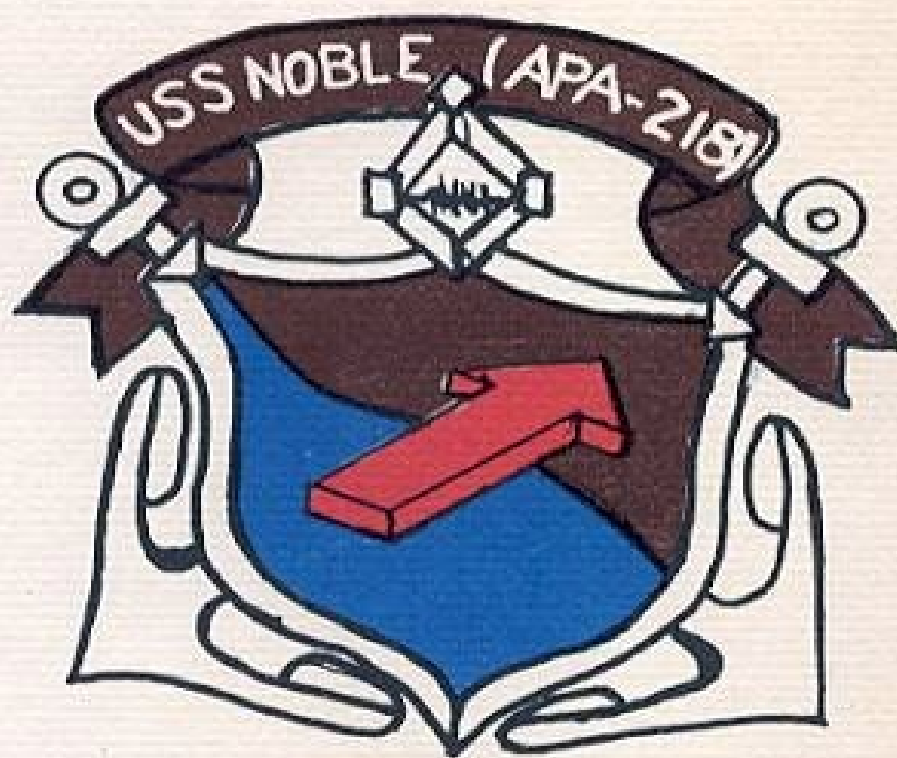


WELCOME ABOARD



Amphibious Squadron ONE
Amphibious Force U. S. Pacific Fleet

The Noble's primary mission is the transportation to the combat area of the men and materials necessary for an assault on an enemy shore. Upon arrival her "Main Armament," the many boats she carries, deliver the troops and cargo to the beach in a rapid and orderly fashion.

CHARACTERISTICS

Over-all-length	455'3"
Beam	62'-1 5/8"
Maximum Draft	24'
Maximum Speed	18 kts
Troop Capacity	1,500
Ship's Crew	300
Armament	1-quad-40mm twin mts
Water Capacity (distilling)	40,000 gal / day
Displacement	9,250 tons
Weight of Anchors (2)	11,000 lbs ea
Number of Landing Craft	22

EMPLOYMENT

Following launching at Richmond California, on 27 November 1944, the USS NOBLE (APA-218) started her distinguished career:

Western Pacific January 1945
Invasion of Okinawa
Magic Carpet Operations
Atlantic Fleet December 1946
Operation Camid
Operation Vieques
Eastern Pacific September 1949
Operation Mikie
Operation Portrex
Western Pacific August 1950
Inchon Landing
Pusan-Wonsan Lift
Eastern Pacific April 1951
Western Pacific October 1951
Eastern Pacific June 1952
Operation Sea Jump
Western Pacific July 1953
Operation Big Switch
Eastern Pacific December 1953
Western Pacific December 1954
Operation King Kong
Tachen Island Evacuation
Eastern Pacific April 1955
Western Pacific August 1957
Phiblink
Strong Back
Eastern Pacific April 1958
Western Pacific April 1959
Eastern Pacific November 1959
Operation Swan Dive

