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**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**MICHAEL F. D. FLAHERTY**  
Captain, USN

Captain Michael Francis Donald Flaherty was born in North Adams, Mass., December 19, 1904. He attended Drury High School in North Adams and entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1924. He was commissioned on June 7, 1928, and has served aboard the battleship MARYLAND, the minesweeper MONTGOMERY, the submarine ARGONAUT, and the cruiser SALT LAKE CITY.

Captain Flaherty fought World War II as executive officer and commanding officer of several lighter-than-air squadrons and also as gunnery officer of the DETROIT. At the war's close Captain Flaherty was executive officer of the MARYLAND. His next assignment was at the Bureau of Ordnance and then to the Pacific Training Group. He was graduated from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, in 1949 and assigned as commanding officer of the transport NOBLE. As skipper of the NOBLE he took part in the landings at Inchon and Sonjin. Before coming to the WISCONSIN, Captain Flaherty was head of the Seamanship and Navigation Department at the Naval Academy.

Holder of the Bronze Star and the Commendation Ribbon, he also wears the American Defense, Asiatic Theatre, Pacific Theatre, China Service, National Defense, and Korean Service ribbons in addition to the World War Victory and United Nations Service medals.

Captain Flaherty is married to the former Miss Jean Ostrom of Seattle, Washington, and is the father of two sons, Robert Michael, 21, a first-classman at the Naval Academy, and Mark Ostrom, 6.

