



Pemberton Samuel Moncure
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CAPT Samuel Pemberton Moncure
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Nimitz used sports, especially tennis, as a generator of goodwill with the British and Japanese. The players on the *Augusta* tennis team had been ranked through a series of matches; the executive officer, Commander R. E. M. Whiting, was at number one, Ensign **Samuel P. Moncure**, number two, and poor Captain Nimitz, number three. This was a position he was certain he did not deserve—he had played the deciding set with a wrenched knee—so he challenged **Moncure** to a rematch. In another bit of sly humor, the challenge was delivered early one morning after **Moncure** had just returned from a very late night on the beach, and the match was to be played immediately. Nimitz won.

Capt Samuel Pemberton Moncure

BIRTH	14 Oct 1909 Stafford County, Virginia, USA
DEATH	6 Mar 1978 (aged 68) Virginia, USA
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Capt. S.P. Moncure, native of area

Retired Navy Capt. Samuel Pemberton Moncure, 68, of Alexandria, a Fredericksburg native, died Monday at Alexandria Hospital following a stroke.

Moncure, was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict.

His last assignment was in the office of the chief of naval operations before he retired at the end of 1961. He then was vice president in charge of public relations at the United Virginia Bank in Alexandria until retiring for a second time in 1975.

Moncure took part in many civic activities in Alexandria.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jane Belt Moncure; two daughters, Mrs. Jeremy R. Taylor of Alexandria, and Mrs. Marion Moncure of Breckenridge, Colo.; one son, Samuel P. Moncure Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. Gardner L. Booth II, and one brother, William A. Moncure, both of Alexandria; another brother, Richard W. Moncure of Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to Episcopal High School or the Salvation Army in Alexandria.



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Southeast face of the two-sided marker (wife's inscription on opposite side).

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Cruiser Des Moines Serves As Floating U. S. Embassy

BEIRUT, (Reuters)—Although the Middle East has been comparatively peaceful this year, the heavy cruiser Des Moines, flagship of the United States Sixth Fleet, has been working as hard as ever in its peacetime role as a floating "embassy" where visiting civilians are welcomed as smoothly as if they were in a regular hotel.

Citizens of many Mediterranean countries climb the gangplank at the rate of about 15,000 a year in 20 different ports to be shown the guns and equipment of the 21,000-ton ship and to be told of the fleet's motto, "Power for Peace."

The man who has to be a diplo-

mat as well as commander of the fleet's 50 ships, 200 aircraft and 25,000 men is Vice Adm. George W. Anderson, Jr., a Brooklyn-born veteran aged 52, whose decorations include the Order of the British Empire and Nationalist China's Order of the Precious Tripod.

Talks With Citizens

When the Des Moines' two 11½-ton anchors hit the water outside a port of call, he gets ready to explain to the citizens that the fleet's job is to maintain peace—through it claims to be capable of delivering in a single attack more destructive power than was unleashed by all the Air Forces fighting in World War II.

Adm. Anderson, a big man with graying hair and twinkling eyes, also handles newspapermen with aplomb and is more adept at giving a press conference than many politicians.

The Des Moines recently paid a return visit to Beirut, where it came on business in 1958 when United States Marines landed at the request of the Lebanese government.

'Defending Freedom'

"We are here as a fleet to assist in defending the cause of freedom, to give heart to all the peoples of the area, to make friends and to help with the other forces of our Allies to preserve the peace," the admiral told reporters.

"We try to have the 25,000 men visit the ports of the countries around the Mediterranean so that they will know the people and the people will get to know them better. . . . The 25,000 men we have in the fleet today represent, over the years that the sixth fleet has been in the Mediterranean, many hundreds of thousands of men. Those who have gone back to the United States and those who will go back in the future bring to their families and friends a better understanding of the life, the culture and the friendship of people over here in this part of the world."

Heavy Guns

The Des Moines has nine eight-inch, 12 five-inch and 22 three-inch guns, a helicopter, three launchers and four geared turbines producing 120,000 horsepower and speeds of over 30 knots. Its crew of 1,500 has a lounge and library, nightly film shows, stores which sell goods ranging from shirts to portable typewriters, and a soda fountain.

The ship is commanded by Capt. Samuel Moncure, a 50-year-old native of Fredericksburg, Va.

As the flagship, the Des Moines is the only ship of the Sixth Fleet to serve continuously in the Mediterranean. This is to save the admiral's staff from frequent changes of ship. The other ships join the Sixth Fleet from United States bases for periods of about six months each.



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