



PROGRAM

CHRISTENING AND  
LAUNCHING CEREMONY

U.S. NAVY GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE

MAHLON S. TISDALE  
(FFG-27)

TODD PACIFIC SHIPYARDS CORPORATION  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

FEBRUARY 7, 1981  
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- PRESENTATION OF COLORS ..... Marine Color Guard  
Naval Weapons Station  
Seal Beach
- NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... Navy Band  
Commander, Naval Base San Diego  
Director, MU1 Charles B. Bailey, USN
- LAUNCHING PRAYER ..... Commander Neil Shirey, CHC, USN  
Naval Station, Long Beach
- WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTIONS ..... Mr. Hans K. Schaefer  
Vice President and General Manager  
Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation  
Los Angeles Division
- REMARKS ..... Mr. John T. Gilbride  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
Todd Shipyards Corporation
- Commander David G. Kalb, USN  
Supervisor of Shipbuilding,  
Conversion and Repair, U.S. Navy  
Long Beach
- Rear Admiral Edward J. Otth, USN  
Principal Deputy Commander for Acquisition  
Naval Sea Systems Command  
Department of the Navy
- The Honorable Robert K. Dornan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
California, 27th District
- CHRISTENING ..... Mrs. Kenneth J. Sanger, Sponsor  
Karen Callaway Quinn, Representing  
Mrs. Arthur C. Whitney, Matron of Honor

Mrs. Kenneth J. Sanger is the daughter of Vice Admiral Mahlon S. Tisdale, USN. Mesdames Quinn and Whitney are his granddaughters. Mrs. Sanger will be assisted by her niece, Mrs. Quinn, in the absence of her daughter, Mrs. Whitney.

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## VICE ADMIRAL MAHLON S. TISDALE, USN

Mahlon Street Tisdale was born December 6, 1890 in Illinois, was educated in Minnesota and in 1908 received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy where he played football and was a member of the rowing crew. He was commissioned Ensign in 1912 and upon his retirement in 1947 he had advanced to the rank of Vice Admiral on the basis of combat awards.

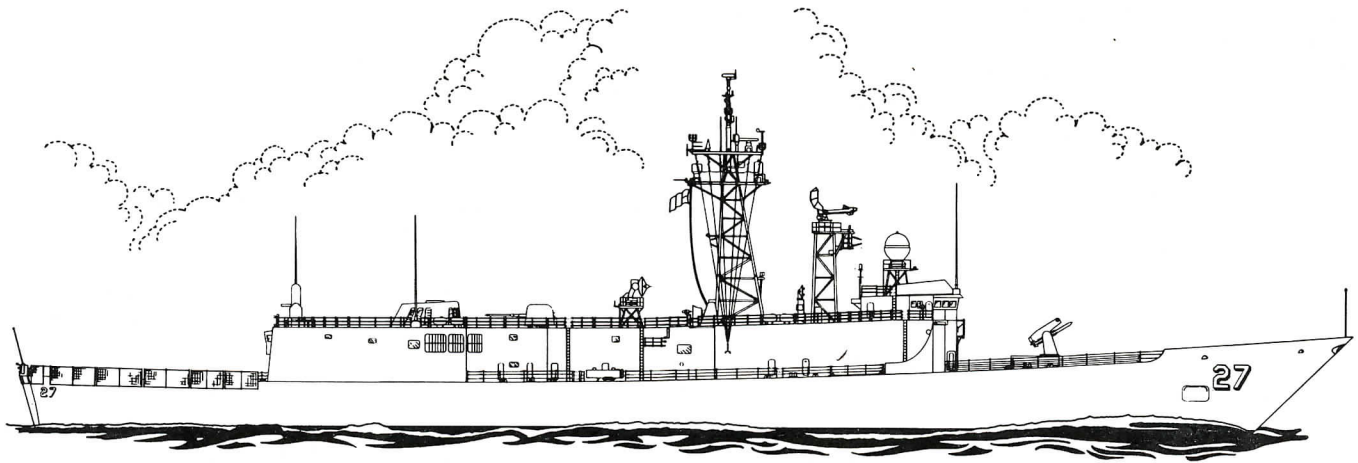
When the United States entered World War I he became Aide and Flag Secretary on the Staff of Commander Patrol Force, Atlantic Fleet; and later served in USS BIRMINGHAM as Aide on the Staff of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces in France for which he was awarded the Navy Cross. Other sea assignments in his career included service in NORTH DAKOTA; SALEM; PENNSYLVANIA; NEPTUNE; HART; LUDLOW; FARENHOLT (of which he assumed his first command in 1926); the aircraft carrier LEXINGTON; RIGEL; VESTAL; and CHESTER.

From June 1928 to June 1930 he was Officer in Charge of the Navy Recruiting Station, Los Angeles, with additional duty as Inspector Instructor of Naval Reserves. He also served as Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for a year in 1932.

He had three tours of duty at the Naval Academy: as Secretary of the Academic Board and Aide to the Superintendent (1921-1925); duty in the Executive Department (1933-1935); and in 1941 was designated Commandant of Midshipmen until the United States' entry into World War II when he was ordered to the Pacific Fleet as Commander Cruisers, Task Force SIXTEEN. During the latter service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Combat "V", and a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Navy Cross for actions against enemy Japanese forces.

From January 1943 until January 1944 he was designated Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet, and for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of the Second Legion of Merit. He received another Gold Star in lieu of the Third Legion of Merit for outstanding services during duty as Commandant of the Navy Yard, Mare Island. In September 1945 he was redesignated Commandant, U.S. Naval Base, San Francisco, until his pending retirement in 1947. Admiral Tisdale died July 12, 1972 in Vallejo, California.

In addition to the above-mentioned awards, he also wore the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon; the Mexican Service Medal; the Victory Medal, Escort Clasp; the World War Liberty Medal; the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with six stars; and the World War II Victory Medal.



The MAHLON S. TISDALE (FFG-27), being launched today for the Department of the Navy, Naval Sea Systems Command, is the seventh of thirteen vessels of this class currently under contract to be built by the Los Angeles Division of Todd Pacific Shipyards Corporation.

The vessel is 445 feet in length overall, has a beam of 47 feet, a full load displacement of about 3,600 tons, and will carry a complement of 17 officers and 168 enlisted men.

She will be powered by two gas turbine

main engines driving a single controllable, reversible pitch propeller, and will be capable of speeds in excess of 28 knots. THE MAHLON S. TISDALE will carry a single launcher for Harpoon and Standard Missiles, two anti-submarine helicopters, one 76 MM rapid fire gun, and two triple tubes for anti-submarine torpedoes.

This class vessel is a highly automatic multi-purpose ship which is designed to counter threats from aircraft, missiles, submarines, or surface ships.