Christening
OF THE

USS KITTY HAWK
MAY 21, 1960

New York Shipbuilding Corporation
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY
A SUBSIDIARY OF MERRITT-CHAPMAN & SCOTT CORPORATION
Welcome...

WELCOME to the christening of the USS KITTY HAWK, the world's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, and one of more than a dozen carriers to be built by New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

Yours sincerely, New York Ship, and of our parent company, Morris-Guggenhein & Co., with a deep sense of pride in the knowledge that we are associated with the construction of this powerful addition to our nation's strength in order to oppose the many threats to the world.

During the past 60 years, New York Ship has built every type of fighting vessel used by our Seafarers. Navy... ranging from destroyers to submarines, and from submarines to carriers. Built at home in the United States as ships have gone on to achieve great things around the world. None, however, has given us the sense of accomplishment that we feel today as we look at this great addition to our Navy.

The USS KITTY HAWK will soon join the Fleet. With her you will the listener of every wave of the New York Navy. We may be proud to have you with us today to share our pride in this historic occasion.

[Signatures]
Chairman of the Board
President
The USS KITTY HAWK

CVA 63

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The Sponsor

MRS. NEIL H. McELROY of Cincinnati, Ohio, wife of the former United States Secretary of Defense, will sponsor the USS KITTY HAWK at its christening. She will be attended by her daughters, Mrs. David S. Dimling and Miss Nancy Sue McElroy.
The Guest of Honor

THE HON. WILLIAM B. FRANKE, Secretary of the Navy since his appointment by President Eisenhower in June, 1959, previously served as Assistant Secretary from 1954 to 1957, and as Under Secretary from 1957 to 1959.
A City at Sea

S\*H\*W\*E: and complex, that it has been likened to a miniature
city, with an airport built on top. The 65,000-ton
\*H\*W\*K is as long as four average city blocks and
crosses from level to rooftop as high as a 25-story building.

Located in this compact area are living and working accommodations for
more than 4,500 officers and men, and maintenance and storage areas for
more than 100 of the fastest carrier-based jet planes in the world.

Named in honor of the North Carolina site where the Wright
Brothers made their first heavier-than-air flight in 1903, the new
supercarrier is the second Navy vessel to be named \*H*W\*K. The first was a merchant ship acquired by the Navy in
1941 and converted to an aircraft transport. Bearing the designation
\*H*WAK, the first \*H*W\*K served with distinction throughout World War II, transporting
aircraft personnel, equipment and ammunition.

\*H*W\*K was laid down December 27, 1986. It
was the first vessel to be constructed in New York Ship’s giant
growing dock, the largest privately-owned facility of its type in
the nation. Today’s christening will be followed by more months of
work, and delivery of the vessel is scheduled for October of
this year.

Relay, the 14-acre flight deck of the \*H*W\*K is everything
that must go into a modern city ... with a number of “extras”
for good measure. The \*H*W\*K must, in fact, be more
self-sufficient than most cities. While the average urban center
depends on almost daily shipments of food and fuel for survival,
the carrier must be prepared to remain at sea for months on
end ... and carry on board every last item conceivably required
for the vessel, her planes and crew.

More than 2,000 railroad carloads of material will go into the
building and outfitting of the \*H*W\*K. Construction of
the ship required more than 2,100 miles of blueprints and
some 13,000 drawings.

Included in the more than 3,500 compartments and spaces aboard
are 425 miles of electric cable, 180 miles of piping, almost a
third of a million gallons of paint, 28,750 electric fixtures and
an million and a half square feet of insulation.

All of the material and effort represented in this huge ship is
dedicated to one single purpose ... getting the carrier’s planes
airborne in split second speed and bringing them safely home.

“Safe home” also means protection for the vessel itself. To that
end, the \*H*W\*K is the first carrier to be armed with
guided missiles.