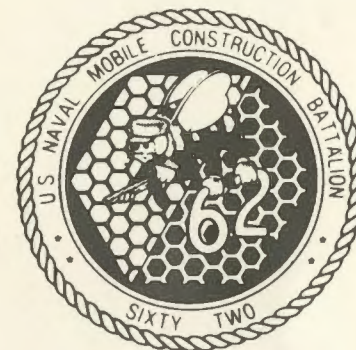




Decommissioning Ceremony



The "Mighty Minutemen"
U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
Sixty-Two
Sunset Parade
Building 79, NCB, Gulfport, MS
28 July 1989

Program

Formation of the Troops

Arrival of Guests

Sound Attention

Arrival of the Official Party

Adjutant's Call

Sound Off

Invocation

**Welcome Remarks by Captain Ole L. Olsen, CEC, USN
Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet**

Publish the Order

**Remarks by Rear Admiral A. Kent Riffey, CEC, USN, Vice Commander
Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Deputy Chief of Civil Engineers**

Remarks by Rear Admiral John Paul Jones, Jr., CEC, USN (Retired)

Remarks by Commander Courtney C. Kleven, CEC, USN

Reading of the Orders

Striking of Colors

Passing of Colors and Placement in Time Capsule

Benediction

Departure of Official Party

"HONORED GUEST"

**RADM A. KENT RIFFEY, CEC, USN
VICE COMMANDER, NAVAL FACILITIES
ENGINEERING COMMAND
AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**



Rear Admiral A. Kent Riffe, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy, assumed duties as Vice Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Deputy Chief of Civil Engineers on 21 July 1988. Prior to that he served as the Officer in Charge of Construction, TRIDENT, Kings Bay, Georgia.

A native of Virden, Illinois, Rear Admiral Riffe graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned into the Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy, in 1961. He also attended the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees in Civil Engineering. Later he graduated from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He is a member of the Chi Epsilon honorary engineering society and a registered professional engineer in the State of Washington.

Following early tours of duty at Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida, and as Officer in Charge of various Seabee schools at the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California, Rear Admiral Riffe served from October 1966 to October 1967 with the Naval Support Activity Detachment in Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Subsequent assignments included Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Seattle area; Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington; Rating Control and Assignment Officer for the Seabee community, Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C.; Executive Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62; Chief Staff Officer of the 20th Naval Construction Regiment; Executive Officer of the Public Works Center, Subic Bay, Philippines; Head of the Acquisition Department, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, San Bruno, California; and Deputy for Management to the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Rear Admiral Riffe has earned the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Clasp, and the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Meritorious Citation with Gallantry Cross.

He and his wife, the former Virginia (Ginny) Venes of Amityville, New York, have four children: Cheryl, Mark and Beth, who reside in California; and Todd, who is an engineering student at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

"HONORED GUEST"

**RADM JOHN P. JONES, JR.,
CEC, USN (RET.)**



Rear Admiral John Paul Jones, Jr., CEC, USN (Ret), graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign, U.S. Navy in 1954. His first Navy duty was as a line officer aboard USS Calvert (APA 32). Rear Admiral Jones attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N. Y., where he received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He transferred to the Civil Engineer Corps in August 1957.

Public Works Center, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was Rear Admiral Jones' first duty as a Civil Engineer Corps officer. He spent two years on the island before returning to the United States. For the next four years, he served in the south Texas area, first as Public Works Officer, Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Port Isabel, Texas, and then on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Advance Training Command, Corpus Christi.

In June 1963, Rear Admiral Jones moved to his first Seabee assignment. For the next two years, he was Operations Officer and then Executive Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR. In 1964, he became Officer in Charge of the Presidential Retreat at Camp David, Thurmont, MD.

Duty as Commanding Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO, Gulfport, MS, and as head of the Facilities Acquisition Department, Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, in Charleston, SC, followed. From there, he moved to duty as the Assistant Commander for Construction, Naval Facilities Engineering Command headquarters, Alexandria, VA, and then to Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, VA.

Rear Admiral Jones was Commanding Officer, Western Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, San Bruno, CA, when the President approved his selection to the rank of Rear Admiral. From the Western Division, he moved to duty as Vice Commander and deputy Chief at Naval Facilities Engineering Command in July 1981.

Rear Admiral Jones assumed duty as Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Chief of Civil Engineers in August 1984. He retired from the Navy on September 1, 1987, with more than 33 years of active service.

Rear Admiral Jones' military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of a second award, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", and the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star.

Rear Admiral Jones holds a master of science in civil engineering from Stanford University and attended the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He is a past president of The Society of America Military Engineers, is a member of the Naval Institute and the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is a former National Commissioner of the United States Section, Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

He is married to the former Wynelle (Winkie) Fender of Brunswick, GA. They have three children: John Paul III; Julie; and Karen.

"HONORED GUEST"

**CAPT OLE L. OLSEN, CEC, USN
COMMANDER, NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
BATTALIONS,
U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET**



Captain Ole L. Olsen, a native of Pittsburg, PA, is a 1964 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. In addition to his Bachelor degree from the Academy, he has a Master of Science degree from Stanford University. Also, he has completed the course of study at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA and is a registered professional engineer.

Since his commissioning and graduation from the Civil Engineer Corps Officers' School in 1964, Captain Olsen's tours of duty have touched down upon all areas of responsibility of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and have literally taken him around the world.

Captain Olsen's four tours with the Seabees have included assignments with U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCBs) FIVE, THREE and SIXTY-TWO as its Commanding Officer, and with the THIRTIETH and THIRTY-SECOND Naval Construction Regiments. During these tours, he deployed to locations in Thailand, Vietnam, Diego Garcia, Puerto Rico, Okinawa and Guam. He is currently serving his fifth Seabee tour as Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Olsen's three contract tours have included two as independent Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC). The first ROICC tour was at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA. The second was as ROICC Waterfront with OICC TRIDENT Submarine Base, Bangor, WA. A third contract tour was as the Acquisition Officer, Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington, DC. His staff duty has included a tour as the Executive Assistant to the Commander, Reserve Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. Captain Olsen's three Public Works tours have included Assistant Public Works Officer at the Naval Air Station in Atsugi, Japan, Executive Officer at the Public Works Center, San Diego, CA and Commanding Officer, Public Works Center, Guam.

Captain Olsen's decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, three Navy Unit Citations, two Meritorious Unit Citation and numerous other service awards.

Captain Olsen and his wife, Phyllis have two sons, Michael and David.

COMMANDING OFFICER

**CDR COURTNEY C. KLEVEN, CEC, USN
NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION SIXTY-TWO**



Commander Kleven relinquishes command of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO, where he has served since August 1988.

Commander Kleven is the son of Mrs. Charles Kleven of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Upon graduation from Lafayette High School, he attended the University of Minnesota earning a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in December 1970. He completed Officer Candidate School designated as a Distinguished Graduate, and was commissioned Ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve in December 1971. He earned a Master's Degree in Construction Management from the University of Washington, Seattle. Commander Kleven is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College where he studied under the Joint Staff Curriculum. Commander Kleven is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Washington.

Commander Kleven's initial duty assignment was with NMCB FOUR from April 1972 through July 1974, where he served as a Company Commander and as Assistant Operations Officer. In August 1974, he reported as Assistant ROICC at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, followed by assignment to post-graduate training at the University of Washington, Seattle, where he earned a Master's Degree in August 1977. Commander Kleven was then assigned as Staff Civil Engineer/Director of Facilities Management at Naval Supply Center, Puget Sound, followed in October 1979 by assignment to the Defense Nuclear Agency, Mercury, Nevada, as Test Construction Engineer for underground nuclear testing. In January 1983, Commander Kleven attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, and upon graduation in July was assigned to the Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, where he was Assistant Department Head for Facilities Planning, Programs and Real Estate, prior to his assignment as Public Works Officer, Fleet Combat Training Center, Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Commander Kleven will report to the Southern Division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Charleston, South Carolina for duty as the head of the Facilities Management Department in August.

Commander Kleven's personal and service awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the National Defense Medal, and Rifle and Pistol Expert Medals.

Commander Kleven is married to the former Kathy Ilene Ford of Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, and they have two sons, Michael and Jonathan, and a daughter, Wendy.

**COMMAND HISTORY
OF
NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
SIXTY-TWO**

United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO is a proud unit with a noble heritage. Originally organized with construction workers from the Midwest on 7 December 1942, and commissioned at Davisville, Rhode Island on 30 December 1942, the "Mighty Minutemen" first won fame at Pearl Harbor where they rebuilt many of the facilities at the Submarine base. Some of those facilities remain today. Later, after landing at Iwo Jima, the battalion repaired and maintained captured enemy airstrips. Sixty-two eventually moved to Japan where it was decommissioned on 15 September 1945.

Since recommissioning at Gulfport, Mississippi on 2 July 1966, the battalion deployed to Vietnam four times to provide construction support for American forces in combat areas and to stand by to fight if necessary. The battalion has also deployed to Puerto Rico; the British Indian Ocean Territory Island of Diego Garcia; the Island of Guam; Okinawa, Japan; Rota, Spain and Sigonella, Sicily.

"The Minuteman Battalion" has earned three Meritorious Unit Commendations and two Navy Unit Commendations in its 25 years of active service.

The command is also a four-time recipient of the Peltier Award, given annually by the Society of American Military Engineers to the construction battalion it feels is the best example of excellent construction and military preparedness.

Most recently, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO made deployments to Camp Mitchell, Rota, Spain from July 1986 to February 1987, Camp Covington, Guam from August 1987 to April 1988; and Sigonella, Sicily with details deployed to Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines; Cairo, Egypt; Nea Makri, Greece; Souda Bay, Crete and Naples, Italy from 22 September 1988 to 15 May 1989.

FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Commanding the Minutemen is the highlight of my Navy career. The talent, resourcefulness, leadership and dedication of this battalion dates back to 30 December 1942. It served proudly in World War II, and since its last commissioning in July 1966.

Our last deployment to Sigonella, Sicily; Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Nea Makri, Greece; Cairo, Egypt; Naples, Italy and Souda Bay, Crete set another mark in history. Praise was received at every location for the quality of all construction accomplished and the professionalism demonstrated in all undertakings. While we were deployed, our families and friends supported us through their many sacrifices and extra efforts. Our accomplishments are a product of their strength.

As the bugler sounds Taps and the flags are lowered, we stand proud to have served as Minutemen. Another chapter begins in history for the Naval Construction Force; eight stronger Mobile Construction Battalions, seven stronger Construction Battalion Units and the spread of Minuteman talent to each of our new duty stations, both afloat and ashore. Pride, professionalism and readiness travel with us.

To *each* Minuteman and his family I wish continued success and I thank you for all the tasks well done. To our guests and participants in today's ceremony, a special thank you for sharing this occasion with us. To all, may God bless you as you continue the dedicated service to our country for the defense of our freedoms. Fair Winds and Following Seas!

**C.C. Kleven
CDR, CEC, USN**

**Previous
Commanding Officers
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
Sixty-Two**

CDR William J. Richeson
2 July 1966 - 30 July 1968

CDR John P. Jones, Jr.
30 July 1968 - 15 July 1970

CDR Frank M. Newcomb
15 July 1970 - 15 December 1972

CDR Jack M. Toliver
15 December 1972 - 31 January 1974

CDR Donald L. Conner
31 January 1974 - 22 May 1976

CDR Charles E. Fegley III
22 May 1976 - 5 August 1978

CDR Julian M.F. Kau
5 August 1978 - 24 July 1980

CDR Ole L. Olsen
24 July 1980 - 13 August 1982

CDR John C. Elkins
13 August 1982 - 13 August 1984

CDR Edward R. Hamm
20 July 1984 - 17 October 1986

CDR James L. Delker
17 October 1986 - 26 August 1988

CDR Courtney C. Kleven
26 August 1988 - 31 July 1989