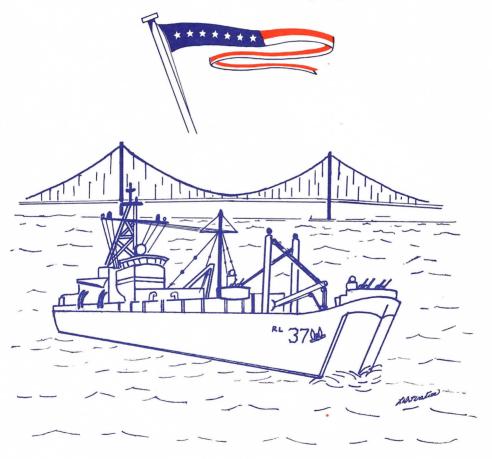
### Commissioning Ceremony

United States Ship
INDRA (ARL-37)



SAN FRANCISCO BAY NAVAL SHIPYARD MARE ISLAND, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA 16 DECEMBER 1967



#### COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE U.S. PACIFIC FLEET SAN DIEGO. CALIFORNIA 92155

28 November 1967

Dear Captain Boerner:

It is with great pleasure that I extend congratulations and best wishes to you, your officers and men of the USS INDRA (ARL-37) on the memorable occasion of her commissioning.

INDRA will perform a highly valuable and significant function as the only landing craft repair ship assigned directly to the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Force. The ability of this type ship to perform repair duties of a nature exclusive to amphibious ship types and landing craft will make her a most welcome addition to this highly-diversified force. This is particularly true since she is joining the Force at a time when the conflict in Vietnam is making increasing demands on ships and craft of the force and the repair facilities which we rely on to keep them operationally ready.

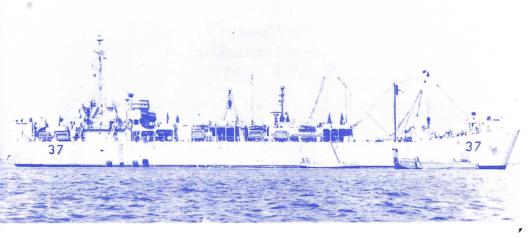
Your position as captain of this ship, recommissioned as it will be during these challenging times, will be a unique and important one. More than any commanding officer who follows, it will be your job to set the tone of the ship and to establish her reputation within the Force. Such a challenge requires staunch leadership, unerring loyalty and great devotion to duty. Under your hand, INDRA will either stand or fail. I have every confidence that you will be successful in your difficult task.

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Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy

LCDR D. D. Boerner Prospective Commanding Officer USS INDRA (ARL-37) FPO San Francisco, California 96601



U.S.S. INDRA (ARL-37)

# Built By CHICAGO BRIDGE AND IRON COMPANY Seneca, Illinois

COMMISSIONED 2 October	1945
DEACTIVATED 6 October	1947
RECOMMISSIONED 16 December	1967



#### NAVAL COMMISSIONING

The recommissioning ceremony marks, again, the initiating of service of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment her commissioning pennant is broken, INDRA becomes the responsibility of her Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Delbert D. Boerner, USN, who together with the ship's company then has the duty of making and keeping her constantly ready for any service demanded by our country in peace or war.

#### The History Of United States Ship INDRA (ARL-37)

USS INDRA (ARL-37), a Landing Craft Repair Ship, bears the name of the great national God of the Indo-Aryans. In the Vedic Hindu mythology, INDRA represents the greatest and best of the deities, and is thus the God of sky and storm and of all force lying in atmospheric phenomena.

INDRA was originally authorized for construction as USS LST-1147, but while undergoing construction by Chicago Bridge and Iron Company in Seneca, Illinois, was reclassified as ARL-37. She was launched in August 1945, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Regina K. Hlubek. Following the launching, INDRA was placed in reduced commission and brought to Bethlehem-Key Highway Shipyard at Baltimore, Maryland, for further conversion and on 2 October 1945 was commissioned under the command of Lieutenant Commander R. J. Siegelman.

After commissioning, INDRA sailed from Baltimore to the Hampton Roads area of the Chesapeake Bay where her acceptance trials and shakedown cruise were conducted. After assignment to Commander Service Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, INDRA sailed to Green Cove Springs, Florida, whereupon she assumed the capacity of repair ship for the Sixth Fleet Commander. On 6 May 1946, she departed Green Cove Springs and steamed through the Panama Canal and into San Diego, arriving there on 4 June 1946. At San Diego, INDRA was assigned duty as a tender and repair ship under COMPHIBPAC. On 7 January 1947, she left San Diego for similar duty in Tsingtao, China. While supporting United States Marines during this tour in the Far East, INDRA was instrumental in stabilizing the volatile Chinese situation and thus in protecting American lives and property.

On 30 August 1947, INDRA departed China and sailed to San Diego, arriving there 25 September. Decommissioning procedures followed her arrival there and on 6 October 1947, just two years after she was commissioned, INDRA was decommissioned and placed in the San Diego Group of the Pacific Reserve Fleet. There she remained in mothballs until 25 April 1967, when, under tow by the USS CAHOKIA (ATA-186), she left Pier 13 of the San Diego Naval Station and headed for San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard and reactivation, arriving at Mare Island one week later. On 1 June 1967, INDRA entered drydock for extensive overhaul.

After today's commissioning, INDRA will undergo dock, bay, and sea trials. She will then sail to her home port of San Diego, and be placed under the operational and administrative control of the Commander Amphibious Forces, United States Pacific Fleet. There she will provide repair and support services for landing craft and other small boats.

INDRA belongs to the Achelous Class of ships, and has an overall length of 328 feet; extreme beam of 50 feet; trial speed of 11.6 knots; displacement of 2125 tons; and a limiting draft of 14 feet. She is armed with eight 40 mm anti-aircraft guns.

## COMMISSIONING CEREMONY PROGRAM

Band Selections	TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT BAND			
Call to AttentionOFFIC	IAL PARTY PROCEED TO PLATFORM			
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	CAPTAIN D. A. CAMPBELL, USN			
Invocation	LCDR A. S. KIRKLAND, CHC, USN			
REPI	CAPTAIN H. R. ADRIANSE, USN RESENTING COMMANDER, FRANCISCO BAY NAVAL SHIPYARD			
Introduction of the Principal Speaker	CAPTAIN D. A. CAMPBELL, USN			
	CAPTAIN CHARLES JOHNSON, USN COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVALINSHORE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA			
Reading of the Commissioning Directive				
Prospective Commanding Officer Is Directed to Place The USS INDRA in Commission				
National Anthem	TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT BAND			
The Colors, Jack and The Commissioning Pennant are	Hoisted SHIP'S COMPANY			
Prospective Commanding Officer Reads His Orders and Assumes Command	LCDR D. D. BOERNER, USN			
Commanding Officer Addresses The Crew	LCDR D. D. BOERNER, USN			
Executive Officer Sets The Water	LCDR L. H. COBB, USN			
Benediction	LCDR A. S. KIRKLAND, CHC, USN			
Navy Hymn	TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT BAND			

GUESTS ARE INVITED ABOARD FOR REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

#### Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Commander Delbert D. Boerner was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska on January 12, 1928. In February 1946, he enlisted in the Navy, and upon completion of basic training and class 'A" yeoman school was assigned to the staff of CINCNELM in London, England. Following this tour he served aboard the USS FRANCIS M. ROBINSON (EDE 220) as ship's writer, and with the recruit training commands at Newport, Rhode Island and Great Lakes, Illinois. He then served aboard the USS MISSISSIPPI



(EAG 128), where he supervised the operation of the Captain's Office. While at the U.S. NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE at New London, Connecticut in 1957, he was selected for Officers Candidate School.

Upon completion of OCS in September 1957, he received his commission as an ensign in the regular Navy. He has since served as Gunnery Officer aboard the USS SIGOURNEY (DD 643), Training Officer at the Military Assistance and Advisory Group in Oslo. Norway, and as Commanding Officer of the USS SAGAMORE (ATA 208). His last duty prior to USS INDRA was at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, where he obtained a degree in International Relations.

Lieutenant Commander Boerner is married to the former Joan Miriam Williams of Sutton, Surrey, England.



#### Executive Officer

Loren H. Cobb was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on 3 March 1924. He enlisted in the Navy in December 1941, and during World War II served in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS COLORADO (BB-45), advancing to Boatswain's Mate Second Class. After World War II he served onboard a number of ships and completed tours of shore duty in San Diego and Pearl Harbor. LT Cobb was commissioned Lieutenant Junior Grade in May 1961, and since commissioning has served

as Ship's Boatswain on the USS SEMINOLE (AKA-105), Commanding Officer of the USS PULASKI COUNTY (LST-1088), and Operations Officer of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He has received numerous awards, among them the United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal with four bronze stars.

LT Cobb now resides in San Diego with his wife, the former Celia Sanchez of Long Beach, California, and their daughter, Deborah.

#### SHIP'S OFFICERS

Lieutenant FLETCHER L. BLACKSTOCK-U.S. Navy-Repair Officer

Fletcher L. Blackstock was born and raised in Georgia and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942. In May 1962 he received his commission as LTJG and attended the Officers' Indoctrination School. As a LDO he advanced to LT in November 1964 and since then has served aboard the USS CONSTELLATION (CVA 64) and at the U.S. NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE at Coronado.

Lieutenant BERT R. WEBSTER-U.S. Navy-Supply Officer

Bert R. Webster was born in New Mexico and raised in Utah and Idaho. He attended Utah State University and received his B.S. in Mathematics. Furthering his education at Iowa State University where he was awarded a M.S. degree in Statistics, he received his commission as ensign upon completion of OCS in December 1962. Prior to his assignment aboard the INDRA, LT Webster was stationed at the NAVAL SUPPLY CENTER, Oakland.

Lieutenant Junior Grade RONALD A. VALLEE-U.S.N.R.-Engineering Officer

Ronald A. Vallee was born in New York and raised in Maine. He attended the Maine Maritime Academy where he attained his B.S. in Marine Engineering. Through this training he received his commission as an Ensign in June 1965. Following a tour of duty with the Merchant Marine LTJG Vallee was assigned to the INDRA.

Lieutenant Junior Grade ROGER W. ECK—U.S.N.R.—Operations Officer Roger W. Eck was born and raised in New Jersey and received his B.A. degree in Economics from Roanoke College in Virginia in 1965. In February 1966 he received his commission as Ensign following OCS training. His last tour of duty was aboard the USS MERRICK (AKA 97).

Lieutenant Junior Grade ROBERT M. JOHNSTON—U.S.N.R.— Communications Officer

Robert M. Johnston was born and raised in North Carolina and received his A.B. degree in Psychology from Duke University in 1965. He received his commission as Ensign in February 1966 and has since served on the staff of the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET, in Norfolk. Virginia.

Lieutenant Junior Grade FRANK G. SCHUSTER-U.S.N.R.-First Lieutenant

Frank G. Schuster was born and raised in Connecticut and attended the University of Connecticut where he received his B.A. in Zoology in 1964. Upon completion of OCS in April 1966 he received his commission as Ensign. LTJG Schuster comes to the INDRA after a tour of duty with the USS KANKAKEE (AO 39).

Ensign PATRICK J. McCORMICK—U.S.N.R.—Damage Control Assistant

Patrick J. McCormick was born and raised in South Dakota and graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1965. He was commissioned Ensign in August 1966 upon completion of OCS. His last assignment was aboard the USS SPRINGFIELD (CLG 7).

Ensign GEORGE E. ARLEDGE—U.S.N.R.—Assistant Supply/Disbursing Officer

George E. Arledge was born and raised in Texas and received his B.B.A. in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. He received his commission as Ensign in April 1967 upon completion of OCS. Ensign Arledge comes to the INDRA from NSCS in Athens, Georgia.

Chief Warrant Officer LEO B. ROBERTS-U.S. Navy-Machinery Repair Officer

Leo B. Roberts was born and raised in Nebraska and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940. He was appointed Warrant Officer in June 1951 and Chief Warrant Officer in July 1966. Prior to his assignment aboard the INDRA, CWO Roberts served aboard the USS CHEMUNG (AO 30) and at the U.S. NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE at Coronado.

Warrant Officer JAMES M. COOLEY-U.S. Navy-Assistant Repair Officer

James M. Cooley was born and raised in Virginia and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1955. He received his appointment as Warrant Officer in October 1967 and has just recently finished serving aboard the USS EPPERSON (DD 719).

#### **CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS**

John E. DANIEL					
Senior Chief Damage Controlman					
William BERTINO	Imperial Beach, California				
Chief Radioman					
Thomas L. SMITH Wes	st Columbia, South Carolina				
Chief Interior Communications Electrician					
John H. MULLEN	San Diego, California				
Chief Hospital Corpsman					
William P. ALLEN, III	Sarasota, Florida				
Chief Shipfitter					
Eugene E. ANDERSON	Minocqua, Wisconsin				
Chief Quartermaster	• ,				
William R. HADLEY	Buffalo, New York				
Chief Engineman					
Robert DAVIDSON	Chula Vista, California				
Chief Boiler Technician					

#### SHIP'S COMPANY

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Olaf R. ENTWIT	FA	Ketchikan, Alaska
Arsenios, ESCOTO	TN	Angeles City, Philippine Island
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Eternal Father, Strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard And hushed their raging at Thy word, Who walkedst on the foaming deep, And calm amidst its rage didst sleep; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude, And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea!

AMEN.

