

Will P. Gray Commanding Officer Of VAQ-133



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Com. Will P. Gray relieved Commander R. F. (Rip) Purdy as commanding officer of VAQ-133 during ceremonies in Hangar Five on April 21.

Com. Prudy assumed command of the World Famous Wizards in Jan. 1981, just prior to their highly successful Indian Ocean deployment aboard USS AMERICA (CV-66). Operational highlights for the year were a 2100 flight hour fiscal year and receipt of the CNO Aviation Safety Award. Commander Purdy will be assuming duties as Navigator onboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65).

Commander Gray attended Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, studying Electrical Engineering for two and one-half years, and then entered in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program where he received his wings and commission in 1966.

Commander Gray reported to VF-124 for training in the F-8 Crusader prior to being assigned to VFP-63, where he served as Detachment Delta Maintenance Officer during the 1967-68 combat cruise aboard USS CORAL SEA (CVA-43); and subsequently

in USS SHANGRI-LA (CVA-38) as a member of Detachment 38.

Other assignments for Commander Gray were: Exchange duty with the USAF as a T-38 Talon instructor in 1970; Officer-in-Charge of VFP-63 Det 3 onboard USS MIDWAY (CV-41) for their 1972-73 combat cruise, and as a member of

the USS MIDWAY-Air Wing 5 overseas family residence program until March 1974.

In May, 1975, Commander Gray reported to VAQ-129 for training in the EA-6B Prowler aircraft. He was transferred to VAQ-133 in November 1975 where he served as Safety Officer, Operations Officer, and Administration Officer

while completing three cruises aboard the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67).

In 1978 Com. Gray was ordered to Chapman College, where he earned a BA in social sciences. He then returned to VFP-63 as Maintenance Officer to complete his shore duty.

In 1980 Com. Gray

returned to VAQ-129 for refresher training, prior to reporting to VAQ-133 as Executive Officer.

Com. Gray has flown over 3600 hours in 8 types of aircraft amassing over 700 carrier landings on 10 different ships. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Navy Commendation

Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle "E", Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon Third Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, and other foreign awards.

Com. Gray is married to

the former Anita Howard, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Alfred M. Howard, USN (Ret.) of Edenton, and is the father of a daughter, Julie, and a son, David. Com. Gray and his family reside in Oak Harbor, Washington.

Commander William B. Birkmaier Jr., will assume the duties of executive officer.

McClees To Speak

Ray McClees, Assistant Director and Manpower Program Planner for the Albemarle Commission, Hertford, will speak at a Prayer Breakfast to be held at Donnie's Restaurant in Creswell June 5 at 9 A.M.

McClees, 48 and a native of Columbia, is a member of the Assembly of Praise Church in Columbia. He is an adult Sunday School teacher.

For reservations call Louise Wheeler at 482-2237 or Jean Crispian at 797-4036.

Receive Degrees

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pointed out that Americans no longer have the advantage of settling into a particular lifestyle due to the ever-changing nature of society.

"Yet, there is an advantage to this insecurity," Evans said. "Our world changes so fast, it is difficult to stay wrong all the time!"

Before the candidates received their degrees, Chesson made two special presentations. Jean T. Poston, former board of trustees chairman, received a plaque which expressed appreciation for her service to the college.

A second plaque and accompanying resolution was presented in memoriam to the family of the late Harriette M. Crump, COA director of resource and development, who was the victim of a fatal accident on May 3. Her sons, Wes Partin, 7, and Jake, 11, accepted the memorial for the family.

Norman L. Norfleet, dean of instruction, presented the candidates who received their diplomas from Chesson and Andrew H. Williams, board of trustees chairman.

Dr. Richard A. Tatum, pastor of Cam Memorial Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation and benediction.

A string quartet and trumpet, composed of local musicians, played the "Crusader's March" by G. F. Handel for the processional. Handel's "La Rejouissance" was rendered by the ensemble for the recessional.

Special music for the ceremony was provided by the COA Chorale and the recently reorganized Albemarle Community Chorus. Under the direction of Dr. Leland Chou, fine arts department chairman, the combined choruses sang the sanctus from Schubert's "Mass in G," accompanied by Dr. Lily T. Chou.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the graduates was held in the Student Center.

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common method was referral by a mutual acquaintance, with the least used job-seeking routes being through the Employment Job Service Commission Job Service and private agencies.

More than 6,100 former occupational curriculum students who were enrolled in the 1979-80 school year, but did not return in 1980-81, provided DCC with the name and address of their immediate supervisor. Questionnaires were sent to the employers, requesting training evaluations and selected attitudinal characteristics of their employees.

JRROTC Program

By Richard Williams

"It is a training program which allows the students to actually see what they're made of," said Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp Commander Jim Ryan of John A. Holmes High School.

JRROTC, in its first year of operation, is sponsored and funded by United States Congress in a threefold application consisting of "the U.S. Government, the high school and the community."

Although the program is designed to instill certain qualities in its members, the community stands to benefit the most.

Ryan, a Navy man for 26 years, acknowledges, "Most of these kids won't be going into service anyway. Our intent is to develop them into meaningful citizens."

How has becoming a part of JRROTC changed student outlook?

"The program has inspired a lot of them to act more like men and women," said Assistant Principal Charles Everett. It has been a tremendous help at the school. Their conduct and classroom work have also improved."

In order for the program to survive it must maintain support from the community and the school. John A. Holmes signed an unlimited contract on provisions that if enrollment gets less than one hundred the program will receive a year probation. Enrollment is currently one hundred forty.

"With the commitment of the school system and the dedication of Doug (Chief Doug Campbell), it will survive," said Louis Belfield, also an assistant to the principal. It builds character and breeds responsibility. It changes their behavior because they are proud to don the uniform."

Commander Ryan says he is looking forward toward continued success in the program.

It is apparent that Ryan, a native of Cooperstown, N.Y., had made Edenton his home now, and has adjusted very well to the John A. Holmes system and to the community, in which he will raise his two children.

He is a graduate of LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. and received a master's degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

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