



# MONTICELLOGRAM

1 October 1973

Dear Families and Friends,

This MONTICELLOGRAM provides me the first opportunity to communicate with you since assuming command. I relieved Commander Bruce TAGER, USN, as Commanding Officer on 24 August. Captain K. J. CHRISTOPH, USN, our Squadron Commander, spoke at the change of command ceremony and cited many achievements of MONTICELLO and her crew during Commander TAGER's tenure. In the past few years, MONTICELLO has earned an excellent reputation due to the hard work and professionalism of the crew. I am proud to command such a fine ship.

We have just arrived back in San Diego after a month of operations with units of the Australian, Canadian, and New Zealand navies as well as many other American ships. The exercise we participated in was the largest Pacific Fleet exercise in some time and offered us a chance to stack ourselves up with all of the other participating units. I'm happy to say MONTICELLO performed exemplary. We didn't have too much liberty in Hawaii although everyone had at least two days ashore to take in some sights and do some shopping.

For the next three months, we will spend most of our time in port San Diego. I intend to send many members of the crew to various schools during this period. We have many new men aboard the ship and schooling is one of the means we use to increase their knowledge. I would like to welcome the following men who have reported aboard within the past few months. They are now part of the MONTICELLO team.

#### OFFICERS

LT Richard B. SCHELLHAAS  
LT Carl L. MATHEWS  
ENS Douglas V. DORSEY

#### ENLISTED

EM2 Milton E. ALDERDYCE

ETN3 Gregory B. ANDERSON  
FN Richard D. AURAND  
SMSA Thomas P. BALDWIN  
SN William J. BELL  
FA Daniel E. BROCK  
MM3 Wilbur J. BOWER  
FA Oscar E. BUENSUCESO  
SA Geza P. BURKIT  
SA Steven A. BYERS

SA Alberto T. CALALAY  
EMFN David L. CLARKE  
FA Robert M. COLLINS  
CSSN Andrew G. CONDRACK  
ETR3 Randy A. CONLEY  
SA Earl T. COUSART  
BMC Van F. COWAN  
EMFA Walter F. CROUSE  
SA Alvin T. CUMMINS  
OSSA Roger D. DEAVERS  
GMGSN Robert S. ENGLAND  
HM3 Gary H. ERICKSON  
FTGSA George J. ESCOBEDO  
BT1 James M. FARRIS  
HT3 Zether L. FLETCHER  
SA Mark D. FULLER  
DK1 Adolfo J. GARCIA  
BT2 Richard R. GARCIA  
EM3 Gary L. GOMNERMAN  
SD1 Pedro V. GONZAGA  
SA Herman F. GONZALES  
FTGSN Jeffery B. HALL  
BM1 Richard C. HALL  
MM3 Charles HELPHENSTINE  
HTFA Stephen J. HENNESSY  
SN Vincente HERNANDEZ  
QM3 Michael HILLESHEIM  
MM3 Mark T. HOWLAND  
MM3 Dewey D. HUISMAN  
EMC Melvin S. JOHNSON  
BM1 James A. JOWERS  
HTFA William L. KELLY  
OSSA Gregory A. LANDSING  
FA William P. LANSING

SN James MACDONALD  
SD3 Edy MARCOS  
EMFA Thomas M. MERRIGAN  
CS2 Ernesto M. MILLER  
MMFN Stephen J. MORROW  
FA Michael S. NIEMANN  
SKSA Victor G. NOEL  
MM2 Victor E. O'DONNELL  
CSSN Gary C. OXFORD  
BM3 Raymond G. PRESCOTT  
SA Leon K. QUALLS  
MM3 Harold D. RAGLE  
ETR3 Timothy REIDINGER  
MMEA Fred D. ROBERTS  
OSSA Curt A. RODE  
MMFN Michael SALISBURY  
SA Ezra D. SHANNON  
MIFA John A. SIEGLER  
EMC James D. SKINNER  
GMG3 Marvin L. SNOW  
MM3 Clayton M. SOUCIE  
HT3 Billy G. STROUD  
HTFA Angelo SURAN  
RM3 Albert E. SWALLA  
OSSA Michael TALLMADGE  
SM2 Melvin J. TAYLOR  
SA James B. THAYER  
HTFA William M. WARING  
SN Barry M. WHITE  
FA Gary L. WILLIAMS  
SN Walter L. WILLIAMS  
MM3 Jim R. WOLFE  
SN Gerald W. WOMACK  
HTC Howard R. WOOD

We also have had many advancements in rate these past few months. I would like to congratulate these men for their hard work and study:

EM1 James A. BROWN  
OS2 James A. CRONE III  
SK2 Dean F. GRAHAM  
FTG2 James H. HORNUNG  
IC2 Alan M. SWISLOW  
FTG3 Kenneth LEVERINGTON  
FTG3 George E. PAIR  
GMG3 Robert L. HUGHES  
FTG3 Charles B. PEEBLES  
FTG3 Michael R. DILLEY  
EM3 Kevin B. HUTSON  
GMG3 Jimmy MCCULLOUGH  
HT3 Ronald E. KONKLIN  
EM3 Patrick VANBROCKLIN  
GMG3 Marvin L. SNOW  
EMFN Dennis M. BENZING  
EMFA Patrick M. DOOLIN

SA Craig A. ADAMS  
FA Robert G. AGUIRRE  
SN Jules S. BARROW  
SN Charles E. BEROTTE,  
SA Alberto T. CALALAY  
SN Keith CHATELAUNEUF  
SA Earl T. COUSART  
SN David E. FIX  
SN Richard E. FRENCH  
SA Mark D. FULLER  
SA Joseph B. GARLAND  
SN Steven D. JOHNSON  
FN John KUREZ  
FN Gary W. LADYGA  
SA George W. MARSHALL  
SKSA Philip L. MULLER  
FN James H. RAWLINGS

HTFN Martin A. FRITH  
ETFN Kenneth L. KINNING  
MIFN John A. SIEGLER  
MIFN John F. STEDEMAN

MCFA Fred D. ROBERTS  
SA Ezra D. SHANNON  
SA Douglas L. SOUCY

With a concerted effort, advancement in the Navy is not too difficult. Spare time studies are required. I trust you will encourage your MONTICELLOMAN, as I do, to study and advance himself as rapidly as possible. Not only is there a financial gain in advancing, there is also increased responsibility and prestige that contribute to his morale and the overall betterment of this wonderful Navy of ours.

13 October is the Navy's birthday. 198 years young. This would be a nice weekend for some of you to visit MONTICELLO and other Navy units and activities in the San Diego area. Please come to see your MONTICELLOMAN's ship on any weekend. We all welcome you and will be proud to show you around. I hope to have a one-day dependents cruise in the not too distant future. All dependents age 8 and over will be invited. Not only will you be able to see your MONTICELLOMAN perform at his duties afloat, but you will also have a fine cruise of San Diego Bay and the immediate seaward area.

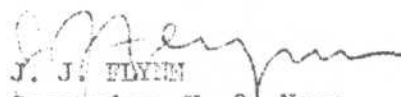
At times emergencies may arise when you want to contact your MONTICELLOMAN at sea. You may send a telegram via Western Union using the following address:

RANK/RATE FULL NAME  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
USC MONTICELLO (LSD-35)  
NAVCOMMSTA SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

No matter where on the high seas we are, your telegram will reach the ship in a few hours after receipt in San Francisco.

Again - please come aboard and visit MONTICELLO. We look forward to meeting you and will be proud to show you our ship.

Sincerely,

  
J. J. FLYNN  
Commander, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer