DAUGHTERS AND A SON, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ERNEST J. KING, JR., USN (USNA 1944). HE DIED AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL, PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE, ON JUNE 25, 1956.

# COMMANDING OFFICER



COMMANDER M. E. BUSTARD, SON OF MR. AND MRS. EARL BUSTARD, WAS BORN IN HARRISVILLE, UTAH JULY 11, 1916. HE RECEIVED HIS COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 21, 1942.

AS AN ENSIGN HE PLACED IN COMMISSION AND ASSUMED COMMAND OF USS YP408 WHICH WAS ASSIGNED ESCORT AND ASW ASSIGNMENTS ALONG THE EAST COAST.

IN JULY OF 1943 LT (JG) BUSTARD WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE USS AMESBURY (DE-66) WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC CONVOY RUNS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

FROM NOVEMBER 1944 UNTIL EARLY 1946 LT BUSTARD SERVED WITH THE U. S. ARMY AS GUNFIRE LIAISON OFFICER. FROM MID 1946 UNTIL DECEMBER OF 1947 LT BUSTARD WAS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE USS GEORGE (DE-697) SERVING IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC ALONG THE CHINA COAST AND IN THE FORMOSA STRAITS.

AFTER A YEAR AT THE GENERAL LINE SCHOOL IN MONTEREY, LCDR BUSTARD WAS ORDERED AS COMMANDING OFFICER USS LSMR-401 WHICH TOOK PART IN THE INCHON INVASION IN 1950. FOR THIS ACTION, LCDR BUSTARD WAS AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR WITH 'V'. IN DECEMBER OF 1950 LCDR BUSTARD WAS ORDERED AS DIVISION COMMANDER OF LSR DIVISION 32 AND RECEIVED THE SILVER STAR FOR ACTION WITH HIS DIVISION AGAINST COMMUNIST FORCES IN WESTERN KOREA.

IN DECEMBER OF 1951 LCDR BUSTARD RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AND WAS ASSIGNED TO OFFICER PROMOTIONS IN THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL. TWO YEARS LATER HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE USS SILVERSTEIN (DDE-534) IN PEARL HARBOR. IN JUNE OF 1955 CDR BUSTARD TOOK COMMAND OF USS CARPENTER (DDE-825) THE FLAGSHIP OF SQUADRON 25 ALSO BASED IN PEARL HARBOR.

TWO YEARS LATER CDR BUSTARD WAS ASSIGNED TO THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE SERVED FOR ONE YEAR AS A STUDENT, FOLLOWED BY TWO YEARS AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE NAVAL WARFARE COURSE.

CDR BUSTARD WAS DETACHED FROM THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AND ORDERED TO THE USS KING (DLG-10) IN JUNE 1960.

CDR BUSTARD IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER FLORANCE RUTH BUEHLER OF MOLINE, ILLINOIS, THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN, MICHAEL, STEPHEN AND DAVID.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



COMMANDER MCFARLAND, THE SON OF COMMANDER AND MRS. F. G. MCFARLAND WAS BORN 28 DECEMBER 1924. HE RECEIVED HIS COMMISSION FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. AFTER RECEIVING HIS COMMISSION CDR MCFARLAND REPORTED FOR DUTY AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AN LSM AND IN 1947 TOOK COMMAND OF THE LSM 454. AFTER GRADUATING FROM GENERAL LINE SCHOOL IN 1949 HE SERVED WITH VARIOUS GUIDED MISSILE UNITS. IN 1955 HE REPORTED TO THE USS BOSTON (CAG-1) AS ASSISTANT MISSILE OFFICER. HE REMAINED ON THE BOSTON UNTIL HE REPORTED TO THE GUIDED MISSILE TRAINING DIVISION OF BUREAU OF PERSONNEL IN SEPTEMBER 1956. FROM JULY 1959 UNTIL REPORTING TO THE KING, CDR MCFARLAND SERVED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE USS ROGERS (DDR-876) WHICH IS A PACIFIC DDR.

COMMANDER MCFARLAND'S WIFE'S NAME IS GWENDOLYN AND THEY HAVE THREE SONS, THOMAS, TIMOTHY AND THEODORE. THE FAMILY CURRENTLY RESIDES IN LA MESA, CALIFORNIA.