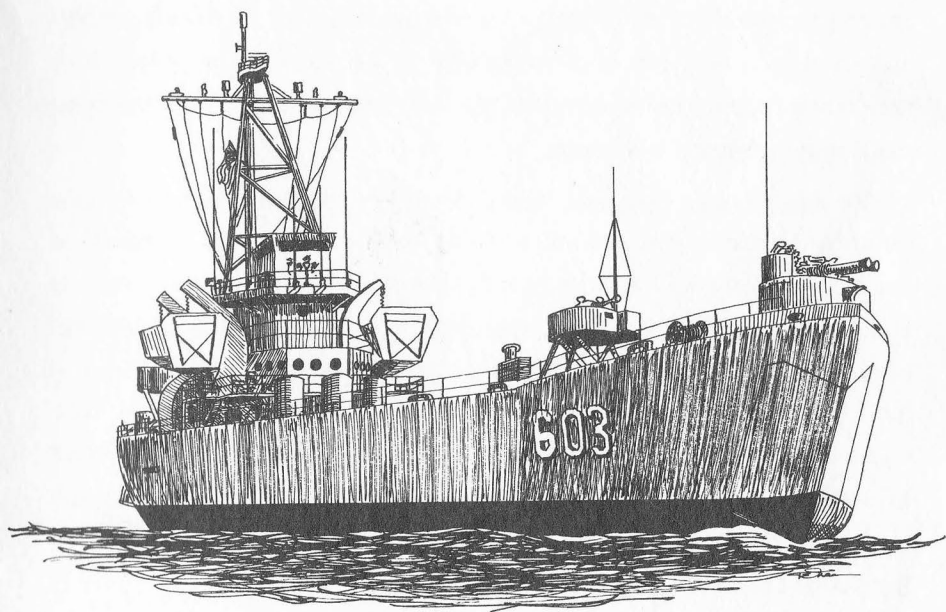
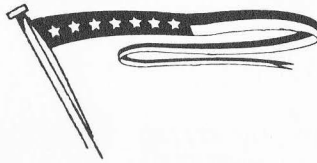


Commissioning Program

USS Coconino County (LST-603)





RECOMMISSIONING OF A NAVAL VESSEL

The recommissioning of a Naval vessel marks the point in the history of a ship when she once more becomes a living thing. After a period of dormancy in the "mothball fleet" she is again ready to take her place in the active Navy. Her hull, machinery, and fighting equipment are ready for action. From this time on, until she is lost in battle or decommissioned, there will always be officers and men on watch, awake and alert to guard her and administer to her needs. The moment in time when recommissioning takes place is fixed by the instant the commissioning pennant is broken.

The commission pennant, flown from the pigstick at the highest point of the mast, is a symbol worn by every commissioned vessel in the Navy. This six foot strip of red, white, and blue bunting, with its seven stars is displayed twenty-four hours a day in all weather except when replaced by the personal flag of an officer or civilian official of the United States, when embarked in an official capacity. The commissioning pennant originally had thirteen stars but that was reduced to seven. These seven stars have no particular meaning, although some say that they represent the seven seas or the original seven great battles of Lord Nelson.

The setting of the watch is also an important event immediately following the hoisting of the colors. Relieved every four hours, the ship will normally log six watches a day as long as she remains in commissioned status. At no time will she be left unguarded. The watch functions as the Commanding Officer's representative in carrying out his responsibilities.



8 June 1966

at

PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA



USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603)

SHIP'S HISTORY

The keel of LST 603 was laid in December 1943 by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, Seneca, Illinois and launched on 14 March 1944; her sponsor was Mrs. Etila Nelson Hobart. She was commissioned on 5 April 1944 at New Orleans, Louisiana. Shortly afterwards she conducted a shakedown training at Panama City, Florida and then proceeded to Norfolk, Virginia. The vessel departed Norfolk on 13 May 1944 in a convoy of 126 ships bound for Oran, Algeria. In the European Theater of Operations the ship supported the U. S. 7th Army and Free French 1st Army in the initial landings in Southern France. During December 1944 she supported the 1040th Construction Battalion Unit while it was building a PT base at Leghorn, Italy. Through March and April 1945 she participated in lifting the Canadian 1st Army from Leghorn to Marseilles. Following this she assisted in closing out U. S. Naval Bases in the Mediterranean, including Bizerte, Tunisia, and La Maddalena, Sardinia. Early in June 1945 LST 603 sailed from Oran to Taranto, Italy when Marshall Tito was threatening the newly won European peace. On 26 June 1945 the ship proceeded from Oran via Casablanca to the United States. She arrived at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York City on 14 July 1945 and spent the remainder of the year undergoing overhaul and refresher training.

In January 1946 LST 603 joined the Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet and served with it until decommissioned on 12 May 1955. During the intervening period she participated in many amphibious exercises providing training for other amphibious ships, the Fleet Marine Force, Midshipmen from the U. S. Naval Academy and NROTC colleges, and naval reservists. These duties extended her range of travel to include Southern California via the Panama Canal; the Caribbean Islands, including Vieques and Puerto Rico; the Gulf of Mexico; the Atlantic Coast of the United States from Florida to Massachusetts; Hamilton Inlet, Labrador; and Thule, Greenland. Altogether the ship completed a total of eleven years and one month in continuous commissioned service.

The name COCONINO COUNTY, commemorating a northwestern Arizona county on the southern rim of the Grand Canyon, was assigned on 12 May 1955, the day the ship was decommissioned, and became effective on 1 July 1955.

After a yard overhaul/reactivation period of approximately five months at Camden, New Jersey USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603) will be recommissioned on 8 June 1966 at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After a brief training period in Little Creek, Virginia area, the ship will sail for the Pacific Ocean where she will join the U. S. Seventh Fleet as a unit of Landing Ship Squadron THREE of the Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet. The ship will be homeported at Guam, Mariana Islands.

PRIMARY MISSION OF AN LST

The primary mission of an LST, (Landing Ship Tank), is to transport and land amphibious vehicles, tanks, combat vehicles, and other equipment in amphibious assault operations. In addition, an LST can: (1) Transport and launch an LCU (Landing Craft Utility) and pontoon causeway sections. (2) Provide accomodation and limited command facilities for a unit commander and his staff, and (3) act as a hospital or casualty evacuation ship until more adequate facilities are available.



APPROXIMATE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SHIP

Length (overall)	328 Ft.
Beam	50 Ft.
Draft (Maximum)	14 Ft.
Designed Speed	10 Knots
Full Load Displacement	4080 Tons
Crew	8 Officers 89 Men
Troop Carrying Capacity	129 Men



Rear Admiral Leonard Scott Bailey, USNR - R

Leonard Scott Bailey began his Naval Career on 9 May 1938 when he accepted an appointment as Lieutenant (junior grade), USNR. From 13 May 1938 until 12 January 1941 he was attached to and drilled with the 4th Organized Division, 1st Battalion, Fourth Naval District. After serving as Commanding Officer of YP-77 and putting her into commission in March 1941, he served as Commanding Officer of the YP-75 which he commissioned in Sept. 1941. From September 1941 until February 1942 he was Commanding Officer of USS FLAMINGO (AM-22), another ship which he placed in commission. He also advanced to Lieutenant during that time. In April 1942 he became Commanding Officer of USS PC-574. After putting this ship in commission, she operated in the Carribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic waters. In April 1943 he took command of USS WINTLE (DE-25) which he also put in commission. He left the WINTLE in February 1945 and in April of 1945, the then Commander Bailey took Command of Destroyer Escort Division 59 which was responsible for the safety of North Atlantic Convoys. After WW II, August 1945, he went to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was a professor of Naval Science and Tactics.

Since 1946 he has been active in Naval Reserve activities in the Philadelphia area. He advanced to Captain in July 1954 and was appointed Rear Admiral on 1 July 1961. In November 1964 he was appointed the personal representative of the Commandant, Fourth Naval District.

He has been in the stock and bond broker business for approximately 35 years and presently represents Baker, Weeks, and Company in Philadelphia.

He is presently president of the Merion Civic Association and the Philadelphia Chapter Naval Reserve Association.



Captain Leonard G. Hank
*Commander Philadelphia Group
Atlantic Reserve Fleet*

Leonard Hank was born in Norfolk, Virginia on 17 February 1917, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hank. He attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, was appointed to Midshipman School and was commissioned Ensign in June 1941, subsequently advanced in rank to that of Captain to date from July 1960.

After attending Torpedo School at Keyport, Washington in 1941, he went to the USS BLACK HAWK (AD-9) as assistant 1st Lieutenant and Torpedo Repair Officer. After the BLACK HAWK, he served aboard USS KAIK (DD-661), (October 1942 to October 1945) as 1st Lieutenant, Torpedo Officer, and Gunnery Officer. After WW II he left the Navy but returned in March 1951 as Executive Officer of USS SHELTON (DD-790), for the Korean Conflict. He went aboard USS DIXIE (AD-14) as Executive Officer until the Korean Conflict ended. Since October 1953 he has served as Operations Officer NavPhibBase, Little Creek, Virginia; COMPHIBGRU ONE Gunnery Officer, Readiness Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer; Chief of Staff for COMFLEACT Sasebo, Japan; Deputy Chief of Staff for Naval Reserve for HDQTRS 8ND; CRUDESPEC on temporary duty, and Commanding Officer of COMRESDESRON 27. He assumed command of Philadelphia Group Atlantic Reserve Fleet in October 1964.

He married the former Virginia Jane Burger in 1942. They have two daughters, Betsy and Helen.

U. S. S. COCONINO

COMMISSIONING



BAND SELECTIONS

THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT BAND

INVOCATION

CAPTAIN FRANCIS W. KELLEY, CHC, USN
Chaplain, Commandant Fourth Naval District

WELCOMING REMARKS

CAPTAIN LEONARD G. HANK, USNR
Commander, Philadelphia Group Atlantic Reserve Fleet

INTRODUCTION OF

REAR ADMIRAL LEONARD S. BAILEY, USNR-R

ADDRESS

REAR ADMIRAL LEONARD S. BAILEY, USNR-R

READING OF NAVY DEPARTMENT ORDERS TO COMMISSION COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603)

CAPTAIN LEONARD G. HANK, USNR



COUNTY (LST-603)

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Ensign, Jack and Commission Pennant are hoisted as the band plays the National Anthem. The ship is now in commission.

READING OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S ORDERS

LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY P. DUGAN, Jr., USN

FIRST WATCH IS SET BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT (junior grade) DANIEL L. GARRETT, USN

REMARKS

LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY P. DUGAN, Jr., USN
Commanding Officer

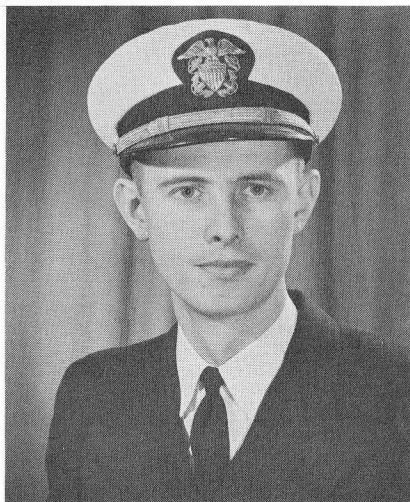
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LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY P. DUGAN JR.
Commanding Officer
USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603)

Lieutenant Timothy Parks Dugan, Jr., U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer of the USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603), entered the Navy in July 1957 as a Midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

While at the Naval Academy he was active in many activities, including the 1961 Lucky Bag Committee which produced the class yearbook, and the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron. In 1960 he became the youngest man to ever skipper a yacht in the semi-annual Newport-Bermuda Ocean Race when he skipper-navigated the Naval Academy yacht LIVELY (NA-10). He earned the Navy "N" and "E" Awards for athletic and extracurricular achievement respectively. He was awarded the Admiral DuBose Trophy for being the Midshipman most proficient in the handling of yawls for the year 1961.

In August, 1961, he reported aboard the destroyer USS BROWN (DD-546) at San Diego, California, where he served in the Operations Department for two months. He then reported to the Fleet Anti-Air Warfare Training Center at San Diego for two months of advanced training in combat information center and air control functions. From this schooling he reported in December to the guided missile destroyer USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14) precommissioning detail at San Diego, and afterwards at Seattle and Bremerton, Washington where the BUCHANAN was commissioned in February, 1962.

Lieutenant Dugan served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Gunnery Assistant during his tour of duty on the BUCHANAN, and also attended the Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer's course at the Anti-Submarine Warfare School at San Diego. While on the BUCHANAN he participated in the annual Coral Sea celebration in Australia, and completed a tour in the Western Pacific with the U. S. Seventh Fleet. During that tour the ship operated with a fast attack carrier task force off of the coast of Viet-Nam.

In January, 1964, Lieutenant Dugan relieved as Executive Officer and navigator of the tank landing ship USS SUMNER COUNTY (LST-1148), which was homeported in San Diego. During his tour on that ship, he participated in the first amphibious lift at the start of the buildup in Viet-Nam when the First Marine Brigade was moved from its base at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to Okinawa in 1965. Later that year the SUMNER COUNTY commenced a tour in Viet-Nam where she acted as support ship for a division of U. S. Coast Guard WPBs, 52 foot patrol craft, and the staff of Commander Coast Guard Division TWELVE.

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LIEUTENANT (junior grade) DANIEL LEE GARRETT
Executive Officer
USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603)

Lieutenant (junior grade) Daniel Lee Garrett was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on March 4th 1941. Lt (jg) Garrett is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Bernard J. Garrett of Alexandria, Virginia.

He entered the University of Virginia in September of 1959, as a Regular NROTC student. Upon graduation in 1963, he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and was commissioned Ensign, U. S. Navy.

His first assignment was in USS DUVAL COUNTY (LST-758) as Communication Officer and later, as Operations Officer. DUVAL COUNTY was homeported in Little Creek, Virginia and regularly deployed to the Panama Canal Zone as a unit of LST Division FORTY-ONE. Operations in the Latin American and Caribbean area consisted of providing training support for U. S. Army Forces, Southern Command, and logistic transport services for Caribbean contingency plans. The ship participated in several good will cruises throughout Latin America.

Following a brief tour of duty in USS NORTHHAMPTON (CC-1) in October of 1965, Lt (jg) Garrett reported to the Amphibious Training Command, U. S. Atlantic Fleet as Prospective Executive Officer of USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603). The balance crew of COCONINO COUNTY reported to Little Creek, Virginia, on 3 Jan. 1966, to commence pre-commissioning training. Lt (jg) Garrett served as coordinator of their training until April 1966, when he joined the nucleus crew at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation Camden, New Jersey.

Lieutenant Dugan reported to the Philadelphia Group of the Atlantic Reserve Fleet in November 1965 as the Prospective Commanding Officer of the USS COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603) which was reactivated at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation Camden, New Jersey.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Parks Dugan of Garden City, New York and is married to the former Miss Lorraine Alice Kazium of Seaford, New York. They have one daughter, Lisa.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

LT (jg) Dale R. Dexheimer, USNR - Operation Officer

ENS. Richard E. Gerst, USNR - Communication Officer

Brownfield, C. R., Jr.	QM1	Shute, E. M.	RM2
Patrick, D. A.	ET1	Harless, L. G.	RD2
Deptula, R. R.	YN1	Botelho, G.	RM3
Snyder, J. D.	HM1	McTyre, P. M.	RM3
Scott, C. D.	SM2	Dilka, R. C.	RD3
Buras, L. H.	SM2	Reed, L. N.	ETR3
Garrison, R.	SM2	Riley, J.	PN3
Hagerich, W. C.	RM2	Crane, H. F.	SN
Keyes, A. L.	RM2	Kaneallii, A.	SN
Magnus, K. F.		SN	



DECK DEPARTMENT

LT (jg) George R. Kaup, USNR - 1st Lieutenant

Evans, E. C.	BM2	Santos, G. D.	SN
McChesney, W. S.	BM2	Schieffer, C. J.	SN
Ilund, H. J.	BM2	Schnieder, S. D.	SN
Mitchell, D. W.	GMG2	Shaffer, R.	SN
Polaski, S. L.	BM3	Wright, G. T.	SN
Eastman, F. J.	FTG3	Custer,, R. L.	SA
Jones, S. J.	BMSN	Greene, S. J.	SA
Hornemann, D. M.	GMGSN	Haliman, D. C.	SA
Bamerick, R. F.	SN	Modaff, T. D.	SA
Bell, J. E.	SN	Niles, J. H.	SA
Britton, J. L.	SN	Olson, R. R.	SA
Bronaugh, B.	SN	Tanner, S. F.	SA
Falls, P. R.	SN	Thompkins, L. R.	SA
Neria, G.	SN	Wall, K. V.	SA
Padilla, E. L.	SN	Swenson, P. S.	SA

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

LT (jg) Phillip E. Bailey, USNR - Engineer Officer
 ENS. Kenneth J. Moore, USN - Damage Control Assistant

Lesher, G. L.	ENC	Barman, R. E.	ENFN
Green, H. R.	DC1	Chilcote, J. W.	ENFN
Molter, R. A.	SF1	Kramer, W. L.	ENFN
Jones, A. C.	EN1	Baldwin, E. L.	FN
Glasier, R. F.	IC2	Gilmore, K. S.	FN
Parker, J. L.	EM2	Helwig, J. G.	FN
Thomas, R. E.	EM2	Keef, C. D.	FN
Gibbs, J. E.	EN2	Nakata, S. I.	FN
Howard, T. L.	EN2	Anspach, J. E.	ENFA
Rillera, M. F.	EN2	Aragon, M.	FA
Moss, G. P.	EM2	Berreth, T. L.	FA
Lusby, R. A.	SFP3	Kruse, R. A.	FA
Swanson, L. A.	SFM3	Treaster, C. E.	FA
Lind, G. E.	EMFN	Weis, P. M.	FA



SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

ENS. John C. Golembe, USNR - Supply Officer

Perez, H.	SK1	Pena, M. M.	CS3
Hecker, C. L.	CH1	Virata, A. L.	SD3
Carter, G. A.	SK2	Ferreira, G. C.	SN
Smith, L. M.	CS2	Lopez, J. G.	SN
Teding, R.	SH2	Rasmussen, P. G.	SN
Sellona, W. P.	TN		



FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS LST - 603

COMMISSIONED 5 Apr. 1944

LT WILLIAM B. SWEET, USN

5 Apr. 1944 - 8 Sept. 1945

LT RALPH H. KEMMERER, USN

8 Sept. 1945 - 6 Nov. 1945

LCDR HENRY H. RAYMOND, USN

6 Nov. 1945 - 24 Feb. 1950

LT RICHARD A. CANTWELL, Jr., USN

24 Feb. 1950 - 23 Aug. 1951

LT JOSEPH E. McNEIL, USN

23 Aug. 1951 - 26 Mar. 1953

LT VALDIRMIR KISAK, USN

26 Mar. 1953 - 6 Aug. 1954

LT DANIEL B. ADAMS, USN

6 Aug. 1954 - 12 May 1955



