

*THE UNITED STATES SHIP KING*  
(DDG-41)

*Commissioning Ceremony*



Military Airs



Arrival of Official Party



Invocation



Welcoming Remarks and Introduction  
of Platform Party

Commander Grant A. Sharp  
U. S. Navy  
Prospective Commanding Officer



Commissioning Address  
Vice Admiral W. L. Read  
U. S. Navy

Reading of Commissioning Directive  
Rear Admiral W. H. Ellis  
Commandant, Fifth Naval District

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Commissioning  
Raising of National Ensign  
Union Jack, and Commission  
Pennant

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Assumption of Command  
Commander Grant A. Sharp  
U. S. Navy

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Setting the First Watch  
Lieutenant Commander John R. Rhode  
U. S. Navy  
Executive Officer

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Commanding Officer's Remarks  
Commander Grant A. Sharp  
U. S. Navy

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Benediction

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## THE COMMANDING OFFICER

COMMANDER GRANT A. SHARP, U. S. NAVY



Commander SHARP was commissioned in June of 1960 after graduation from the United States Naval Academy. His first assignment was to the USS CHEVALIER (DDR-805). In June 1962, he became the Engineer Officer aboard USS COWELL (DD-547). Upon completion of his sea tour in June 1964, he attended the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California for postgraduate education in operations analysis. After graduation from postgraduate school, Commander SHARP served as a staff research analyst on the staff of Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare, Pacific Fleet.

Commander SHARP was assigned to the staff of Commander U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam in February 1968. During his tour in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. In May 1969, he assumed duties as Prospective Executive Officer in connection with the commissioning of USS CONNOLE (FF-1056) and subsequently served as the ship's Executive Officer.

From March 1971 until September 1972, Commander SHARP was Commanding Officer, USS DUPONT (DD-941). During this period, the DUPONT was awarded two consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" 's and was awarded the Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award in 1972 for the ship achieving the highest state of battle readiness in the Atlantic Fleet. Commander SHARP was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in connection with his assignment in DUPONT.

In October 1972, Commander SHARP reported to the Officer of the Chief of Naval Operations for duty in the Systems Analysis Division where he served until June 1976. Prior to reporting to the KING as Prospective Commanding Officer, he attended the National War College.

Commander SHARP is married to the former Jane Elizabeth Fischer, an attorney with the Board of Veterans Appeals, Veterans Administration and a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve.

## *THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER*

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN R. RHODE, U. S. NAVY

A native of St. Louis, Mo., LCDR RHODE was graduated from De Pauw University in June, 1963 and was commissioned in November of that year at the Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI.

During his first sea tour, LCDR RHODE served as Damage Control Assistant in USS LEONARD F. MASSON (DD-852). Following a four month course of instruction at the U. S. Naval Schools, Deep Sea Divers, he then served as Executive Officer and Diving Officer in USS MOCTOBI (ATF-105). LCDR RHODE next attended the Naval Destroyer School and served as Engineer Officer in USS HARWOOD (DD-861). He then served as Executive Officer of Navy Recruiting District, Des Moines, Ia. Prior to assuming his present duties LCDR RHODE served as a United Nations Military Observer in the Middle East.

In addition to the National Defense Service Medal, the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization Medal and a Meritorious Service Ribbon, LCDR RHODE has been awarded the Secretary of the Navy Commendation Medal.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Rhode of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, LCDR RHODE is married to the former Pamela June Foster of Grosse Point, Michigan. They have three daughters and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



## *WEAPONS DEPARTMENT*



**LT RICHARD M. LARRUMBIDE**  
AntiSubmarine Warfare Officer



**LTJG GARY W. KEARL**  
First Lieutenant



**LCDR WALTER S. COLLINS**  
Weapons Officer



**LTJG JOSEPH V. BELLO**  
Missile Officer



**ENS ERNEST F. MARSH**  
Gunnery Officer



STGC D. J. BRUENING



BMC B. G. ERVIN



GMMC R. E. SHOWERS