

COMMANDING

U.S.S. Des Moines

Captain Charles K. Bergin - 1952



CAPTAIN
CHARLES K. BERGIN, USN

Captain Charles K. Bergin, present commanding officer of the heavy cruiser U.S.S. DES MOINES, was born and received his early education in Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1927 and from the U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University Graduate School and the National War College.

Before attending the National War College, Captain Bergin was assigned to the Navy Department, Bureau of Ordnance as Director of U.S. Navy anti-aircraft and gun system programs. Prior to that he served at sea in the Operational Development Force. At the time of detachment from this duty he was Assistant Chief of Staff and project coordinator to Rear Admiral Robert P. Briscoe, now Vice Admiral Driscoe, USN.

During World War II, he served in the Pacific as Destroyer commanding officer, Destroyer Division and Squadron Commander in the 7th, 3rd and 5th fleets. During the closing days of the war and the initial occupation of Japan, Captain Bergin was Chief of Staff for plans and operations to Vice Admiral Harry W. Hill, USN, Commander 5th Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet.

Prior to World War II he served in various types of vessels. These assignments included tours of duty in the USS MARYLAND, USS DETROIT, USS DOBBIN, USS BLAKELY, USS GILMER and the USS RALPH TALBOT.

During the early days of World War II, Captain Bergin was Experimental Officer at the U.S. Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia, and was associated with Rear Admiral Parsons, former Commander Cruiser Division Six in the development of new weapons.

Captain Bergin was awarded the Navy Cross; Bronze Star Medal and Commendation Ribbon, both with Combat V's; and holds the following campaign and area medals: American defense (Fleet), American Area, Pacific Area with seven campaign stars; World War II Victory; Occupation (Asia) and the Phillippine Liberation ribbon with two combat stars.

Captain Bergin married the former Katherine Philbrick, daughter of Captain M. H. Philbrick (SC), USN, (ret.) and Mrs. Philbrick. At present Mrs. Bergin is residing in Rye Center, New Hampshire with their daughters Cecelia, Katherine and Patricia.

Captain C.K. Bergin (Director, R&D, Bureau of Ordnance, Dept of the Navy



In a 1954 ceremony, Thomas J. Watson, Jr., presents a pluggable unit symbolizing the NORC to Captain C.K. Bergin of the U.S. Navy. Others, left to right, are Thomas J. Watson, Sr., Rear Admiral E.A. Solomons, Mrs. Watson, Sr., W.J. Eckert, and Rear Admiral C.G. Warfield.

Awarded the Navy Cross

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ADM. VICTOR LONG BIDS FAREWELL TO MEN OF THE MINE FORCE
Adm. Charles K. Bergin Takes Over Command in Ceremonies at Naval Station

NEW MINE FORCE COMMANDER

Adm. Bergin Returns

An old friend returned to Long Beach Thursday to take command of the Pacific Fleet Mine Force.

He is Rear Adm. Charles K. Bergin, who relieved Rear Adm. Victor D. Long as Mine Force commander at headquarters at Long Beach Naval Station. The ceremony was attended by many civic and military leaders and their ladies.

Adm. Bergin began his career as a naval officer here

more than 30 years ago and operated out of Long Beach for many years. His wife, the former Katherine Philbrick, attended school here as a young girl.

FROM DECEMBER 1955 to October 1956, Adm. Bergin was commander of Long Beach-based Destroyer Flotilla 3. He came to his present assignment from duties as Director, Near East, South Asia and Africa Region, Office of

the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) in Washington.

Adm. Long had served as Mine Force commander here since April 30, 1957. He has been assigned as chief-of-staff and aide to the President, U. S. Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Don Muchmore
Is Commended
in Resolution**

Charles Kniese Bergin

Birth:	Jan. 25, 1904 Baltimore Baltimore City Maryland, USA
Death:	Dec. 6, 1964, USA

Bergin, Charles Kniese was born on January 25, 1904 in Baltimore. Son of Denis Lee and Katherine Irene (Kniese) Bergin.

Graduate Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, 1921. Bachelor of Science, John Hopkins, 1923, United States Naval Academy, 1927. Postgraduate Naval Postgrad School, 1933-1936; graduate advanced management program Harvard, 1949. Graduate National War College, 1952.

Commissioned ensign, United States Navy, 1927, advanced through grades to rear admiral, 1955. Ship's officer United States Ship Maryland, United States Ship Gilmer, United States Ship Blakeley, United States Ship Dobbin, United States Ship Ralph Talbot. Staff commander destroyers, battle fleet staff committee 5th Amphibious Force. Staff committee Operational Development Force. Commander United States Ship Monssen, 1944, Destroyer Division 122, 1945, United States Ship Des Moines, 1952-1953, Des Flotilla 3, 1955-1956. Commander destroyers, West Pacific, 1955-1956.

Shore assignments include experimental officer Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia, 1940-1943, director gun systems, ordnance ship building program Navy Bureau Ordnance, 1949-1951. Assistant chief Navy Bureau Ordnance Research and Development, 1953-1955. Staff Office Secretary of Defense, 1956-1959.

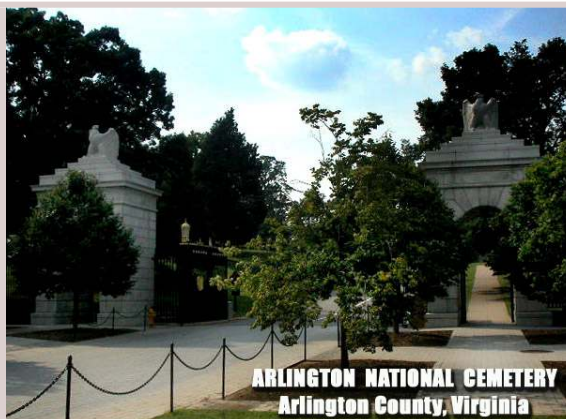
Commander mine force United States Pacific Fleet, 1959-1960. Commander operational test and evaluation force United States Atlantic and Pacific Fleets, 1960-1963. Superintendent (president) United States Naval Postgrad School, Monterey, California, since 1963.

Member Newcomen Society N.A. Clubs: Harvard Business School, Army-Navy (Washington).

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Married Married Katherine M. Philbrick,
October 21, 1936.

Children: Cecelia Jeannette, Katherine
Drake, Patricia Ruth.

Family links:

Spouse:

[Katherine P Bergin \(1909 - 1999\)](#)

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