

Vice Admiral William A. Schoech, USN, who assumed command of the SEVENTH Fleet 28 October 1961, was born in Blakesburg, Iowa on 17 October 1904. He attended public schools in Iowa and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1928. He was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the California Institute of Technology in 1938. In 1950 he graduated from the National War College in Washington, D. C.

Admiral Schoech completed flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1930.

During World War II he saw duty principally in the Pacific Fleet and the Naval Air Operational Training Command. Immediately after the war he assumed command of the Asiatic Wing of the Naval Air Transport Service.

Admiral Schoech has commanded three aircraft carriers, the USS SABLE, the USS SICILY and the USS TICONDEROGA.

In 1959 he commanded Carrier Division THREE and Task Force 77 in the SEVENTH Fleet.

Since the war, Admiral Schoech's duties in Washington have seen him in the Bureau of Aeronautics as Chief for Research and Development and then as Deputy Chief. He also served in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Prior to assuming command of the SEVENTH Fleet he was Deputy Chief of the Bureau of Naval Weapons.

Prior to coming to Japan, Admiral and Mrs. Schoech resided in Alexandria, Virginia.



*Vice Admiral William A. SCHOECH
Commander SEVENTH Fleet
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