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USS MOUNT KATMAI (AE-16)



Decommissioning

14 August 1973

COMMANDING OFFICERS

USS MOUNT KATMAI

6/45 - 4/46	CDR H. A. CHRISTENSEN
4/46 - 8/46	CAPT E. E. DOLECEK
8/46 - 1/48	CDR E. T. GOYETTE
1/48 - 2/49	CDR A. F. SPRING
2/49 - 11/49	CAPT F. R. DUBORG
11/49 - 7/51	CAPT A. S. CARTER
7/51 - 3/53	CAPT M. H. HARRIS
3/53 - 7/54	CDR F. A. GUNN
7/54 - 10/55	CAPT E. E. LORD, III
10/55 - 12/56	CAPT E. M. DAY
12/56 - 1/58	CAPT A. S. FREEDMAN, JR.
1/58 - 3/59	CAPT A. F. BEYER, JR.
3/59 - 3/60	CAPT O. B. LUNDGREN
3/60 - 3/61	CAPT R. P. DESMOND
3/61 - 1/62	CAPT C. A. IARROBINO
1/62 - 3/63	CAPT J. B. SCHLEY
3/63 - 4/64	CAPT J. L. GRAYSON
4/64 - 8/65	CAPT D. D. ENGEN
8/65 - 12/66	CAPT J. A. NAYLOR
12/66 - 10/67	CAPT J. S. HERMAN
10/67 - 3/69	CAPT C. L. TARBELL
3/69 - 8/70	CAPT H. E. CAMP
8/70 - 4/72	CAPT F. W. ULBRICHT
4/72 - 6/73	CDR V. E. COOKE

HISTORY

USS MOUNT KATMAI was built by North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, Wilmington, North Carolina. The keel was laid 11 November 1944, and USS MOUNT KATMAI was launched 6 January 1945. She was commissioned 12 February 1945 and has been in continuous active commissioned service until today, 14 August 1973.

USS MOUNT KATMAI bore the name of a volcano on the Alaskan Peninsula which last erupted in 1912 and formed the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, now a National Park.

USS MOUNT KATMAI earned the following awards:

- Navy Unit Commendation
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- American Campaign
- Asiatic Campaign
- World War II Victory Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Korean Presidential Unit Citation
- United Nations Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign

USS MOUNT KATMAI was the first Ammunition Ship engaged in rearming combatant naval vessels of the United Nations during the Korean action. Three tours with the Seventh Fleet were completed during that period.

USS MOUNT KATMAI has deployed to the Seventh Fleet every year since 1962 in support of the United States effort in the Republic of Vietnam. Her last deployment with the Seventh Fleet ended in February 1973, a deployment lasting nearly twelve months. During this last deployment, she achieved a remarkable record. Over eighteen thousand tons of explosive ordnance, fifty tons of freight and mail, and one hundred seventy-seven passengers were transferred during three hundred and twenty-four rearming operations.

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USS MOUNT KATMAI is stricken from the Naval Register today, 14 August 1973. This day marks the close of a long and proud service career. As a U.S. Navy Ammunition Ship, her primary mission has been to supply ammunition and ordnance to the fleet by means of underway replenishment, one of the most complex and exacting of all naval evolutions. She was capable of rearming two ships simultaneously, one to port and another to starboard, and she could rearm any size ship from the smallest destroyer escort to the largest aircraft carrier.



DECOMMISSIONING A NAVY SHIP

The Decommissioning Ceremony marks the retirement of a ship as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment of lowering the Commission Pennant, USS MOUNT KATMAI will no longer be required to perform her mission.

The Commission Pennant dates from the 17th Century. It began as an English tradition, and has been used by all nations to distinguish a navy ship in the service to the government.

The U.S. Navy Commission Pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars and horizontal red and white stripes at the fly.

PROGRAM

Assembly of the Crew

Invocation by the Chaplain

Remarks by Commanding Officer

Reading of Decommissioning Order

Ensign, Jack, and Commission Pennant Hauled Down

Pipe Down the Watch

Commission Pennant presented to Commanding Officer

**Commanding Officer delivers
USS MOUNT KATMAI to
Commanding Officer,
Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility**

Benediction by the Chaplain

OFFICERS

LCDR W. D. VAUGHN	<i>Commanding Officer</i>
LCDR J. A. DROLL	<i>First Lieutenant</i>
LT V. CLARK	<i>Engineer Officer</i>
LT T. K. BOOTS	<i>Operations Officer</i>
LTJG B. L. WALKER	<i>Supply Officer</i>
LTJG L. F. BOND	<i>Disbursing Officer</i>
LTJG W. J. DONNELLY	<i>First Division Officer</i>
LTJG G. B. PATTERSON	<i>Second Division Officer</i>
ENS C. G. BREWER	<i>Main Propulsion Assistant</i>
ENS K. E. TALBERT	<i>Damage Control Assistant</i>
ENS J. F. KOBUS	<i>Personnel Officer</i>
ENS J. S. ROUNTREE	<i>Assistant Disbursing Officer</i>



CREW

BM2 L. HATHAWAY	SR P. SHOELLEN
BM3 D. C. JAQUES	SA I. S. THOMAS
BM3 J. MILLERLEILE	SN R. L. VEST
SM3 D. FREDERICKS	SA L. A. WILSON
GMCS J. B. WITHEROW	SN N. YANGCO
FTG2 J. MASTRIPOLITO	MMC A. MIJARES
RM3 W. S. BAKER	MM2 R. BATEMAN
YN3 D. V. SELSOR	MM3 R. S. CATTIN
SK1 J. I. SMITH	MMFN T. ANDREASEN
CS1 J. A. ASH	BTC C. WHITTINGTON
SD1 P. ECALNEA	BT2 D. R. HOYT
SD3 F. P. JULIAN	EMCS R. NEUMANN
SA A. L. ACUNA	EM2 D. R. SOLA
SR R. CAMPOSANTO	IC1 B. B. HASKINS
SR V. DEMARCO	HTC V. J. KELLY
SA J. L. FRAZIER	HT3 G. C. SASS
SA S. H. GRAY	FR M. ALEXANDER
SA P. LUBASZ	FA J. S. KNIGHT
SR A. MONTAGUE	FR R. SHELTON

HMC N. KAMANTIGUE
BM3 S. BUCHANAN
BM3 D. C. JONES
QM1 R. L. PERRY
SMSR G. RUTLEDGE
GMG1 G. T. BROWN
FTGSN J. L. CADDEL
RM3 J. M. CONNER
PN2 J. J. MUNN
SKSA J. T. LONG
CS2 G. MATA
SD1 A. SALINAS
SDSR L. ROBINSON
SA R. P. BRAY
SA R. D. CLAPP
SN D. C. DUNCAN
SR J. GARCIA
SN R. L. HANDY
SA O. MAGALLANES
SA D. MORELAND
SN T. STOCKTON
SN C. P. TORRES
SR R. VILLANUEVA
SA M. A. WRIGHT
MMCS C. R. PYATT
MM1 A. J. GARCIA
MM2 J. H. WALZ
MMFN J. W. KNAPP
EN3 G. T. HALE
BT1 G. M. GALLISTL
BT3 L. WHITFIELD
EMC E. C. LEANO
EM3 G. A. HAHN
MT2 S. P. BEAN
HT1 R. FIORELLI
HTFN G. E. ACKERMAN
FR R. E. BISHOP
FN A. MARQUEZ
FN V. D. TETER

HM2 B. W. CLARKE
BM3 R. FULLER
BM3 E. C. LANE
SMC W. GRIFFIN
OS3 R. L. BARNES
GMG3 G. SOCALL
CTM2 C. A. ROE
YN3 J. H. KODZIK
PN3 G. C. GARCIA
DK1 M. CRUEL
CS3 C. V. FLYNN
SD3 J. DELACRUZ
PCSN C. E. PARKER
SA R. CALDERON
SR F. V. DAMATO
SN R. GIL
SA R. A. GOLD
SA G. R. JOHNS
SR D. METTLER
SR R. K. PERES
SA S. J. TAJA
SA S. VALENTINE
SA R. WILKERSON
SR J. A. WYNN
MMC D. E. BYERS
MM1 L. D. MILLER
MM3 R. ANGELL
MM3 F. WORMAN
EN3 A. J. POWELL
BT2 R. S. HOLMES
BTFA D. CROUCH
EM1 D. BLACKMORE
EM3 L. A. MINDES
ICFN R. D. KAMPH
HT3 T. BARTLETT
HT3 G. A. CARLSON
FN G. D. COLLINS
FA M. MURRAY
FN M. WACHTER



*There are grander things than all the arts of towns,
Their tests are tempests and the sea that drowns.*