



Welcome Aboard



USS ACADIA AD-42

Service to the Finest

F. W. HARNESS

Chief U.S. Naval Painter

Acadia's Mission: **SERVICE**



ACADIA'S ORIGINS



AD-42, the first USS ACADIA, is one of four new modified Gompers class destroyer tenders. The class consists of USS YELLOWSTONE (AD-41), USS ACADIA (AD-42), USS CAPE COD (AD-43) and USS SHENANDOAH (AD-44).

The keel was laid on Valentine's Day, 1978. On July 28 of the following year, Mrs. Ardis Bryan launched AD-42 with a bottle of champagne, christening her "ACADIA".

Her namesake, Acadia National Park, is located on Maine's Mount Desert Island, the highest elevation on the eastern seaboard. The phenomenal beauty of Acadia National Park was created by a strange act of nature in which the ocean flooded ancient land surfaces creating islands out of high hills. the gorges became rivers and wider nalleys' emerged as bays and gulfs. Woodlands, lakes, mountains and seacoast are all contained in the natural wonder of Acadia National Park.

As a destroyer tender, ACADIA provides materials and mobile facilities for ships requiring service or repair in port or at sea. Specially designed to assist the DD-963 class destroyers, CGN class cruisers and FFG-7 class frigates, ACADIA can also serve any ship of the fleet. Customer ships will vary in size and characteristics, ranging from patrol boats of about 150 feet armed with guns, to nuclear-propelled missile cruisers almost 600 feet in length carrying advanced guided missiles and fitted with sophisticated electronic equipment.

ACADIA's talented repair department can accomplish all services required, including most support available at shore based maintenance activities. The myriad of shops include pipe, machine and carpentry shops, a foundry, and numerous specialty services such as an optical shop, typewriter repair and a sail and canvas shop.

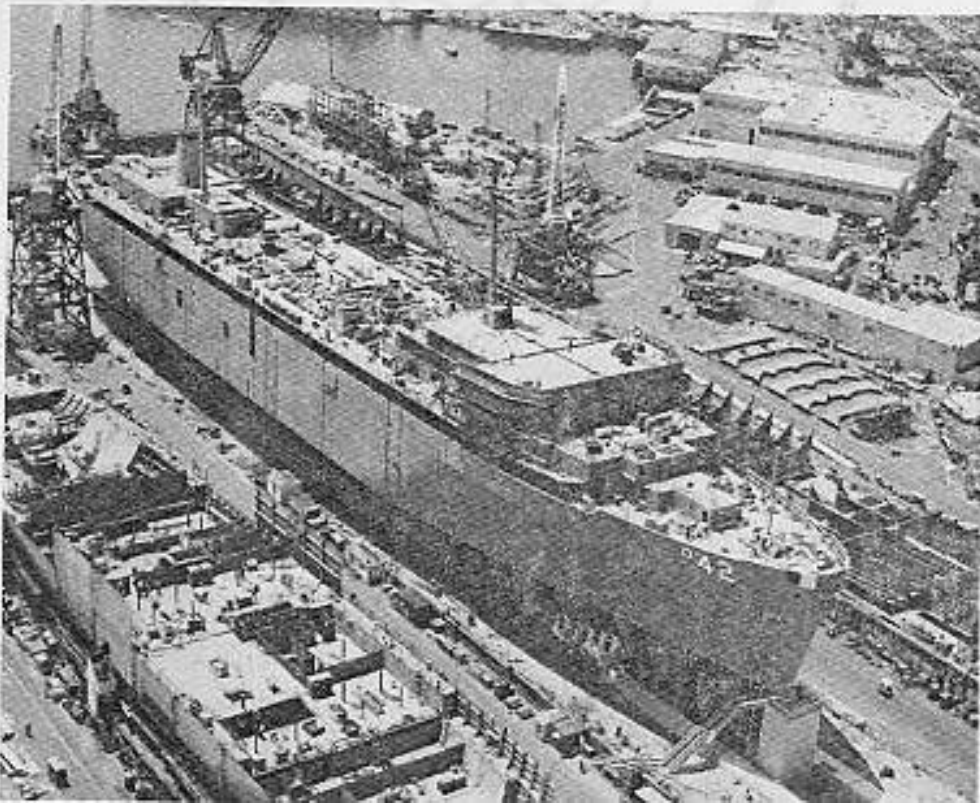
Large side doors permit easy access to ships alongside. A dozen small craft are available to transfer material and personnel to nearby ships. Four huge cranes on deck handle antennas, torpedoes, machinery, provisions, and small boats and can even lift an entire gas turbine engine directly out of a ship alongside.

Beyond its repair services, ACADIA provides the latest in personal convenience services, and medical and dental care to accommodate her potential 1595 person crew, including a flag officer and staff. Extra electrical generators, water distilling capabilities and transfer facilities provide additional electricity, steam and fresh water for ships alongside for repair.

Whatever or whenever the requirement, ACADIA is ready to serve the Navy's finest.

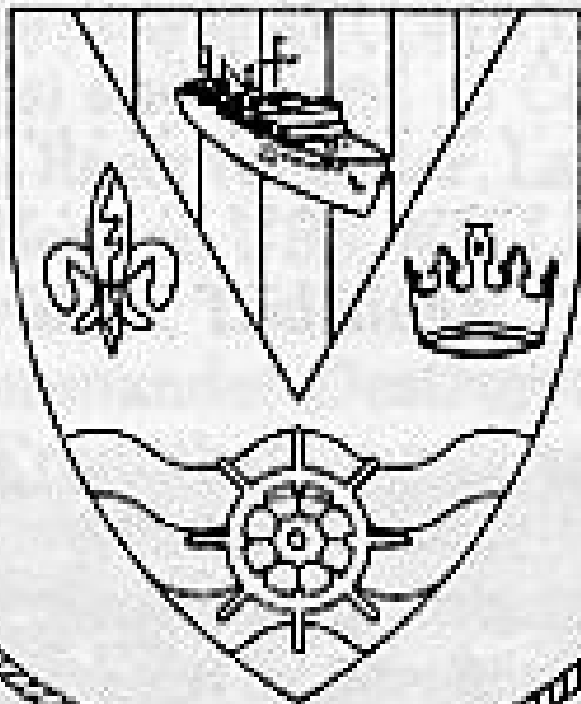
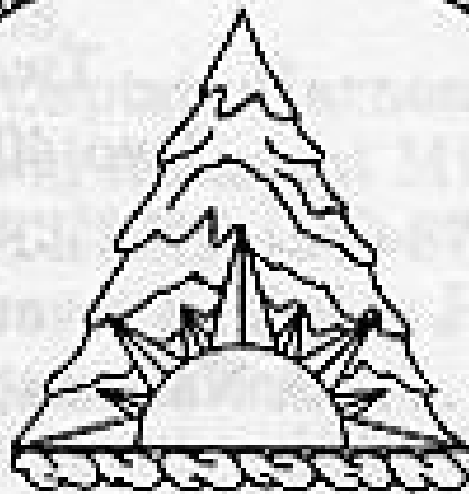
STATISTICS

LENGTH641' 10"
DRAFT 24'
BEAM 85'
DISPLACEMENT21,916 tons
MAXIMUM SPEED 20 knots
PROPULSION Two 600# steam boilers;
20,000 total shaft horsepower;
single propellor
WEAPONS Two 20 MM machine guns;
Two 40 MM grenade launchers
CREW44 officers, 1330 enlisted;
accommodations for 1595
BUILT BY National Steel and Shipbuilding,
San Diego, California
KEEL LAID February 14, 1978
LAUNCHED July 28, 1979
COMMISSIONED June 6, 1981
HOMEPORT San Diego, California



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USS ACADIA



AD-42

COMMANDING OFFICER



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As Captain, I look forward to meeting the challenges ahead and forging from them a proud reputation for USS ACADIA.

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Brenton P. Hardy
Captain, U.S. Navy

BRENTON P. HARDY

CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Brenton P. Hardy was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on September 15, 1936, to George E. and Pauline Durgin Hardy. He attended Lunenburg High School and is a 1959 graduate of Fitchburg State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. In 1971, he received his Master of Arts degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

His first duty assignments after receiving his commission in 1959 were aboard the USS RUSHMORE (LSD-14) and the USS LINDENWALD (LSD-6). Following tours as Engineer of USS POWER (DD-839) and as Aide and Flag Secretary to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla Seven, Captain Hardy next served as Operations Officer aboard USS KING (DLG-10), and Executive Officer of USS PARSONS (DDG-33).

Upon graduation from the Naval War College, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Strategic Plans, Policy and Nuclear Systems Division. He attended the National War College, and following graduation served as Commanding Officer, USS WILLIAM V. PRATT (DDG-44). Prior to assignment as Commanding Officer, USS ACADIA (AD-42), Captain Hardy was Head, Military Personnel Management Branch in the Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

Captain Hardy has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal (Cuba), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and two gold stars in lieu of second and third awards, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon and Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award.

He is married to the former Barbara J. Sullivan of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. They have three sons, Mark, George, Michael and a daughter, Kelly.

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FRANCIS W. HARNESS

CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

Captain Francis W. Harness, a native of Walworth, Wisconsin, was graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, and received his commission via Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, in June 1963.

Early in his career Captain Harness served on USS HUNLEY (AS-31) as EOD Officer and Assistant Missile and Missile Launcher Officer, and USS FECHTELER (DD-870) as ASW Officer. Upon completion of Naval Destroyer School in June 1968, he served on USS CONE (DD-866) as Weapons Officer.

Following a year of inactive duty, Captain Harness requested and was recalled to active duty in 1971 as a TAR Officer (Training and Administration, Reserve) and served as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Lansing, Michigan. He then served as Executive Officer on USS WILLIAM C. LAWE (DD-768), homeported in New Orleans, Louisiana. Next, he was assigned as Chief Staff Officer, Commander Destroyer Squadron Thirty-Four, Naval Reserve Force. From that tour he assumed command of USS GARCIA (FF-1040), homeported in Charleston, South Carolina.

Captain Harness comes to command USS ACADIA (AD-42) from Washington, D.C., where he served on the Staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) as the Naval Reserve Coordinator and NRF ASW Frigate Manager.

Captain Harness' decorations, campaign and service medals include Legion of Merit, the Navy Commendation, Combat Action Ribbon, Battle Efficiency "E", Vietnamese Service, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (unit award) and the Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

He is married to the former Martha (Marti) E. Yoskowski of Waukegan, Illinois. They have a son, Stuart.

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P. T. Finch, Jr.
Captain, U.S. Navy

PARKER T. FINCH, Jr.

CAPTAIN, UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Parker T. Finch Jr. was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 13, 1939, to Parker Thomas and Ruth Oliver Finch. He attended East High School and is a 1961 graduate of Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. In 1972 he received his Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University.

His first duty assignment after receiving his commission in 1962 was aboard USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD-754), followed by a tour as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Commander, Middle East Forces. After a tour in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Representative to the National Indications Center, Captain Finch served as Operations Officer and Engineer Officer aboard USS O'CALLAHAN (DE-1051).

Upon graduation from Harvard University, he served as Commanding Officer, Military Sealift Command Office, Sattahip, Thailand. Following a tour as Executive Officer of USS BENJAMIN STODDERT (DDG-22), and a second tour in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations as Personnel Exchange Program Manager, Captain Finch next served as Commanding Officer, USS KINKAID (DD-965). Prior to assignment as Commanding Officer, USS ACADIA (AD-42), Captain Finch was a member of the Pacific Fleet Propulsion Examination Board.

Captain Finch has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Expeditionary Medal.

He is married to the former Sally L. Shafer of Syracuse, New York. They presently reside in Coronado, California.