

Christening

OF THE

USS KITTY HAWK

MAY 21, 1960



New York Shipbuilding Corporation

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

A SUBSIDIARY OF MERRITT-CHAPMAN & SCOTT CORPORATION

Welcome . . .

WELCOMING to the membership of the ILLINOIS SHIPBUILDERS ASSOCIATION, the world's largest general contracter to be joined with grateful members, and one of them that a thank you is to look to New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

Every member of New York Ship, and of our parent company, Messier/Hughes & Smith, has a deep sense of pride in the knowledge that we were instrumental with the construction of this powerful addition to our nation's strength to make our agreement that was known as The Deal.

During the past 40 years, New York Ship has built every type of fighting vessel used by our nation. From . . . ranging from destroyers to battleships and from submarines to carriers. Both as manufacturer and as shipbuilder we have proudly followed the nation's lead at each of these. Thus, however, we give us the sense of accomplishment that we feel today as we look at this great addition to our fleet.

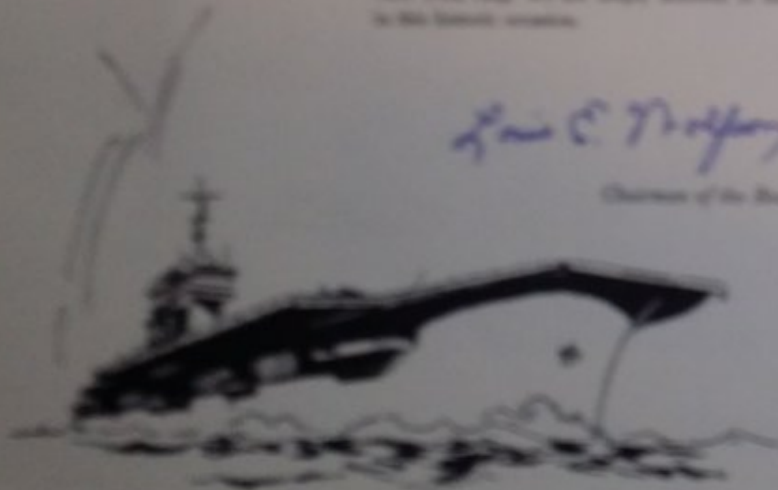
The ILLINOIS SHIPBUILDERS ASSOCIATION will now join the Deal. With her go the wishes of every man at New York Ship. We are deeply honored to have you with us today to share our pride in the future ahead.

Lawrence E. Proffers

Chairman of the Board

E. J. Smith

President



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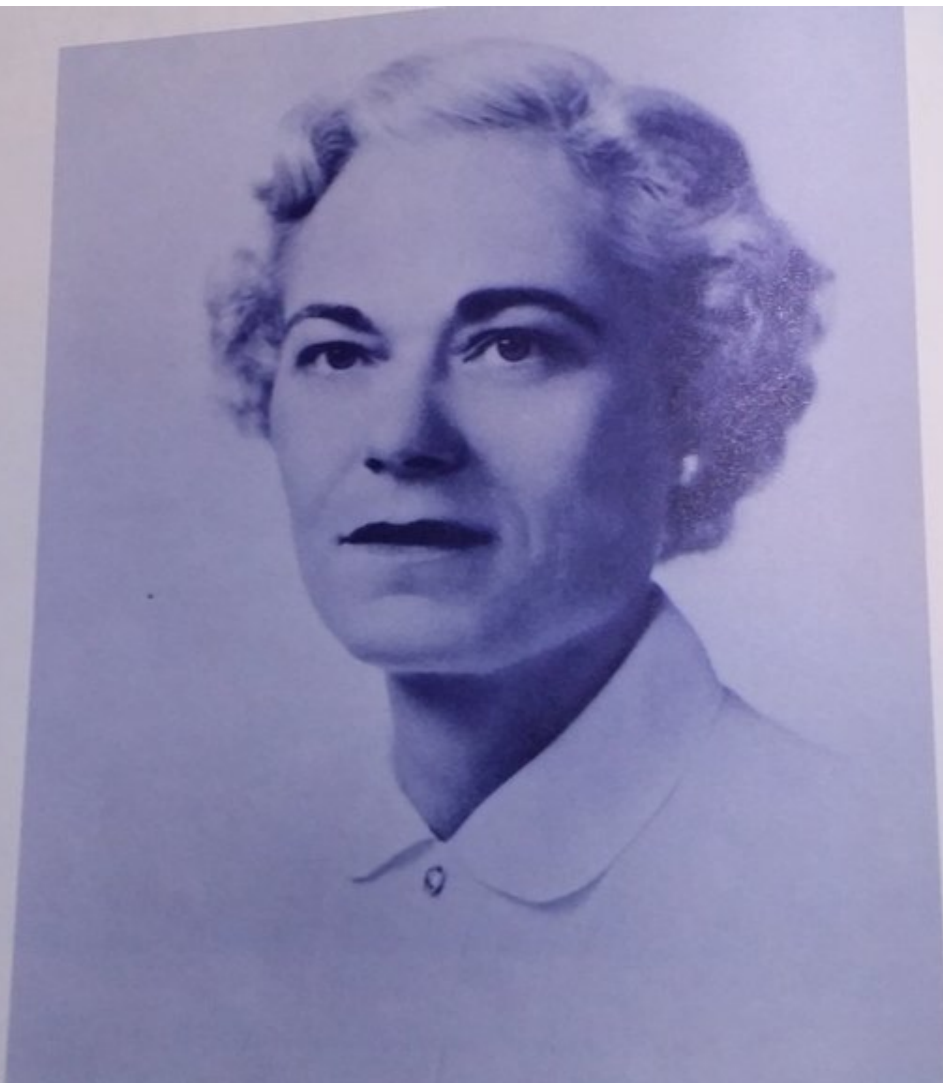
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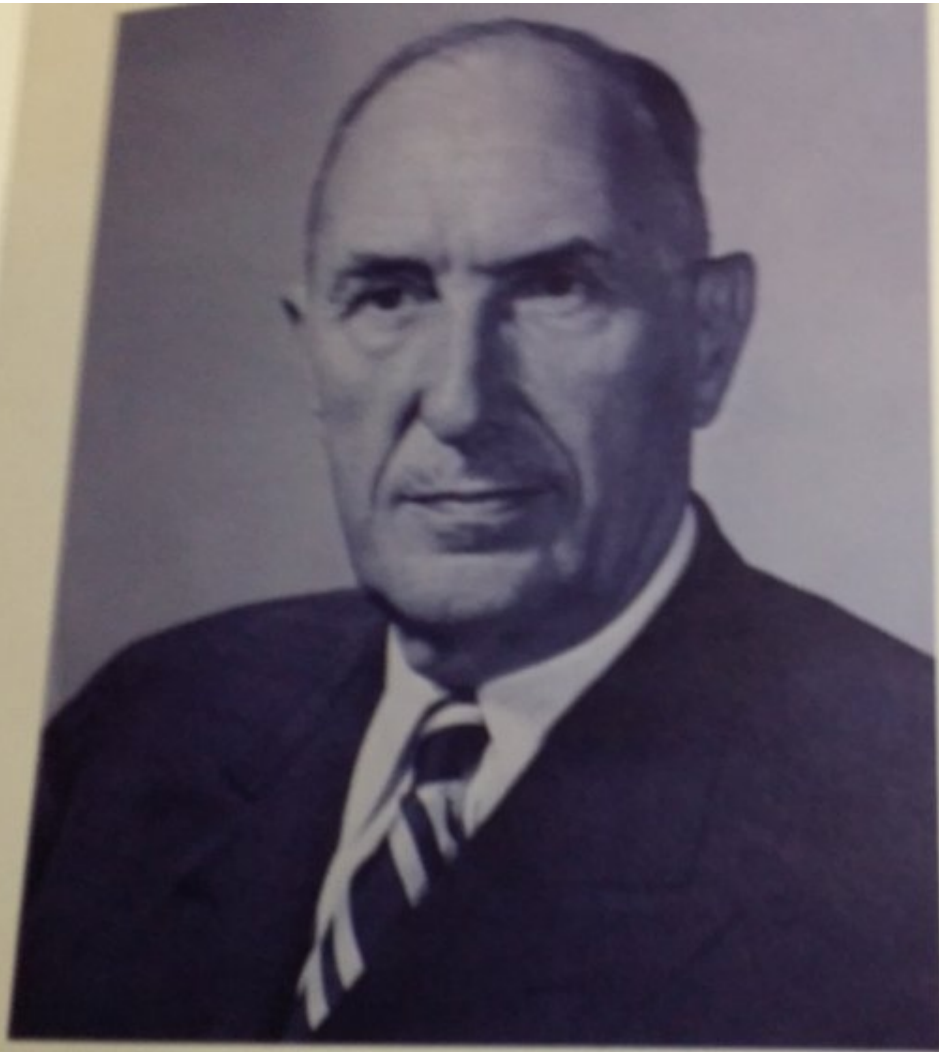


BUILT BY NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

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.





SO MUCH and complex that it has been likened to a miniature city with an airport built atop its roost, the 60,000-ton *KITTY HAWK* is as long as four average city blocks and rises from keel to masthead as high as a 25-story building.

Contained 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 latest 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 *KITTY HAWK*. The first was a merchant ship acquired by the Navy in 1941 and converted to an aircraft transport. Bearing the designation APV-1, the first *KITTY HAWK* served with distinction throughout World War II, transporting aircraft, personnel, equipment and ammunition.

Keel for the new *KITTY HAWK* was laid December 27, 1956. It was the first vessel to be constructed in New York Ship's giant graving dock, the largest privately-owned facility of its type in

A City at Sea

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.

Below the 4.3-acre flight deck of the *KITTY HAWK* is everything that must go into a modern city . . . with a number of "extras" for good measure. The *KITTY HAWK* 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 *KITTY HAWK*. Construction of the ship required more than 2,100 miles of blueprints and some 13,500 drawings.

Included in the more than 1,500 compartments and spaces aboard are 425 miles of electric cable, 180 miles of piping, almost a third of a million gallons of paint, 24,750 electric fixtures and a million and a half square feet of insulation.

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

"Safety home" also means protection for the vessel itself. To that end, the *KITTY HAWK* is the first carrier to be armed with guided missiles.



MARCH 15, 1960



DECEMBER 24, 1959

Progress Views



SEPTEMBER 21, 1959