

Recommissioning Ceremony

USS SEDGWICK COUNTY (LST-1123)



U. S. NAVAL SHIPYARD
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
4 JUNE 1966



COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92155
7 May 1966

Dear Captain Haydock:

The USS SEDGWICK COUNTY will soon once again become an active part of the Amphibious Force. Your ship is being hurriedly recalled along with many other LST's to help support our mission in the Fleet.

The LST is recognized today as one of the most vital ships in our forces afloat. Our tasks in Viet Nam have called repeatedly for unique and versatile LST's. These demands are expected to continue.

I would like to remind you of one important point. As SEDGWICK COUNTY's first commanding officer, the tone, procedures, and reputation you establish will remain with her. Thus, SEDGWICK COUNTY's future capability and effectiveness will depend to a great extent on the manner in which you shakedown the ship and form the crew into a team. You have my every confidence.

Please extend my personal "Welcome Aboard" to all the officers and men of your fine ship.

Sincerely,

Bernard F. Roeder
BERNARD F. ROEDER
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Lieutenant Donald G. Haydock, USN
Commanding Officer
USS SEDGWICK COUNTY (LST-1123)
FPO San Francisco 96601

THE SHIP

The U.S.S. Sedgwick County was constructed by Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. at Senaco, Illinois in 1945 and was commissioned as LST 1123. She served on continuous active duty until July 1955 when she was decommissioned in San Diego & maintained in the Pacific Reserve Fleet. The LST 1123 has seen much service throughout the Pacific Area. Before the Korean Conflict her duties included three trips to Alaska in 1947-48-49 for Arctic re-supply, as well as tours in the Far East.

When fighting broke out in Korea in June, 1950 she was one of the first ships to enter the combat area and participated in the amphibious assault on Inchon during September of that year. For the remainder of the hostilities she carried troops and prisoners as well as combat cargo. The largest amphibious demonstration at Kojo, on Korea's East Coast, saw the 1123 as flagship for all landing ships.

A later tour in Westpac saw her participate in the large-scale movement of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force from Shikoku in Southern Japan in Hokkaido, the northern most island. Cheering throngs greeted the ship in every port, and each arrival was made the occasion for speeches and parties, all emphasizing Japanese-American friendship. While off the harbor of Otaru, in northern Hokkaido, the ship rode out the great typhoon of September, 1954 which capsized several large ferry boats in that vicinity. The 1123 proceeded to the scene of the disaster to rescue survivors.

With her return to active duty the Sedgwick County will become a unit of Landing ship Squadron Three with her home port in Guam.

THE NAME

On 12 May 1955 U.S.S. LST 1123 was redesignated USS SEDGWICK COUNTY (LST-1123) in Honor of Sedgwick County, Colorado. Sedgwick County, Colorado adjacent to Julesburg, Colorado, the County Seat of Sedgwick County. This area is rich in the history of the old west; when the pony express was started in 1860 with Julesburg as the only Colorado station, Buffalo Bill was hired there as the youngest rider. Later he served at Fort Sedgwick as scout and guide. Fort Sedgwick was named for General John Sedgwick, a Union Army Commander, who was killed at the Battle of Spottsylvania in May, 1864.

ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

INVOCATION

C.R. WOLF, LT USN
Protestant Chaplain (Espiscopalian)
Commander, Amphibious Squadron
Seven, Staff

OPENING REMARKS

JAMES G. GLAES, CAPTAIN, USN
Commander, San Diego Group
U.S. Pacific Fleet

INTRODUCTION

J.W. DOLAN, CAPTAIN, USN
Industrial Manager Eleventh Naval
District

INTRODUCTION

EDWARD F. LEONARD, CAPTAIN, USN
Chief of Staff, U.S. Naval Base
Los Angeles California

ADDRESS

THEODORE W, RUNK, CAPTAIN, USN
Market Time Project Officer,
Commander Amphibious Forces
U.S. Pacific Fleet, Staff

PUBLICATION OF COMMISSIONING ORDERS

JAMES G. GLAES, CAPTAIN, USN
Commander, San Diego Group
U.S. Pacific Fleet

HOISTING OF THE COLORS

READING OF COMMANDING OFFICER'S ORDERS

DONALD G. HAYDOCK, LT, USN

SETTING THE FIRST WATCH

COMMANDING OFFICER'S ADDRESS

DONALD G. HAYDOCK LT, USN

HARBOR BOAT REPRESENTATIVE REMARKS

JOSEPH P. McKINNEY
President, Saturn Industries Inc.

BENEDICTION

C.R. WOLF, LT, USN
Protestant Chaplain
Commander, Amphibious Squadron
Seven Staff

OFFICERS OF USS SEDGWICK COUNTY

LT D. G. HAYDOCK
Commanding Officer

LT J. S. BROWN
Executive Officer

LTjg W. G. HOLT
Operations Officer

LTjg P. L. MANGUM
Engineering Officer

LTjg P. E. PITZ
First Lieutenant

ENS B. T. STICKLER
Damage Control Assistant

ENS T. A. TIMMONS
Communications Officer

ENS T. T. SCHAR
Stores Officer/Asst First Lieutenant

CREW OF USS SEDGWICK COUNTY

J. Stewart	SM1	K. McDonald	SN
W. Lott	QM1	R. Koeper	FN
F. Cacho	YN1	J. Shea	SN
D. Bobbitt	SK1	J. Todd	BMSN
J. Bottoms	EN1	E. Smoak	FTGSN
J. Wells	RM1	R. Hohman	SN
W. Shealey	HM1	C. Alemania	SN
J. Slay	EN1	E. Bennett	SN
B. Clair	BM1	E. Mayhand	SN
J. Green	CS1	W. Martin	FN
J. Boswell	EM1	L. Thompson	FN
E. Stoeltje	EN2	V. Kahler	SMSN
E. Ayers	DC2	F. Collier	FN
J. Jaramillo	EN2	R. Crossett	SN
W. Brinson	BM2	M. Burnett	RDSN
M. Stone	ETR2	R. Johnson	SN
W. Johnson	EM2	R. Wolfe	SN
O. Mcka	BM2	K. Holden	SN
G. Fuchs	RM2	A. Mamuad	TN
C. Williams	SFM2	C. Washington	SN
L. Nichols	SK2	G. Anderson	FA
D. Haake	SM2	J. Brian	FA
J. Sannes	EN2	G. Martin	FA
D. Arguelles	SD3	R. Johnson	SA
B. Shively	RD3	W. Mayfield	SA
L. Thomas	EN3	H. Jackson	SA
C. McKown	GMG3	V. Wootton	SA
D. Taylor	PN3	P. Pascual	TA
E. McLeod	EM3	L. Taylor	FA
J. Gustafson	IC3	S. Rosati	FA
R. Reyes	SH3	C. Ezell	SA
B. Stephens	SK3	E. Jones	SA
J. Sullivan	EN3	R. Morrill	SA
R. Waite	RM3	P. Hammond	SA
K. Boyd	BM3	R. Barnett	SA
L. Lapacek	EN3	R. Tyson	SA
K. Carter	CS3	S. Pines	SA
M. Smith	EN3	J. Payne	SA
M. McChesney	RD3	P. Hogue	SA
R. Desmarais	RM3	J. Nazer	SA
S. Mueller	GMG3	T. Krause	FA
E. Cortinas	SFM3	A. Holton	SA
C. Wilson	EN3	D. McGhee	EMFA
E. Perkins	ETR3	R. Theel	SA
R. Elsberry	SFP3	K. Barton	FA
D. Loss	SN	J. Pridmore	SA
K. Woodard	FN	R. Magie	FA
F. Scigliano	SN	R. Smith	FA
A. Campbell	ENFN	E. Justice	SA
J. Wilken	SN		

REACTIVATION

JANUARY 7 1966 - JUNE 2 1966

AT

HARBOR BOAT BUILDING CO.

TERMINAL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA