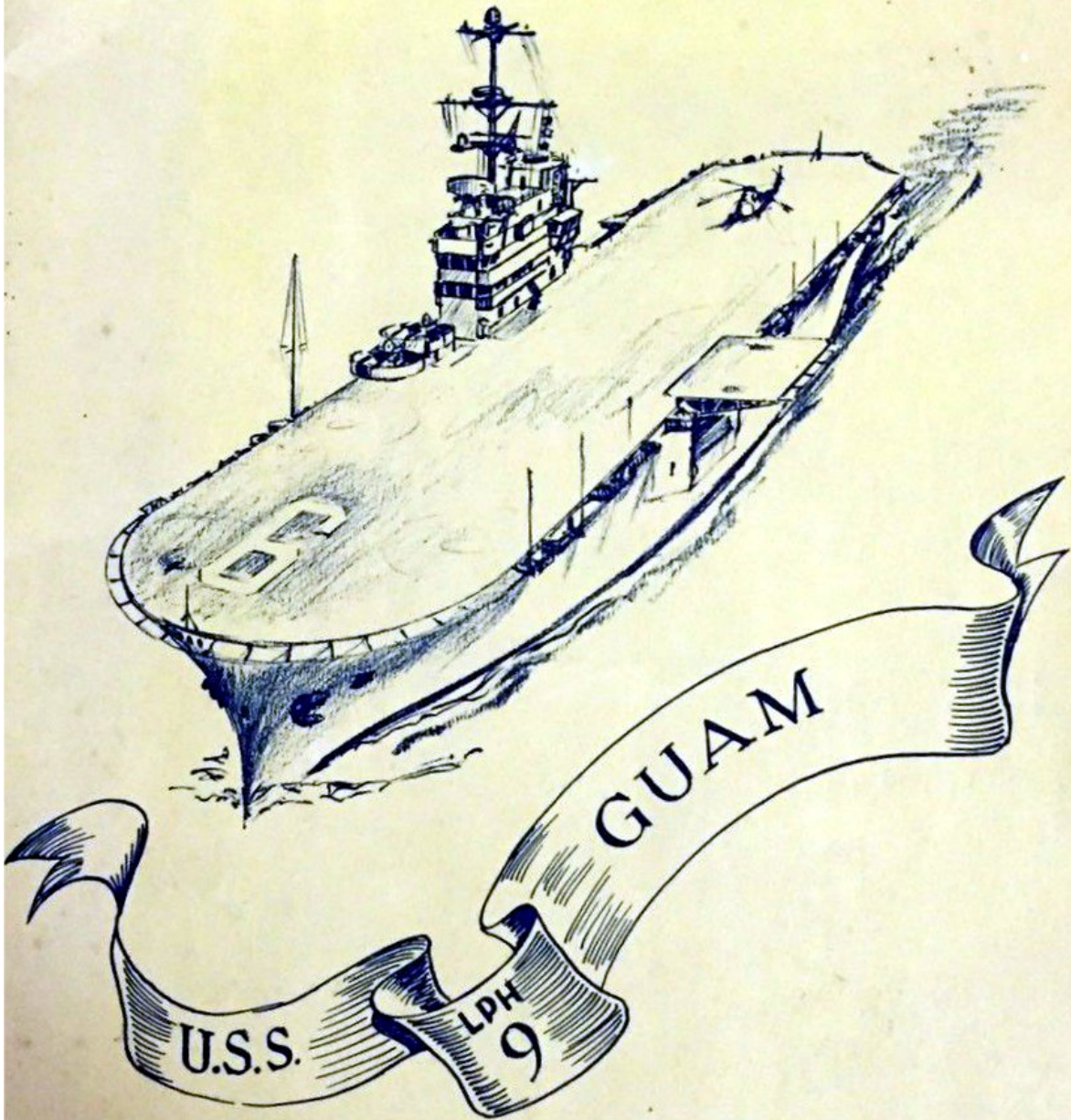


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JANUARY 16, 1965
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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



THE HONORABLE PAUL H. NITZE
Secretary of the Navy



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

6 January 1965

My dear Captain Thurmon:

Upon the occasion of the commissioning of USS GUAM (LPH-9), it gives me great pleasure to extend to you, your officers and crew my heartiest congratulations.

The GUAM, together with her sister ships, represent an increasing capability to exploit the potential of the vertical envelopment concept in amphibious operations. You are indeed fortunate to have this opportunity to contribute new ideas to the benefit of our Navy-Marine Corps team effort. At the same time you face the equally challenging experience of developing in GUAM her full potential which will continue to reflect the proud tradition of the men and ships of the Amphibious Force.

Seafaring men know that the strength of the ship lies in the spirit and competence of her crew. I am confident that with your sense of leadership and devotion to duty this strength will be achieved at an early date.

To you, your fine officers and men, and to GUAM, I wish you Godspeed, fair winds and a rewarding cruise.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Nitze

Captain N. E. Thurmon
Commanding Officer
USS GUAM (LPH-9)
c/o Commander
Philadelphia Naval Shipyard
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



To the officers and crew of U.S.S. GUAM - with great appreciation for their dedicated and able service and for the vital role they are fulfilling for the security of our country.

David L. McDonald
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations

DAVID L. McDONALD

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

6 January 1965



Dear Captain Thurmon,

Upon the commissioning of USS GUAM (LPH-9), I extend to you, your officers and crew my congratulations and wish you well in your new endeavor.

GUAM recalls the greatest team effort in history as our gallant Navy men and Marines, welded in battle at Guadalcanal, formed an amphibious force which contributed so decisively to our victory in World War II. GUAM, together with her sister ships, add a new dimension to our over-the-beach assault forces reflecting the increasing complexity of modern warfare. You are fortunate to have this opportunity to participate in and contribute to this new concept.

The first Captain of a new ship is in an unique position. He, more than any of the Commanding Officers who follow, sets the tone of the ship and formulates her reputation in the Fleet. This is a challenge which few naval officers are privileged to assume. It will require the finest attention, leadership, and devotion to duty. By your leadership and example will your ship be known. I am confident that you, your officers and men, working together with your embarked Marines, will be a valuable asset to our Amphibious Forces and ready at all times to participate in the defense of our Nation.

To you, your officers and the ship's company go my best wishes for a challenging and rewarding cruise.

Sincerely,

David L. McDonald
 DAVID L. McDONALD

Captain N. E. Thurmon
 Commanding Officer
 USS GUAM (LPH-9)
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 Philadelphia Naval Shipyard
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THE NAVAL HYMN (Eternal Father)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walk'd'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Up on the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
AMEN.

"BATTLE OF GUAM"

On 21 July 1944, the Third Marine Division and the First Provisional Marine Brigade, with the 77th Infantry Division in reserve, began the invasion of Guam. The assault troops landed after the most complete pre-landing bombardment (an air and naval operation which lasted 13 days) in the Pacific war. In spite of the intense preparatory bombardment, the twenty-day campaign to wrest the island from its determined defenders cost the lives of 1289 American servicemen and more than 10,000 Japanese. The capture of Guam and its neighbors, Saipan and Tinian, provided the Allies with bases from which to launch the devastating B-29 raids which were climaxed by the use of atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



Guam was the first occupied American territory to be retaken from the Japanese and, in addition to its obvious military value, the island's recapture provided a strong morale boost to the American people.



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Kimball, N. J.	AA	Monson, L. E.	SA
King, J. A.	AA	Murphy, E. D.	AN
Kittell, G. D.	EMFA	Need, D. R.	SA
Klein, W. C.	ETI	Neely, R. W.	SA
Knight, J. F.	RMSA	Neidhart, D. E.	AG3
Kronberger, S. J.	FA	Nevin, J. J.	BDGN
Kuschke, M. E.	EMFA	Nichols, D. L.	PHI
Kuykendall, I. E.	AK2	Nichols, J. T.	SM2
Lanney, K. E.	SN	Nicholson, P. H.	SHSN
Lawson, D. A.	FA	Nickerson, S. W.	SA
Lutz, S. N.	TA	Nielsen, J. S.	SN
Latham, W. C.	AN	Noble, C. A.	AMH2
Leonard, R. W.	SN	Nobles, A. R.	TA
Leopard, C. W.	SA	Nunnally, B. A.	NMSN
Lester, C. R.	AMS1	Orlich, K. J.	SN
Leto, R. P.	ABFAA	Olsen, B. E.	ANF1
Lies, J. C.	BM2	Osgood, H. A. Jr.	QMI
Lies, J. M.	FA	Parks, R. W.	SA
Likes, N. H.	AG2	Parsons, D. M.	AN
Littleton, W. R.	GMG2	Peifer, I. C.	FA
Lockwood, T. R.	MM2	Penrod, E. NMN Jr.	FA
Long, E. G.	DC1	Pepper, G. H.	AA
MacDonald, D. L.	AN	Perkins, S. C.	ETI
Mack, J. O.	CYNBA	Pernishek, W. A.	SA
Maher, W. E.	SA	Petry, M. F.	EMFA
Marlowe, K. C.	SN	Pieffer, E. J.	AN
Martin, J. E. Jr.	AN	Phillips, J. R.	SN
Martin, H. B.	PN3	Phillips, M. A.	AMHAN
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Massey, V. R. Jr.	RM3	Pociank, R. J.	SN
Maturowski, C. E.	FA	Popluz, R. D.	AN
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McComas, J. R.	SM3	Prinsbach, J. E.	RM3
McLane, R. H.	BT2	Prosser, B. G.	SA
McLaughlin, D. G.	SA	Purvis, C. NMN	AN
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Meadows, L. W.	SA	Reaser, J. P.	RMSN
Metz, J. F.	MM2	Reeves, M. D.	SA
Michael, T. R.	SA	Regateiro, J. NMN	SA
Michaud, A. R.	SN	Reyes, B. P.	SD3
Miller, C. NMN	SD1	Rich, R. L.	SN
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Mohr, F. H.	SA	Riden, C. L.	EN1
Moir, A. W.	MMFN	Rious, W. D.	AA
Molchok, G. NMN	ABH2	Ritchie, F. J.	SN
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Moody, F. L.	SFP3	Rizzo, J. A.	SA
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Moore, M. NMN	RMSN		

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Robinson, D. R.	SA	Stafstrom, S. T.	SN
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Rodriguez, M. J.	SA	Steward, W. D.	RDSA
Rogers, D. A.	MRFA	Stoel, D. F.	SA
Rohloff, R. F.	SA	Stoker, A. T.	SN
Rullins, F. NMN	SD3	Stokes, R. C.	AA
Rullins, J. E.	SM1	Stolzenbach, K. W.	SN
Ruth, G. R.	IC3	Stose, E. C.	AEAA
Ruth, W. W.	SA	Stringer, M. C.	SA
Rowan, R. J.	SFM2	Stroud, I. M.	BM3
Rule, W. M.	AT1	Stuart, L. C.	DK2
Rumack, J. P.	SN	Sturman, T. R.	ETI
Rusarwa, I. T.	SN	Suchan, R. E.	AA
Saltell, G. D.	ABH3	Sullivan, D. L.	SA
Salsman, R. M.	FA	Sullivan, P. J.	AA
Sandry, R. R.	AMS3	Suzles, W. A.	SFMTN
Sappington, W. M.	CS3	Sutton, H. S.	CS1
Savlog, D. M.	TA	Svenningsen, A. R. Jr.	AA
Savoy, W. D.	FA	Swain, R. G.	SA
Schoeter, J. C.	AN	Tanner, L. C.	AA
Schoeter, D. B.	MM2	Tatro, R. L.	EN3
Schriver, J. A.	SA	Taylor, A. C.	ETNSA
Schellingberger, T. H.	SN	Taylor, R. L.	SA
Scott, D. M.	SA	Taylor, R. NMN	SA
Seales, J. D. Jr.	SA	Tepovich, F. J.	FA
Semper, J. L.	SA	Terrell, K. O.	SK2
Settino, R. G.	SN	Thiele, C. D.	TA
Severin, W. NMN Jr.	SA	Thomas, G. R.	SA
Sharp, J. M.	AK3	Thomas, J. W.	ENFA
Sharpe, F. R.	SH3	Thompson, J. R.	SA
Shaw, E. W.	FA	Thompson, R. W.	AA
Shellenberger, P. P.	RDSA	Thompson, V. M.	MMFN
Sheppard, R. L.	GMG1	Thompson, W. E.	MM3
Shuff, B. R.	SN	Thropp, R. D.	SA
Shuman, K. M.	SA	Tomari, J. A.	SN
Sides, F. A.	ADBRN	Tretten, M. J.	YN3
Simmons, G. E.	AKAN	Tremble, A. NMN Jr.	EM2
Simmons, T. H.	AK1	Tudor, F. H.	EM2
Siwakowski, T. J.	EMFA	Tunilis, A. J. Jr.	AOAA
Sittig, G. NMN	ADBRN	Underwood, D. A.	SA
Slay, M. NMN	AN	Urban, S. E.	SA
Smith, B. G.	SN	Vacha, G. M.	SH2
Smith, D. NMN	CS3	Vale Cruz Roal Dela Cruz.	TA
Smith, E. A.	GMG2	Van Sickle, R. L.	AN
Smith, I. S.	FA	Vasquez, L. F. Jr.	SA
Smith, L. P.	MM2	Venable, F. NMN	SD3
Smith, R. W.	SA	Ventura, J. A.	TA
Snyder, G. T.	SA	Verity, J. J.	SREF
Smith, W. A.	ABH3	Vernon, C. D.	MMFN
Soule, G. F.	SA	Vicari, R. J.	SA
Spanondis, N. NMN	SA	Walton, B. H.	BM2
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		Watson, W. H.	BM3

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Wainwright, E. T.	FA	Wilson, D. D.	SA
Walmsley, R. L.	FA	Windsor, L. C.	SA
Walmsley, M. L.	FA	Winslow, G. G.	SA
Whaley, W. C.	AN	Withers, G. D.	ETRSN
Wheelahan, S. A.	BM2	Whittington, J. M. Jr.	SK1
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Whitson, C. S.	MM3	Wolfey, S. D.	DMSA
Wilkins, A. P.	SA	Woodard, S. M.	SN
Wilkins, G. M.	SA	Yungling, M. F.	SA
Williams, B. B.	FA	Yoder, W. M.	MMFN
Williams, E. L. Jr.	TA	Young, J. R. Sr.	MR2
Williams, F. H.	SA	Zimler, L. D.	SA
Williams, J. M.	DT1	Zimmer, R. A.	SA
Williams, T. E.	SA	Zimmerman, D. I.	FA

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SHIP'S CREST FOR USS GUAM

BACKGROUND

In developing the ship's crest for the USS GUAM, it was attempted to symbolize by heraldic devices, three main well springs of significance: the mission of an amphibious assault ship (LPH), the Battle of Guam in World War II and other major events in the island history, and the close tactical relationship of the NAVY-MARINE CORPS team.

SYMBOLISM

SHIELD : The chevron rompu (the broken chevron) in the middle of the shield symbolizes an amphibious attack. The caltrop (spike) at bottom of the shield is used to symbolize the Navy's support of the assault forces. This also symbolizes the shoulder sleeve insignia of the Third Marine Division which made the initial assault landings for the liberation of the island of Guam in 1944. The chief embattled of three gules (the top of the shield with staggered bottom edge) alludes to an area under triphibious attack and also depicts the three separate landings made by the amphibious forces in 1944. The chief embattled also alludes to the island of Guam in that the native Guamanians were from Chamorro the ancient name for the chief in the Chamorro vernacular. Blue and Gold are the colors of the Navy and Scarlet and Gold the colors of the Marine Corps. The latter colors are also the colors of Spain and allude to the discovery of the island of Guam by the Spanish under Magellan.

CREST : The winged grenade refers to the Marines and the assault landings made by sea and air based on and supported by the crossed anchors symbolic of the Navy. The wings also depict the winged helmet of the old Viking sea rovers, their intense love of individual freedom, and their aggressive and fighting spirit.

SUPPORTERS : The winged alligators symbolize the triphibious concept of assault through the three mediums of sea, air and land. They also symbolize the fierce, tenacious spirit of the amphibious forces with the once scornful name "gator" now being worn as a well earned mark of honor. The crossed palm fronds symbolize victory and also allude to the tropical location of the island of GUAM.