

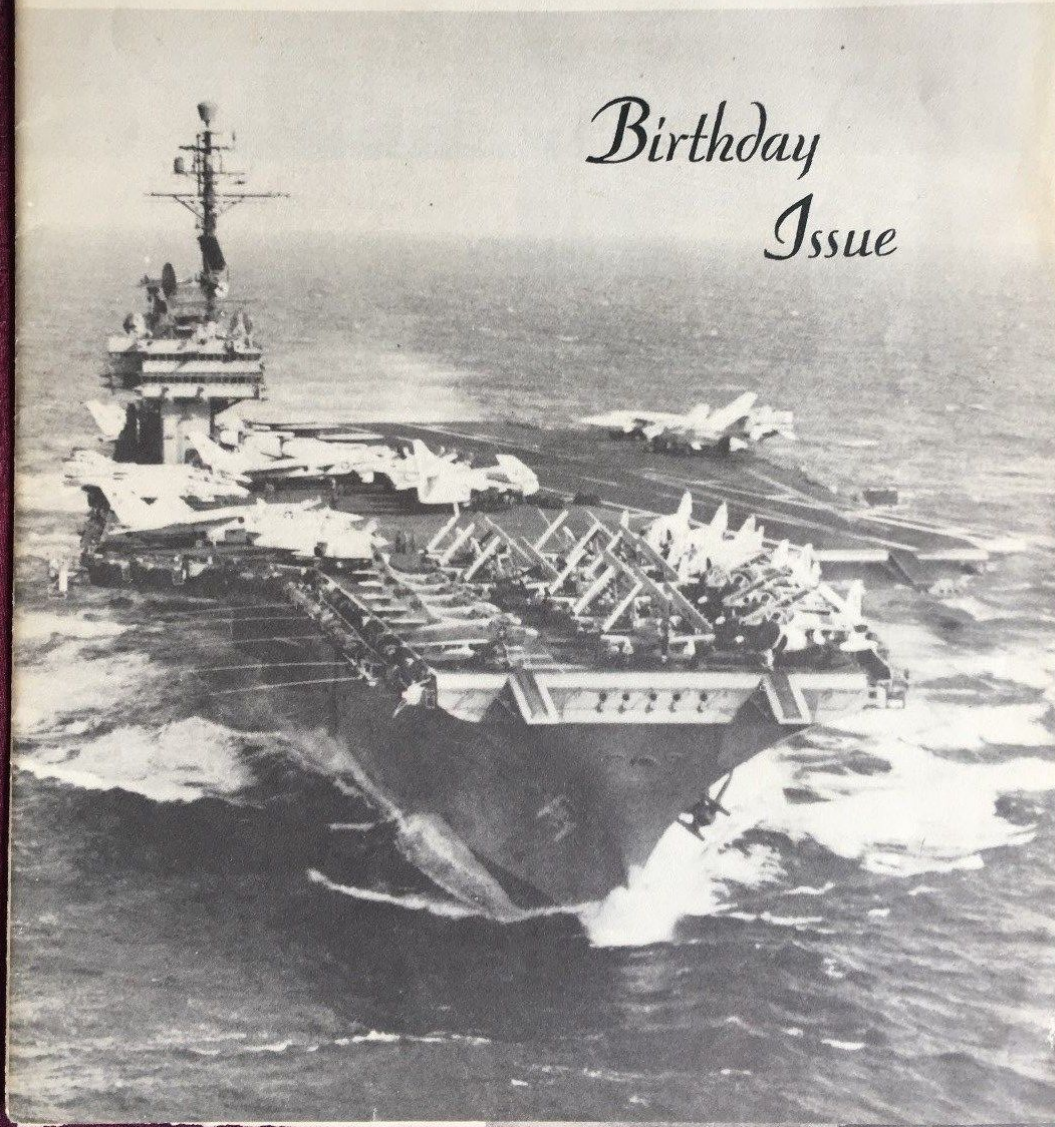


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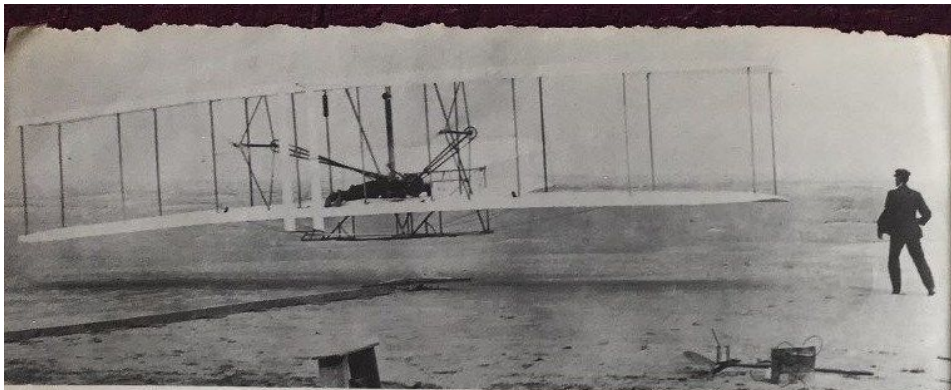
USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63)



*Birthday  
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## History

The attack aircraft carrier KITTY HAWK is the second American Naval ship to be named after the North Carolina site where the Wright Brothers accomplished the first successful manned airplane flight on December 17, 1903. The first ship KITTY HAWK was a 14,000-ton, 498-foot aircraft transport used in World War II.

In only four years of commissioned life, KITTY HAWK has already compiled an impressive list of accomplishments. She has rounded Cape Horn, completed two tours of duty with the SEVENTH Fleet in the Far East and served as a "Floating White House" for the late President John F. Kennedy, who was aboard in June of 1963 to observe a FIRST Fleet Weapons Demonstration. In April 1964 KITTY HAWK received the coveted Battle Efficiency E Award for the 1962-64 competitive cycle, making her the top attack aircraft carrier in the Pacific Fleet.

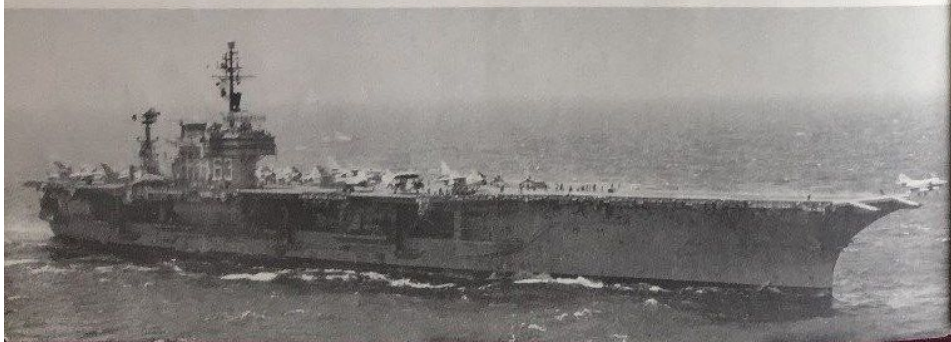
During her stay at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS) was installed. NTDS gives KITTY HAWK a fully automated, computerized command and control system. Another system, the Integrated Operational Intelligence System, incorporates all the latest developments in automatic data processing and integrates the ship with the world's most refined reconnaissance aircraft, the RA5C Vigilante. Satellite tracking instruments for navigation and more advanced and powerful radars were also installed.

KITTY HAWK's history, already bright in four short years, holds even greater promise for the future.

KEEL LAID  
December 27, 1956

LAUNCHED  
May 21, 1960

COMMISSIONED  
April 29, 1961



## The Role...

We in Kitty Hawk are proud of our ship and the role she plays in maintaining the freedom of the seas and the air above to help insure world peace.

With the combined team of Kitty Hawk and Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN, we have a significant part of our country's military power and the means to apply it with discrimination. To put it one way, Kitty Hawk has the capability to whisper, talk or shout, giving confidence to our friends and pause to any potential enemy.

F4B PHANTOMS



## ...of USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63)

As a completely equipped airfield, Kitty Hawk is capable of handling, operating, and maintaining the most advanced jet aircraft over prolonged periods of time. In addition, she can range oceans that touch all lands and change her position by hundreds of miles in a single day, enabling her to be anywhere to meet any situation.

This mobility renders Kitty Hawk virtually invulnerable to attack by ballistic missiles, yet leaves her free to answer an aggressive challenge by contributing her devastating force, either conventional or otherwise, in retaliation, whether it be limited war or all-out global conflict.

Proper performance of this demanding mission requires her 4,500 officers and men to constantly employ their abilities as engineers, pilots and technicians to insure that all components respond accurately and adequately. In the event you do not understand any aspect of our operations, please do not hesitate to ask our help. We will make every effort to be of assistance.

### VITAL STATISTICS

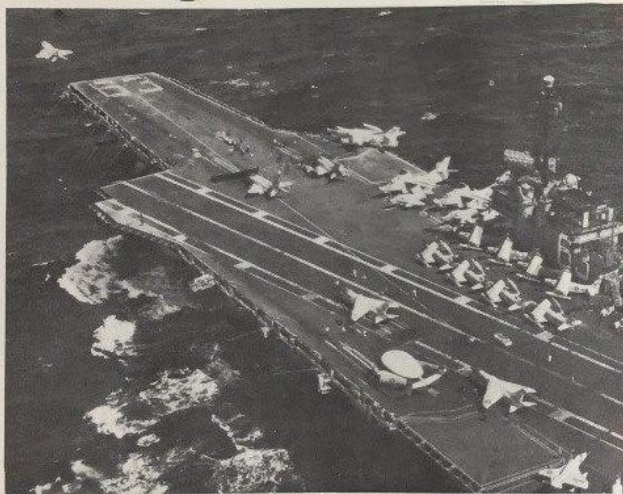
AREA OF FLIGHT DECK	4.1 ACRES
BERTHING	OVER 4,500
COMPARTMENTS	OVER 1,500
DISPLACEMENT	82,000 TONS
EXTREME BEAM	250 FEET
HORSEPOWER	OVER 280,000
LENGTH (OVERALL)	1,081
MEALS SERVED DAILY	14,000
SPEED	OVER 30 KNOTS
TWO ANCHORS	30 TONS EACH
TWO RUDDERS	45 TONS EACH
HOSPITAL BED ACCOMMODATIONS	86







## Flight



## Operations



## Finding Your Way

At first glance, KITTY HAWK's interior seems to be a jumble of compartments, ladders and passageways. However, there is a way to tell exactly where you are--learn the simple system of compartment designation used in Navy vessels.

As an example, let's take compartment 2-167-4-Q, the Public Information Office. How can we find it?

The first number, 2, indicates what deck the compartment is on. The Hangar Deck is the main deck and designated "1"; each deck below is numbered consecutively, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and so forth. Therefore, our compartment is one deck below the Hangar Deck. Going up, the decks above the Hangar Deck are numbered consecutively, but with an "0" in front, so that the decks above the Hangar Deck are numbered 01, 02, 03, etc. The flight deck is the 04 deck.

The second number indicates the frame number. In this case the forward most bulkhead of the Public Information Office is at frame 167, which is slightly aft of amidships. The frames are numbered consecutively (1-248) from the bow to the stern with about four feet between frames.

The third number tells you what side of the ship and how many compartments from the centerline that runs from bow to stern. In this case, the Public Information Office is on the port side, and is the second compartment from the centerline which starts at frame 167. If the third number is odd then the compartment is starboard of the centerline.

The final component of the designation, a letter, shows the use of the compartment. "Q" indicates an office space. Others are "L" for living spaces, "E" for engineering, "I" for a trunk (access to machinery and engineering spaces and voids, etc.)

By learning this simple system, it would be hard indeed for you to get lost, no matter how complicated and jumbled the compartments seem to be.







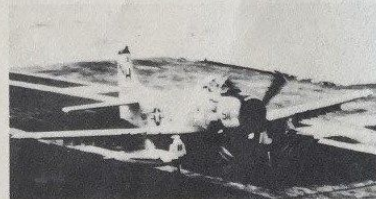
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2-MAN TWIN JET ALL WEATHER ATTACK BOMBER



E2A HAWKEYE  
5-MAN TWIN TURBO-PROP EARLY WARNING AIRCRAFT



F4B PHANTOM  
2-MAN TWIN JET ALL WEATHER INTERCEPT AND ATTACK BOMBER



A1H SKYRAIDER  
ONE MAN SINGLE PROP ATTACK BOMBER



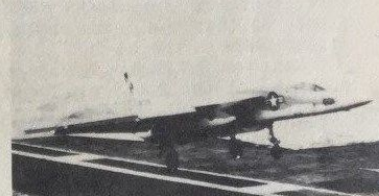
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Aircraft

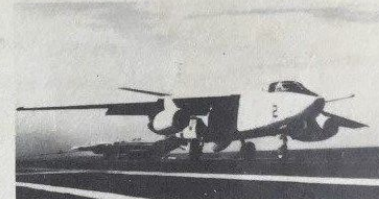
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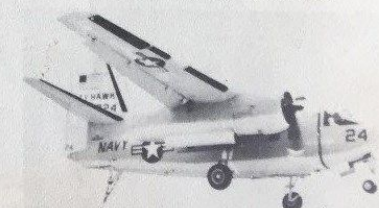
RA5C VIGILANTE  
2-MAN TWIN JET RECONNAISSANCE/ATTACK AIRCRAFT



A3B SKYWARRIOR  
3-MAN TWIN JET HEAVY ATTACK BOMBER



A4C SKYHAWK  
ONE MAN SINGLE JET LIGHT ATTACK BOMBER



CIA TRADER  
2-MAN TWIN PROP UTILITY AIRCRAFT

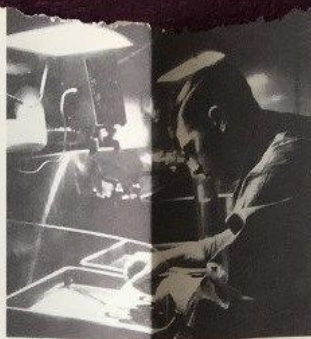




REFUELING AIRCRAFT



GOODWILL



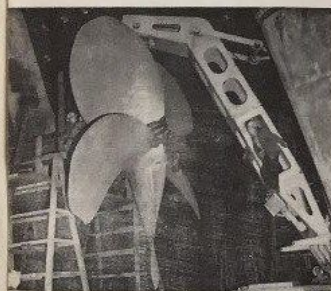
A WELL DEVELOPED PHOTO LAB



STRAIGHT COURSE



PREPARING MISSILES



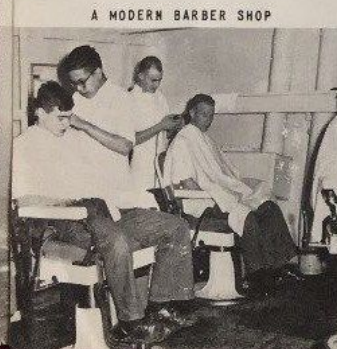
FOUR PROPELLARS - 21 FT. IN DIAMETER



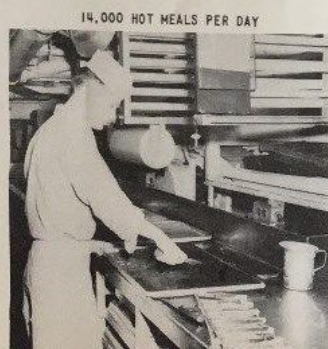
FLOATING POWER FOR PEACE AND A CITY OF 4,000 MEN: KITTY HAWK'S AIRCRAFT CAN PATROL THE SKIES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD



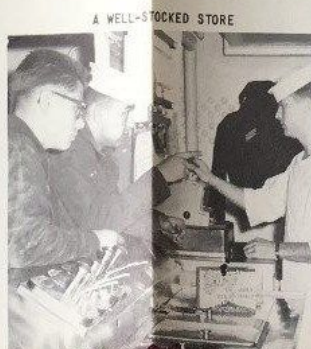
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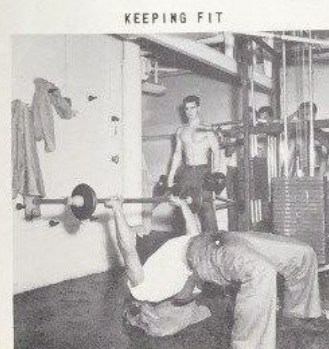
A MODERN BARBER SHOP



14,000 HOT MEALS PER DAY



A WELL-STOCKED STORE



KEEPING FIT



120 IN THE SHADE



# DATELINE... KITTY HAWK

AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, APRIL 29, 1966 - KITTY HAWK celebrates her fifth anniversary today. There will be no parties; just an awareness that this ship has been a major force in the U.S. Fleet since she was commissioned on April 29, 1961. Because of our role in the Vietnam conflict, her pilots will still fly off the huge flight deck to deliver bombs onto targets of her enemies, and her crew will continue to conduct their constant vigil within her. Unlike most "five-year-olds", KITTY HAWK is wise in the ways of war, as well as those of peace, for she has seen and lived in the grips of both.

*Editor's Note: The following are datelines and newstories that have appeared in KITTY HAWK's newspapers since the ship was commissioned on April 29, 1961.*

*Welcome to KITTY HAWK. It is a pleasure to invite you to share the occasion of her fifth birthday.*

*We feel she is the finest fighting ship in the United States Navy and has amply demonstrated this capability during the past five months off the coasts of North and South Vietnam.*

*We hope you enjoy your visit and will depart with a feeling of pride in KITTY HAWK's might.*

*M. D. Carmody*  
M. D. CARMODY



PHILADELPHIA, "APRIL 29, 1961" - - Today, at 2:30 p.m., the world's first guided missile attack aircraft carrier, USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63), was commissioned at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

Selected as her first Commanding Officer was Capt. William F. Bringle, and CDR. John M. Thomas became the ship's first Executive Officer.

Mrs. Neil H. McElroy of Cincinnati, Ohio, wife of the former U.S. Secretary of Defense, sponsored the attack carrier at its launching on May 21, 1960. Since then, sea trials and finishing touches have been added to make KITTY HAWK the fighting ship she is.

USS KITTY HAWK is the second U.S. warship to be named in honor of the North Carolina site where the Wright Brothers launched the first successful airplane flight.

The first KITTY HAWK, a 14,000-ton, 478-foot aircraft transport, was built in 1932 as a commercial vessel. Acquired by the Navy on June 25, 1941, she was given her name and commission and served throughout World War II transporting vitally needed men, aircraft, ammunition, and other cargo.

She was de-commissioned in 1946 and returned to her owners.

Our present KITTY HAWK is the first aircraft carrier in the world to carry the deadly Terrier guided missile; the missile launching equipment was installed in place of conventional anti-aircraft armament.

PHILADELPHIA, JULY 15, 1961 - - As the "foghorn" of the KITTY HAWK blows heralding her departure from the Delaware Valley, many men will look back longingly at the City of Brotherly Love. Philadelphia, home port of the KITTY HAWK crew for many months, will always be remembered. But as the mighty vessel slices the waves of the open sea, these same men will look forward to the beautiful towns and cities of California, land of sun and fun.

AT SEA OFF THE U.S. ATLANTIC COAST, AUGUST 20, 1961 - - The units of Air Group Eleven (now Attack Air Wing ELEVEN) were welcomed aboard the KITTY HAWK as its aircraft contingent.

The units include Fighter Squadron 142; Attack Squadron 113; Light Attack Squadron 115; Heavy Attack Squadron (VAH) 13; Detachment "C" of Composite Photographic Squadron Sixty-Three (VFP-63), and HU-1.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, OCTOBER 12, 1961 - - For many it was their first taste...and for many of the old salts, it was just another foreign port...but for the greater majority of the crew, the memories of Rio De Janeiro will recall many happy moments.

Copacabana Beach, in all its splendor, was understandably one of the areas most frequented by members of the crew. Here are lined some of the great luxury hotels of Rio's "South

Zone". Copacabana Palace, Miramar Palace, Excelsior Copacabana and the Riviera, along with a number of night clubs where you could feel the melody of Brazilian folklore - the sweet music of the "biano", the melancholy of samba blues, or the "barbarian rhythm" of the samba do morro - provided varied entertainment for all.

ON THE EQUATOR AT SEA, OCTOBER 12, 1961 - - In a prepared statement on September 22, His Imperial Highness, King Neptune, declared that the outrageous rebellion by the Pollywog Party was completely crushed. The military junta headed by King Gila Gola dissolved in entirety after peaceful negotiations in high level conferences. The rebellion flared up on the night of September 19 when 2,000 insurgents stormed the Piazza Hangarbay and proceeded to harass and torture known members of the Shellback Party.

The incident, hurriedly started, gained momentum with leadership and aid from high Pollywog Party Officials. Royal police averted a massacre and the two camps settled back for a period of watchful waiting sparked by intermittent smallscale skirmishes conducted by diehard individuals bent on keeping revolution fever high. Two days later violence rampaged, following a Pollywog demonstration against a visit from Sir David Jones, Secretary of State of Equatorica Atlantia. Sir Jones rushed to KITTHAWK Province on the orders of



His Imperial Highness, Neptunus Rex, after the news of the rebellion reached the capital city.

For five thousand years, Equatoria has been ruled by Neptunus Rex and the Shellback Party. King Gila Gola of Slimeycrud infiltrated KITTHAWK Province with 2,800 subjects and after outnumbering the three Shellback Party members, proceeded to form the outlawed and believed extinct Pollywog Party.

#### VALPARAISO, CHILE, OCTOBER 12, 1961 -

As the KITTY HAWK steams into Valparaiso Harbor, and abeam Fort Bueros delivers a twenty-one gun salute to the nation of Chile, it will seem to most of us to be a rather simple maneuver, but plans for this stop have been extensive. On Friday, the 13th, official visits will be exchanged with the local civil and military authorities both on land and on the flagship of the Chilean Fleet.

CINCPACFLT WELCOMES KITTY HAWK 080649Z  
WELCOME TO THE PACIFIC FLEET.  
YOUR PRESENCE ON THE LINE WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR INCREASE IN PACFLT CAPABILITY AND STRENGTH. THERE IS MUCH STEAMING AND HARD WORK AHEAD BUT BE ASSURED YOUR EFFORTS WILL SERVE OUR NATION'S INTEREST OF PEACE. YOU ARE WELCOME AND NEEDED.

#### SAN DIEGO, NOVEMBER 1, 1961 -

KITTY HAWK arrived at her new home port today, bringing to an end her maiden voyage which took her around the Horn to join the Pacific Fleet.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 31, 1962 -

KITTY HAWK is undergoing post shake-down overhaul from keel to mast, a three month job, here at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, MARCH 9, 1962 -

Relics of the Wright Brothers' first flight have been donated to the KITTY HAWK. The relics include fabric and wood from the original plane and a piece of the hangar which housed it.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 18, 1962 -

A unique application of closed circuit television, used to train pilots during carrier qualifications,

will be installed in the KITTY HAWK before the WestPac deployment. The new system, Pilot/LSO Landing Air Television (PLAT) is designed to give reliable records of a pilot's landings and to assist the carrier's Landing Signal Officer in Talking down aircraft.

#### SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 5, 1962 -

Capt. Walter L. Curtis, Jr., became the second Commanding Officer of KITTY HAWK in ceremonies aboard the ship here today. He relieved Captain William F. Bringle. Ranking military officers and civic officials of San Francisco and San Diego attended the hangar deck ceremony.

#### PEARL HARBOR, JULY 15, 1962 -

The ship plans to enter Pearl Harbor by way of Manala Bay. KITTY HAWK will be the largest vessel ever to visit the historical island, one of nation's treasured resorts. During our short stay it will not be all fun though, for we have many more drills and much hard work to accomplish during this first stop in our maiden voyage to WestPac.

#### YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, OCTOBER 11, 1962 -

As KITTY HAWK steamed into Yokosuka yesterday, on-lookers were awed by the giant carrier, the largest ship ever to visit the Far East.

#### AT SEA, OCTOBER 25, 1962 -

KITTY HAWK rolled up her sleeves last week and went to work as the newest operational member of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. Her first assignment, only two days out of Yokosuka, was to provide aircraft support for the joint Navy-Marine amphibious exercise on the beaches of northern Okinawa.

The exercise, under the command of Rear Admiral Francis J. Blouin, Commander Amphibious Force, U.S. Seventh Fleet, involved some 20,000 sailors and marines, 80 ships, and 200 aircraft.

#### AT SEA, NOVEMBER 10, 1962 -

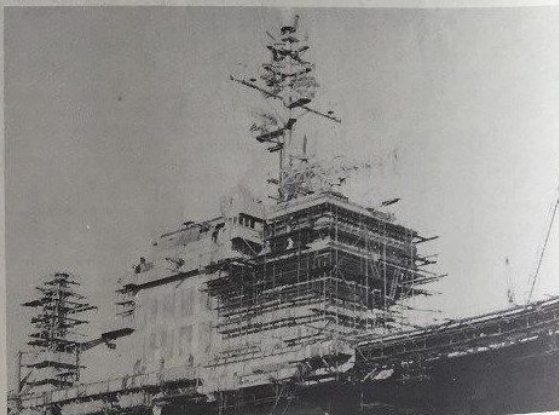
KITTY HAWK has been named "Ship of the Year" by the Girls Service Organization of the Armed Services YMCA-USO in Philadelphia, Pa.

#### MANILA, R.P., NOVEMBER 26, 1962 -

Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines and Mrs. Emanuel Palaez made a formal visit to the KITTY HAWK last Wednesday while the ship was at anchor at Manila. He was accompanied by U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. William Stevenson.

#### MANILA, R.P., NOVEMBER 26, 1962 -

KITTY HAWK is scheduled to host Admiral Harry S. Felt, CINCPAC, plus 45 guests of the Admiral. These guests are top military personnel from free world nations of Southeast



KITTY HAWK IN THE MAKING... Workers put the finishing touches on the island of KITTY HAWK in Philadelphia shipyards in 1961.

Asia and the Western Pacific. A weapons demonstration coordinated by ComSeventhFt was initiated to offer visual knowledge of the advancements in modern Naval weaponry.

#### YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, OCTOBER 25, 1962 -

KITTY HAWK will be the scene of the U.S. Seventh Fleet Change-of-Command ceremony on Oct. 13. At that time Vice Admiral William A. Schoech will turn over the helm of the most powerful fleet in peacetime history to Vice Admiral Thomas H. Moorer.

#### AT SEA, DECEMBER 25, 1962 -

KITTY HAWK is scheduled to host the Bob Hope Christmas Show on December 29 at Subic Bay, R.P. Accompanying Bob Hope will be Lana Turner, Anita Bryant, Jerry Colonna, Janis Paige, Peter Leeds, Amadeo Chabot (Miss USA of 1962) and Les Brown and his orchestra. The show comes only a week after our pleasant visit to Hong Kong.

#### AT SEA, DECEMBER 23, 1962 -

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York Diocese and Military Ordinate, visited KITTY HAWK during his 23rd tour of American military units in the Far East. The 73-year-old Cardinal was flown aboard the ship via helo on Dec. 23rd, the Sunday before Christmas. He said Mass on the Hangar Bay, addressed the crew and was flown back to Subic Bay, R.P. to continue his tour of military installations.

#### YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, JANUARY 12, 1963 -

KITTY HAWK docked at Yokosuka today for the second time since arriving in Westpac. Our next ports of call will include Kobe, Beppu and Sasebo.

#### AT SEA, MARCH 18, 1963 -

In a few days, KITTY HAWK will be relieved by her sister carrier USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64); there will be no formal ceremonies, but each carrier will sense the moment. We will say "sayonara" to Westpac shortly, and our thoughts will be turned toward the U.S. and a few months home.

#### SAN DIEGO, MAY 15, 1963 -

KITTY HAWK received her third Commanding Officer on May 4, when Capt. Horace H. Epes, Jr., relieved Capt. William L. Curtis, Jr., during a formal change of command ceremony in Hangar Bay #1.

#### AT SEA, OFF THE CALIFORNIA COAST, JUNE 18, 1963 -

"United States, arriving." At 1545 on June 6th, President John F. Kennedy, in a Marine helicopter, landed on our flight deck, and KITTY HAWK assumed another of her many roles.

This time she became the focal point of national attention - a floating White House. For 18 hours, the President was to get a full view of just what the Navy has to offer today in defense of the country - from guided missiles to remote controlled helicopters.

This ship was only one stop in the Commander-in-Chief's three-day tour of West Coast military installations. Mr. Kennedy viewed armed forces demonstrations in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

When the President's helicopter touched down and the rotor stopped, he stepped out and was greeted by Admiral John H. Sides, Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet; Vice-Admiral R. T. Keith, Commander U.S. First Fleet; Rear-Admiral Paul Masterton, Commander Carrier Division ONE; and Captain Horace H. Epes, Jr., Commanding Officer of KITTY HAWK.

Mr. Kennedy came to KITTY HAWK from the carrier ORISKANY, where he spent about 30 minutes in a classified briefing on the Naval Tactical Data System, which uses computers to solve combat problems. His arrival aboard ORISKANY was heralded with full honors - eight sideboys, a band with "Ruffles and Flourishes" followed by "Hail to the Chief" and a 21-gun salute from all the ships in the Task Force.

Upon completion of formalities on our flight deck, the President proceeded to his special padded chair to await the planned demonstrations.

From his vantage point where he was flanked by California Governor Pat Brown and Secretary of the Navy Fred North, the President probably heard, rather than saw, the initial act of the demonstration as two A5C Vigilantes performed a supersonic highloft bombing run by the bow of the fire power show, staged by 18 ships and 20,000 First Fleet sailors, was carried through without a hitch. As Admiral Masterton put it at the CONCARDIV ONE Change of Command ceremonies the following Saturday: "It was the finest performance staged by the Navy in a long time."

The First Fleet "performance" consisted of air maneuvers, missile shoots, and a demonstration of anti-submarine warfare tactics. The high-

light of the air demonstrations was the air-to-air missile firings at drones.

Six F8D Crusaders splashed a drone with sidewinder missiles while six F4B Phantom II's made a kill with Sparrow III missiles. Both groups concluded with a supersonic fly-by and maximum climb run, one of which caused a steward to spill some coffee in the lap of California Governor Brown.

#### AT SEA, OCTOBER 25, 1963 -

"The ship is making preparations for getting underway." After the passing of this word on Oct. 17th in San Diego, KITTY HAWK, assisted by tugs, treaded her way to the open sea for her second tour with the U.S. Seventh Fleet, in the Far East.

#### AT SEA, DECEMBER 23, 1963 -

Touching down of KITTY HAWK's flight deck Dec. 3rd in a helicopter, were Admiral Claude V. Ricketts, Vice Chief of Naval Operations and Vice-Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, Commander Seventh Fleet, for an overnight visit during Exercise Big Dipper.

Nationalist Chinese Forces combined with U.S. units in Exercise Big Dipper, a Pacific Fleet amphibious exercise conducted off the coast of Southern Taiwan. KITTY HAWK, one of 20 ships participating, supplied air support for the simulated, but realistic, battle problems encountered in the exercise.

#### HONG KONG, B.B.C., JANUARY 20, 1964 -

We've arrived at the "gateway of the Orient" - Hong Kong. We will be in the British Crown Colony for one week.

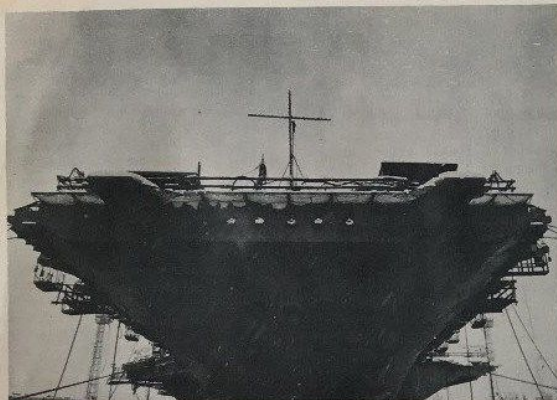
#### YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, APRIL 20, 1964 -

Capt. John L. Butts took command of KITTY HAWK in formal hangar deck ceremonies today when he relieved Capt. Horace H. Epes. Capt. Butts is KITTY HAWK's fourth Commanding Officer since the ship was commissioned on April 29, 1961.

#### YOKOSUKA, JAPAN, JUNE 15, 1964 -

Vice-Admiral Roy L. Johnson became the 19th Commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet today when he relieved Vice-Admiral Thomas H. Moorer in ceremonies involving full military honors aboard KITTY HAWK. U.S. and Japanese military representatives, and diplomatic and civilian guests were present, along with many members of the press.





CHRISTMAS IN THE NORTH ... The USS KITTY HAWK celebrates the yuletide season in the Bremerton, Wash. shipyards in 1964.

#### BREMERTON, AUGUST 15, 1964 - -

The aircraft carrier KITTY HAWK meandered up Puget Sound today like a holiday bus. And when she eased, stern first alongside pier 3 at the Puget Sound Navy Shipyard, she received such a tumultuous welcome that even old-timers were amazed.

KITTY HAWK, at 82,000 tons the largest vessel to ever visit Puget Sound, will be in the shipyard here for the next eight months for overhaul.

She's the first carrier to be equipped with shipboard launched guided missiles for air defense. And more than 100 jets and conventional aircraft call the big carrier home when she's operating at sea.

KITTY HAWK eased through the Hood Canal Bridge and scores of early morning motorists got out of their automobiles to wave and cheer.

At 10:30 a.m., an hour ahead of schedule, the KITTY HAWK poked her nose into Elliot Bay. Another surprise for crew members was the large number of small boats out to greet the big ship. Coast Guard patrol boats skittered here and there, warning back the adventurous, and the fireboat Duwamish threw up great showers of water. Streets along Magnolia Bluff were lined with automobiles.

As the carrier slowly treaded her way up Rich Passage toward Bremerton, squat ferries dawdled a while and let her have all the room, then waddled by and dipped their colors.

#### BREMERTON, AUGUST 17, 1964 - -

An ocean of Puget Sound residents crowded Pier 3 in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton to board the aircraft carrier KITTY HAWK during an open house yesterday. Ship officials said 25,000 persons visited the vessel. Another open house may be held at the end of an eight-month overhaul of the ship. The carrier will "go dry" September 5 in the world's largest dry dock.

The final statistics aren't in yet but it looks like it may have been a record setter for cross-sound traffic as the KITTY HAWK proved to be the most popular attraction around.

There's no doubt about it for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge - "We had the biggest day since the bridge opened 14 years ago, maybe even more than opening day," said a spokesman at the bridge.

#### BREMERTON, OCTOBER 23, 1964 - -

Almost since the day KITTY HAWK came to Bremerton and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, nearly 2,000 workers have been busy pounding, welding, ripping, removing from, and adding to her giant figure.

#### BREMERTON, JANUARY 11, 1965 - -

A tug removed the cofferdam and KITTY HAWK slowly backed out of dry dock number 6 here today. Work on the sides is to continue, as we remain tied up to Pier 3.

#### BREMERTON, MARCH 17, 1965 - -

After six months in port, KITTY HAWK's "old salts" finally got in a little sea time. The ship put to sea for five days of sea trials ... her first sea duty since her entry into the shipyard at Bremerton, Washington.

One episode in KITTY HAWK's first day at sea was the ceremonious burial at sea of Thomas R. Dillwood, CS3, who died February 25, at the Bremerton Naval Hospital. It was the seventh such burial since the Korean War, and the first for KITTY HAWK.

#### BREMERTON, MARCH 18, 1965 - -

The Bremerton Symphony Orchestra bade farewell to KITTY HAWK today by presenting a concert on board in Hangar Bay #1. More than 900 crewmembers and their guests attended. The concert featured Beethoven's Symphony No. 4, Overture to Leonore, and Concerto No. 1 for piano.

#### SAN DIEGO, MAY 29, 1965 - -

Exactly four years and one month following her commissioning, KITTY HAWK received her fifth Commanding Officer. Capt. Martin D. Carmody assumed command, relieving Capt. John L. Butts. Capt. Carmody's last tour of duty was as Commanding Officer of the USS ZELIMA (AF-49).

#### SAN DIEGO, JUNE 3, 1965 - -

KITTY HAWK and her crew will become "stars" this month when the famed motion picture producer Walt Disney and a production staff of 40 come aboard to film a sequence for their new film, "Lt. Robinson Crusoe, USN." Starring in the film is Dick Van Dyke, well-known television star, and star of the Academy Award winning Disney production, "Mary Poppins."

#### SAN DIEGO, JUNE 21, 1965 - -

KITTY HAWK welcomed aboard a new aircraft today with the arrival of the E2A Hawkeye from VAW-11, DET. C. The early warning radar planes have never been operational from an aircraft carrier, and KITTY HAWK has the distinction of being the first to welcome them aboard.

#### SAN DIEGO, OCTOBER 19, 1965 - -

It was a bright, sunny morning, though somewhat dimmed by a few clouds, as October 19th rolled over the horizon, illuminating KITTY HAWK at the North Island quay wall.

The word was passed: "All visitors are requested to leave the ship."

Arms waved, eyes met for the last time; five thousand men were gone for eight months.

AT SEA OFF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS OCTOBER 26, 1965 - - One sailor was rescued and another is presumed drowned, after both fell overboard in separate incidents from the KITTY HAWK late last night.

AT SEA OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM, DECEMBER 6, 1965 - - A fire broke out in the No. 3 Main Machinery Spaces aboard ship today, claiming the lives of two sailors and injuring 29 others.



AT SEA OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM, DECEMBER 17, 1965 - - The crew of KITTY HAWK received a very special early Christmas package today - - the star of stage, screen and television, comedienne Martha Raye and three musician accompanists.

The high point of her overnight stay was her dazzling show staged for the entertainment of the crew. Some 3,000 officers and men of KITTY HAWK gathered in one of the ship's hangar bays, on chairs, benches, boxes, wings of aircraft, almost anywhere they could get a good vantage point.

Another 1,000 watched the show on closed circuit television receivers throughout the ship. KITTY HAWK gave Miss Raye a tremendous welcome as she stepped to the stage. She sprinkled her show with many favorite songs plus her comical antics and jokes. When her show came to an end the crew was still calling for more.

AT SEA OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM, DECEMBER 25, 1965 - - Under Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Robert H. B. Baldwin, and prospective Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Affairs, Mr. Charles F. Baird, came aboard KITTY HAWK to observe operations in the South China Sea. Upon their arrival they were greeted by RAdm. James R. Reedy, Commander Attack Carrier Striking Forces, U.S. Seventh Fleet, RAdm. J.W. Williams, acting Commander Seventh Fleet, and Capt. Martin D. Carmody, KITTY HAWK Commanding Officer.

#### AT SEA, JANUARY 15, 1966 - -

After a busy December, KITTY HAWK headed north for a short rest in Japan. Although most of the damage from the Dec. 6th fire had been repaired by the crew, the remainder of the damage was repaired during our stay in Yokosuka by the Ship Repair Facility there.

#### AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, JANUARY 30, 1966

Vice-Admiral T.F. Connolly, Commander Naval Air Forces, Pacific, made an overnight stop aboard KITTY HAWK today during his inspection tour of Naval Air Forces in the Western Pacific.

AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, FEBRUARY 11, 1966  
Sixty-one medals were presented to Naval airmen today in an award ceremony aboard KITTY HAWK.

Receiving the awards were members of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.

Presiding at the ceremony were RAdm. James R. Reedy, Commander Attack Carrier Striking Forces Seventh Fleet; Capt. Martin D. Carmody, Commanding Officer of KITTY HAWK, and CDR. E. Royce Williams, Commander Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.

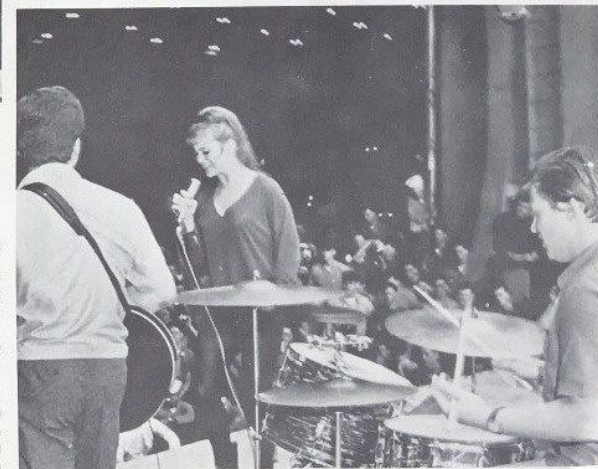
#### AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, FEBRUARY 24, 1966

Hollywood screen star Robert Mitchum made an overnight stop aboard the KITTY HAWK today. Mr. Mitchum flew aboard to visit with the crew and to wish them well in their role against the Viet Cong.

#### AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, MARCH 12, 1966 - -

More than a thousand crewmembers of this aircraft carrier swarmed over its giant flight deck last night to welcome the pin-up gal of Vietnam, Hollywood screen star Ann-Margret.

The stunning Miss Margret, along with recording star Johnny "Memphis" Rivers, landed on the wind-swept flight deck amidst crowding sailors and popping flashbulbs.



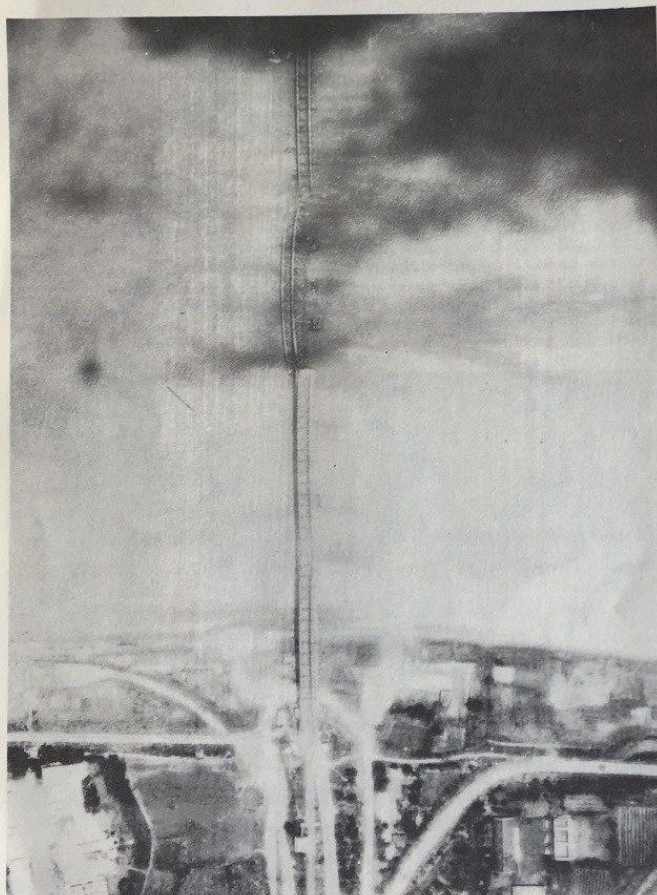
KITTY HAWK A GO-GO ... Hollywood actress Ann-Margret and recording star Johnny Rivers entertain crew in March, 1966, off Vietnam.



AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, MARCH 15, 1966 - Billy Casper has declared himself "very fit" and "very anxious" for the 1966 Masters' Golf Tournament, one of the few major tournaments to elude the perennially hot putter of the second leading winner of all time in professional golf.

In an interview aboard this carrier during a good-will visit to U.S. troops in the Vietnam area, Casper said "I plan to skip all tournaments up to the Masters", and feel my recent weight loss has given me a tremendous boost."

AT SEA OFF VIETNAM, MARCH 31, 1966 - Two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 238 Air Medals and seven Navy Commendation Medals with Combat Distinguishing Devices were presented to Naval airmen today in an awards ceremony aboard KITTY HAWK. Receiving the awards were members of Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN. Presiding at the ceremony were RAdm. James R. Reedy, Commander Attack Carrier Striking Forces Seventh Fleet; Capt. Martin D. Carmody, Commanding Officer of KITTY HAWK, and CDR. E. Royce Williams, Commander Attack Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN.



KITTY HAWK SCORES AGAIN ... Aerial view of Hai Duong Bridge destroyed by KITTY HAWK's Air Wing (CVW-11) in WestPac operations, 1965-66.

## 25 STILL HERE

The ship's history has particular significance to 25 crewmembers. They are KITTY HAWK plankowners.

KITTY HAWK plankowners who will help us celebrate the ship's fifth birthday are: Cdr. J.A. Slaughter; Lt. Cdr. N.W. O'Neill; WO1 Walter L. Hubbard; Andrew Horvath Jr., SW2; Leonard M. Gelinas, BM1; Arthur L. Kelly, BT1; Robert R. Waters, BT1; Albert Edwards Jr., SM1; Alvin T. Comfort, BM1; Lawrence B. Norris, BT1; James S. Kearney, BM1; Frank I. Starkes, SH2; Wilfred A. Bryon, BM2; Alexander W. Lyles, BM3; Virgil G. Gribble, BM1; James G. Blake, BT1; Bruce G. Lyon, GMM2; Allan F. Gaetzman, BT2; Edgar L. James, DC2; Henry T. Toomey, BM2; and David A. Garmon, SH3, Russell L. Sullenberger, BM3, Alfred C. Bartlett, GMMC, Frankie B. Thomason, HM2 & Ronald R. Jones, PN2.

## BRIDGE HIT

Aircraft from the KITTY HAWK cut the Hai Duong rail and highway bridge, clearly dropping two spans into the water, on April 17. This bridge has long been considered a major transportation artery in North Vietnam and was a much sought after target. Weather has hampered attacks in the past; however improved weather conditions allowed A6 bombers and F4 fighter/bombers to launch a surprise attack Sunday.

Located about 30 miles east of Hanoi, the bridge connects the seaport city of Haiphong with North Vietnam's industrial city and Capitol, Hanoi. Constructed of steel and sitting on four masonry piers, the bridge has five spans, each span being 258 feet long for a total of 1,290 feet.

Although heavily defended, thousands of pounds of bombs were dropped "on target." The second and third spans dropped into center-channel of the Song Thai Binh, thus blocking river, rail and road traffic.

Pilots encountered intense anti-aircraft and automatic weapons fire from surrounding defensive gun positions. Flak suppressing aircraft attacked and silenced one 37MM and six automatic weapons sites with multiple direct rocket hits.



