



Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr. is knighted by Queen Sue.

[Photo: Dan Long]

Admiral visits City of Roses

Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely, Jr., Commander of the Third Fleet, was a visitor to Portland during the Rose Festival. The Third Fleet, with headquarters on Ford Island, directs naval operations in the eastern and middle Pacific areas.

Admiral Gravely, who is the nation's first Black Admiral, was born in Richmond, Virginia, where he graduated from Virginia Union University. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1942 and after training was admitted to the Service School at Hampton Institute, then was stationed in San Diego. In 1943 and 1944 he attended a special unit at UCLA, the only Black selected for that program.

He was appointed a midshipman in the Naval Reserve in 1944, then attended Midshipman School at Columbia University. Upon graduation he was commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve. In 1965, he transferred to the U.S. Navy.

Working his way up through the ranks, he participated in action against Korean and Chinese forces and was awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Admiral Gravely served as Commanding Officer of four vessels: The U.S.S. Theodore E. Chandler (DD-717); a radar picket destroyer escort, U.S.S. Falgout (DER-324); the U.S.S. Taussig (DD-746); and the U.S.S. Jovett (DLG-29), one of the Navy's most modern guided missile frigates.

In 1968 he served as Coordinator, Navy Satellite Communications Program in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, with the additional duty of the Navy Space Program Division. In 1971 he assumed duty as Commander, Naval Communications Command and Director, Naval Communications Division under the Chief of Naval Operations. After serving for two years in that job, he moved to duty as Commander Cruiser Destroyer Group Two.

He served as Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District from August 1975 until August 28, 1976, donning three stars on that day. He assumed command of the Third Fleet on September 10, 1976.

Vice Admiral Gravely has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal with bronze star and Combat "V."

He is also authorized to wear the World War II Victory Medal; the Naval Reserve Medal (for 10 years service in the U.S. Naval Reserve, the American Campaign Medal; the Korean Presidential Unit Citation; the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star; the China Service Medal (extended); the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars; the United Nations Service Medal; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; the Vietnam Service Medal with six bronze stars; the Vietnamese Campaign Medal; the Antarctica Service Medal; and the Venezuelan Order of Merit Second Class.

His civic awards include: The Scottish Rite Price Hall Masonic Bodies of Maryland, Prince Hall Founding Fathers Military Commanders Award (1975); Savannah State College (1974) Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (1971) Alpha Award of Merit; Los Angeles Chapter, National Association of Media Women Inc (1972) Communications Award; San Diego Press Club (1975) Military Headliner of the Year; Golden Hills United Presbyterian Church (1967) Military Services Award; San Diego Optimists club Good Guy Award; and Distinguished Virginian (1972) by Governor Holton.



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Free bus tours of the Port of Portland marine terminal facilities are scheduled to begin Wednesday, June 29 and continue each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon through September 15.

The free tours depart at 1:30 p.m. from the Sheraton-Lloyd Center and 2:00 p.m. from the Hilton Hotel. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the Community Development Division, 233-5331, ext. 207.

The two-hour guided tour offers a look at the largest grain elevator on tidewater west of the Mississippi River, the John M. Fulton Terminal 6 container facility, floating docks for automobile unloading, and other cargo handling operations.

The tour concludes at 3:30 p.m. at the Sheraton and 4:00 p.m. at the Hilton. All ages are welcome.

Classes begin

With summer just around the corner, it is time to register for classes through Portland State University/Division of Continuing Education. Beginning June 20, a variety of offerings are available including: Music, Dramatics, Health Care for Older Persons and Special Education. Educators will find curriculum course offerings in Anthropology, Communications, Distar, Environmental Education and Reading. For further information, call the PSU/Division of Continuing Education at 229-4800.

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