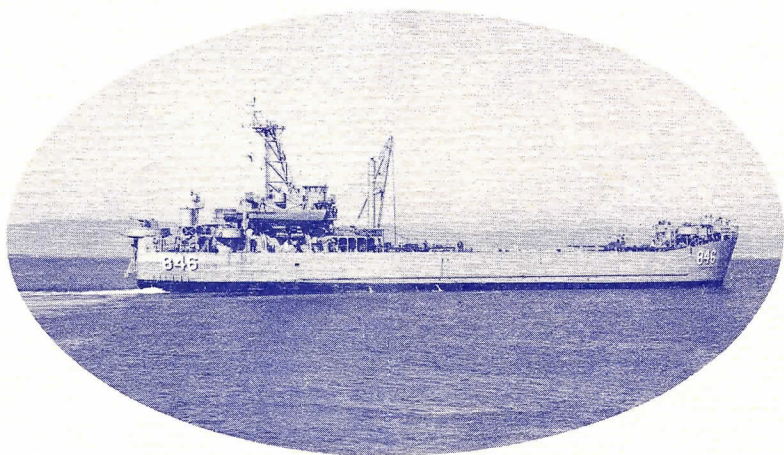


*Commissioning*  
*of*  
**UNITED STATES SHIP**  
**USS JENNINGS COUNTY**



*“We Can Handle it”*

# USS JENNINGS COUNTY (LST 846)

## *History*

USS JENNINGS COUNTY (LST 846) was constructed at American Bridge Company, Ambridge, Pennsylvania and commissioned on 9 January 1945 at the U.S. Naval Repair Base, New Orleans, Louisiana. Upon completion of shake-down training, she joined the Pacific Fleet where she served until after the end of World War II. She was then placed out of commission at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 25 July 1949.

U.S. Naval Shipyard, Tongue Point, Astoria, Oregon, reactivated JENNINGS COUNTY on 20 October 1950. Upon commissioning, the ship reported to the Pacific Fleet in the Far East where she served in Korea, taking part in the landing of Inchon and then in Indochina. She was again placed in reserve out of commission, as part of Mare Island Group, Pacific Reserve Fleet in January 1955.

Reactivation of JENNINGS COUNTY commenced at Willamette Iron and Steel Corporation, Richmond, California on 15 December 1965. Upon completion of repairs to the hull and underwater body at Richmond JENNINGS COUNTY was moved to Pacific Ship Repair, Inc., San Francisco, California, where the most significant phase of the reactivation was conducted.

USS JENNINGS COUNTY will be the first ship of its type equipped to carry, repair and supply the Navy's newest River Patrol Boats, the PBR's. The addition of a large kingpost and boom enables the ship to lift the boats out of the water and stow them in the tank deck. Newly equipped repair shops will give the ship the capability of effecting extensive repairs for the boats. The ship will also berth and feed the crews of the boats.

Upon commissioning, JENNINGS COUNTY will be attached to Landing Ship Squadron ONE and will be homeported in San Diego, California. Deployment for extensive duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet is expected.

The JENNINGS COUNTY will be one of the more modern and versatile amphibious ships in the Fleet.

# USS JENNINGS COUNTY LST 846

## Commissioning Ceremonies

1030

11 JUNE 1966

CALL TO ATTENTION  
Official party proceeds to platform

REPORT TO GROUP COMMANDER  
⑭ Lt. Lawrence Patella, USN

INVOCATION  
⑤ LCDR Charles Pitts, CHC, USN

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

READING OF COMMISSIONING DIRECTIVE  
② Captain L. V. Forde, USN

INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER  
Captain L. V. Forde, USN

COMMISSIONING ADDRESS  
⑬ Captain N. C. Nash, USN

COMMISSIONING  
Commissioning Pennant, Ensign and Jack are hoisted

READING OF COMMANDING OFFICERS ORDERS  
Lt. Lawrence M. Patella, USN

COMMANDING OFFICERS REMARKS  
Setting of the first watch by

EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
① Lt. L. L. Thomas, USNR

BENEDICTION  
LCDR Charles Pitts, CHC, USN

*R / For F. Kennedy BNC  
Mrs.*

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Ambridge, Pennsylvania  
Keel Laid 27 October 1944  
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9 January 1945

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25 July 1949

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20 October 1950

Inactivated at San Diego, California  
January 1955

Reactivated at  
Willamette Iron and Steel Corporation  
Richmond, California  
Extensive Overhaul and Modernization at  
Pacific Ship Repair, Inc.  
Pier 36  
San Francisco, California

Recommissioned at  
San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard  
Mare Island Division  
Vallejo, California  
11 June 1966