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USS DULUTH (LPD-6)



Welcome Aboard



Dear Guest,

On behalf of the officers and men of DULUTH, I extend to you a warm welcome. We are delighted to have the opportunity to show you what we mean by "DULUTH PRIDE".

During your visit, you will see a complex ship with some of the most modern technology incorporating experiences of amphibious operations dating back to World War II. You will also have the opportunity to meet the backbone of DULUTH—the men and women who sail her. I trust you will go away with an appreciation for the dedication and competency required to operate one of the U.S. Navy's finest ships.

I hope your time aboard will be enjoyable as well as educational and will help to increase your understanding of DULUTH, her mission, and the United States Navy.

GENE EMMERT
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER

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(Fortiter in Re - Bold in Action)

USS Duluth's keel was laid December 18, 1963. She was commissioned 2 years later as the last fighting ship to be built at the New York Naval Ship Yard on December 18, 1965.

DULUTH is named after the city of Duluth, Minnesota, which in turn derived its name from the French explorer Daniel Greysolon Sieur Du Lhut (1636 - 1710), famous for serving as a peace-maker between the Chippewa and Sioux Indian tribes.

The most versatile class of ship in the Navy, DULUTH combines the functions of three classes of ships: the dock landing ship (LSD), the tank landing ship (LST), and the attack cargo ship (LKA). DULUTH is also unique in having a helicopter flight deck built over her well deck, providing a tactical advantage by adding the capability of lifting troops, supplies and equipment onto the same ship. DULUTH's versatile design allows her to contribute to all phases of the amphibious assault.

DULUTH's most distinctive feature is her well deck; a large floodable docking area inside the hull of the ship. The ship ballasts down which in turn floods the well deck with enough water to enable the landing craft to depart or enter the ship through the stern gate for loading or unloading. Located forward of the well deck is upper/lower vehicle storage, which holds most of the embarked troops' heavy equipment such as tanks, tracked amphibious landing vehicles (AAV), jeeps and trucks. At the same time, troops and equipment can be loaded via helicopter from the flight deck.

STATISTICS

Speed.....	20 kts plus
Full load displacement.....	16,912 tons
Full load draft.....	21.8 feet
Fuel capacity.....diesel fuel, marine 750,000 gallons, JP-5 fuel 217,000 gallons	
Production capability of distilling plants.....	60,000 gallons of fresh water per day
Total power from four ships service turbo generators.....	4800 amps/3000 kw (enough to power 20,000 average sized homes)
Repair Part Inventory.....	17,500 line items \$4,000,000.00
Troop Cargo Capacity.....	General Cargo...58,868 cu/ft Vehicles...16,174 cu/ft
Ships Company.....	Officers.....30
Chief Petty Officers.....	20 E-6 and below.....350
Marine berthing capacity.....	Officers.....73
Staff NCO's.....	21 Enlisted.....828
Meals prepared per day with Marines embarked.....	3,500
Monthly Navy Payroll.....	\$200,000
Shipboard Dental procedures.....	1,500 per year
Shipboard Medical procedures.....	3,000 per year