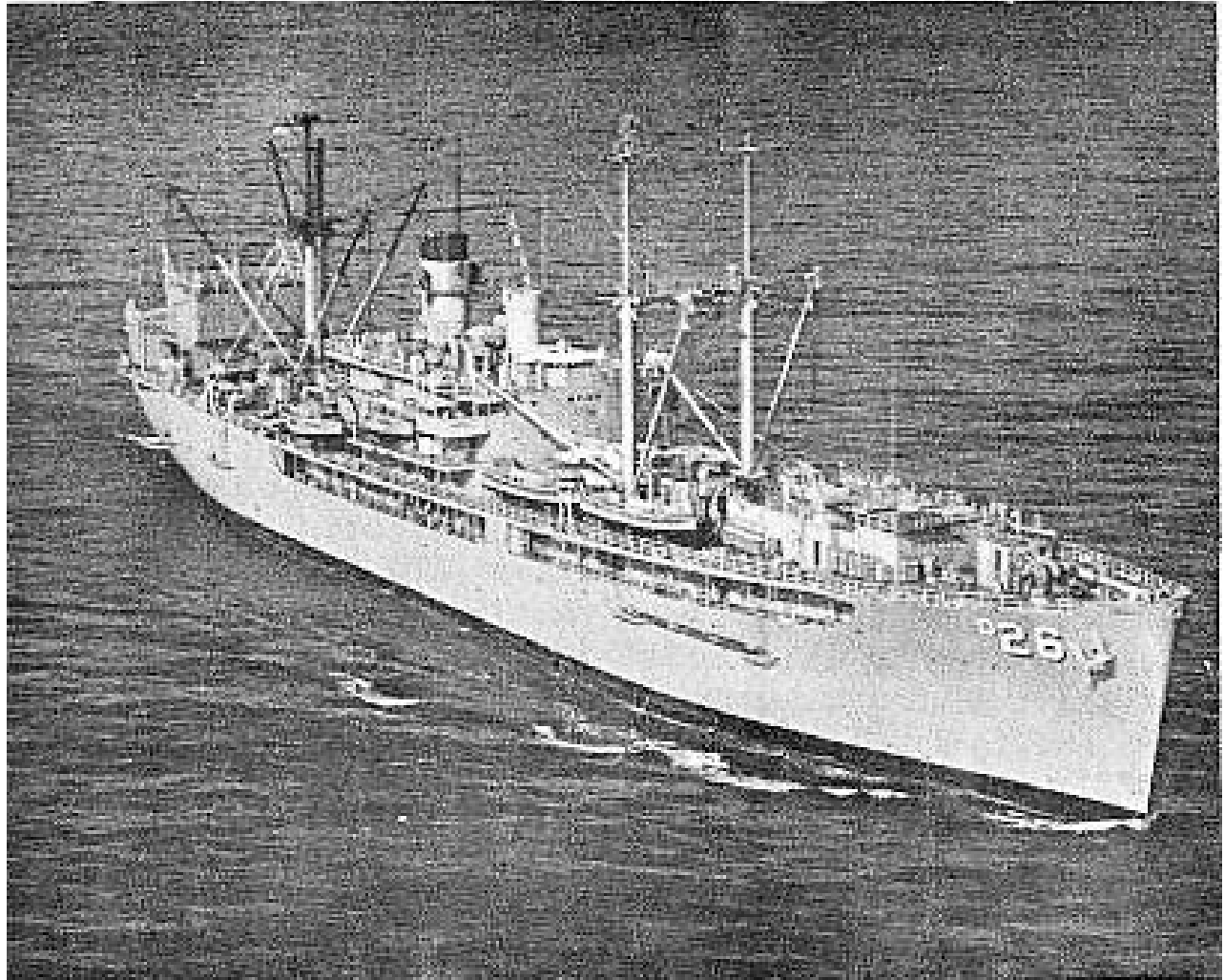


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**USS Shenandoah
AD-26**



Captain Charles M. Plumly, USN

Captain Charles M. PLUMLY was born in Portland, Maine on 29 March 1931. Before entering the U. S. Naval Academy, he attended the University of Maine. Upon graduation from Annapolis in 1955, Captain PLUMLY reported to USS MONSSEN (DD 798). Subsequent sea tours included assignment as Executive Officer in USS EXULTANT (MSO 441) and in USS FORREST ROYAL (DD 872); Chief Staff Officer, Commander Task Force 115 in the Republic of Vietnam; as Commanding Officer in USS VIREO (MSC 205), with the additional duty as Commander Mine Division THIRTY-ONE, USS JOHN WILLIS (DE 1027) and USS W. S. STIMS (FF-1059) having commissioned the latter.

Captain PLUMLY's shore assignments have included the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Strategic Plans and Policy Division and Surface Warfare Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Operation Directorate as well as the Plans and Policy Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Captain PLUMLY has a sub-specialty in Political-Military Strategic Planning. He is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the Naval War College.

Captain PLUMLY is married to the former Sibyl Ann MIDDLETON of Thomasville, Georgia. They have a son Chad and a daughter, Honey.

Ships' History

Named for Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah National Park, USS SHENANDOAH (AD-26) was the first destroyer tender of her class to be constructed by the Todd Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation of Tacoma, Washington. She was christened 29 March 1945 by Mrs. Daniel Hunt and commissioned 13 August 1945. Captain Albert C. BURROWS was SHENANDOAH's first Commanding Officer. Since being homeported in Norfolk, Virginia in 1946, SHENANDOAH has not returned to the West Coast.

SHENANDOAH's mission is best described by her motto, "We keep destroyers fit to fight." However, she has tended many types of ships, including cruisers, amphibious vessels, aircraft carriers, nuclear powered submarines, auxiliaries and mine sweepers. The repair effort of the men and officers of SHENANDOAH has earned her a proud reputation in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

In 1947 SHENANDOAH was the first flagship for Commander, Naval Forces, Mediterranean. Since that first distinction, SHENANDOAH has served as flagship for Commander, Service Force Sixth Fleet; Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Four; Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Twelve; Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group Eight; Commander, Service Group Two; and Commander Service Squadron Four.

SHENANDOAH was awarded the Battle Efficiency Pennant for her competence in destroyer tending and her performance in Battle duties in 1952 and 1956. The tender was awarded the Engineering "E" in 1958, 1965, 1972, 1973, 1974, and the Supply "E" in 1962, 1963, 1967, 1976, and 1977.

For her participation in contingency operations in the Eastern Mediterranean through October 1970, SHENANDOAH subsequently received the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In addition to tending destroyers of the Atlantic Fleet, SHENANDOAH has deployed to the Mediterranean as Fleet Tender seventeen times, visiting many ports in Greece, France, Italy, Spain, Malta, Gibraltar, Tunisia and Turkey.

SHENANDOAH is 492 feet long, has a beam of 70 feet and displaces 13,000 tons. She has accommodations for 43 officers and 753 enlisted men.

Captain PLUMLY is serving as SHENANDOAH's thirty-fourth Commanding Officer.

