

# CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 11 February, 1981, Captain Rene W. Leeds, USN, was relieved by Captain James F. Dorsey, Jr., USN, as Commanding Officer, United States Ship AMERICA. The ceremony was conducted onboard AMERICA at Pier 12, Norfolk Naval Station. The change of command ceremony, a time honored product of the rich heritage of Naval tradition, was highlighted by remarks from VADM G. Kinnear, COMNAVAIRLANT, and the reading of official orders by Captain Dorsey and Captain Leeds. With the words, "I relieve you, sir" and the response, "I stand relieved", total responsibility, authority and accountability changed hands.

