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The United States Ship

REPOSE

Built at Sun Shipbuilding Co.

Chester, Pa.

1944



Converted by

BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

1945

Commissioning Program



1. Ship's company falls in aft at commissioning parade.
2. Upon arrival of Commandant bugler sounds attention.
3. Prospective Commanding Officer reports he is ready to proceed with commissioning.
4. The invocation is given by the Chaplain.
5. The Captain of the Yard orders the Prospective Commanding Officer to place the ship in commission.
6. All hands face the colors and salute while the National Anthem is played and the colors and commission pennant are raised.
7. The Commanding Officer reads his orders to the Commandant and formally accepts command of the ship.
8. The watch is posted.
9. The flag of the Admiral is broken and honors are rendered (if on board).
10. The Commanding Officer introduces the Commandant or representative, or Surgeon General.
11. At the conclusion of the Commandant's speech retreat is sounded and the ceremony is completed.

U. S. S. REPOSE (AH-16)



THE U. S. S. REPOSE is sponsored by the New York Chapter American Red Cross. Through this unique ceremony the sponsors keep in contact with the officers and crew of the ship by writing letters, sending magazines, books, etc., and remembering the ship's company on their birthdays, at Christmas and other occasions. The sponsors also act as a liaison between the crew and their families and do all in their power to assist in making the ship "a happy one."



The Repose is one of a class of six new hospital ships to be completed in the New York area. The ship is the first in our Navy to bear this name, which is in the tradition of the previous Navy hospital ships, Relief (AH-1), Solace (AH-5), Bountiful (AH-9), Samaritan (AH-10) and Refuge (AH-11).



Light refreshments will be served aboard ship immediately following the commissioning ceremonies.



The ship will be open for inspection after commissioning until 1400.

Roster of Officers



Captain William O. Britton, USNR, Commanding Officer
Commander Felix S. de Soboll, USNR, Executive Officer
Captain John L. Frazer, MC, USN, Senior Medical Officer

Lt. Cdr. Clarence V. McIntosh, USNR
Lt. Louis G. K. Clarner, USNR
Lt. Daniel C. Dugan, USNR
Lt. Frank D. Lord, USNR
Lt. Alva E. Mitchell, USNR
Lt. William R. Wallman, USNR
Lt. (jg) Bertram S. Green, USNR
Lt. (jg) Robert B. Hungate, USNR
Lt. (jg) James H. Kimbell, USNR
Lt. (jg) Michael A. Kuratnick, USNR
Ens. Donald G. Dietrick, USNR

Ens. Kenzie P. Easter, USNR
Ens. Robert T. Goode, USNR
Ens. Wayne B. Kilpatrick, USNR
Ens. John F. Savage, USNR
Ens. William S. Weakley, Jr., USNR
Pay Clk. William L. Bateman, USN
Bosn. James R. Lowe, USN
Elect. Albert E. Parsons, USNR
Mach. Fred H. Wofford, USN
Lt. Robert M. J. Minton, ChC, USNR
Lt. Gail A. Patterson, ChC, USNR

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Captain Paul E. Spangler, MC, USNR
Comdr. Albert H. Held, MC, USNR
Comdr. Maxwell E. Lapham, MC, USNR
Comdr. Douglas D. Toffelmier, MC, USNR
Comdr. James H. Walvoord, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. Ralph W. Bigger, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. Hugh R. Butt, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. Clement C. Clay, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. Jeremiah K. Cromer, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. Robert D. Donaldson, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. Allen M. Hill, MC, USNR
Lt. Cdr. August Riech, MC, USNR
Lt. Thomas W. Barckley, MC, USNR
Lt. Edwin L. Ciccone, MC, USNR
Lt. Rupert A. Havill, MC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Bernard C. Gettes, MC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Robert H. Hepburn, MC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Arthur W. Collins, H-(S), USNR
Lt.(jg) Robert B. Morrell, HC, USN
Lt.(jg) Minot C. Smith, HC, USN
Ens. William H. Gramsch, HC, USN
Comdr. William H. Snyder, DC, USNR
Lt. Elwood P. Sneed, DC, USNR
Lt. Roy E. Stauffer, DC, USNR
Lt. Louise I. Clemente, NC, USNR
Lt. Helen M. Ernest, NC, USNR
Lt. Katherine Foy, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Doris E. Bell, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Helen E. Berg, NC, USNR

Lt.(jg) Martha P. Collins, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Margaret M. Dower, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Elva R. Faucher, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Winifred T. Gewehr, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Margaret M. Green, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Phyllis Harrington, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Edyth A. Head, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Grace L. Hopkins, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Helen Kluznik, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Bernadette M. Mahan, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Generva E. Mathias, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Dorothy T. Mink, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Mary F. Parker, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Albina M. Ragelis, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Carol E. Sawyer, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Mary E. Stevens, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Theresa B. Walsh, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Helena Willis, NC, USNR
Lt.(jg) Mary M. Willis, NC, USNR
Ens. Frances L. Cooley, NC, USNR
Ens. Lucille A. Costello, NC, USNR
Ens. Lois M. Lyons, NC, USNR
Ens. Mary B. Pavelcak, NC, USNR
Ens. Bessie R. Rummel, NC, USNR
Ens. Loretta M. Sobota, NC, USNR
Ch. Pharm. Stanley Q. Hammer, USN
Pharm. James F. Sandefur, USN
Mrs. Marguerite B. Huron, ARC
Miss Ester M. Tracey, ARC