



Captain Richard K. Gallagher

Commanding Officer

January 17, 1998 - June 11, 1999

Captain Richard K. Gallagher was born in Traverse City, MI and attended the U.S. Naval Academy graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in June 1976. He received his commission upon graduation and was ordered to flight training as a pilot, receiving a designation as a Naval Aviator at Naval Air Station Chase Field, Beeville TX in September 1977.

His first assignment was to Fighter Squadron 171 at NAS Oceana, VA undergoing F-4 initial training. Upon completion, Captain Gallagher was assigned to Fighter Squadron 103 where he served in several junior officer billets and deployed twice on the USS SARATOGA (CV-60), flying both the F-4J and F-4S.

In October 1981, Captain Gallagher reported to Fighter Squadron 101 at NAS Oceana for pilot transition in the F-14 Tomcat, remaining as an instructor. While there, he attended Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) as a student. Following this shore duty tour, he reported to Fighter Squadron 143 in July 1984, where he served his department head tour on deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN-69).

Next, Captain Gallagher reported to Naval Strike Warfare Center, NAS Fallon, NV in October 1987, where his duties included Operations Officer and NATF/A-12 Project Officer, Flying the F/A-18 and F-14A/B. He then received orders to Fighter Squadron 101 for F-14B transition training. In February 1990, Captain Gallagher reported aboard Fighter Squadron 142 as Executive Officer. He then commanded VF-142 from 1991-1992, making two deployments onboard USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

His next command, the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) was from September 1993 to December 1994, where he was the last Echelon II commander of TOPGUN. There he flew the F-16N and F-14 and shepherded through the Strike Fighter Weapons Tactics (SFWT) Program.

Following TOPGUN, Captain Gallagher entered Nuclear Power training in January 1995, and was ordered to Executive Officer, USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER from September 1996 to October 1997.

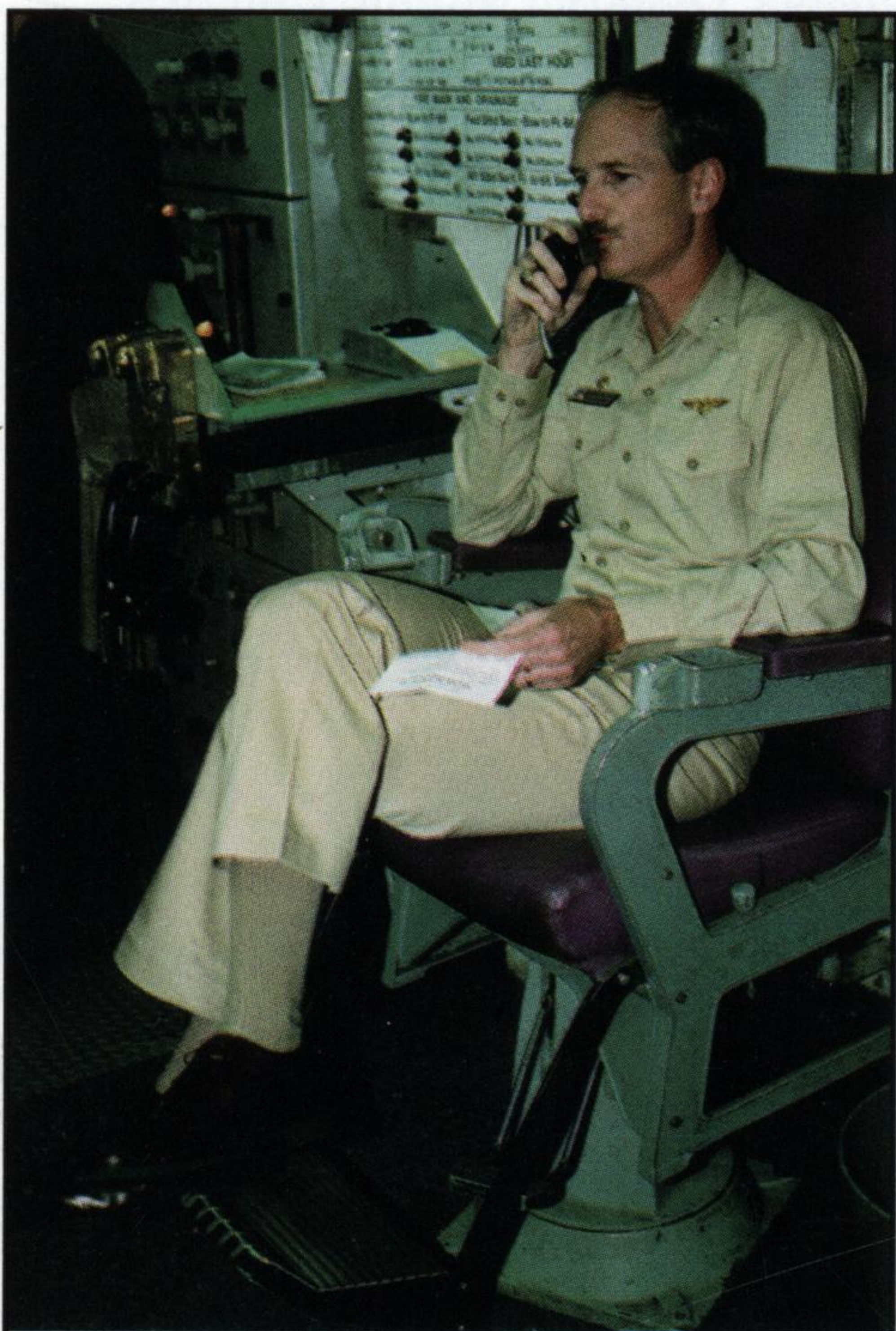
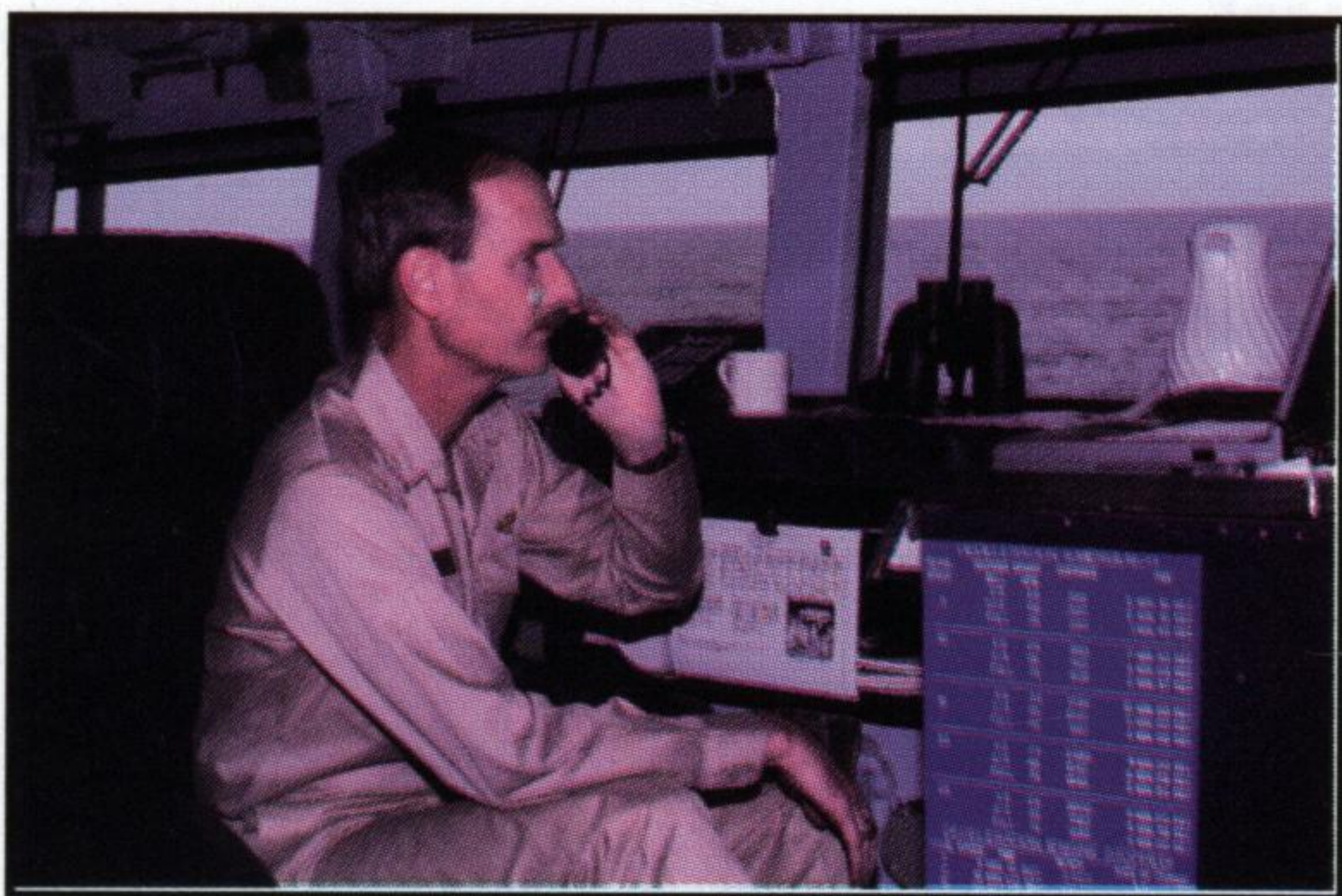
On January 17, 1998, Captain Richard K. Gallagher assumed command of the Mine Countermeasures Command Ship, USS INCHON (MCS-12), based in Ingleside, TX.

Captain Gallagher has logged over 4,000 flight hours and 700 carrier arrestments during his career. He is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University.

Captain Gallagher's awards include the Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, and various service decorations.

Captain Richard Gallagher is married to the former Roslyn Thompson of Cheshire, England. They have one daughter, Dawn.

Captain Gallagher will be assuming command of the aircraft carrier USS JOHN D. STENNIS (CVN-74) upon relief by Captain Daniel Hartwell.



Captain Gallagher announces from Engineering Main Control



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