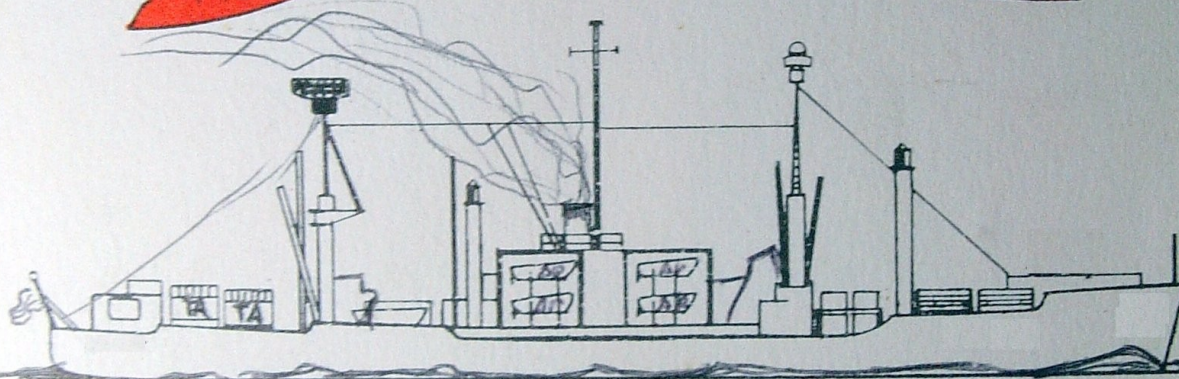


# Transfer Ceremony



U.S.S. NOBLE (APA 218)

SPANISH SHIP TA-11

2:45 p.m.

19 December 1964

SAN FRANCISCO NAVAL SHIPYARD  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



## HISTORY OF THE U. S. S. NOBLE (APA 218)

The USS NOBLE was built by Permanente Metals Corporation and fitted out by the Kaiser Shipyard at Richmond, California in 1944. She was launched on 18 October 1944 and commissioned on 27 November of the same year. The NOBLE was named in honor of Noble Counties in Indiana, Ohio, and Oklahoma.

In January 1945, NOBLE sailed to the Western Pacific to participate in the Okinawa campaign. NOBLE was attached to the Atlantic Fleet from 1946 to 1949. She returned to San Diego in late 1949. In August 1950 NOBLE sailed for Korea to participate in the Inchon invasion, and other operations until July 1953.

Subsequent to the Korean conflict NOBLE conducted routine training operations in both the Eastern and Western Pacific areas, and in 1955 assisted in the evacuation of Chinese civilian and military personnel from the Tachen Islands to Formosa.

At the outset of the Cuban crisis on 27 October 1962 NOBLE loaded some 1400 Marines and their equipment and sailed for the Caribbean in company with other Pacific Fleet Amphibious Forces. She returned to San Diego in December, then deployed to the Western Pacific from March - December 1963 for a tour with the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Ready Group.

NOBLE conducted routine training operations in the San Diego area from December 1963 until 29 June 1964 when she arrived at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. Decommissioning ceremonies followed on 20 July 1964 preparatory to an overhaul at San Francisco Naval Shipyard September - December 1964 and ultimate transfer to the Government of Spain under the Mutual Assistance Program.

## PARTICIPATING OFFICIALS

The Honorable Mariano Sanz-Briz, Consul General, Accredited Representative of the Government of Spain.

Rear Admiral John McNay Taylor, U.S. Navy, Commandant Twelfth Naval District.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

At 1430 Participating Officials Arrive on Board

Decommissioning of NOBLE (APA 218) by Rear Admiral John McNay Taylor, U.S. Navy, Commandant Twelfth Naval District.

The Honorable Mariano Sanz-Briz, Consul General Accepts the Ship for the Government of Spain.

Commissioning into the Spanish Navy of Spanish Ship (TA-11).

Colors - Spanish National Anthem.

Commission Pennant Broken.

Commanding Officer's Remarks to his Crew - Captain Diaz.

Honors on Departure.

Commanding Officer - CAPT. Jose Diaz Cunado, SN  
Executive Officer - CDR. Agustin Rosely Caro, SN  
Operations Officer - LCDR. Rafael Ponce Cordones, SN

First Lieutenant - LT. Pedro Barrionuevo Diaz, SN  
Chief Engineer - LT. Alejandro Herrero Morillo, SN  
Communications Officer - LT. Francisco Bendala Vega, SN  
Chaplain - LT. Manuel Rosan Borrego de la Rocha, CHC, SN  
Combat Cargo Officer - CAPT. Jose Manuel Estevez Ons, SMC  
Supply Officer - LT. Gumersindo Ruiz de Azcorate, SC, SN  
Medical Officer - LT. Jose Lopez Sanchez, MC, SN  
Navigator - LT. Manuel Garcia Fernandez, SN  
Gunnery Officer - LTJG. Juan Ruiz de Velasco, SN  
Boat Group Commander - LTJG. Ignacio Lizarraga Galar, SN  
CIC Officer - LTJG. Manuel de Diego Rodriguez, SN  
Damage Control Officer - LTJG. Juan Montanez Reyna, SN  
Assistant Chief Engineer - LTJG. Jose Franco Rodriguez, SN

CHMACH	Juan Sanduvela Leon	PO1	Salvador Montero Oliva
CHBOSN	Antonio Martinez Orlega	PO1	Abelardo Pedrosa Vieytes
POCM	Jose Barreiros Rey	PO1	Manuel Carbonell Garrido
POCM	Juan Lagostena Aguado	PO1	Manuel Pedrosa Barro
POCM	Juan Ramirez Martinez	PO1	Juan Fernandez Guerrero
POCS	Antonio Lopez Lopez	PO1	Angel Pereira Martinez
POCS	Jose Garcia Andreu	PO1	Jose M. Rodriguez Fajardo
POCS	Fernando Vega Garcia	PO1	Vicente Castro Fernandez
M/SGT	Martin Cabello Diaz	PO1	Manuel Moreno Bernaldez
POCS	Andres de Toro Rubio	PO1	Jose L. Ramos Garcia
POCS	Leandro Mora Fernandez	PO1	Diego Romero Lanza
POCS	Augusto Gonzalez Carballido	PO1	Juan Pipio Garcia
POC	Jose Castineiras Santos	PO1	Antonio Mendoza Alfaro
POC	Jose Aparicio Ruiz	PO1	Eduardo Sanchez Cursach
POC	Antonio Lechuga Olea	PO1	Manuel Dominguez Cabreza
POC	Francisco Ruiz Alarcon	PO1	Francisco Lopez Ares
POC	Emilio Balonga Acero	PO1	Mario Iglesias Rodeiro
POC	Esteban Cabaleiro Barreiro	PO1	Amador Mantoulo Pousa
POC	Jose Caridad Lopez	PO1	Jose L. Blanco Alvarez
POC	Rafael Lermo Miguel	PO1	Francisco Garcia Centron
POC	Manuel Fernandez Antunez	PO1	Jesus Gonzalez Ortuzar
POC	Jose Montero Duenas	PO1	Bernardo Martinez Navarro
POC	Jose Rodriguez Ferreira	PO1	Angel Oterino Dacuna
POC	Jose Francisco Lorenzo	PO1	Alberto Gonzalez Teijeiro
POC	Juan Perez Sirviente	PO1	Eugenio Romero Castro
POC	Francisco Guerrero Mora	PO1	Juan Candan Rocero
POC	Manuel Fernandez Losada	PO1	Manuel Gonzalez Calvo
POC	Roque Gomez Gutierrez,	PO1	Rafael Bonet Lema