


U.S.S. VAMMEN (DE-644)  
U.S. Naval Reserve Training Center  
San Pedro, California

26 September 1961

NEWSLETTER

1. The Commissioning Ceremony will be Monday, 2 October 1961, at 1500 - Dual Ship Ceremony - MARSH and VAMMEN simultaneously - VAMMEN on one side of Pier, MARSH on the other. Uniform will be Dress Blues with **ribbons**.
2. Enclosed Invitation is for use of any relatives or friends that you would like to attend (it will get them on the Naval Station).
3. There will be a reception after commissioning with a cake cutting to be held in the Wardroom, CPO and Crew's Mess. Everyone is invited of course.
4. Reporting time aboard has been changed to 0800 on Monday vice before 1200. This is necessary in order for the Commissioning to commence on time since there are quite a few preparations to be made beforehand. Officers will report in on Friday night, the 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. The ship will be Overhauled in TODD Shipyard, San Pedro and will deploy in January to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as a member of CORTON SEVEN composed of eight DE's.
6. Schedule for VAMMEN:
  - 0800 2 October - VAMMEN Reserve Crew Arrives.
  - 1500 2 October - VAMMEN Commissioned a Pacific Fleet Ship.
  - 3 October - Underway - Offload Ammunition at Seal Beach.
  - 4 October - Enter TODD Shipyard, commence overhaul.
  - 22 November - Overhaul finished, Type Training until end of year.
  - 15 December - Homeport Officially changes to Pearl Harbor.
  - January 1961 - Enroute to Pearl Harbor

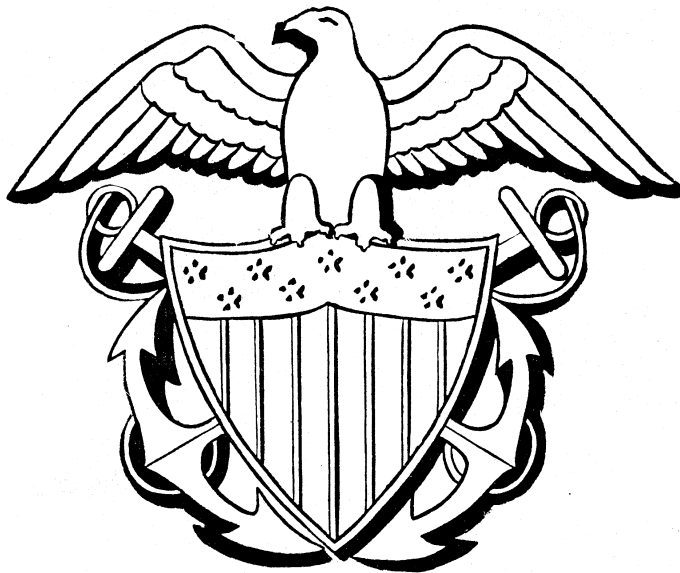
  
T.A.W. FRYE, LT, USN  
Officer in Charge

# *COMMISSIONING CEREMONY*

UNITED STATES SHIPS

**VAMMEN**  
*DE 644*

**MARSH**  
*DE 699*



3:00 P. M.  
2 October 1961

U. S. NAVAL BASE LOS ANGELES, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

USS VAMMEN (DE 644)

The USS VAMMEN is named in honor of Ensign Clarence E. VAMMEN, USNR, a naval aviator, who was killed in the battle of Midway. The ship was commissioned on 27 July 1944. Commanded by LCDR L. M. KING, Jr., the VAMMEN entered her first battle a few months later at Okinawa. While there she was jack-of-all trades, serving as picket ship, convoy escort and performing close support work for the forces ashore. On April 1, 1945, while at Okinawa, the ship was damaged by a mine. The VAMMEN saw no further extensive action during the remainder of World War II and was decommissioned in San Diego, California on 23 November 1945.

On 15 February 1952, the VAMMEN was recommissioned after receiving an ASW conversion. During the Korean campaign she performed similar duties to those at Okinawa and received Battle Stars for two combat operations.

In April 1960, the VAMMEN was selected as a Group I Reserve Training Ship. On 21 May 1960, her status was changed to a Group II Reserve Training Ship. After becoming a Reserve Training Ship, the VAMMEN provided training for Reserve Surface Divisions of the Eleventh Naval District.

USS MARSH (DE 699)

The USS MARSH is named in honor of Ensign Benjamin R. MARSH, Jr., USNR, who was killed aboard the USS ARIZONA on December 7, 1941. The ship was commissioned on 12 January 1944. After commissioning the ship saw service in the Atlantic theatre until late 1944 when she was transferred to the Pacific theatre. In 1945 the MARSH engaged in patrol and air-sea rescue duty in the Marianas Islands' area and was the flag ship of a task force that routed the enemy from the islands of Onahan, Sarigan, and Maug in the Northern Carolinas.

Shortly after the war the MARSH was outfitted to function as a mobile shore power unit and served in that capacity at Guam and Kwajalein.

During the Korean campaign the MARSH participated in anti-submarine patrols, escort duty and hunter-killer units, later providing shore power for Marsan, Korea.

In July 1957, MARSH was selected as a Group I Training Ship and on 16 August 1958 she was decommissioned and assigned as a Group II Reserve Training Ship. In this capacity she helped to maintain the proficiency of our nation's "citizen sailors."

P R O G R A M

MUSIC BY COMMANDER DESTROYER FLOTILLA THREE BAND

INVOCATION BY  
COMMANDER J. R. TUFFT, CHC, USNR-R

REMARKS BY CAPTAIN T. K. BOWERS  
COMMANDING OFFICER, U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION AND NET DEPOT, SEAL BEACH  
REPRESENTING THE COMMANDANT, ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

COMMISSIONING OF USS VAMMEN AND USS MARSH  
BY CAPTAIN T. K. BOWERS

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

COMMANDER C. S. NELSON READS HIS ORDERS

COMMANDER P. R. KORNEGAY READS HIS ORDERS

COMMANDING OFFICERS SET THE WATCH

REMARKS BY REAR ADMIRAL D. L. KAUFFMAN  
COMMANDER DESTROYER FLOTILLA THREE

REMARKS BY COMMANDER C. S. NELSON

REMARKS BY COMMANDER P. R. KORNEGAY

COMMANDER CHARLIE S. NELSON, USNR-R  
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS VAMMEN

Commander Nelson, a native of Pelzer, South Carolina, graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1942. He attended the U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School, Columbia University, and was commissioned Ensign in 1943. On commissioning CDR Nelson reported to the USS CLAXTON (DD 571) in the Pacific Theatre, serving on board during the Pacific Campaign, followed by tours of duty ashore and at sea. CDR Nelson was released to inactive duty in January 1950. Recalled to active duty in September 1950, he served in various ships and stations, including XO of the USS BASILONE, until his release from active duty in September 1958. CDR Nelson assumed command of the USS VAMMEN reserve crew in December 1958. He is entitled to wear the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V; Presidential Unit Citation; Naval Reserve Medal; American Theatre, World War II; Pacific Theatre, World War II; Pacific Theatre with 6 Battle Stars; World War II Victory Medal; European Occupational Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Philippine Presidential Unit Citation; and Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Stars.

CDR Nelson is married to the former Miss Norma Jean Hibbs of Monroe, Oregon.

COMMANDER PERRY R. KORNEGAY, JR  
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS MARSH

Commander Kornegay, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1943. On being commissioned in October 1943 he served in the Pacific Theatre until being released from active duty in March 1946. He was recalled to active duty in October 1950 and served in various ships and stations including Commanding Officer of the USS PRESERVER (ARS-8) until voluntarily released from active duty in October 1958. He assumed command of the USS MARSH Reserve crew in May 1961. CDR Kornegay is entitled to wear the World War II Victory Medal; American Theatre; Asiatic Pacific Theatre, with 2 Stars; Navy Occupation Medal; National Defense Service Medal; and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

CDR Kornegay is married to the former Miss Jo Ann Newbowl of Leicester, England.

\* USS VAMMEN \*

OFFICERS

\* USS MARSH \*

LCDR M. CULLEN, USNR-R  
LT T. W. FRYE, USN  
LT C. A. POPPLETON, JR., USNR-R  
LT D. C. THOMPSON, USNR-R  
LTJG J. S. CUNNINGHAM, USNR-R  
  
LT D. G. TAYLOR, USNR-R  
LTJG E. J. EVANS, USNR-R  
LT K. L. COLBORN II, USNR-R  
ENS J. A. LINEHAN, USNR-R  
LTJG T. C. SMITH, USNR-R  
LT B. J. ADMAS, USNR-R

Executive Officer  
Navigator  
Operations Officer  
ASW Officer  
Communications Officer  
CIC Officer  
Gunnery Officer  
First Lieutenant  
Engineering Officer  
Damage Control Assistant  
Main Propulsion Assistant  
Supply Officer

LCDR J. B. MATSON, USNR-R  
LT D. H. GRESS, USN  
LT K. V. ZERDA, USNR-R  
LTJG J. H. KOSLOV, USNR-R  
LTJG W. D. KINSLEY, USNR-R  
LTJG D. R. FINLEY, USNR-R  
LT R. K. KNIGHT, USNR-R  
LTJG D. H. LACKOWSKI, USNR-R  
LTJG A. E. ERBACHER, USN  
ENS C. R. GARDINER  
  
LT J. A. NORTHROP, USNR-R