

**DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY  
USS ACADIA (AD 42)**

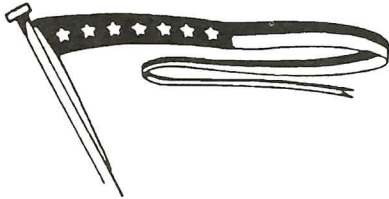


**16 DECEMBER 1994**



## DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Each unit of the Navy holds two unique ceremonies during the course of its existence. The commissioning ceremony bears the promise for a bright future, and the decommissioning ceremony, signifying the end of an era, honors all men and women who have given their time, their energy, and, for some their lives, to fulfill and surpass the aspirations of those who stood in the commissioning ceremony. The ceremony is not prescribed specifically by Naval regulations, but is instead an honored product of Naval tradition. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive - a solemn occasion on which we pause to reflect upon the rich heritage of this ship and the United States Navy.



## COMMISSIONING PENNANT

The commissioning pennant dates from the 17th century, when Dutch Admiral Van Tromp defeated an English fleet in 1652 and lashed a broomstick from the aftertruck of his flagship to signify that he had "swept" the English from the seas. A year later, when the fortunes of war had reversed, the English admiral hoisted a horsewhip to indicate he had subdued his adversary. Thus, the narrow "coachwhip" pennant has become the international symbol of a ship of war.

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**VICE ADMIRAL DAVID B. ROBINSON, USN  
COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET**

Vice Admiral Robinson is a native of Texas and attended Texas A&M University before entering the United States Naval Academy. He was commissioned an Ensign in 1963.

He first went to sea in USS STORMES (DD 780) as the Main Propulsion Assistant and then Damage Control Assistant. This tour was followed by a tour as Engineer Officer in USS ROWAN (DD 782). Subsequently he was the Executive Officer in USS DALE (CG 19).

His sea commands have been USS CANON (PG 90), USS READY (PG 87), USS LUCE (DDG 38), USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG 20) and COMMANDER, CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP EIGHT embarked in USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). During his tour as THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group Commander he assumed additional duties as Commander, Battle Force Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

Ashore, Vice Admiral Robinson has served as the Administrative Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Surface Commander Assignment Officer; Director, Fiscal Management and Procedural Control Division for the Naval Military Personnel Command; Chief of Staff, Commander Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Director, Surface Warfare Manpower and Training Requirements Division (OP-39); Director, Surface Warfare Division (OP-32); Director, Operational Plans and Interoperability, Joint Staff (J-7); and the Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He has earned a Master of Physics in Oceanography from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and is a graduate of the Foreign Service Institute's Executive Seminar in National and International Affairs.

Vice Admiral Robinson assumed his duties as Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in April of 1993.

Vice Admiral Robinson's personal decorations include the Navy Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (five awards), Bronze Star with Combat "V", Meritorious Service Medal and Purple Heart.

He is married to the former Gene Kirkpatrick of Denton, Texas. They have two sons, Kirk and David.



**CAPTAIN DANIEL SALINAS II, USN  
COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON THIRTEEN**

Captain Daniel Salinas II was born in Donna, Texas. After attending public schools in Donna, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1966.

His first sea duty tour was as First Lieutenant and Antisubmarine Warfare Officer aboard USS SUTHERLAND (DD 743). He then served as Officer in Charge on various Inshore Patrol Craft (PCF) with Coastal Divisions ELEVEN and TWELVE in South Vietnam in 1969. Following a tour as Engineer Officer on USS EPPERSON (DD 719), Captain Salinas served as Commanding Officer of USS ABNAKI (ATF 96). He subsequently served ashore as a Program Manager on the staff of Commander Navy Recruiting Command and then as Flag Secretary for Commander Naval Surface Group MIDPAC. He returned to sea as Executive Officer of USS REEVES (CG 24) in June 1980.

In 1982 Captain Salinas attended the senior course at the Naval War College, where he completed one trimester of the course prior to being ordered to duty as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) until July 1984. From February 1985 to March 1987, Captain Salinas served as Commanding Officer of USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986). After graduating from the Post Command Integrated Warfare Course, Naval War College, he was assigned in June 1987 as Executive Officer of USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62). From January 1989 to August 1990, he served as Chief of Staff for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command. Captain Salinas served as Commanding Officer of USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32) from January 1991 to January 1993. Captain Salinas assumed command of Destroyer Squadron 13 in April 1993.

Captain Salinas' awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars and Combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign and service medals.

Captain Salinas is married to the former Paula Nyman of Haddon Heights, New Jersey. They reside in Jamul, California, with their daughter, Kristin, and sons, Daniel III and David William.





**CAPTAIN DONATO A. LIUZZI, USN  
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS ACADIA (AD 42)**

Captain Donato A. Liuzzi was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1948 and was raised in nearby Quincy. He received his commission through NROTC at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts in June of 1970, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from there.

Captain Liuzzi's sea assignments include Division Officer tours in USS MC MORRIS (DE 1036) and USS CAMDEN (AOE 2), Engineer Officer in USS RAMSEY (FFG 2), and both Steam and Gas Turbine Examiner on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Propulsion Examining Board. He placed USS SIDES (FFG 14) in commission as Executive Officer. He has commanded both USS ALBERT DAVID (FF 1050) and USS ROBISON (DDG 12). Captain Liuzzi assumed command of USS ACADIA in July 1993.

Captain Liuzzi has served ashore in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations within the Directorate of Manpower, Personnel and Training, and as Assignment Officer in the Naval Military Personnel Command. Most recently, he was Assistant Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel at COMNAVSURFPAC. He attended the Naval War College in 1980, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1987 where he concurrently obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University. Captain Liuzzi holds proven subspecialties in Naval Mechanical Engineering and Manpower, Personnel Analysis.

Captain Liuzzi's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with gold star and various campaign, service and unit decorations.

Captain Liuzzi is married to the former Patricia Ann Bennett of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts. They have three daughters: Christina, Regina and Margaret. The family resides in Carlsbad, California.

**BAND SELECTIONS**  
*San Diego Navy Band*

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**ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

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**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
*San Diego Navy Band*

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**INVOCATION**  
*LTJG Mary A. Zepeda, CHC, USN*

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**WELCOMING REMARKS**  
*CAPT Donato A. Liuzzi, USN*  
*Commanding Officer*

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**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**  
*CAPT Donato A. Liuzzi, USN*  
*Commanding Officer*

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**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

**REMARKS**  
*VADM David B. Robinson, USN*  
*Commander, Naval Surface Force,*  
*U.S. Pacific Fleet*

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**CEREMONIAL HAULING DOWN OF  
COMMISSIONING PENNANT**

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**SECURING THE WATCH**  
*CAPT James R. Garban, SC, USN*

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**BENEDICTION**  
*LTJG Mary A. Zepeda, CHC, USN*

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**DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

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**BAND SELECTIONS**  
*San Diego Navy Band*





## Command at Sea

“Only a seaman realizes to what extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a lands man this is not understandable and at times it is even difficult for us to comprehend but it is so!

A ship at sea is a different world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units, the Navy must place great power, responsibility, and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command .

In each ship, there is one man who, in the hours of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one alone who is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire and morale of his ship,

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instance during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small; nevertheless, command is the spur which has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the highest, time honored title of the seagoing world...CAPTAIN.”

*Joseph Conrad*

**USS ACADIA (AD 42)  
COMMANDING OFFICERS  
PAST AND PRESENT**

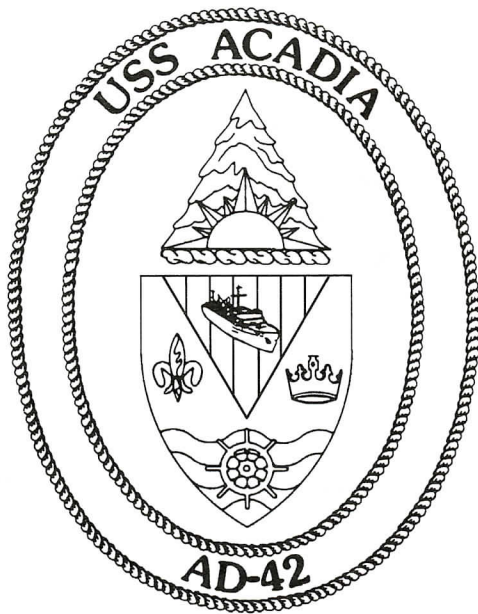
Captain Brenton F. Hardy	6 JUN 81 - 5 MAY 83
Captain Parker T. Finch	5 MAY 83 - 22 MAR 85
Captain Francis W. Harness	22 MAR 85 - 3 APR 87
Captain Gerald M. Grunwald	3 APR 87 - 13 MAR 89
Captain Larry L. King	13 MAR 89 - 30 APR 91
Captain Joseph F. Eckler	30 APR 91 - 10 JUN 91
Captain Gerald M. Grunwald	10 JUN 91 - 30 SEP 91
Captain Charles H. Wilson	30 SEP 91 - 16 JUL 93
Captain Donato A. Liuzzi	16 JUL 93 - 16 DEC 94

**USS ACADIA (AD 42)  
CELEBRATED HER 13TH BIRTHDAY  
ON 6 JUNE 1994**

DURING HER 13 YEARS ACADIA HAS:

- Made seven Western Pacific Cruises
- Earned five Battle "E" Awards
- Earned one Ney Award
- Earned two Phoenix Awards
- Earned five consecutive "R" Awards
- Earned five CNO Surface Safety Awards
- Earned one Golden Anchor Award
- Navy Unit Commendation





### Shield

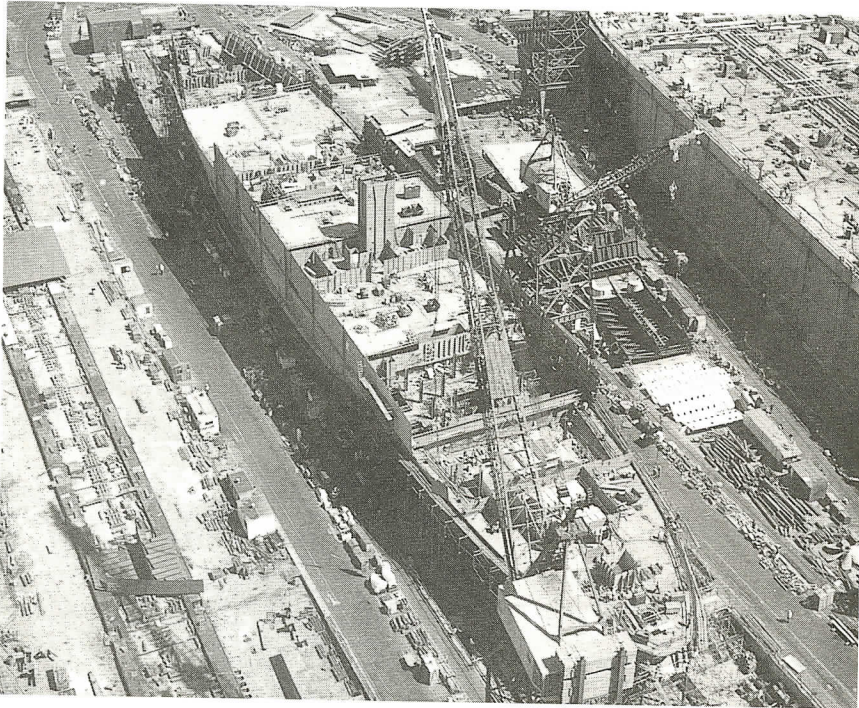
ACADIA was named after Acadia National Park in Maine. The wavy bars at the base of her shield symbolize the sea and allude to the proximity to the water. Safe transit and navigation through the waters is embodied in the golden Quartermaster's wheel. The mobile image of ACADIA crossing the form represents services wherever needed. The fleur de lis and crown represent the mixture of French and English history of ACADIA.

### Crest

Acadia, Maine is one of the eastern-most points of the United States, an area first explored and settled. The rising sun alludes to these beginnings, and to first receiving rays of daily sunrise. The fir tree connotes Maine's importance in supplying lumber for early shipbuilding in this country. The evergreen and sun are symbols of life and define the mission of a tender as a life-giving support to the ships she serves.

## STATISTICS

LENGTH ..... 641'10"  
DRAFT ..... 24'  
BEAM ..... 85'  
DISPLACEMENT ..... 21,916 tons  
MAXIMUM SPEED ..... 20 knots  
PROPULSION ..... Two 600 psi steam boilers  
20,000 total shaft horsepower;  
single propeller  
WEAPONS ..... Two 20MM machine guns;  
Two 40MM grenade launchers  
CREW ..... 38 officers, 1400 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



*Ay, tear her tattered ensign down!  
Long has it waved on high,  
And many an eye has danced to see  
That banner in the sky,  
Beneath it rung the battle shout,  
And burst the cannon's roar,  
The meteor of the ocean air  
Shall sweep the clouds no more.*

*Oh, better that her shattered hulk  
Should sink beneath the wave,  
Her thunders shook the mighty deep,  
And there should be her grave,  
Nail to the mast her holy flag,  
Set every threabare sail,  
And give her to the god of sternness,  
The lightning and the gale!*

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES