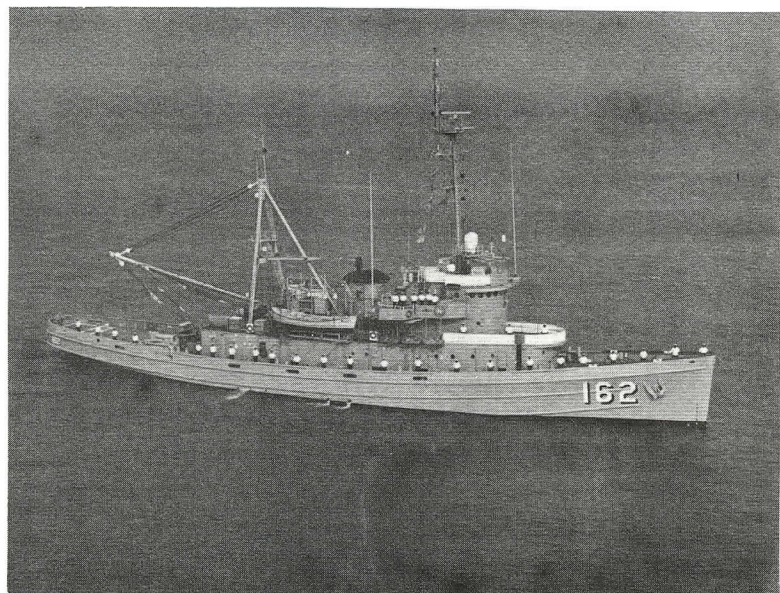


DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

**USS SHAKORI (ATF-162)
FEBRUARY 29, 1980**



**PIER 18 NORTH
US NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE
LITTLE CREEK, VIRGINIA**

PROGRAM OF DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Atlantic Fleet Band



INVOCATION
CAPT J.F. Laboon, CHC, USN



GUEST SPEAKER
RADM R.W. Watkins, USN



COMMANDING OFFICER'S REMARKS
LT E.R. Hebert, USN



READING OF DECOMMISSIONING DIRECTIVE
LT E.R. Hebert, USN



LOWERING OF THE COLORS



**PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL ENSIGN,
UNION JACK, AND COMMISSIONING PENNANT
TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RECIPIENTS**



BENEDICTION
CAPT J.F. Laboon, CHC, USN



OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS



GUESTS DEPART



DISMISSAL OF THE CREW



**REAR ADMIRAL
ROBERT WAYNE WATKINS
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER SERVICE GROUP TWO**

Admiral Robert Wayne Watkins entered the Navy in December 1943 as an Aviation Cadet. He completed the World War II V-12 and Naval Officer Training Corps (NROTC) programs at the University of Michigan, was graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree and commissioned an Ensign and transferred to the Regular Navy in June 1946.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on March 5, 1926, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur John Watkins, he was graduated from West High School, Columbus, prior to entering Central Michigan College, University of Michigan.

After receiving his commission, Admiral Watkins served aboard various Atlantic and Pacific Fleet combatant ships from 1946 through 1952.

As a Lieutenant, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations until his selection in 1954 to attend the Navy General Line School at Monterey, California. He served as the Executive Officer of the destroyer escort, USS MAURICE J. MANUEL (DE 351) from July 1955 until assuming command in 1957 as a Lieutenant.

He commanded the tank landing ship USS TALBOT COUNTY (LST 1153) as a Lieutenant Commander and was Commanding Officer of the destroyer USS CHARLES S. SPERRY (DD 697) as a Commander. A unit of Destroyer Squadron TWO FOUR, CHARLES S. SPERRY deployed in September 1965 as one of the first Atlantic Fleet destroyers to participate in the Vietnam conflict.

Admiral Watkins served as Chief of Staff to Commander Amphibous Squadron THREE and Amphibious Task Group ALFA during the TET offensive in Vietnam in 1967 and 1968.

As a Captain he subsequently commanded the guided missile Cruiser USS WAINWRIGHT (CG 28) from July 1971 to December 1972.

His shore assignments have included Head, Maintenance and Material Management Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and a student at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Following a brief tour of duty in Seattle, Washington, he attended the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; and later served on the Staff of the Naval War College.

In January 1973, he assumed the position of Director, Recruiting Advertising Department on the Staff of Commander, Navy Recruiting Command. In April 1975, he became the Deputy Commander, Navy Recruiting Command. The Navy announced on February 12, 1976 that he was selected for the rank of Rear Admiral.

In October 1976, Admiral Watkins was assigned Executive Director for Quality Assurance, Contract Administration Service, Defense Logistics Agency.

On 11 October 1978, Admiral Watkins assumed duties as Commander, Service Group TWO.

His awards include: The Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with gold star in lieu of second medal, Bronze Star and Navy Commendation Medals both with Combat V, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal (European and Asian Clasp), the National Defense Service Medal (with one star), Korean Presidential Citation, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (five engagement stars), and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 device.

Admiral Watkins is married to the former Betty Jane Dorsey of Baltimore, Maryland. They have two daughters, Linda Harriett and Karen Virginia. the Watkins family resides in Norfolk, Virginia.



BIOGRAPHY COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Edward Richard Hebert is a native of Lee, Maine. Upon graduation from high school he entered the U. S. Naval Academy, graduating and gaining a commission as Ensign in June of 1971.

After attending various fleet schools he served onboard USS SYLVANIA (AFS 2) from October 1971 until February 1974 as Electronics Officer and as Assistant First Lieutenant. Upon completion of his initial sea tour he attended the Surface Warfare Officers School, Department Head curriculum, graduating as a member of class 46 in December 1974. From January 1975 through September 1976 he served as Operations Officer onboard USS DUPONT (DD 941), following which he served as First Lieutenant of USS MOUNT WHITNEY (LCC 20) from November 1976 until August 1978.

Lieutenant Hebert is authorized to wear the Navy Commendation Medal.

He is married to the former Maria Leticia Pimentel of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Lieutenant and Mrs. Hebert reside in Virginia Beach. They have two sons, Michael and Andrew.

DECOMMISSIONING CREW

COMMANDING OFFICER LT. E.R. HEBERT	COMNAVMLPERSCOM	WASHINGTON, D.C.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LTJG. J.L. MULLNER	USS WELCH (PG-93)	LITTLE CREEK, VA
OPERATIONS OFFICER LTJG. P.P. RUSANOWSKY	USS NASSAU (LHA-4)	NORFOLK, VA
SUPPLY OFFICER LTJG. P.A. VAN LOON	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL SCHOOL	INDIAN HEAD, MD
ENGINEERING OFFICER CW02 J.O. BENTON	SPECIAL BOAT DIV. 22	NEW ORLEANS, LA
SHIPS BOSN CW02 F. CALZADA	SHORE PATROL OFFICER	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX
T. MORGAN	EMC	NAVAL SURFACE FORCE PROPULSION MAINTENANCE COMPONENT LITTLE CREEK, VA
G. NAYLOR	BMC	USS SUMTER (LST 1181)
T. REEVES	SKC	NAVSTA
M. COOK	EN1	USS PEGASUS (PHM-1)
R. D'AMBRISI	PN1	VF - 84
W. DAVIS	EN1	USS GALLANT (MSO-489)
D. GARMS	EM1	USS L.Y. SPEARS (AS-36)
T. JOHNSON	ET1	USS VIRGINIA (CGN-38)
A. LAYTON	OS1	USS HARLAN COUNTY (LST-1196)
C. ORANTE	MS1	USS CONOLLY (DD-979)
R. PACK	YN1	NAVY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION SQUADRON (BLUE ANGELS)
H. STUMP	EN1	HARBOR CLEARANCE UNIT 2
W. TOELKES	HM1	USS WORDEN (CG-18)
G. UMPHRESS	SM1	USS BIGELOW (DD-942)
M. DELP	HT2	USS SAIPAN (LHA-2)
R. EBERSTEIN	EM2	RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY
D. HUDNALL	GMM2	USS SAN DIEGO (AFS-6)
W. JAMES	BM2	NAVFAC
B. KNAUB	MS2	USS RICKETTS (DDG-5)
J. WHITE	RM2	BEACHMASTER UNIT TWO
R. WOTEN	HT2	SIMA
J. AHLEN	BM3	USS NEWPORT (LST-1179)
R. CRAWFORD	EM3	RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY
G. HARRIS	ET3	USS SARATOGA (CV-60)
R. STAPLES	EN3	SPECIAL BOAT UNIT 24
L. STOKES	EN3	SPECIAL BOAT UNIT 24
O. TAYLOR	BM3	RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY
S. WEISPHAPL	EM3	PRECOM DETAIL USS PELELIU (LHA-5)
D. BLAIR	ENFN	USS GUADACANAL (LPH-7)
D. CRAMBLTT	QMSN	USS GUADACANAL (LPH-7)
A. DOANE	SN	USS BADGER (FF-1071)
B. EATON	SN	NAVAL CARGO HANDLING AND PORT GROUP
K. HAYNES	SN	USS SUSTAIN (AFDM-7)
S. KORNFELD	EMFN	USS RECOVERY (ARS-43)
C. OROZCO	ETSN	USS LAWRENCE (DDG-4)
C. PRIDY	SN	RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY
S. QUIRK	EMFN	NAVSTA GUANTANAMO BAY
G. REICHEL	SKSN	USS J.F. KENNEDY (CV-67)
J. ROSE	HTFN	USS MOINESTER (FF-1097)
C. SALLAS	FN	USS SIMON LAKE (AS-33)
S. SISUNG	QMSN	USS NASHVILLE (LPD-13)
E. SMOLINSKI	SN	USS VOGELGESANG (DD-862)
K. TILTON	FN	USS RECLAIMER (ARS-42)
R. WILSON	ENFN	SPECIAL BOAT UNIT 24
M. LONG	SA	USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3)
T. WALLACE	SA	USS SURIBACHI (AE-21)
J. SATTERFIELD	SMSR	USS SELLERS (DDG-11)
J. SCHERER	SR	ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT 2
J. SOBECK	SR	USS NIMITZ (CVN-69)
		NORFOLK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		NAS OCEANA, VA
		SAN FRANCISCO, CA
		NORFOLK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		PENSACOLA, FL
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		YOKOSUKA, JAPAN
		MAYPORT, FL
		NORFOLK, VA
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		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		MAYPORT, FL
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
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		PASCAGOULA, MISS
		NORFOLK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		PEARL HARBOR, HA
		WILLIAMSBURG, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA
		CUBA
		NORFOLK, VA
		BROOKLYN, NY
		KINGS BAY, GA
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		NEWPORT, RI
		PEARL HARBOR, HA
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		OAKLAND, CA
		EARLE, NJ
		CHARLESTON, SC
		LITTLE CREEK, VA
		NORFOLK, VA

SHIP'S HISTORY

The USS SHAKORI was commissioned on 20 December 1945, at the Charleston Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Charleston, South Carolina.

The selection of the name SHAKORI was in conjunction with the custom of naming Ocean Tugs after North American Indian tribes. The SHAKORI Indian Tribe was a small tribe, dwarfish in stature, yet brave and fierce in fight. They were associated with the Enco and Adshusheer tribes in North Carolina in the 17th century and ruled the "Great Nation of Cacures" from the villages of Durham, North Carolina.

Over her 34 years of service SHAKORI has performed a multitude of impressive operations. Some of the highlights of her career include:

1956 — Participation in refloating USS BASILONE aground off Cape Henry.

1958 — Participation in refloating the USS GUAVINA [AG (SS) 362] aground off San Salvador Island.

1962 — Evacuation of dependents from Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban missile crisis.

1965 — Longest tow in Naval History (11,000 miles) and circumnavigation of the globe.

1974 — Unassisted open ocean tow of ex-USS INTREPID (CVS-11).

1976 — Participation in the deep water salvage of an F-14 Aircraft downed north of Scotland.

1979 — Participation in the retraction of ex-USS OZARK, aground at Perdido Key, Florida.

In calendar year 1979, her 34th and final year of service, SHAKORI once again compiled one of the busiest operating schedules of all ships in the Atlantic Fleet. Included were 45 days providing target services to 33 various U.S. and allied warships. Three major salvage jobs were undertaken. Four tows were successfully completed for an aggregate of 1444 towing miles. Various additional tasks such as astern refueling operations, torpedo and mine recoveries, tow and be towed exercises, and emergency towing accounted for a total of over 21,000 steaming miles for the year.
