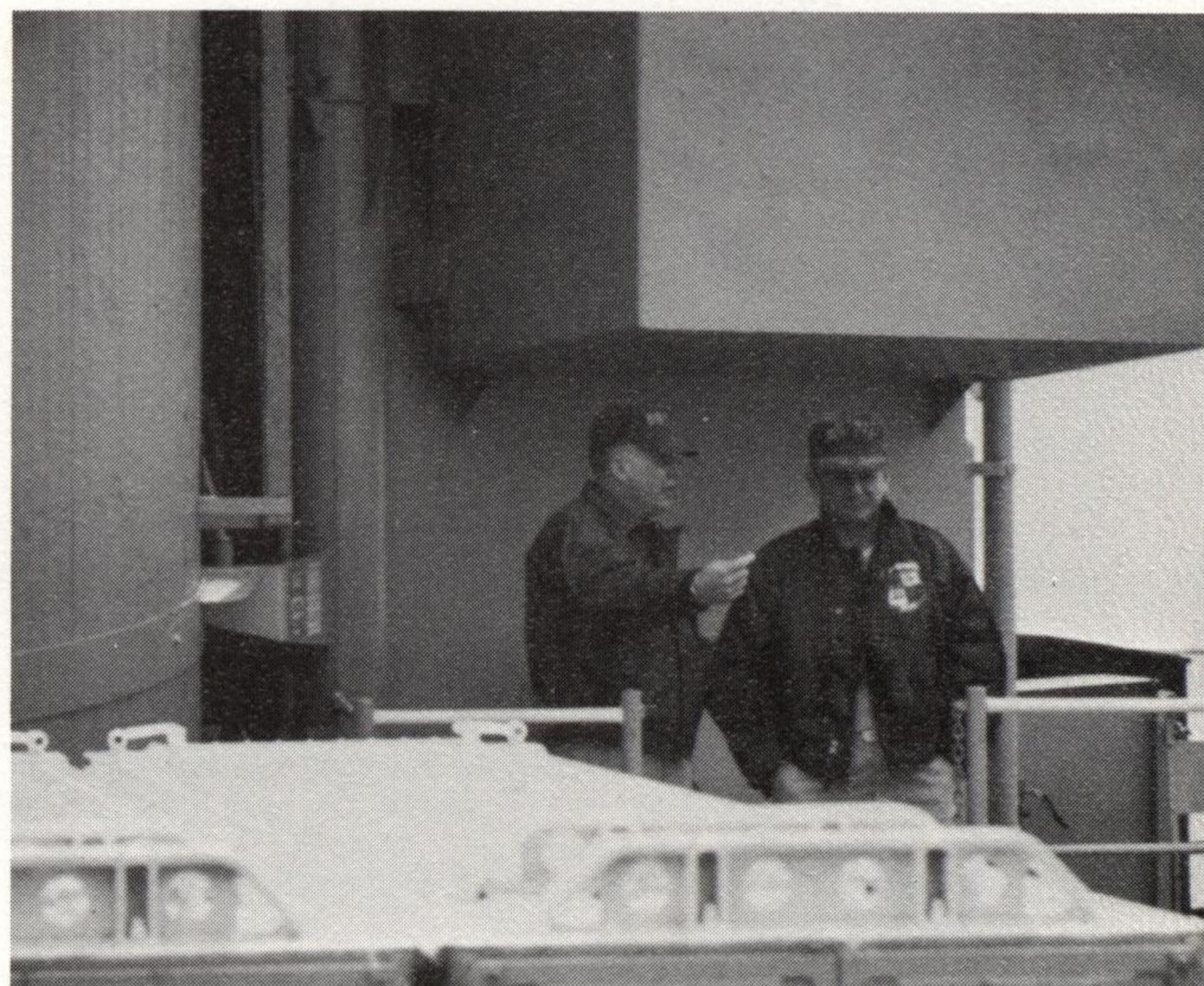




Richard J. Dietz
Commander
United States Navy

COMMANDING OFFICER



Commander Dietz, a native of Chicago, attended Loyola University of that city and graduated with an A.B. degree from San Diego State College in 1952. Entering the U.S. Navy in September of that year, Commander Dietz attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., and received a Reserve Commission in March 1953.

After serving aboard the **USS KIDD** (DD-661) from 1953-1955, Commander Dietz accepted a Regular Commission in the Navy, reported to the **USS REXBURG** (EPCER-855) as Executive Officer, and relieved as Commanding Officer in June of 1956. Subsequent afloat tours included **USS CHEMUNG** (AO-30) as Engineer Officer, Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla FOUR Staff as Plans/Operations Officer,

Manned Spacecraft Recovery Division, where he participated in six Project Gemini Flights, and **USS BLANDY** (DD-943) as Executive Officer.

Service ashore for Commander Dietz has included tours at Fleet Training Group, San Diego, and Fleet Computer Programming Center, Dam Neck, Virginia. For his service in 1968 on the Staff of Commander Naval Forces, Vietnam, Commander Dietz was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Commander Dietz reported to the **USS EUGENE A. GREENE** (DD-711) from the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was a student from January through June 1969. He assumed Command on 1 August 1969.