

WELCOME ABOARD

U.S.S. Sagamore

ATA-208



"Chief Of The Tribe"

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On behalf of the officers and men of the USS SAGAMORE, I take great pleasure in welcoming you aboard our fine ship.

Ours is one of the smaller ships in the U.S. Navy, but certainly one of the best. Since her commissioning, SAGAMORE has proved to be a most valuable part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, engaged in towing, torpedo recovery, escorting, and a multitude of other operations from Scotland to Panama and in both Atlantic and Pacific.

We welcome this opportunity to show you our ship, and hope your visit aboard will be pleasant. Please feel free to ask questions of any of the officers and men, and I hope you will gain not only knowledge about our ship and her role in the U.S. Navy, but a better understanding of the Navy itself.

G. E. Levi
Lieutenant
U.S. NAVY
Commanding Officer



GEORGE E. LEVI LIEUTENANT, USN

BIOGRAPHY

Lieutenant George E. Levi is a native of Signal Mountain, Tennessee. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in February 1946, and served on the following ships: USS PROVIDENCE (CL-82), USS ATKA (AGB-3), USS PROTEUS (AS-19) and USS ORION (AS-18).

While assigned to the USS ORION, he was commissioned Ensign in February 1962. His tours of duty after his commission were Engineering Officer on USS MAHOPAC (ATA-196); APOLLO Instrumentation Ships Project Officer with the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair USN, Quincy, Massachusetts; and Executive Officer of the Lighterage Section of the Naval Support Activity in Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

Lieutenant Levi has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal with 4 Bronze Stars; European Occupation Service Medal; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars; and Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V".

SHIP' S HISTORY

The United States Ship SAGAMORE was built by the Gulfport Boiler and Welding Works, Port Arthur, Texas. Upon commissioning, 19 March 1945, SAGAMORE was placed under the operational control of Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. She is one of the ships making up Service Squadron Eight.

The Auxiliary Ocean Tug 208 received her name from the Abnaki, a Federation of the Algonquin Indians, Language. SAGAMORE is the Abnaki word for chief or ruler of the tribe.

The SAGAMORE is 143 feet long, 34 feet in beam, and displaces 858 tons. Her 2 diesel engines produce 1,500 horsepower.

The primary mission and function of an auxiliary ocean tug is ocean towing, and her secondary mission is emergency rescue and salvage. Presently the SAGAMORE is used for coastal towing. Also she is periodically assigned to the towing of surface gunnery targets for surface ships and torpedo recovery for submarines and aircraft. The 5 officers and 35 enlisted men assigned to SAGAMORE must not only be highly capable, but also extremely versatile due to the many and varied operations on an ATA.

Since commissioning, SAGAMORE has had towing assignments in both oceans -- to Pearl Harbor, to Holy Loch, Scotland, and to various points in between. Her tows have included several types of naval ships and craft, from destroyers and submarines to target sleds.
