



U. S. S. CORAL SEA



Built By
NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRYDOCK COMPANY
Newport News, Virginia

Keel Laid 10 July 1944

Launched 2 April 1946

SPONSOR

MRS. THOMAS C. KINKAID

COMMISSIONED 1 OCTOBER 1947

REAR ADMIRAL W. L. AINSWORTH, U. S. Navy
Commandant Fifth Naval District

CAPTAIN A. P. STORRS, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer

HISTORY OF THE U. S. S. CORAL SEA

The keel of the U.S.S. CORAL SEA was laid at Newport News, Virginia on July 10, 1944. The ship was launched on April 2, 1946 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Thomas C. Kinkaid, and was the third United States Ship to be assigned the name CORAL SEA.

The CVE 57 was originally named U.S.S. CORAL SEA but this was later changed to the U.S.S. ANZIO. Subsequently the CVB42, the second of the Navy's 45,000 ton aircraft carriers, was assigned the name CORAL SEA but was renamed the FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. The third and last ship of the huge CVB class aircraft carriers now bears the name U.S.S. CORAL SEA (CVB-43).

The battle of the Coral Sea, after which this ship is named, was fought during May 4-8, 1942. This battle effectively checked the Japanese southward advance in the Pacific in their attempt to overwhelm Melanesia and Australia. This was the first naval engagement in history in which surface ships did not exchange a shot. The fighting was done solely by planes from opposing aircraft carriers.

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

The Prospective Commanding Officer reports to the Commandant of the Fifth Naval District that all is in readiness for the Commissioning Ceremony.

The Commandant requests permission of the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the Commissioning Ceremony.

Invocation by Chaplain D. S. Rankin.

The Commandant introduces Mr. Roger Williams, who delivers the ship to the Commandant.

The Commandant then accepts the ship for the Navy.

The Commandant reads the commissioning directive and orders the Commanding Officer to place the ship in commission.

The National Anthem. Hoist the Colors, jack, and commissioning pennant.

Honors are rendered to the Secretary of the Navy.

The Commanding Officer reads his orders and directs that the watch be set.

The Commanding Officer reports to the Commandant that the U.S.S. CORAL SEA (CVB-43) is in commission.

The Commandant introduces Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, U. S. Navy, the Senior Naval Officer Present.

Admiral Kinkaid introduces the Honorable John L. Sullivan, Secretary of the Navy.

The Secretary of the Navy delivers the address.

The Commanding Officer introduces distinguished guests and delivers his address to his crew.

Benediction by Chaplain H. W. Howe.

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| COMMANDER P. K. WILL, U. S. Navy | Executive Officer |
| COMMANDER P. D. BUIE, U. S. Navy | Operations Officer |
| COMMANDER E. F. JACKSON, U. S. Navy | Engineering Officer |
| COMMANDER J. R. COMPTON, U. S. Navy | Navigator |
| COMMANDER F. L. BOGART, U. S. Navy | Damage Control Officer |
| LIEUTENANT COMMANDER J. W. McCROCKLIN, U. S. Navy | Air Officer |
| LIEUTENANT COMMANDER C. A. TURNER, U. S. Navy | Gunnery Officer |
| LIEUTENANT COMMANDER W. S. DAUBIN, U. S. Navy | Communication Officer |
| COMMANDER W. M. SNOWDEN (MC), U. S. Navy | Medical Officer |
| COMMANDER C. H. McCARTHY (SC), U. S. Navy | Supply Officer |
| COMMANDER H. W. HOWE (CHC), U. S. Navy | Chaplain |