

POWS



JEREMIAH DENTON
As he returned in 1973

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Leader of POW Return Is

Quitting Navy

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Rear Admiral Jeremiah Denton, who led the return of American prisoners of war from Hanoi two years ago, announced yesterday he is retiring from the Navy.

In an emotional speech to students at the Armed Forces Staff College, where he is commandant, Denton did not mention the loss of South Vietnam.

He had told friends earlier, however, that he began thinking about leaving the Navy when the South Vietnamese government began to fall.

Denton, 50, spent 7 ½ years as a prisoner of the North Vietnamese and was awarded the Navy Cross for enduring torture.

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