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CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER  
NAMED TO CITADEL PRESIDENCY

CHARLESTON, S.C., April 25.--Col. William F. Prioleau Jr., chairman of The Citadel Board of Visitors, today announced that Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale, U.S. Navy, has been named president of the military college by unanimous vote of the Board. Admiral Stockdale will immediately request retirement from the Navy, and shortly after ending his active duty career will succeed Maj. Gen. Wallace E. Anderson.

General Anderson became acting president when Lt. Gen. George M. Seignious II, U.S. Army, retired, began a leave of absence on December 4, 1978. When General Seignious was confirmed on March 1, 1979, by the U.S. Senate as director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, General Anderson's title changed to interim president. General Seignious had been president since August 1, 1974.

The 55-year old admiral, now president of the Navy War College in Newport, R.I., graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1946. Prior to entering the Naval Academy he studied at Monmouth College from which he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the 1977 commencement. He was awarded the Master of Arts degree by Stanford University in 1962.

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A nationally-known writer and lecturer, his material has been widely published, and he has been the subject of complimentary national media articles and editorials. Many of his public addresses and articles have been entered into the Congressional Record.

During the twenty years following his graduation from the Naval Academy, he served successively as a destroyerman, carrier aviator, landing signal officer, test pilot, test pilot school instructor, fighter pilot, graduate student, aircraft squadron commander, and air wing commander.

Admiral Stockdale had more flight time in the supersonic F-8 single seat fighter than any man in the world when he led the initial strikes from a carrier deck in the Tonkin Gulf against North Vietnam in 1964. Shot down and captured over a year later during his second combat tour in Vietnam, he spent most of his 7½ years of imprisonment in solitary confinement. Despite repeated torture and years of restraint in leg irons and handcuffs, he maintained contact with his fellow Americans by clandestine means, setting standards and policy for the prisoners' organization and united resistance.

Upon his release in 1973, he was promoted to rear admiral and assigned as the commander of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

A Congressional Medal of Honor winner, he is the most highly-decorated officer in the Navy, wearing 25 personal combat decorations including two Distinguished Flying Crosses, ten Air Medals, the Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Service Medals, four Silver Stars, and two Purple Hearts. (more)

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Admiral Stockdale came to the presidency of the Naval War College in 1977 with immediate past experience as the director of the Strategy, Plans and Policy Division of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Admiral Stockdale designed and teaches at the Naval War College a course "Foundations of Moral Obligation" to counter what he terms "the deadening of moral sensitivities." His philosophy filled the entire Education section of a recent issue of TIME Magazine. The Admiral plans to teach a similar course at The Citadel.

He is president of his Naval Academy class, a Naval Academy Foundation Trustee, and a member of Sons of the American Revolution, Ends of the Earth Society, American Academy of Achievement, MENSA (international society to conduct research on people of high intelligence), and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

Admiral Stockdale lives in Newport, R.I., with his wife Sybil, who is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and recipient of the M.A. degree from Stanford. They have four sons: James, a teaching assistant and graduate student at Auburn University; Sidney, a high school teacher and football coach in Colorado; Stanford, a member of the sixth form of the Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island; and Taylor, a member of the fourth form of the South Kent School in Connecticut.