

USS RANDOLPH

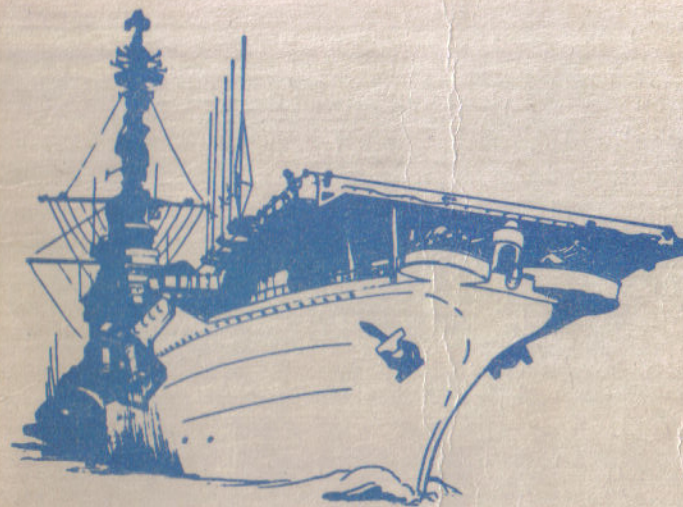
BUILT BY . Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.  
KEEL LAID . . . . . 10 May 1943  
LAUNCHED . . . . . 28 June 1944  
COMMISSIONED . . . . . 9 October 1944  
DECOMMISSIONED . . . . . February 1948  
MODERNIZATION COMMENCED . . 4 June 1951  
RECOMMISSIONED . . . . . 1 July 1953

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Modernization by Newport News Shipbuilding  
and Dry Dock Company  
Newport News, Virginia

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# U.S.S. RANDOLPH



## CVA 15

Wednesday, 1 July 1953

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U.S.S. RANDOLPH (CVA-15)  
RECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 1953  
NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD  
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, United States Navy  
Commander in Chief, Atlantic and U. S. Atlantic Fleet

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Vice Admiral John J. Ballentine, United States Navy  
Commander Air Force, United States Atlantic Fleet

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Rear Admiral Ingolf N. Kiland, United States Navy  
Commandant, Fifth Naval District

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Rear Admiral Norborne L. Rawlings, USN (Ret.)  
Vice President and General Manager  
Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company

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Captain Robert S. Quackenbush, Jr. United States Navy  
Commanding Officer

RECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Introduction of Officials

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Delivery of ship by Newport News Shipbuilding and  
Dry Dock Co. to the Commandant, Fifth Naval District.

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Acceptance of ship by the Commandant

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Invocation by the Chaplain of the USS RANDOLPH

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Commandant orders the USS RANDOLPH placed in  
commission

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National Anthem and hoisting of the Colors

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The Captain reads his orders

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Rendering of Honors

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Setting the First Watch

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Address by Vice Admiral John J. Ballentine, USN

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Address by the Commanding Officer, USS RANDOLPH

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Benediction by Ship's Chaplain

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Conclusion of ceremony and dismissal of crew

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Reception on board



## DEPARTMENT HEADS

Commander Norman C. Gillette, Jr., United States Navy  
Executive Officer

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Commander George D. M. Cunha, United States Navy  
Operations Officer

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Commander Alfred C. Jackson (SC), United States Navy  
Supply Officer

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Commander John C. Pepper, Jr., (DC) United States Navy  
Dental Officer

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Commander Frank B. Stone, United States Navy  
Air Officer

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Commander David Boyd, United States Naval Reserve  
Engineering Officer

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Commander Carlton E. Soderholm, United States Navy  
Navigator

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Commander James A. Alley, United States Navy  
Senior Chaplain

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Commander Walton L. Jones, Jr., (MC) United States Navy  
Senior Medical Officer

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Lieut. Commander Berkely C. Edwards, United States Navy  
Gunnery Officer

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Lieutenant Harry W. Enabnit, United States Navy  
Administrative Officer

## MISSION

As an attack aircraft carrier of the United States Navy, the U. S. S. RANDOLPH provides mobile base facilities for the effective employment of the military potential of embarked aircraft squadrons and detachments.

## SHIP'S DATA

Crew . . . . . 2,750 (Air Group Included)

Officers . . . . . 220 (Air Group Included)

Length (extreme) . . . . . 898 ft., 10 in.

Breadth (extreme) . . . . . 152 ft.

Draft (full load) . . . . . 29 ft., 6 in.

Displacement . . . . . 40,000 tons

Height . . . . . 191 ft., 5 $\frac{7}{8}$  in.

Flight Deck Length . . . . . 871 ft.

Speed . . . . . 32 knots

Horsepower . . . . . 150,000

Armament . . . . . 8 - 5 in. 38 cal. dual purpose  
guns. 28 - 3 in. 50 cal.  
anti-aircraft guns in twin  
mounts.

Aircraft . . . . . About 85



### HISTORICAL SKETCH

The USS RANDOLPH (CVA-15) is the second ship to bear that name, the first being one of the 13 frigates built for the Continental Navy. The original RANDOLPH was named after Peyton Randolph, a Revolutionary War patriot from Virginia.

The RANDOLPH was commissioned at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia on October 9, 1944 and was the eleventh carrier of the Essex class to be built. The new carrier, urgently needed to participate in the Pacific Theater, reported to the 5th Fleet immediately after "shakedown" and training cruises, actually launching planes against the enemy four months and seven days after commissioning, a feat believed to be without precedence in big ship history.

In the months the RANDOLPH was with the fleet, she participated in the history-making First and Second Carrier Raids on Tokyo, gave air support to the landings on Iwo Jima, took part in the Okinawa Support and associated operations in Nansei Shoto, Kyushu, and Minami Daito Shima, and was a part of the carrier force which again raided the Japanese mainland in July 1945.

During her first two months of operations the RANDOLPH emerged without a scratch. However, on March 11, 1945 while at anchor at Ulithi, a Jap suicide bomber roared out of the night with a full load of bombs and crashed on the after edge of the flight deck, killing 26 men, and wounding 105. Again on June 7, 1945 a "friendly" P-38, making "flathatting" runs on the RANDOLPH, misjudged its distance and crashed on the forward flight deck, barely missing an ammunition barge alongside at that time. Casualties of this unfortunate incident totaled 14 dead and 11 injured.

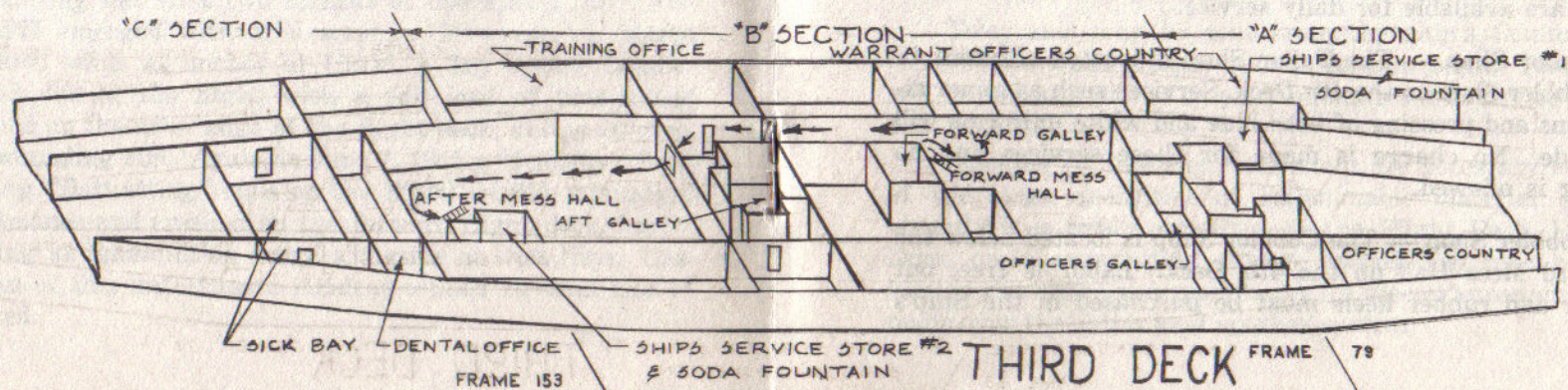
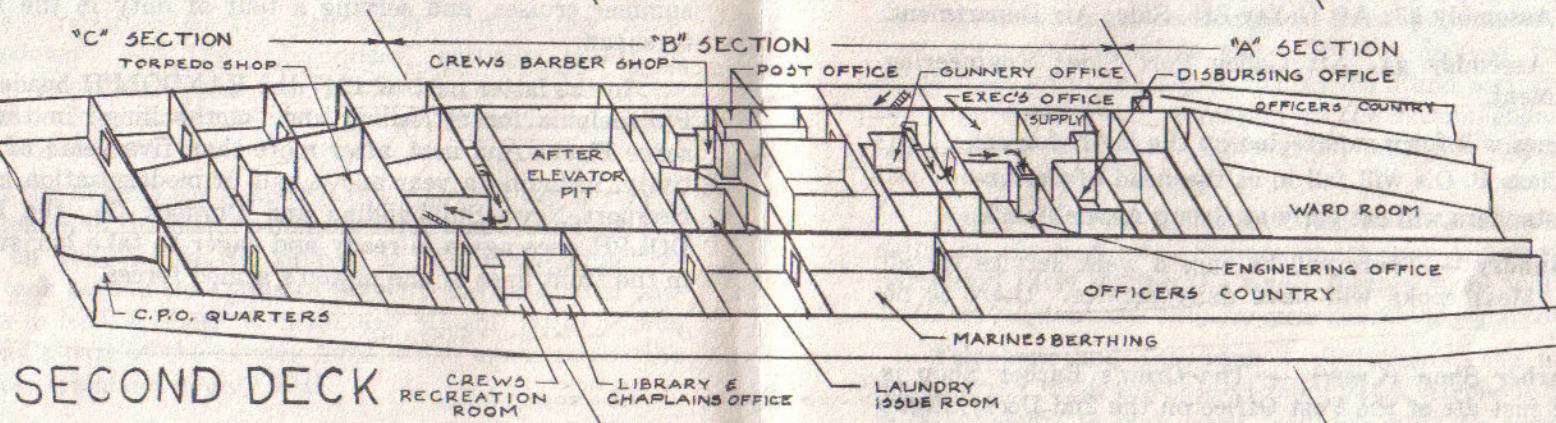
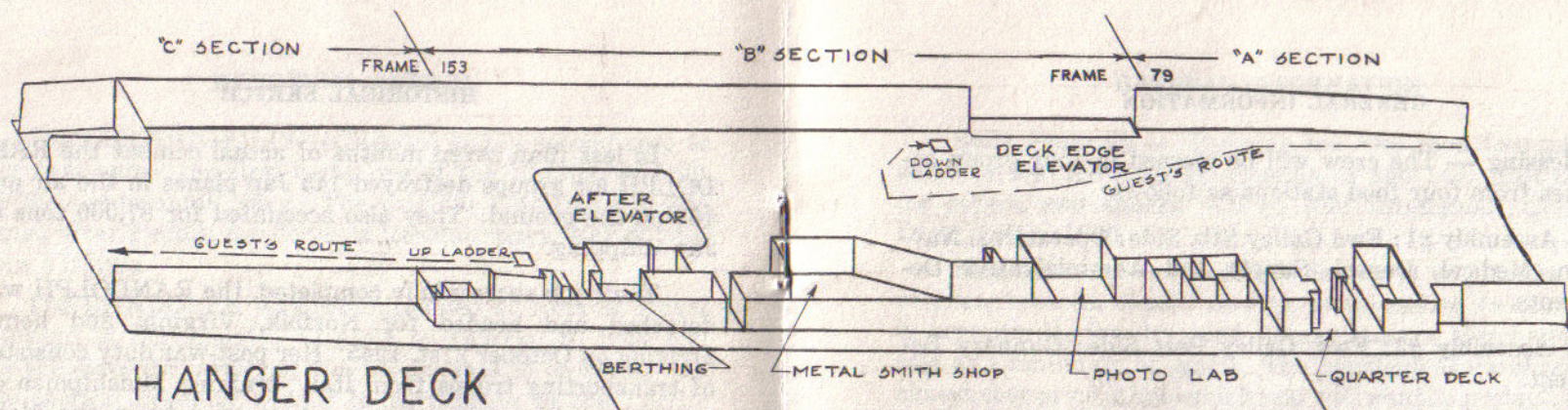
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In less than seven months of actual combat the RANDOLPH air groups destroyed 143 Jap planes in the air and 160 on the ground. They also accounted for 87,000 tons of Jap shipping.

Their job successfully completed, the RANDOLPH was detached and headed for Norfolk, Virginia and home, arriving on October 21st, 1945. Her post-war duty consisted of transporting troops from Italy, training Midshipmen on summer cruises, and serving a tour of duty in the Mediterranean.

In the latter part of 1947 the RANDOLPH headed for Philadelphia for offloading and "mothballing" in the Reserve Fleet. And now, after more than five years of inactivity, including a year and a half of modernization at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., the RANDOLPH once again is ready and eager to take her station in the front lines of the nation's armed forces.







## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Messing** — The crew will be messed in four group assemblies from four food stations as follows:

**Group Assembly #1:** Fwd Galley Stb. Side: Operations, Navigation, Medical, Dental, Supply and Administrative Departments.

**Group Assembly #2:** Fwd. Galley Port Side: Gunnery Department.

**Group Assembly #3:** Aft Galley Stb. Side: Air Department.

**Group Assembly #4:** Aft Galley Port Side: Engineering Department.

Mess lines will form as directed by the MAA force.

First Class P. O.s will fall in at the head of the line.

Watchstanders will eat early at Group Assembly #3.

**Laundry** — There will be once a week service for all hands. Mess cooks will have daily service. There is no charge.

**Barber Shop (Crew)** — The Crew's Barber Shop is located just aft of the Post Office on the 2nd Deck. Eight chairs are available for daily service.

**Tailor Shop** — The Tailor Shop is located adjacent to the Cobbler Shop on the 4th Deck. Services such as minor alterations and pressing of both blue and white uniforms will be made. No charge is made for these services and no tipping is allowed.

**Cobbler Shop** — The Cobbler Shop is located below the Forward Mess Hall on the 4th Deck. Labor is free, but leather and rubber heels must be purchased in the Ship's Store.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Soda Fountain** — The ship has two soda fountains located on the 3rd Deck by Frames 79 and 143. Soft drinks, ice cream, and snacks will be sold throughout the week from 1130 to 1600.

**Ship's Stores** — The Ship's Stores (1 & 2) offer toilet articles, tobacco, candy, foreign merchandise (when resale is permitted), jewelry, and luxury items. Merchandise is sold at a minimum of profit. The privilege of purchasing at almost cost price is one which you will want to protect, therefore purchases must be limited to items required for your own needs and bonafide gifts. Profits derived from all store sales go to the ship's Recreation Fund and are used for your welfare and recreation on the recommendation of the Enlisted Recreation Council and with the approval of the Commanding Officer.

**Mail** — The Post Office is located on the 2nd Deck amidships, on the port side. Stamps and money orders may be purchased there during the week. Letter drops will be located throughout the ship for general mailing purposes.

**Telephone and Telegraph** — Telephone calls may be made at sea when the ship-to-shore radio telephone service is established. In port, local facilities must be used.

Telegrams may be sent from the ship's Communications Office when underway or in foreign ports. Telegrams will be received at the ship's Communications Office at sea and in port.

**Smoking** — Smoking restrictions are necessary because of the large quantities of inflammable material carried aboard. It is never permitted on the Flight Deck, Hangar Deck, or in ammunition storage spaces, and may be prohibited elsewhere at certain hours by special announcements made over the ship's loud speaker system.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Athletics** — To “play hard” is as important for the crew of a fighting ship as to “work hard”. Facilities for varied athletics will be provided by the Athletic Gear Locker. We hope to provide wrestling, judo, boxing, baseball, softball, golf, touchball, basketball, and other body and spirit building pastimes.

**Locating Ship's Facilities** — Finding your way around the ship will be much easier if you will remember the system used to identify the various spaces. The ship as a whole is divided into three sections: Forward, Amidships, and Aft, and these are designated A, B, and C, respectively. Frame 79 is the dividing line between the A and B sections; Frame 153 between the B and C sections. The decks of the ship are numbered from the Hangar Deck downward: 1,2,3, etc. Compartments are numbered in sequence, starting at the bow of the ship, with the **even** numbers always on the **port** side. A further designation is made according to the use made of the compartment, as L for living, E for engineering, etc. If a compartment is subdivided a number will appear with this letter, as 3L, 2E, etc. To illustrate, a compartment might be designated as “B-316-L” in which case the B indicates that the compartment is in the Amidships section, 3 indicates that it is on the Third Deck, the 16 indicates that it is on the Port Side and is the sixteenth compartment aft of Bulkhead #79 on that deck, and the L indicates it is used as a living space.

## SHIP'S FACILITIES

| Place           | Location   | Hours Open   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Wardroom        | Second Deck<br>Comp. A-210-2L  | Breakfast 0630-0800<br>Sundays & Holidays<br>0730-0900<br>Luncheon 1130 on-<br>coming watch off'rs;<br>1200 all other officers.<br>Dinner 1730 Ens. JG's<br>and oncoming watch;<br>1830 Lt's and above |
| Barber Shop     | Second Deck<br>Frame 121<br>Amidships                                | Monday thru Friday<br>0800-1130<br>1300-1600<br>Saturday 0800-1130   |
| Ship's Store #1 | Forward Mess<br>Hall, Frame 79                                       | Monday thru Friday<br>0900-1130 1300-1530  |
| Ship's Store #2 | In After Mess<br>Hall, Frame 143                                     | Monday thru Friday<br>0900-1130 1300-1530  |
| Ship's Store #3 | Second Deck in<br>Wardroom Country<br>stbd. side<br>(Officers Store) | Monday thru Friday<br>1300-1600  |
| Soda Fountain   | Third Deck,<br>#1—Frame 79<br>#2—Frame 143                           | Monday thru Saturday<br>1130-1600  |



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| Place                   | Location  | Hours Open  |
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| Post Office             | Second Deck,<br>port side amidships                       | Monday thru Friday<br>0830-1130 1300-1600<br>Saturday 0830-1130                                     |
| Athletic Gear<br>Locker | Fourth Deck,<br>amidships — near<br>Cobbler Shop          | Monday, Tuesday<br>Wednesday & Friday<br>1300-1600<br>Saturday & Sunday<br>1300-1800                |
| Library                 | Second Deck, stbd.<br>side across from<br>the After Elev. | Monday, Tuesday<br>and Wednesday<br>1300-2000<br>Friday 1630-2000<br>Saturday & Sunday<br>1300-1800 |
| Cobbler Shop            | Fourth Deck,<br>below Forward<br>Mess Hall                | Monday thru Friday<br>0800-1130 1300-1600<br>Saturday 0800-1300                                     |
| Sick Bay                | Third Deck,<br>Frame 168<br>Starboard                     | Monday thru Sunday<br>0830 throughout day   |
| Tailor Shop             | Fourth Deck,<br>below Forward<br>Mess Hall                | Monday thru Friday<br>0800-1130 1300-1600<br>Saturday 0800-1130                                     |

### DID YOU KNOW

There are 1,644 doors in the Randolph.

Two thousand pounds of potatoes are required for one meal for the crew. This would require one man one month to peel. Now you know why we have electric vegetable peelers.

Enough gasoline is carried on board to drive the family car for 250 years.

There are 1,762 telephones in the Randolph

Sufficient electricity is generated on board to supply the maximum demand for over 2,000 homes.

The fuel tanks of the Randolph could supply fuel for your home for 40 centuries.

Three football games could be played simultaineously on the flight deck.

All the fresh water consumed on board is made on board.

There are 9,714 electric lights on board.

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