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SPECIAL TO THE LA JOLLA LIGHT

AREA NROTC COMMANDER TO RETIRE

La Jollan Render Crayton, Capt., USN, chairman of the Department of Naval Science and professor at the NROTC Unit at the University of San Diego and San Diego State, will retire on June 30, it has been announced by the NROTC Offices.

Under Crayton's leadership, the unit has grown from 28 midshipmen to more than 150 and has become an active participant in campus and community activities.

Crayton's retirement follows a distinguished career of 30 years. In addition to his military service, including seven years as a prisoner of war in Viet Nam, he has been executive officer at the North Island Naval Air Station and chief of staff at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I. His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, five Bronze Stars with Combat "V," the Meritorious Service Medal, two Purple Hearts, and 18 Air Medals.

Crayton, his wife Patsy, and their son Douglas plan to remain residents of La Jolla, where he will enter a business career.

Successor to Crayton will be Capt. Cornelius F. O'Keefe. A graduate of Holy Cross, O'Keefe will assume command after completing a tour of duty as director of leadership, management, education and training for prospective commanding and executive officers at the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado.

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