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## USO Brings Miss America To Republic

Ready to go on tour throughout Viet Nam, the Miss America USO Show arrived at Tan Son Nhut Airport on August 14 amid the clicking of camera shutters and the curious smiles of many G.I's.

The show, which consists of Miss America 1970, Pamela Anne Eldred, Miss California, Susan Anton; Miss Colorado, Adria Easton; Miss Oregon, Margaret Huhta; Miss Tennessee, Mary Cox; Miss Alabama, Ann Fowler and Miss North Carolina, Pat Johnson, is going under a theme of "The Sound of Young".

In Viet Nam until August 30, the entourage will appear at as many U.S. installations as possible.

### Song and Dance Show

The show itself consists of song, dance and vocal numbers by the girls with Miss America doing a combined dance act of oriental, rock and ballet dancing.

After their Viet Nam tour is completed, Miss America and her court will journey back to the United States to appear in the Miss America Pageant on September 12.

The show is financed by the United Service Organization through contributions.

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## MCPON Meets Miss America In Saigon

Arriving at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Airport within minutes of each other, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Delbert D. Black greeted a smiling, lei-adorned Miss America, 1970, Pamela Anne Eldred on August 14. Both were to begin separate fast-paced tours of the Republic of South Viet Nam that would take them to U.S. installations throughout the nation. (Photo by PH1 Bob Swan)

## MASTER CHIEF OF THE NAVY TOURS VIETNAM

"I think young." With these words Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Delbert D. Black launched his visit to the U.S. Navy's Logistic Support Base, Nha Be August 14.

In Vietnam for a whirlwind tour of U.S. Navy installations, the MCPON came to Nha Be to talk with enlisted men, and that he did.

Master Chief Black's job as Senior Enlisted Advisor is twofold: He serves as a direct enlisted link to the Chief of Naval Personnel, and serves as a person in a position to advise officials of individual and Navywide problems.

### Plans 1971 Retirement

MCPON Black has held his position since January 1967 and is currently planning to retire in March 1971, when he reaches the magic 30-year mark.

At Nha Be Master Chief Black spoke at each of the clubs located at the support base. Beginning at the White Hat Club, he then visited the Acey-Deucey, Chief's and Officers clubs before concluding his day. Arriving at 6 p.m. Master Chief Black first met with Nha Be's commanding officer, Commander D.J. Moss, then adjourned to the mess hall and ate in the Chief's Mess.

### White Hat Club Speech

At the White Hat Club, Black answered questions and spoke to an attentive throng of more than 150 sailors, all of whom cheered enthusiastically when the MCPON professed that "we are living in a changing society, and we must accept change. It is time for the old to move over and make way for the new."

Intense interest was shown by all sailors during the question and answer period, especially on questions concerning personnel cuts, pay, early outs, uniform changes, deployments and, of course, beards. Here is a sampling of some of the questions asked:

### Q and A Session

Q: "What's the situation now as far as cuts are concerned?"

Black: "At present, there are several in the offering and I would advise you to check and double check with your personnel office concerning this. One reason is that most of these programs are NOT effective if you are a member of the Seventh

## USS Krishna Gets Unit Award

The secretary of the Navy has presented the Navy Unit Commendation to the USS Krishna (ARL 38) for "excep-

tionally meritorious service while participating in combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam from 24 September 1968 to 1

July 1969."

Rear Admiral Robert E. Adamson, Jr., COMNAVSUPPACT Saigon, read the secretary's citation to the crew on board the ship at ceremonies held August 12.

"Tasked with the responsibility of repair support for Market Time Operations in the Fourth Coastal Zone on 24 September 1968," the citation continued, "USS Krishna, on 1 November 1968, also assumed sole responsibility for repair support of Sea Lords Operations in the Fourth Coastal Zone.

"In addition to providing prompt and efficient repair support of the Fourth Coastal Zone, she served as major communications relay ship for the Gulf of Thailand, provided medical services to the Navy, Coast Guard and Army units in the area, and conducted medical civic action programs.

## NEW CAPTAIN FOR ASKARI

Lieutenant Commander William J. Bartee, commanding officer of USS Askari (ARL 30), turned the helm over to Lieutenant Commander Walter E. Knight at ceremonies held on board the ship August 13.

The change of command ceremony included remarks by Rear Admiral H.S. Matthews, deputy commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, who presented the Bronze Star to LCDR Bartee.

LCDR Bartee has departed the Republic for his next duty station at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He entered the Navy in 1943 and has served aboard USS Kaweah, USS Cumberland sound, USS Iowa, USS Ingram, USS Doyle and USS Scanner among others. Prior to commanding the Askari he served on the CRUDESANT

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Rear Admiral Robert E. Adamson, Jr., COMNAVSUPPACT Saigon, addresses crewmen of the USS Krishna (ARL 38) at a ceremony aboard the ship during which a Navy Unit Commendation was presented to the men. (Photo by PH1 Bob Swan)

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Miss America, Pamela Anne Eldred (front); Miss North Carolina, Patricia Elaine Johnson and Miss Colorado, Adria Elaine Easton (rear), deplane at Tan Son Nhut airport to begin a whirlwind tour of Vietnam.



The Miss America USO Show for 1970 consists of (left to right): Miss California, Susan Anton; Miss Tennessee, Mary Cox; Miss North Carolina, Patricia Johnson; Miss America, 1970, Pamela Eldred; Miss Oregon, Margaret Huhta; Miss Alabama, Ann Fowler; and Miss Colorado, Adria Easton.

## MISS AMERICA-USO SHOW TOURS FOR THE TROOPS

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Nam war and the morale of the American troops, Miss America said "I don't see how I really can give an opinion of the Viet Nam war that would be justified. We've only been in Viet Nam a short while and I believe that you have to see both sides of an issue before forming an opinion. As for troop morale, well it's higher than I thought it could possibly be, especially in the hospitals that we've visited thus far in the trip."

The girls, all healthy looking after a year of strenuous travel on the pageant circuit, heartily agreed with Susan Anton, Miss California, when she explained the motivation a girl has to enter the Miss America Pageant.

"There are scholarships and opportunities available that are otherwise not generally afforded and there is also a certain competition between us and men," she said. A man can make it on either mental or physical assets while all we've got is us."

This does not mean that they are staunch feminists, however. All are intelligent, motivated girls that hardly fit the "beauty but no brains" theme often heard. According to Miss Colorado, Adria Easton, "in order to come to Viet Nam, each must volunteer and then she is selected on her talents to be. She is asked if she wants to come and there is always an abundance of girls who do."



Miss America, 1970, Pamela Anne Eldred, is shown during her stay at the Meyerkord BOQ while being interviewed by reporters.



Many people feel that California girls are the fairest in the land. Miss California of 1969, Susan Ellen Anton, is proof of their conviction.