

# Program

CHRISTENING OF THE  
AIRCRAFT CARRIER

# RANGER

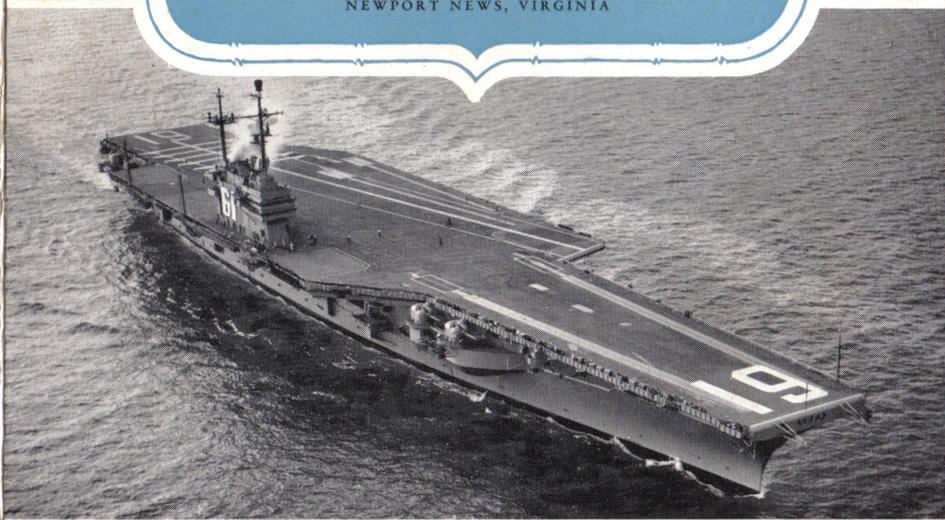
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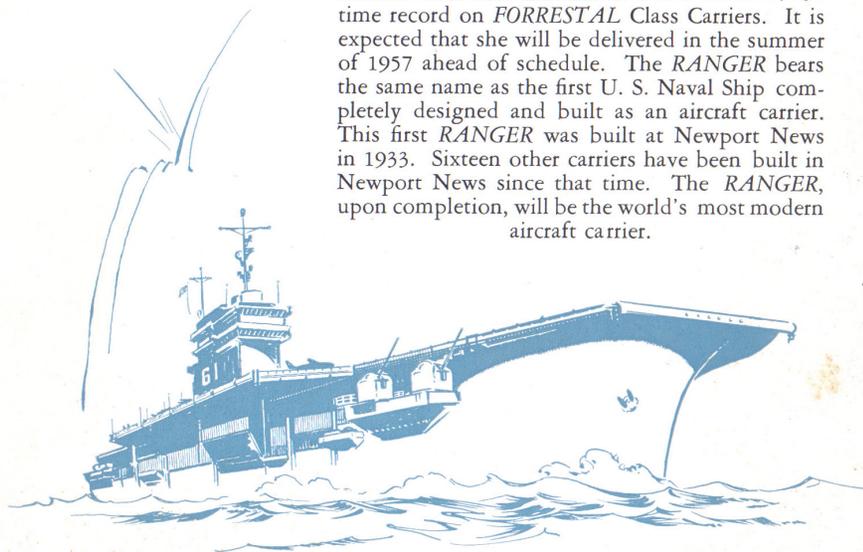


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The keel for the 1,046-foot Carrier *RANGER* was laid on August 2, 1954 and her launching 26 months after that date marks a new construction time record on *FORRESTAL* Class Carriers. It is expected that she will be delivered in the summer of 1957 ahead of schedule. The *RANGER* bears the same name as the first U. S. Naval Ship completely designed and built as an aircraft carrier. This first *RANGER* was built at Newport News in 1933. Sixteen other carriers have been built in Newport News since that time. The *RANGER*, upon completion, will be the world's most modern aircraft carrier.



## PROGRAM

### Rendering of Honors

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH A. BURKE  
*Chief of Naval Operations*

and  
THE HONORABLE CHARLES S. THOMAS  
*Secretary of the Navy*

### Air Salute

AIR TASK GROUP 182 FROM U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
Oceana, Virginia

### National Anthem

A U. S. NAVY BAND

### Introduction of William E. Blewett, Jr.

*President of the  
Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company*

### Address

WILLIAM E. BLEWETT, JR.

### Introduction of The Honorable Charles S. Thomas

*Secretary of the Navy*

### Address

THE HONORABLE CHARLES S. THOMAS

### Introduction of Admiral Arleigh A. Burke

*Chief of Naval Operations*

### Address

ADMIRAL ARLEIGH A. BURKE

### Introduction of Rear Admiral Edward B. Harp, Jr.

*Chief of Navy Chaplains*

### Invocation

REAR ADMIRAL EDWARD B. HARP, JR.

### Introduction of Sponsor

MRS. ARTHUR W. RADFORD

### Introduction of Matron of Honor

MRS. FREDERICK M. TRAPNELL

### Christening of the *Ranger*

MRS. ARTHUR W. RADFORD

