



Rear Adm. Michael L. Holmes arrives through the sideboys to the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet in a change of command ceremony June 22.

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well in the years ahead.

Holmes put forces on the operational flight line serving as a maritime patrol commander for more than 35 aircrews from six allied nations during two RIMPAC exercises while providing our four deployed forces. Most recently, all eyes were on Holmes when the EP-3 crew was detained in China.

"Holmes has been a benchmark for professionalism and esprit de corps in this force and is the envy of military men and women the Pacific over," said Fargo.

After being presented the Legion of Merit award, Holmes recognized the people of COMPATRECONFORPAC. "I will be the first to acknowledge that it was

the hard work, the dedicated work of the men and women of this force that earned this award, and I will always keep that in my mind as I wear this award and medal proudly," said Holmes.

Speaking to the crew, Holmes added, "Control Reconnaissance Force Pacific faces a bright and challenging tomorrow. Your reputation for transformation, your adaptability, your professionalism will serve us well as we shape and define our Navy for the future.

"Benjamin Franklin said, 'Well done is better than well said.' And you have been proving that axiom every day for the past decade. I know you will continue to exceed our expectations."

After almost four years at COMPATRECONFORPAC,

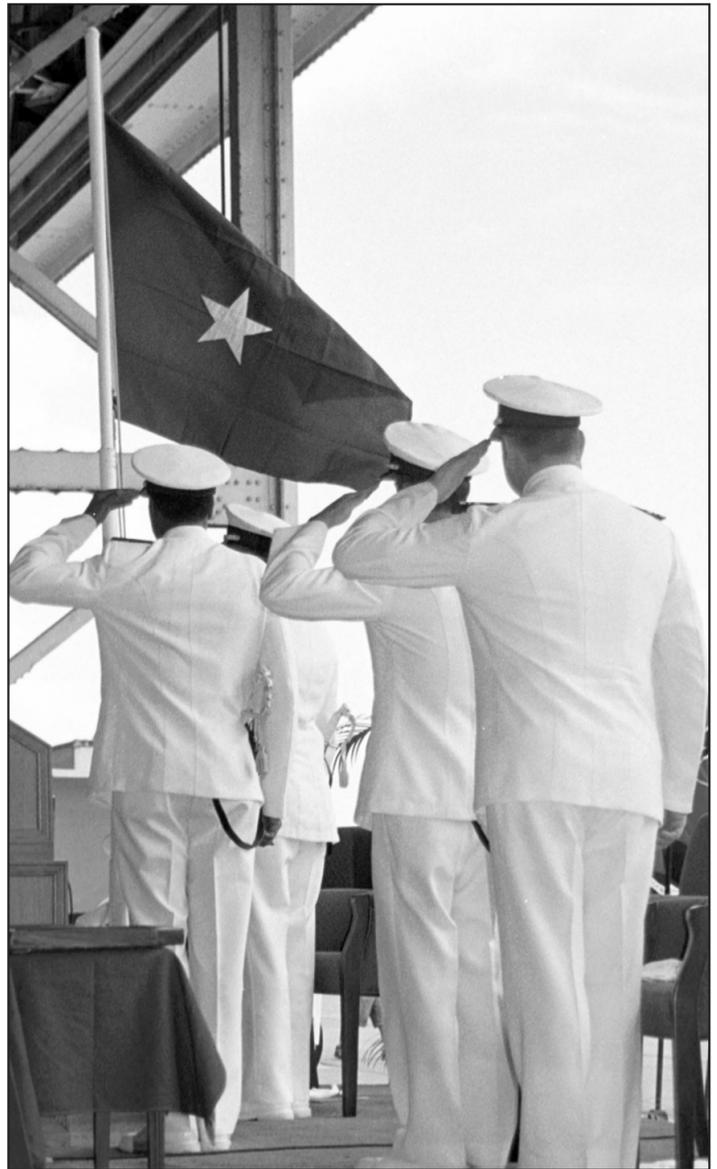
Holmes will move on to assume command of Fleet Air Mediterranean in Naples, Italy.

Rear Adm. Winns, a 1978 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, reports to this assignment after serving the Policy Division Chief, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C.

This is Winns' second assignment to Hawaii, his first assignment was to Patrol Squadron Six (VP 6) at Naval Air Station Barbers Point in July 1980. Winns' career also includes numerous assignments in the P-3 community, including command of Patrol Squadron 11 (VP 11) in Mayport, Fla. Rear Adm. Winns also commanded USS Essex (LHD 2).



Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winns (right) properly relieves Rear Adm. Michael L. Holmes (left) in a change of command ceremony for Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet June 22 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.



The admiral's flag is changed during the change of command ceremony from Rear Adm. Holmes' two star to Rear Adm. Winns' one star.



(Above) The crowd looks on during the change of command ceremony for Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet June 22 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

(Right) Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, served as keynote speaker for the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet change of command ceremony June 22 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay.

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