



The Captain, Officers and Crew
of the
U. S. S. SATYR
request the honor of your presence at the
Commissioning Ceremonies
at
Commodore's Point
Jacksonville, Florida
on
twenty-eight April
nineteen hundred and forty-five
at
nine o'clock, a. m.

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U. S. S. SATYR

(ARL 23)



The USS SATYR (ARL 23) was launched 13 November 1944 at the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, Seneca, Illinois and commissioned as the USS LST 852 on 3 December 1944. She was then brought to Jacksonville, Florida, and decommissioned on 28 December 1944.

The USS SATYR is named after one of the deities of Greek mythology most feared by mortals. This race of woodland divinities represented the luxuriant vital powers of nature and were known for their lascivious and licentious nature. They were supposedly the sons of Mercury and were henchmen of Bacchus. Early works of Greek art and poetry picture them as robust in human frame with bristly hair, broad snub noses, ears large and pointed, horny knobs on their foreheads and a tail like that of a horse. Later writers described the satyr with larger horns and goats' feet similar to the Italian faun. One of the most famous specimens of Greek art is the SATYR of Praxiteles in which the satyr is portrayed as a beautiful and graceful youth.

OFFICERS OF THE U. S. S. SATYR

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LIEUT. W. J. GAVIGAN	<i>Commanding Officer</i>
LT. (jg) D. P. CAMPBELL	<i>Executive Officer</i>
LIEUT. W. H. WEDDLE	<i>Repair Officer</i>
LIEUT. R. W. FOSTER	<i>Supply Officer</i>
LT. (jg) W. P. BOONE	<i>Navigator</i>
LT. (jg) L. E. HARRIS	<i>Medical Officer</i>
ENSIGN J. T. SMITH	<i>First Lieutenant</i>
ENSIGN B. FREEMAN	<i>Assistant Repair Officer</i>
ENSIGN H. B. ALEXANDER	<i>Engineering Officer</i>
ENSIGN C. W. FEREBEE	<i>Assistant for Disbursing</i>
ENSIGN K. KIRALIS	<i>Gunnery Officer</i>
ENSIGN R. G. CHISOLM	<i>Communications Officer</i>
CHIEF MACHINIST A. KREIDEL	<i>Assistant Repair Officer</i>
CHIEF CARPENTER G. R. MURPHY	<i>Assistant Repair Officer</i>
PAY CLERK R. E. PICARD	<i>Assistant Supply Officer</i>
BOATSWAIN C. A. PERROTTO	<i>Assistant First Lieutenant</i>
ELECTRICIAN M. SECKAR, JR.	<i>Assistant Repair Officer</i>
MACHINIST V. J. CUCCI	<i>Assistant Engineering Officer</i>