

USS Independence (CV-62)

Decommissioning Ceremony

Bremerton, Washington

30 September 1998



US Navy Captain Mark R. Milliken, Comanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), salutes the watch for the last time as he prepares to decommission the ship. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Gloria J. Barry, USN (# 980930-N-4541B-007).



US Navy Captain Mark R. Milliken, the last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62) signs a program for an *Independence* veteran after the decommissioning ceremony. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Gloria J. Barry, USN (# 980930-N-4541B-010).



US Navy Vice Admiral Michael L. Bowman, Commander, Naval Air Force, United States Pacific Fleet (right), exchanges salutes with the last Commanding Officer of USS *Independence* (CV-62), Captain Mark R. Milliken, (left). Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Gloria J. Barry, USN (# 980930-N-4541B-011).



The First Navy Jack has been struck and is to be transferred to the US Navy conventional aircraft carrier USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63). It is tradition for the pennant to fly over the Navy's oldest active ship, USS *Independence* (CV-62) decommissioning ceremony. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Gloria J. Barry, USN (# 980930-N-4541B-013).



The last Commanding Officer of the US Navy conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), Captain Mark R. Milliken, shakes hands with the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Gloria J. Barry, USN (# 980930-N-4541B-020).



US Navy Captain Mark R. Milliken, the last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), departs the ship for the last time during decommissioning ceremonies. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Spike Call, USN (# 980930-N-5961C-002).



The Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, congratulates Captain Mark R. Milliken, last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), for a job well done and awards the ship the Navy Unit Commendation Medal. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Spike Call, USN (# 980930-N-5961C-013).



US Navy Vice Admiral Michael L. Bowman, Commander, Naval Air Force, United States Pacific Fleet, exchanges salutes with Captain Mark R. Milliken, last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), at the start of the ship's decommissioning ceremony. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Spike Call, USN (# 980930-N-5961C-015).



US Navy Captain Mark R. Milliken, last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), leads the official party to their seats for the Decommissioning Ceremony. Following CAPT Milliken on his right is Vice Admiral Michael L. Bowman, Commander, Naval Air Force, United States Pacific Fleet, and behind them, the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Spike Call, USN (# 980930-N-5961C-017).



US Navy Captain Mark R. Milliken, last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), at lectern during the decommissioning ceremony. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Spike Call, USN (# 980930-N-5961C-018).



US Navy Command Master Chief, Machinist's Mate Master Chief Ashley K. Dwiggins presents the last Commanding Officer of the conventional aircraft carrier USS *Independence* (CV-62), Captain Mark R. Milliken a shadow box containing the ship's pennant. Bremerton, Washington, 30 September 1998. U.S. Navy photo by PH1 Spike Call, USN (# 980930-N-5961C-021).