



At the helm of his third carrier, *Captain William A. Schoech, USN*, the Ticonderoga's Commanding Officer, is a graduate of the Naval Academy, Class of 1928, a naval aviator, a holder of the Legion of Merit and a veteran of more than twenty-five years of naval service. He received his previous carrier experience during and after the war as skipper of the U.S.S. SABLE and U.S.S. SICILY (which served in the Korean area). During the early stages of WWII, he served as Chief Staff Officer to Commander Aircraft, Seventh Fleet, in the Southwest Pacific.

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