

HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY 11 a.m., July 25, 1998

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLATFORM GUESTS

HONORS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Hail to the Chief – 21 Gun Salute

MARCH ON THE COLORS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION
Captain Roy L. Bebee, CHC, USN
Ship's Chaplain

WELCOMING
The Honorable Charles S. Robb, U.S. Senator, Commonwealth of Virginia

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The Honorable William S. Cohen
Secretary of Defense

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS
The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America

PLACING THE SHIP IN COMMISSION
The Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, speaks and places ship in commission

ASSUMING COMMAND
Admiral Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, speaks and turns over command to Captain Otterbein

SETTING OF THE FIRST WATCH
The Honorable Ike Skelton, U.S. Congressman, 4th District, Missouri, speaks about the man Harry S. Truman
The Honorable Mel Carnahan, Governor of Missouri, speaks and passes the ship's long glass

MAN THE SHIP AND BRING HER ALIVE
Mrs. Drucie Snyder Horton
Matron of Honor

REPORTING FOR DUTY
Captain Otterbein reports to Vice Admiral John J. Mazach, USN, Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

BREAKING OF THE PRESIDENT'S FLAG

SHIPBUILDER'S REMARKS
Mr. William P. Fricks
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Newport News Shipbuilding

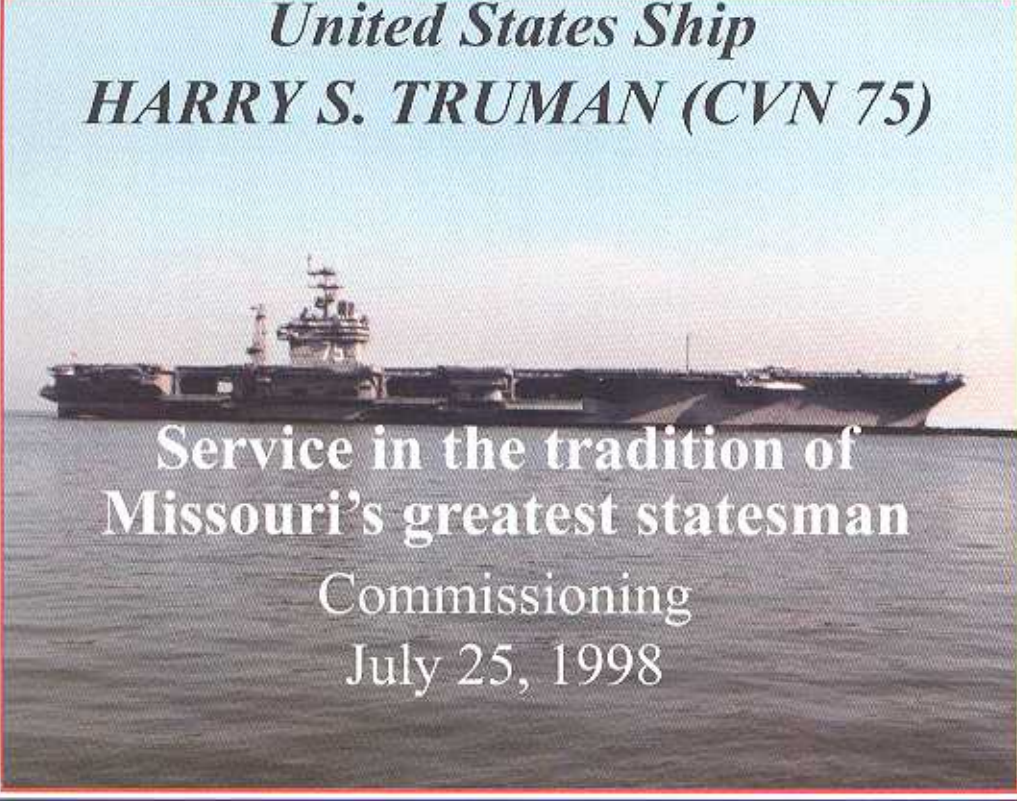
COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS
Captain Thomas G. Otterbein, USN

BENEDICTION
Lieutenant Commander David Holloway, CHC, USN

DEPARTURE OF PLATFORM GUESTS

There will be an Inter-faith Worship and Dedication Service on board *USS HARRY S. TRUMAN* tomorrow at 10 a.m. All guests are invited to attend.

United States Ship
HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)

A large aircraft carrier, the Harry S. Truman (CVN 75), is shown at sea. The ship is dark grey with a prominent superstructure and flight deck. The ocean is a deep blue-grey, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue. The ship is viewed from a distance, centered in the frame.

**Service in the tradition of
Missouri's greatest statesman**

Commissioning
July 25, 1998

Ship statistics



Contract awarded: June 30, 1988	Number of light fixtures: 30,000
Start construction: April 25, 1989	Number of telephones: 2,000
Keel laid: Nov. 29, 1993	Lifespan: 50 years
Christening: Sept. 7, 1996	Number of catapults: 4
Launch: Sept. 13, 1996	Number of aircraft: 80-plus
Crew move aboard: Jan. 12, 1998	Power plant: 2 nuclear reactors
Tons of steel used: 60,000	Propellers: 4, bronze, 21 feet across
Pounds of aluminum used: 1,000,000	Rudders: 2, each 29 feet by 22 feet
Length of flight deck: 1,096 feet	Width of flight deck: 251 feet
Height, waterline to mast: 20 stories	Area of flight deck: 4.5 acres
Water displacement: 97,000 tons	Top speed: Exceeds 30 knots
Crew size: More than 6,000	Meals served daily: 18,150
Miles of cable and wiring: 900	Number of anchors: 2, each weighing 30 tons
	Anchor chains: 2, each 1,041 feet, 684 links, individual link weighs 365 pounds
	Commissioning: July 25, 1998
	Homeport: Norfolk, Va.



*The Commanding Officer,
Officers and Crew
request the honor of your presence
at the commissioning of the
UNITED STATES SHIP HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)
at Naval Station Norfolk, Pier Twelve
Norfolk, Virginia
on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of July
nineteen hundred and ninety-eight
at eleven o'clock (AM).*

RSVP

*Participants: Full Dress White
Military: Summer White
Civilian: Informal*

CAPT Thomas G. Otterbein, USN

will assume command of

USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)

The ship's address will be:
USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)
FPO AE 09524-2875

OFFICIAL GUEST

COMMISSIONING

USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75)

Ceremony commences at 11:00 AM

on Saturday, July 25, 1998.

Please present this card for seating.