



COMMISSIONING  
CEREMONIES

AT  
PORTLAND, OREGON

U. S. S. PONAGANSET

## SHIP'S HISTORY

The U. S. S. PONAGANSET (A086) was built by the Marinship Corporation at Sausalito, California. It was converted and outfitted by Kaiser Company, Incorporated, at the Swan Island Shipyards, Portland, Oregon, for the U. S. Navy.

The ship is scheduled to be commissioned on or about May 15, 1944, by a representative of the Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District. Commander John R. Sanford, Jr., will immediately assume command.



### The Wardroom Roster on Commissioning Day

Lieutenant EDWARD C. SOCKERSON . . . . .	<i>Executive Officer</i>
Lieutenant (MC) CHARLES E. JENKINS . . . . .	<i>Medical Officer</i>
Lieutenant HARRY M. McALLISTER . . . . .	<i>Navigator</i>
Lieutenant FRED M. TAYLOR . . . . .	<i>Engineering Officer</i>
Lieutenant (jg) CHARLES G. ANDERSON . . . . .	<i>First Lieutenant</i>
Lieutenant (jg) WILLIAM L. CHAMBERLIN . . . . .	<i>Communication Officer</i>
Lieutenant (jg) (SC) GORDON P. KING . . . . .	<i>Supply Officer</i>
Lieutenant (jg) HARRY W. KOCH . . . . .	<i>Second Division Officer</i>
Lieutenant (jg) OTTO B. LENSING, JR. . . . .	<i>Radio and Radar Officer</i>
Lieutenant (jg) JAMES SINTON . . . . .	<i>Signal Officer</i>
Lieutenant (jg) JOHN H. TEMPLE . . . . .	<i>Assistant First Lieutenant</i>
Lieutenant (jg) BEN WILES, JR. . . . .	<i>Gunnery Officer</i>
Ensign WILLIAM L. ESMOND . . . . .	<i>First Division Officer</i>
Ensign RICHARD J. LINKE . . . . .	<i>Assistant Engineering Officer</i>
Ensign JOHN B. McNANEY . . . . .	<i>Assistant Engineering Officer</i>
Ensign SAMUEL H. OWENS, JR. . . . .	<i>Assistant Supply Officer</i>
Ensign BERNARD W. SCHNEIDER . . . . .	<i>Assistant Gunnery Officer</i>
Acting Pay Clerk CHARLES M. FLESHER . . . . .	<i>Assistant Supply Officer</i>
Boatswain EUGENE KRUMENAKER . . . . .	<i>Ship's Boatswain</i>
Machinist DAVID MAY . . . . .	<i>Assistant Engineering Officer</i>
Electrician JAMES H. WOODIE . . . . .	<i>Ship's Electrician</i>

# COMMISSIONING CEREMONY LOG

1. Officers' and enlisted men's guests assemble on the poop deck.
2. Crew marches aboard and is formed in two ranks on after deck.
3. Commissioning Officer and Prospective Commanding Officer proceed aft to commissioning station. Bugler sounds attention.
4. Commissioning Officer reads his orders, then directs:  
"Right-hand salute"  
"Sound off colors" (by bugle)
5. As colors are sounded the ensign will be hoisted and the commission pennant broken out at the main mast.
6. Salute terminates when ensign is mastheaded.
7. Commissioning Officer then states that the USS PONAGANSET is in commission and delivers vessel to the Commanding Officer with appropriate remarks.
8. Commanding Officer accepts command with appropriate remarks and reads his orders.
9. Commanding Officer directs Executive Officer to:
  - (1) Set the watch
  - (2) Start the ship's time
  - (3) Commence the log
10. Executive Officer directs the Navigator to:
  - (1) Start the ship's time
  - (2) Commence the log
11. Executive Officer directs the Boatswain to:
  - (1) Set the watch
12. Boatswain calls the mates with five short blasts of his call. Boatswain's Mates assemble and pipe all hands, followed by:
  - (1) "All the Watch"
  - (2) "First Section on deck—man all stations for port routine."
13. Boatswain reports:  
"All stations manned for port routine."
14. Executive Officer reports to Commanding Officer:
  - (1) "Watch is set"
  - (2) "Ship's time has been started"
  - (3) "All stations have been manned for port routine"
15. Commanding Officer directs Executive Officer to publish the orders.
16. Executive Officer publishes the orders and dismisses men from quarters.
17. Immediately after commissioning, coffee will be served in the wardroom and crew's messing compartments for guests.