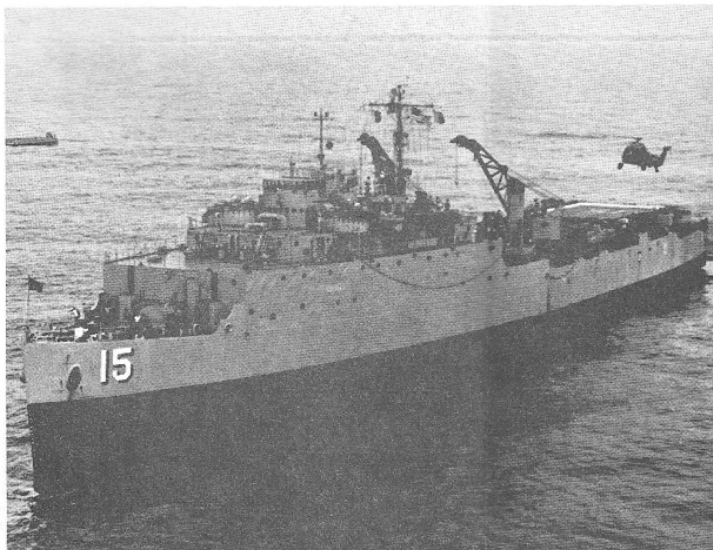


John Robichaux USS Shadwell

Decommissioning Ceremony



on board

U.S.S. SHADWELL (LSD-15)

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD

Portsmouth, Virginia

Monday, 9 March 1970

at Ten o'clock

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. SHADWELL (LSD-15)

The USS SHADWELL, a dock landing ship, was commissioned June 24, 1944 and named for the birthplace and early home in Charlottesville, Virginia, of Thomas Jefferson, our third president. During World War II, SHADWELL saw action at the invasion of Luzon and it was in this locale that she was attacked and hit by a torpedo from a Japanese aircraft. Miraculously there were few personal injuries and the gallant crew steamed her home for repairs.

Placed out of commission after the war, SHADWELL was recommissioned in September 1950 and later joined the Atlantic amphibious fleet conducting exercises in the Caribbean, Mediterranean and the North Atlantic during the ensuing years.

In 1959, SHADWELL became the first of the LSD helicopter carriers when she loaded eight HUS-type 'copters and Marine aviators for a trial operation with the amphibious forces in the Mediterranean. The success proved by the SHADWELL unit in this mode of operation has made the Marine helicopter unit an important part of the amphibious exercises.

In 1962, SHADWELL departed to Caribbean waters for the entire period of the Cuban crisis. After the completion of her tenth deployment to the Mediterranean, SHADWELL returned to Little Creek in August 1969. This transit home was to be her last voyage.

Looking back over her many years of creditable service with the fleet, SHADWELL's record is quite impressive. In addition to being part of the national defense readiness posture, SHADWELL assisted in the rescue of distressed merchant vessels and in personal emergencies of their crews.

SHADWELL commenced inactivation on September 15, 1969 as part of the DOD program to retire aged vessels from active service. For her, it is a well deserved rest.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS



National Anthem



Invocation



Remarks by CDR D. A. Miner, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer, USS SHADWELL (LSD-15)



Reading of Decommissioning Directive



Lowering of Colors



Presentation of Colors



Transfer of USS SHADWELL (LSD-15) to
Captain C. J. BEERS, U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer
Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility, Norfolk



Benediction



Watch Secured

Guests Depart

LIST OF PERSONNEL ON BOARD AT DECOMMISSIONING

OFFICERS

Commanding Officer – Commander Duane A. Miner

Executive Officer – Lieutenant Commander Ralph D. Catoe

Supply Officer – Lieutenant Commander Jack E. Simon

Engineering Officer – Lieutenant Benny V. Garlington

First Lieutenant – Lieutenant (junior grade) Paul R. Gladden

Ship's Boatswain – Lieutenant (junior grade) Frank J. Mehrtens

Navigator/ Admin-Personnel Officer –

Lieutenant (junior grade) Geoffrey S. Molina

Electrical Officer – Lieutenant (junior grade) Karl W. Miller

Gunnery Officer – Lieutenant (junior grade) William J. Hudson, Jr.

Operations Officers – Lieutenant (junior grade) Michael T. Cullen

Main Propulsion Assistant – CWO-2 Ernest A. Toth

CREW

BMCS Baker, Jack I.
BM1 Rock, Thomas K.
BM1 Sims, Scott L.
BM3 Brown, John B. III
BM3 Curran, Martin J.
BM3 Horan, Eugene L.
BM3 Stillway, Francis H.
BM3 Ridgway, John W.
SM3 McCarthy, Michael J.
RD3 Robichaux, John W.
GMG1 Coontz, William J.
GMG3 Dunnack, Alan E.
ETN2 Plunkett, J. David
RM3 Maul, Robert A.
RM3 Morland, George F.
YNC Rigsbee, Arnold B.
YN1 Malloy, Robert L.
PN2 Lee, Mathew
PN3 Opp, Richard L.
DK1 Cook, Vernon Clyde
SK2 Ramsey, Dyer W.
SK3 Wade, Albert G.
CSC Milano, Philip

SH2 Chamberlayne, Joe L.
SH3 Koepke, Robert D.
SN Ballinger, Charles F.
SN Bassett, Michael E.
SA Brooks, Ronald D.
SN Burkholder, Tommy J.
SN Cowan, George T. L.
SN Daywalt, Stanley F.
SN Derricks, Walter L.
SN Diaz, Thomas R.
SA Dileo, James R.
SA Eisenlohr, John W.
SA Glowacki, James T.
SA Goldberg, Leslie S.
SA Hawkins, Leslie H.
SA Jordan, Richard J.
SA Knisley, Fred W.
SN Knoblauch, Michael E.
SN McCormick, Clifford, M.
SN McCurdy, Richard, A.
SN McNeil, Gregory G.
SA Morse, Joe H.
SN Mosher, Michael K.

SA Moyer, Louis F.
SN Parks, Charles A.
SA Saunders, Philip W.
SN Small, Freddie N.
SN States, Clifford H.
SA Thomas, George L.
SA Upton, Robert D.
SN Williams John G.
SA Woodward, Robert R.
MMC Beeman, Loren E.
MMC Meeks, Robert D.
MM1 Beeman, Dean C.
MM2 Dixon, Robert L.
MM2 Duncan, Jack E.
MM2 Smith, Nelson L.
MM3 Zeiker, John L.
MM3 Anderson, William G.
MM3 Taylor, Timothy A.
EN1 Sergent, John F.
EN2 Yorkston, George A.
EN3 Long, Dale M.
MR3 Fragassi, Michael A.
MR3 Smith, Kenneth E.
BTC Dolan, William H.
BT1 Hoffman, Joseph E.
BT3 Barbour, Billy J.
BT3 Thompson, Theodore D.
BT3 Giltespie, Calvin C.
BT3 Ingraham, Lawrence E.
BT3 Risch, John E.
BT3 Vella, Frank
EMC Anderson, Paul E.

EM1 Maltman, Philip H.
EM2 Neal, Roy F.
EM3 Robinson, James E.
EM3 Dow, James J.
IC2 Brown, Joe N.
SF1 Williams, Walker M.
SFM2 Starr, Clyde E.
SFM3 Frederick, Larry M.
SFM3 Vassie, David B.
SFP3 Whitmore, Dorn A.
DCCS Webb, Arnold J.
DC1 Miller, Claude R.
DC2 Eby, David L.
DCFN Abbott, Michael D.
FN Costa, John P.
FN Crosson, John W.
FN Davis, Henry L.
FN Drew, Ronald L.
FN Ficlak, Bruce M.
FN Gonzales, Christy
FN Halaj, Theodore B.
FN Howell, Robert V.
FN Litchfield, Michael
FN Menard, Laurent D.
FN Russell, Ronald R.
FA Tabb, Ronald
FA Thibault, Raymond F.
FN Thornhill, Frank F.
FN Tyo, John C.
FN Velkey, George R.
FN Zalewski, Gerald E.
HM3 Peltz, Phillip H.
TN Estobsta, Dominador