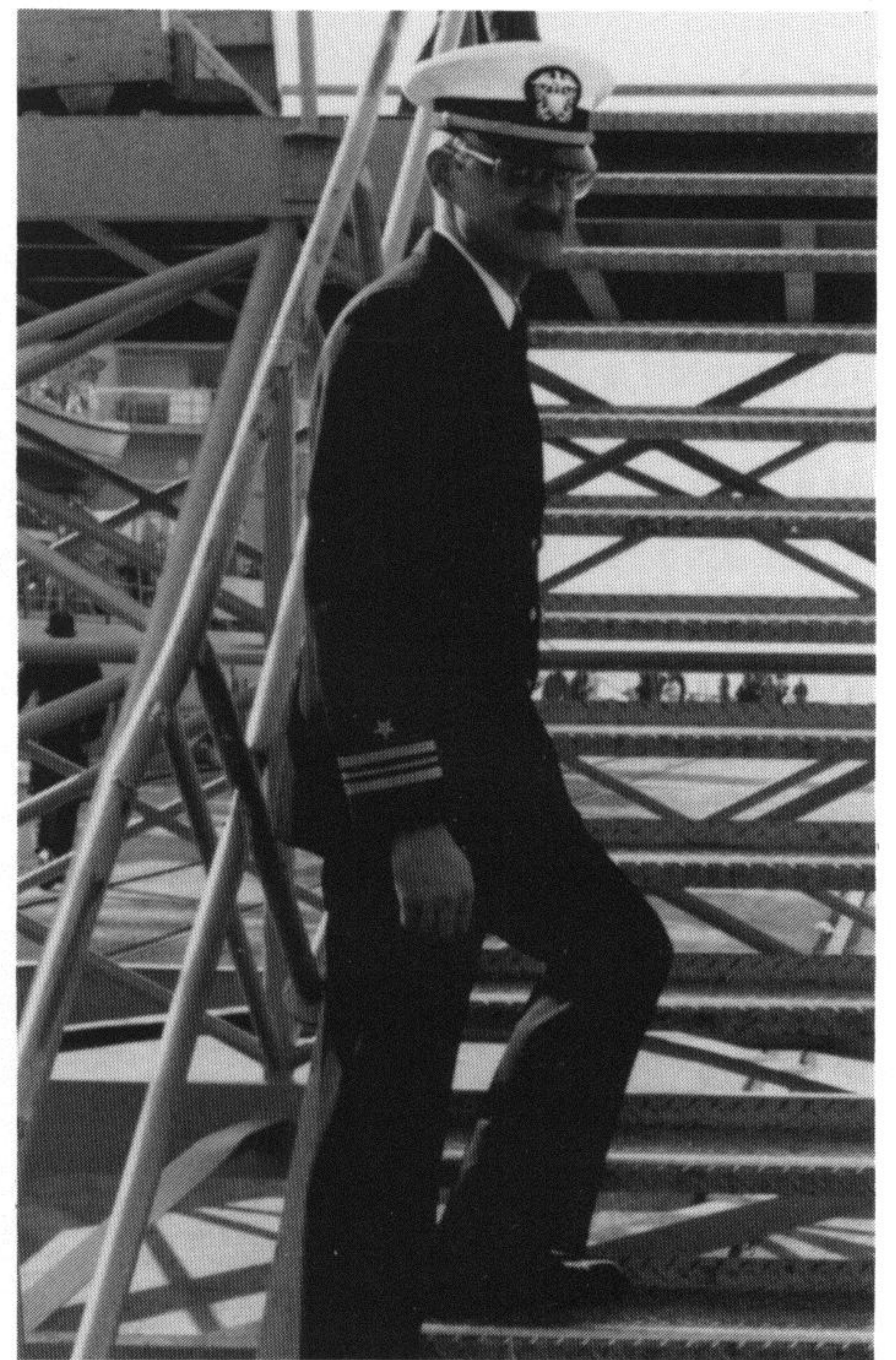


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LCDR P.O. BOYER



Lieutenant Commander Phillip O. Boyer was born on September 16, 1952 in Evansville, Indiana. He entered the Navy in November 1972 as a Seaman recruit at RTC Orlando, Florida. After Avionics training, he was assigned to VA-153 where he deployed in USS ORISKANY (CV-34) in the Western Pacific.

In April 1976, LCDR Boyer was selected to participate in the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program through which he earned a BSE degree in Interdisciplinary Engineering Studies at Purdue University. Upon graduation in December 1979, he was commissioned an Ensign in the Unrestricted Line.

In November 1980 he was assigned to USS RACINE (LST-1191) as the ship's Communications and Electronics Material Officer. There, he earned the Surface Warfare Officer qualification and was selected as the ship's Junior Officer Shiphandler of the year for 1982.

LCDR Boyer was transferred to the staff of Commander Amphibious Squadron Three in December 1982 where he served as the Squadron Communications Officer. The squadron deployed in USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH-11) to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

In June 1985, he was the Operations Officer in the commissioning crew of USS REUBEN JAMES (FFG-57). After seeing her through a rigorous test and trial period, post-shake down availability and predeployment work-ups, he was transferred to the staff of Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine, where he was Operations Officer from October 1987 through December 1989. During this time, he was involved in Operation Earnest Will, Operation Praying Mantis, and PACEX '89.