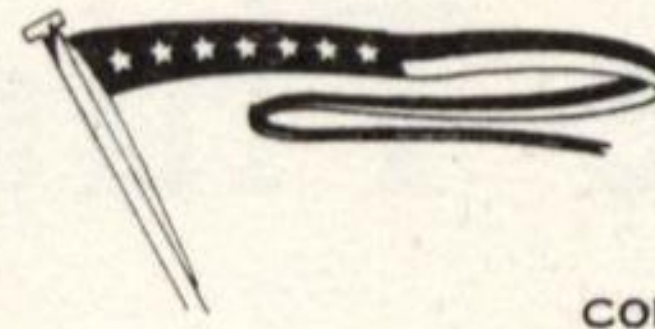




**Allen Smith, III**  
**Commander, U.S. Navy**



15 December 1970

COMMANDING OFFICER, USS BARNEY (DDG-6)

To the Officers and Men of USS BARNEY:

*This Cruise Book records another golden page in the log of our ship - a deployment of complexity and challenge commencing with Weapons Qualification in the Caribbean in July, Refresher Training in Gitmo, RIMEX 1-71 and culminating in our "Thirty-Hour Day" in Norfolk prior to the highly successful emergency deployment to the Mediterranean. I hope that in the years ahead it will bring back memories of your having served with a great ship's company in a superb man-of-war.*

*It was a well-prepared and highly skilled team who steamed BARNEY into the Med in early October 1970 - ready when called upon on short notice to perform! And perform we did! One criterion of your superb performance is the fact that BARNEY operated in a highly successful manner in excess of seven months at a demanding pace without an upkeep period of any kind! To achieve this requires the not-so-evident and not-easy-to-measure, countless hours of watchstanding, equipment maintenance and ship upkeep. To this feat every man contributed and the result was the high degree of readiness and reliability which were the hallmarks of BARNEY. It was well known that BARNEY was a "can-do" ship. Of that reputation, each one of you can well be proud!*

*All of us who made this cruise always will have the satisfaction of knowing that in this period of crisis we served our country and our Navy well. To every BARNEYMAN, I extend a sincere Well Done!*

*Keep Charging!*

Allen SMITH III  
 Commander, U.S. Navy  
 Commanding Officer

## Commanding Officer

Commander Allen Smith, III was born in Pensacola, Florida, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1954. He reported to the **Barney** from duty as Executive Officer of the **USS Biddle (DLG-34)**. He has previously served in the destroyers **Damato** and **Robert K. Huntington** and has commanded the Ocean Minesweeper **Affray**.

Other assignments include duty at the Fleet Training Center at Norfolk, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the Strategic Plans and Policy

Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Commander Smith is a graduate of the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

Married to the former Donna Rae James of Indianapolis, Indiana, Commander Smith has three daughters, Dee Ann, Dixie, and Ashley, and twin sons, Allen, IV and James.

He assumed command of the **Barney** on 3 December 1969.