

The Commanding Officer
Officers and Crew
of the
U. S. S. DAWSON, APA-79
request the honor of your presence
at the
Commissioning Ceremonies
to be held at
Berth 90
San Pedro, California
Wednesday, January the thirty-first
Nineteen hundred and forty-five
at two-thirty o'clock

COMMISSIONING CEREMONY



A few minutes before the ceremony begins, the Representative of the Commander, Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, comes aboard to place ship in commission. At this time the bugler sounds the traditional call, "Attention."

The Representative of the Commander, Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, and the prospective Commanding Officer go to the ship's wardroom, where official papers are signed, placing the U. S. S. DAWSON under the jurisdiction of the United States Navy.

The Representative of the Commander, Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island, and the prospective Commanding Officer come on deck and the official ceremony begins.

The prospective Commanding Officer, through his executive Officer, orders the band to "Sound Off." The National Anthem is played, while the National Ensign and the Union Jack are hoisted and the Commission Pennant broken.

The prospective Commanding Officer then reads his Official orders and reports that he accepts the ship and assumes full command.

The Commanding Officer orders his Executive Officer to "Set the watch." Boatswain's Mate pipes watch to stations. Members of the watch immediately take stations and normal ship's routine begins.

The chaplain delivers the invocation, blessing the ship and her crew.

The Commanding Officer invites all guests to inspect his ship and the official commissioning ceremony ends.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS



Lieut. Commander Richard S. Cass, USNR Commanding Officer
Lieut. Raymond W. Ross, Jr., USNR - - - Executive Officer
Lieut. Stuart S. Jennings, USNR - - - - - Navigator
Lieut. Douglas H. Maynard, USNR - - - - - First Lieutenant
Lieut. Tomas A. Riordan, USNR - - - - - Engineer Officer
Lieut. John L. Schroeder, USNR - - Communication Officer
Lieut. (jg) John V. N. Meyer, USNR - - - Gunnery Officer
Lieut. (jg) James A. O'Brien, USNR - - Asst. Gunnery Officer
Lieut. (jg) Raymond Pruitt, USNR - - - Recognition Officer
Ensign Marcellus L. Johnston, USN - - - - - Ship's Secretary
Ensign Donald K. Ottman, USNR - - - 1st Division Officer
Ensign Wayne E. Spainhour, USN - - Asst. Engineer Officer
Ensign Robert L. Taylor, USNR - - - - - Asst. Navigator
Ensign Marion R. Newman, USNR - - - 3rd Division Officer
Ensign Harry Gensemer, USNR - - - Asst. Engineer Officer
Ensign Jean M. Jenkins, USNR - - - - - CIC Officer
Lieut. Commander Albert M. Hopper, USNR - Dental Officer
Lieut. John E. Wilson, USNR - - - - - Medical Officer
Lieut. (jg) Oscar L. Moseley, USN - - - - - Supply Officer
Ensign Norman C. Lyman, USNR - - - - - Disbursing Officer
Chief Machinist George W. Blank, USN - M Division Officer
Boatswain Hol C. Clinton, USN - - - - - Asst. First Lieut.
Carpenter Howard C. Taylor, USN - - - Asst. First Lieut.
Electrician Lyman E. Meyer, USNR - - - E Division Officer
Pay Clerk Zachary J. Dreher, USNR - - Asst. Supply Officer

THE U. S. S. DAWSON



The U. S. S. DAWSON (APA-79) was built by the Consolidated Steel Corporation, Ltd., Wilmington, California. Her Keel was laid on 29 August, 1944 and she was launched on 27 November, 1944, her sponsor being Mrs. Preston Hotchkis, 1415 Circle Drive, San Marino, California.

The Dawson is named for Dawson County in the following states: Texas, Nebraska, Montana, and Georgia.