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# REACTIVATION



PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD  
Bremerton, Washington

22 January 1965

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF REACTIVATION**

During the recently completed conversion U.S.S. NAVASOTA (AO-106) was in inactive status — in commission, in reserve — with only a nucleus crew. The reactivation ceremony marks her return to active status. On changing status to in commission, active, the ship and her crew will begin an intensive at sea training period to make ready for any service demanded by our country in peace or war.

**U.S.S. NAVASOTA**

**AO-106**



Built by

**SUN SHIPBUILDING COMPANY**

**CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA**



Keel laid ----- 22 February 1945

Launched ----- 20 August 1945

Commissioned ----- 27 February 1946



Converted by

**PUGET SOUND BRIDGE AND DRYDOCK COMPANY**

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**



Inactivated ----- 2 December 1963

Completed and Delivered 28 December 1964

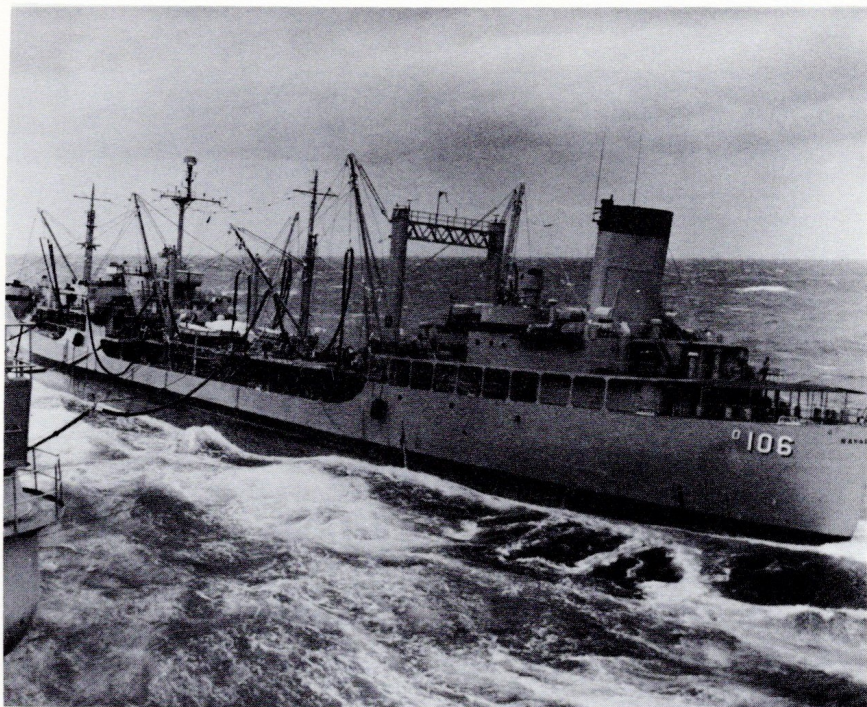
Reactivated ----- 22 January 1965





**The Honorable  
PAUL H. NITZE  
Secretary of the Navy**





## MISSION

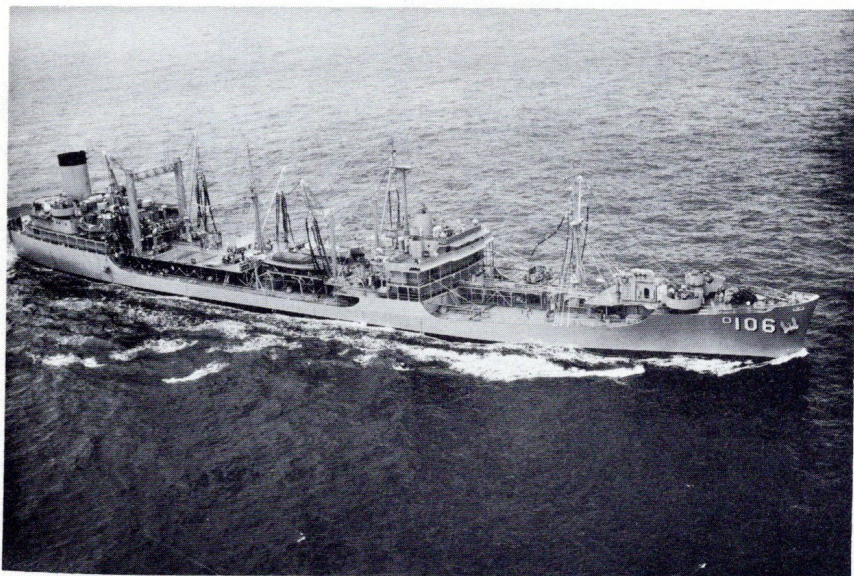
The U.S.S. NAVASOTA (AO-106) is a fleet oiler. The primary mission of a fleet oiler is to provide fuel to the fleet by underway replenishment. This makes it unnecessary for our fighting ships to return to a friendly port when they are running low on fuel. Instead they can remain at sea and be always ready for any emergency with a full load of fuel on board. Ammunition, food, and other supplies are provided in the same way by other members of the service force family.





**ADMIRAL DAVID L. McDONALD**  
United States Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations





### USS NAVASOTA Prior Conversion

## HISTORY OF THE SHIP

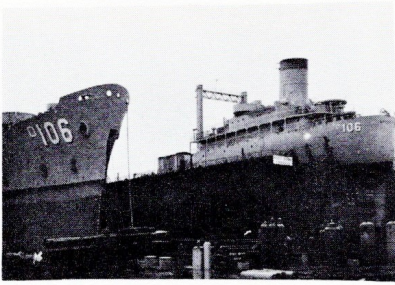
USS NAVASOTA was the second ship of her class to be completed. Built as a fleet oiler to the specifications of a Maritime Commission T-3 hull by the Sun Shipbuilding Company in Chester, Pennsylvania she was first commissioned on 27 February 1946. The NAVASOTA is named for a river in East Texas, the name being derived from the Spanish, meaning "Nativity of DeSoto" (the explorer) and is the first ship of the Fleet to bear the name.

NAVASOTA operated off the east coast of the United States for three months before proceeding through the Panama Canal to her first deployment to the Western Pacific. She has operated as a part of the Service Force, Pacific Fleet ever since with a home port of Long Beach, California.

In the 18 years since first commissioning NAVASOTA has completed 15 deployments to the Western Pacific. During the Korean War she participated in nine different offensives including the Inchon Invasion on 15 September 1950. In 1958 she provided fuel to the units of the Formosa Patrol in the area of the embattled Quemoy and Matsu Islands. During her operations in the Pacific she has visited nearly every major port plus some out of the way places such as Pago Pago, Samoa; Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia; Freemantle, Australia; and Kodiak, Alaska.

Among NAVASOTA's noteworthy achievements is her winning of the competition for the Battle Efficiency "E" over all the oilers in her class in 1955 and again in 1959. In her underway replenishment of the USS RATON (AG(SS) 270) she became the first fleet oiler to provide underway replenishment to a submarine.

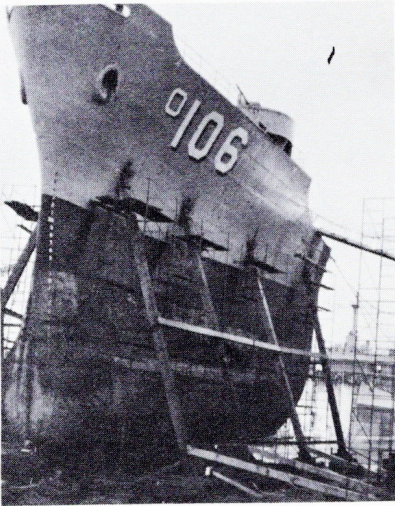




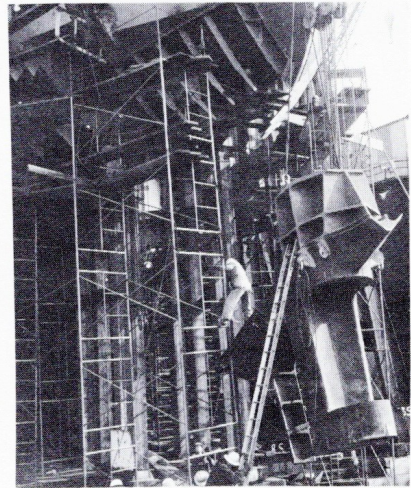
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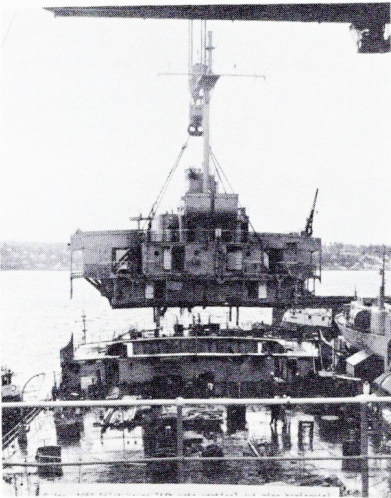
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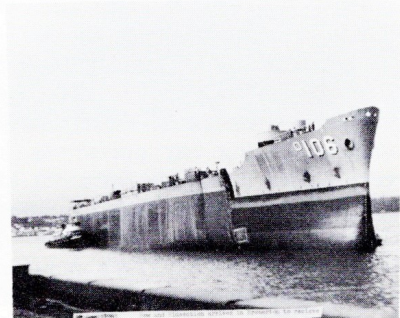
Bow standing alone



Stern modification



Pilot house lift



Bow and new midsection

## THE CONVERSION STORY

The conversion of NAVASOTA included what has become known in the shipbuilding trade as a jumboization. This involved replacing the midbody containing the cargo tanks with a new longer midbody having about 50 per cent greater cargo tank capacity. This operation consisted of five basic steps. First the bow was cut off and retained in the drydock while the rest of the ship was floated out. Next the new midbody was floated in, raised and joined to the bow. The third step was the transfer of the bridge structure from the old midbody to the new by use of the heavy lift crane at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton. Next the stern section was severed and retained in drydock while the old midbody was floated out. In the last step the new midbody, with bow and bridge structure attached, was floated into the dock, raised and joined to the stern.

Although replacement of the midbody was the single biggest change, many other important improvements were made during the conversion. A major modification was made to the stern including a new counterbalanced rudder, new stern casting and struts, and new shorter propeller shafts and stern tubes. The latest design in fueling and replenishment at sea equipment was added including kingposts with outriggers, ram tensioned span wires and high lines, electric hydraulic winches, cargo elevators, helicopter pick-up area, and sliding blocks and cargo drop reels at replenishment stations. The pumping capacity was improved by the addition of new larger capacity electric driven cargo pumps, larger cargo piping and double hose fueling rigs. An auxiliary diesel generator plant developing 4500 KW was installed to provide power for the deck machinery and cargo pumps. Enclosed space was provided for stowage of fleet cargo, bottled gas and fleet mail. Habitability was improved by the air conditioning of all office and living spaces, installation of a new ship's store, library, barber shop and additional laundry equipment.





**REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM E. FERRALL**  
United States Navy  
Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District



## REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM E. FERRALL, USN

On 21 July 1964 RADM William Edward Ferrall assumed duties as Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District/Commander, Northern Sector, Western Sea Frontier/Commander, Northern Sector, U.S. Naval Defense Force Eastern Pacific, with headquarters at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Seattle, Washington.

He was born in Columbiana, Ohio, on September 8, 1905. After graduating from Crafton High School, he entered the U. S. Naval Academy as a midshipman on June 11, 1923. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1927 with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

His service began in the USS WEST VIRGINIA and continued in the USS COLORADO and USS WATERS until May 1932 when he went to the Submarine Base, New London, under instruction for six months. He then had duty in the USS BONITA and the USS BASS. He returned to the Postgraduate School of Annapolis for instruction in Marine Engineering (Design) and continued the course at the University of California where he received a degree of Master of Science in June 1938. He served in the USS PICKEREL and USS SCULPIN and on the Staff of Commander Submarine Division 17. In April 1941 he assumed command of the USS SEADRAGON. When detached from the SEADRAGON in February 1943, he reported to the Navy Department as Fleet Submarine Maintenance Officer of the Bureau of Ships. In January 1944 he became Force Material Officer of Commander Submarine Force, Pacific, until May 1945. He then assumed command of Submarine Division 162. He commanded Submarine Squadron Six from March 1946 to June 1947, after which he returned to the Navy Department as Assistant Head, War Plans Sub-Section of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Strategic Plans). He was a student at the National War College from August 1948 to June 1949 and for a year thereafter served as Head of Supporting Plans Section, Strategic Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Following brief instruction at the Naval Amphibious Training Unit, Little Creek, he served as the Commanding Officer of the USS BAY-FIELD from July 1950 to July 1951. He was Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering at the U. S. Naval Academy from July 1951 to July 1953, after which he commanded Destroyer Squadron 2. He then reported as Chief of the Naval Group, Joint American Military Mission for Aid in Turkey with headquarters in Ankara.

In June 1957, he reported as Commander Mine Force, Atlantic, and in April 1959 he took command of Submarine Force, Pacific. In April 1960 he became Director J-5 (Plans and Policy), Joint Chief of Staff Office, Washington, D.C. In March 1962 he was ordered to duty as Navy Component Commander of the Caribbean Command and Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, with additional duty as Commander Panama Sector, Caribbean Sea Frontier; and Commander Panama Sector, Western Sea Frontier, with his headquarters at Fort Amador, Canal Zone.

For his action in the SEADRAGON during World War II he was awarded the Navy Cross, the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", and a Gold Star in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal, also with Combat "V". For exceptional meritorious conduct as Force Material Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, Pacific, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

For meritorious achievement against the enemy in the Korean Theater he received a Gold Star in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V".

In addition Rear Admiral Ferrall has the American Defense Service Medal, Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Philippine Defense Ribbon, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the China Service Medal.

# **U.S.S. NAVAS REACTIVATION**

**22 Jan**

## **BAND SELECTIONS**

Thirteenth Naval District Band



## **INVOCATION**

Commander P. J. Bakker, CHC, USN  
Chaplain, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard



## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**



## **WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF COMMANDANT**

Rear Admiral Floyd B. Schultz, USN  
Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

# **SOTA (AO-106)**

## **N CEREMONIES**

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### **REMARKS BY COMMANDANT**

Rear Admiral William E. Ferrall, USN  
Commandant, Thirteenth Naval District

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### **REACTIVATION**

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### **REMARKS BY COMMANDING OFFICER**

Captain Charles E. Smith, USN

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### **BENEDICTION**

Commander P. J. Bakker, CHC, USN  
Chaplain, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

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Reception in wardroom and crew's mess  
immediately following ceremony.





**RADM WILLIAM D. IRVIN, USN**  
 Commander Service Force  
 United States Pacific Fleet



**RADM FLOYD B. SCHULTZ, USN**  
 Commander  
 Puget Sound Naval Shipyard



**CAPT ROBERT B. LANDER, USN**  
 Commander  
 Service Group ONE

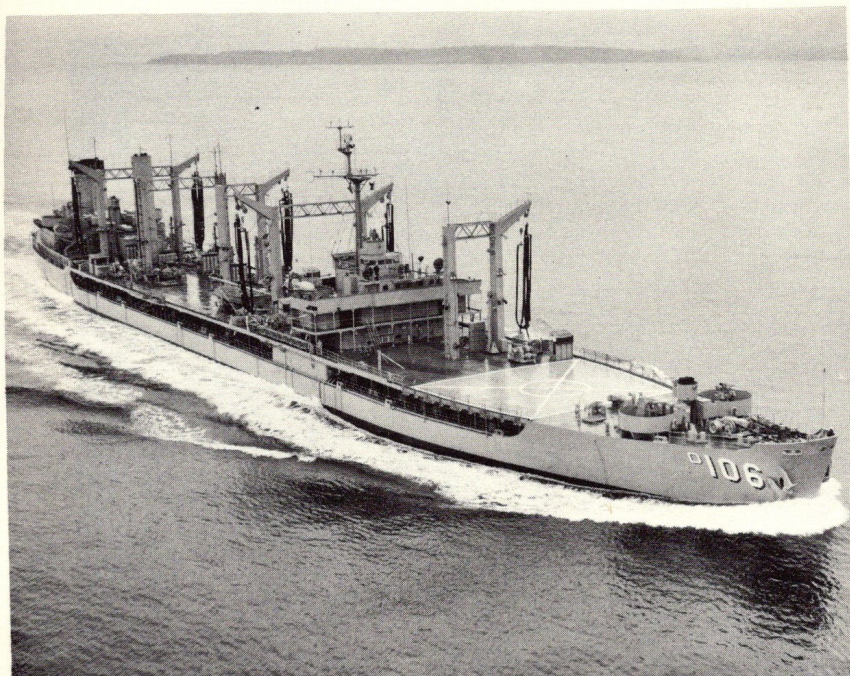


**MR. A. M. FOLDEN**  
 President  
 Puget Sound Bridge and Drydock Co.



**CAPT ROBERT E. HARRIS, USN**  
 Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Seattle, Wash.

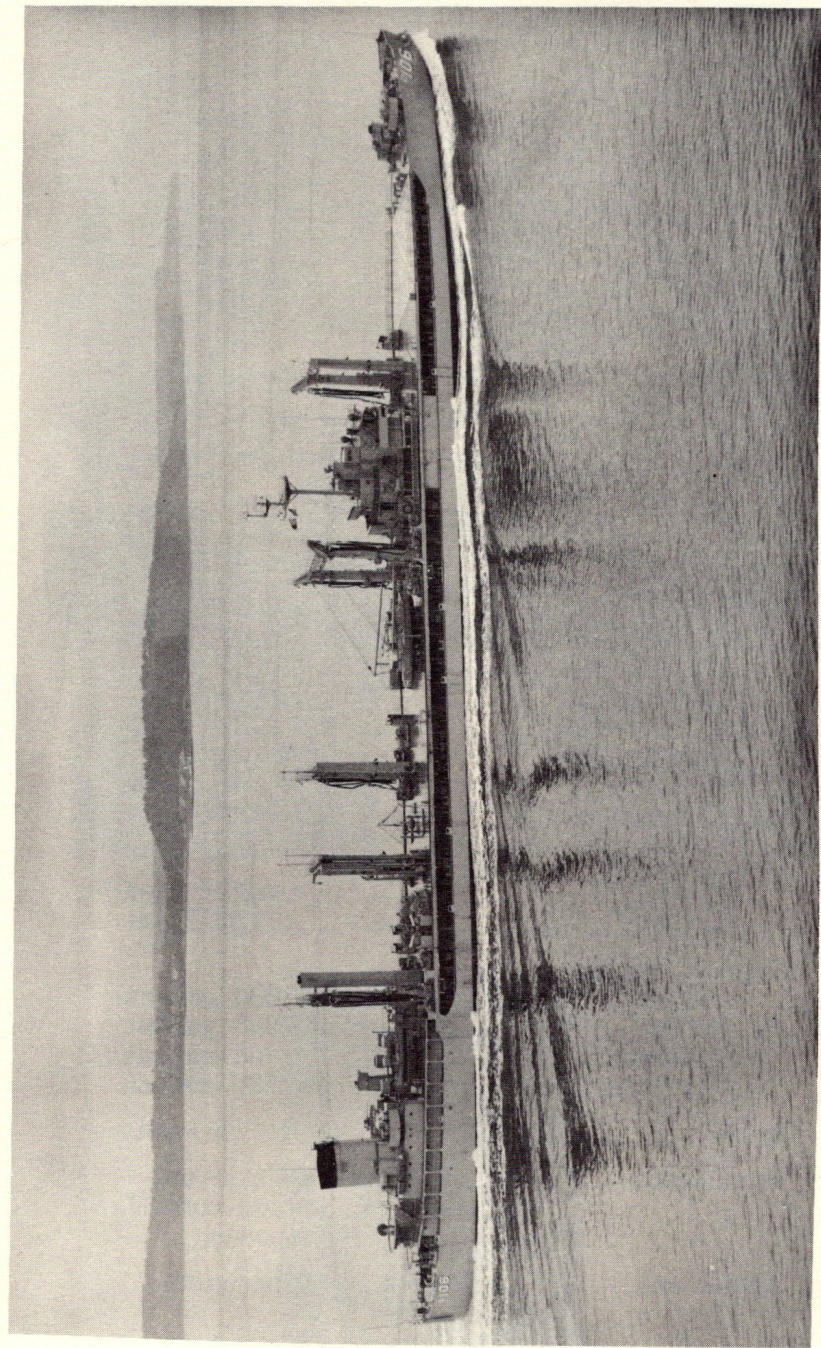




### SHIP'S DATA

Length Overall	-----	644 feet
Beam	-----	75 feet
Draft (full load)	-----	34.9 feet
Displacement		
light	-----	12,840 tons
full load	-----	33,987 tons
Cargo Capacity		
fuel oil	-----	4,403,200 gallons
jet fuel	-----	1,643,828 gallons
Aviation gasoline	-----	251,958 gallons
Total	-----	6,298,986 gallons
Speed	-----	19 Knots
Propulsion	-----	Steam turbines, twin screw, automatic combustion control, 13,500 shaft horsepower
Armament	-----	Four 3 inch 50 caliber guns (single fire)
Allowance	-----	14 officers and 225 enlisted personnel



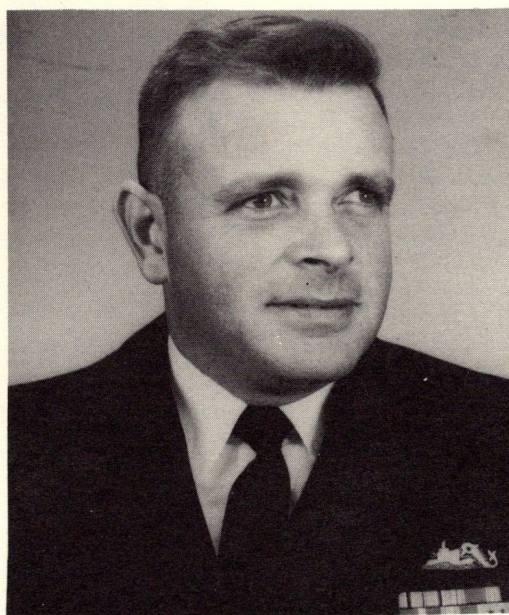


USS NAVASOTA (AO-106)





CAPTAIN CHARLES E. SMITH, USN  
Commanding Officer



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DONALD A. STILL, USN  
Executive Officer

## OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

LT GRAHAM H. CHILDRESS, Operations Officer  
LTJG BOYD K. DYER, Communications Officer  
LTJG DONALD W. ELLIS, Navigator  
LTJG RONALD A. BOYD, Electronics Material Officer

### O DIVISION

Chief Quartermaster Edward R. Strange  
Chief Radioman Richard D. Traverse  
Chief Hospitalman Harvey R. Jackson

Kuhlman, H.F., YN1	Stanly, B.G., RD1	Young, E.E., PC1
Cabana, W.E., RM2	Campbell, L."T". PN2	Dodson, D.M., SM2
Johnson, D.E., ETR2	Singer, M.G., ETR2	Campbell, J.M., QM3
Ehrishman, J.G., RD3	Hatch, W.W., PN3	Jaeger, G.A., RD3
James, D.L., RD3	Polk, K.I., RM3	Roberson, A.I., SM3
Rosenberger J.D., RM3	Schwab, J.A., HM3	Vowell, G.L., ETN3
Zartman, T.D., RM3	Zarzana, G.J., YN3	Bellamy, L.D., SN
Smoot, C.L., RMSN	Andrews, J.H., SA	Connolly, G.E., SA
Donaghy, C.J., SA	Ganser, J.H., SA	Hester, R.E., SA
Hudson, S.B., SA	McNeese, G.A., SA	Mills, R.S., SA
Plummer, J.V., SA	Schoen, J.A., SA	

## DECK DEPARTMENT

LT WILLIE H. BALL, First Lieutenant  
LTJG TERRENCE J. McGOVERN, Ship's Boatswain  
LTJG FRANCISCO BRESCIA, Gunnery Officer  
ENS JESSE B. BOLLINGER, JR., Second Division Officer

### FIRST DIVISION

Chief Boatswain's Mate Raymond C. Cardenas

Day, J.H., BM2	Crenshaw, B.P., BM3	Miller, T.E., BM3
Simon, J.C., BM3	Behan, J.A., SN	Dodd, R.D., SN
Geigle, F.J., SN	Ross, C.R., SN	Arriola, R., SA
Bendixen, R., SA	Brune, L.R., SA	Clark, A.L., SA
Degroff, L.E., SA	Hutchinson, E.R., SA	Jones, O.E., SA
Krajewski, L.J., SA	Lopez, E., SA	Madden, W.H., SA
Miller, G.L., SA	Probert, A.G., SA	Reid, K.D., SA
Shahan, M.E., SA	Smith, M.G., SA	Spindler, L.J., SA
Stanchfield, W.E., SA	Tagle, F., SA	Taylor, R.M., SA
Toland, R.M., SA	Tootle, R.G., SA	Wedel, R.E., SA
Caccavale, F.F., SR	Weber, G.L., SA	

### SECOND DIVISION

Pearson, C.G., BM1	Grace, J.T., BM2	Marren, D.J., BM2
Anderson, R.L., PNSN	Castle, C.B., SN	Emmons, D.L., SN
McDonald, V., SN	Riddle, J.A., SN	Sauers, A.J., SN
Bailey, J.H., SA	Brown, P.A., SA	Capps, L.H., SA
Crandall, J.A., SA	Crawford, J.G., SA	Esaki, I., SA
Goehring, G.G., SA	Goodman, M.D., SA	Hansen, P.F., SA
Hart, O. III, SA	Hess, G.W., SA	Hicks, D.W., SA
Kealoha, L.P., SA	Jacobson, H.B., SA	Johnson, J., SA
Masi, F.W., SA	Kelly, E.R., SA	Martinez, G.S., SA
Parkin, R.B., SA	McCarley, C.D., SA	Oswald, L.H., SA
Welch, R.C., SA	Russell, J.E., SA	Nation, H.E., SR

### THIRD DIVISION

Chief Gunner's Mate Richard M. Davis

Prather, W., FTG1	Townley, W.D., GMG1	Cruz, J.D., GMG2
Rose, L.R., GMG2	Coleman, F.G., GMG3	Hartsch, A.T., SN
Wagenmann, D.F., FTGSN	Burks, P.A., SA	Douma, P.R., SA
Manolis, R.J., SA		

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

LTJG ROY L. HENDRICKS, Engineer Officer  
LTJG VERNON R. MOUW, Damage Control Assistant  
LTJG ARLIN B. THRO, Main Propulsion Assistant  
LTJG DWIGHT W. PATE, Auxiliaries Officer

### A DIVISION

Luckman, L.S., MM1	Scovil, F.W., EN1	English, O., MM2
Fink, C.C., MM2	Kaylor, S.W., EN2	King, G.M., MM2
Smoot, W.J., MM2	Gardner, J.L., MM3	George, H.L., MM3
Mauldin, B.A., ENFN	Zak, W.S., MMFN	Zweibohmer, J.E., ENFN
Banks, F.J., FA	Carrillo, P.A., FA	Guzman, R.G., FA

### B DIVISION

Chief Boilerman Lawrence W. Watts

Severino, F.J., BT1	Berwick, R.J., BT2	Crowley, C.W., BT2
Flores, P., BT2	Carpino, R.M., BT3	Watts, B.E., FN
Williams, C.B., BTFN	Bon, V.M., FA	Brown, J.E., FA
Cannon, H.B., FA	Leyendecker, J.C., FA	McAdoo, R.G., FA
Porter, T.E., SA		

### E DIVISION

Senior Chief Electrician's Mate Elzia L. Farrell

Kane, P.L., EM2	Allison, W.D., EM3	Bever, J.R., EM3
Frick, B.R., IC3	Robinson, R.L., EM3	West, B.R., EM3
Dodd, E.W., EMFN	Enos, M.T., EMFN	Gardner, K.D., FN
Harlan, W.L., EMFN	Rasmussen, R.L., EMFN	Steele, J.H., ICFN
Lerma, I., ICFA		

### M DIVISION

Chief Machinist's Mate Edward E. Vilvins

Cleaves, N.S., MM1	Gilpin, C.R., MM1	Fish, S.W., MM2
McDonald, D.W., MM2	Curby, D.L., MM3	Dublin, M.W., MM3
Jones, S.J., MM3	Wolven, M.R., MM3	Wroblowski, J.E., MR3
McDonell, D.R., FN	Meissner, P.J., MMFN	Peters, J.F., FN
Stone, J.R., MMFN	Tenery, G.L., FN	Bowman, J.F., FN
Donaldson, W.H., FA	Flores, R.L., FA	Forrister, J.D., FA
McGraw, M.A., FA	Miller, L.F., FA	Morgan, D.R., FA
Siegfried, R.G., FA	Ramon, P.A., FA	Taggart, A.L., FA
Wanamaker, L., FA		

### R DIVISION

Chief Damage Controlman William E. Smith, Jr.

Chief Shipfitter Bernard J. Sparenberg

Asmussen, G.E., SFP2	Gonzales, J., SFP2	McConnaughy, D.D., SFM2
McPheeters, L.L., DC2	Bessey, C.T., SFP3	Chavez, R.A., DC3
Pacheco, S.M., SFM3	Phifer, J.C., FN	Alfano, J., FA
Brown, T.G., FA	Sandridge, C.L., FA	



## **SUPPLY DEPARTMENT**

**LTJG BRUCE E. MAXON, Supply Officer**  
**LTJG LARRY D. MILLER, Disbursing Officer**

### **S DIVISION**

**Senior Chief Storekeeper A. Manganon**  
**Chief Commissaryman Eddie H. Mehan**

Bowden, H.O., SH1	Clemmey, D.A., CS1	Fink, K.D., DK1
Walls, V.W., SK1	Cotton, J.A., CS2	Dixon, J.D., SK2
Matthews, W.P., CS2	Porter, T.R., SH2	Ruiz, B.A., SD2
Alfano, A., CS3	Kempa, A.F., SK3	Peak, S.C., SH3
Penttila, A.E., SK3	Refugio, U., SD3	Warfield, C.B., SD3
Blaine, J.A., SN	Cayanan, B.L., TN	Gonzalez, R.M., SN
McElyea, S.D., SN	Shields, W.J., SN	Becker, S.K., SA
Fowler, W.D., SA	King, W.G., SA	Miovsky, G.W., SA
Rosenthal, C.J., SA	Villanueva, E.B., TA	