

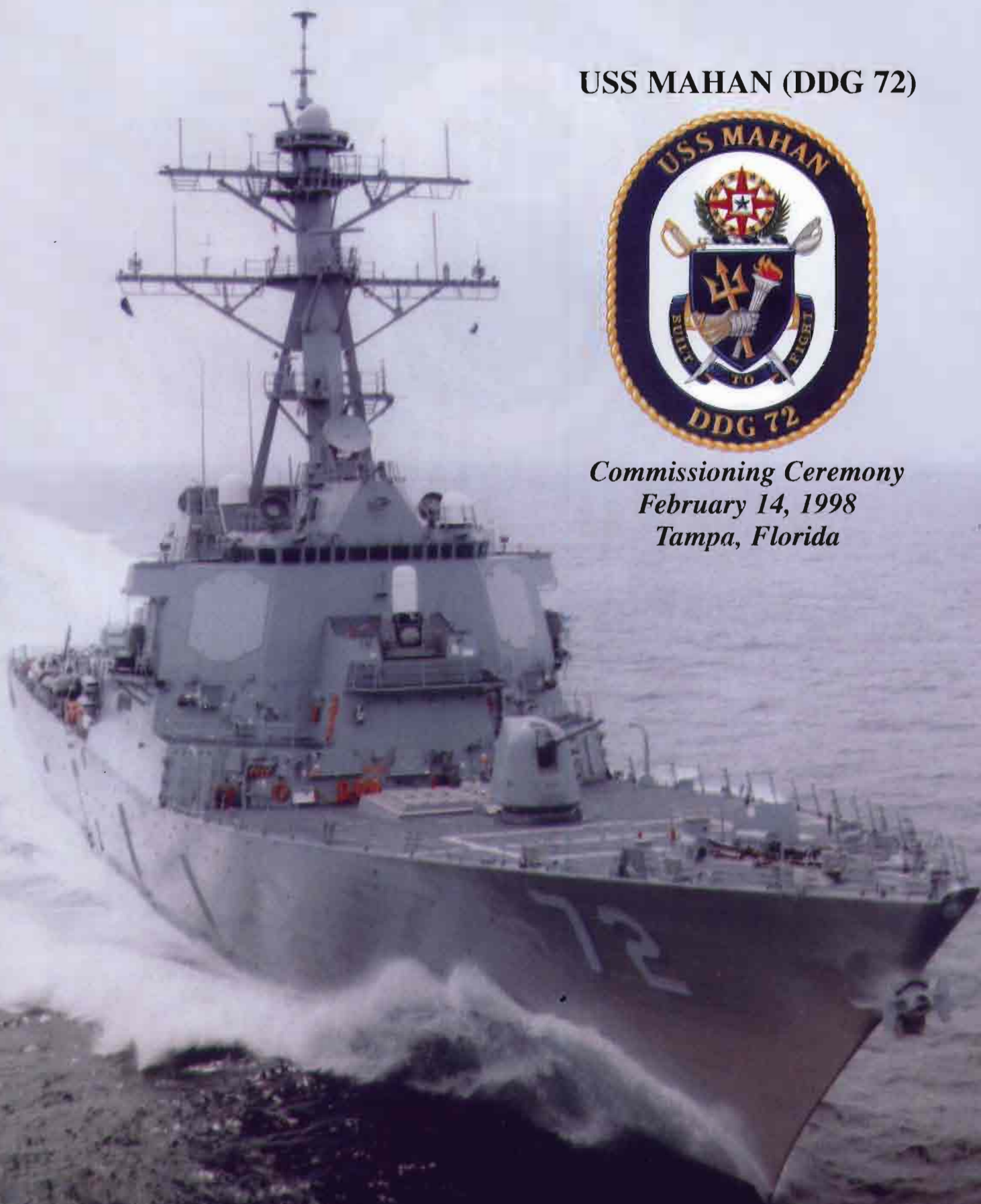


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Symbolism

SHIELD:

Dark blue and gold are the colors traditionally used by the Navy to represent the sea and excellence. The trident, symbolizing sea power, denotes DDG 72's warfare capabilities and underscores the importance of a strong navy. The gauntlet and torch are adapted from the previous USS MAHAN's emblem and highlight the ship's namesake, Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, as the father of all modern navies. The tines of the trident represent the three previous ships named MAHAN, as well as the Officer, Chief Petty Officer, and Enlisted Corps of personnel which man the ship.

CREST:

The central star commemorates the second USS MAHAN's World War II battle honors (five battle stars), earned before she was sunk by Kamikazes. The twelve small stars on the annulet denote the battle stars of the third USS MAHAN for service in the Vietnam War. The unfurled scroll underscores Mahan as the author of *"Influence of Sea Power Upon History 1660 - 1783"*. The compass rose and annulet represent Mahan's influence of sea power, its strategy and geopolitical importance worldwide. The wreath combines laurel and palm to symbolize honor and victory.

MOTTO:

The motto was chosen in remembrance of Admiral Arleigh Burke and his many contributions to the U.S. Navy. During the commissioning of the USS Arleigh Burke, Admiral Burke issued the following challenge: "This ship is built to fight; you'd better know how."







Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan

Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan was born on September 27, 1840, at West Point, New York, where his father Dennis Hart Mahan, was a distinguished professor of civil and military engineering at the U.S. Military Academy.

Young Mahan spent his early years at West Point, until he was sent to a boarding school in Maryland, St. James School, near Hagerstown in 1852. Two years later he entered Columbia College in New York City. Through the influence of Jefferson Davis, he obtained an appointment to the Naval Academy, and by special arrangement (the only occasion on record of that concession being made) he entered the Third Class, on October 7, 1856, as Acting Midshipman. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1859, second in his class of twenty members.

During the Civil War he served with the South Atlantic and West Gulf Coast Blockading Squadrons, where he participated in the attack on Port Royal, South Carolina, early in the Civil War and later served on the staff of Rear Admiral Dahlgren off the coast of Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1876 he was designated as a member of the Board of Examiners at the Naval Academy, and during his period of duty there he won third prize in 1878 in the Naval Institute's contest for the best essay on "Naval Education for Officers and Men." This was the first award he accepted for publication.

When he reported to the newly established Naval War College in 1885 to lecture on naval strategy, tactics, and history, he was a competent, undistinguished gentleman with nearly thirty years' experience as a naval officer. After long preparation in the fall of 1886, Mahan delivered the first in a series of lectures that were to become widely acclaimed. In 1890 he published "The Influence of Sea Power upon History, 1660-1783," the first of twenty books and twenty-three essays on this broad subject. Coming at a time of great technological development and the rise of new powers to challenge England's long dominance at sea, the book had a profound effect upon the thinking and policies of many nations. With its striking success, the obscure officer became famous. Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Cabot Lodge, and Kaiser Wilhelm II became his acknowledged students. Besides adding to his historical works on sea power, he wrote essays warning of the need of an adequate navy and of the necessity for national expansion, and interpreted the current world to his fellows.

He was President of the Naval War College, from 1886-1889 and 1892-1893. In 1893, he was appointed to command USS CHICAGO, flagship of a squadron serving in European waters. He returned to the Naval War College for special duty in 1895. At his own request he was retired on November 17, 1896, as a Captain, after forty years of active service, in order to devote his full time to writing on naval subjects.

He returned to active duty at the beginning of the Spanish-American War, and in May 1898, was appointed to the Naval Board of Strategy. In 1899 he served as one of the American delegates at the First Peace Conference at The Hague, in The Netherlands. During the years to follow, he was recalled to active service as a member of the Board of Visitors, Naval Academy (May 1903); with the Senate Commission on Merchant Marine (November 1904); to report on studies and conclusions of the Naval War Board during the War with Spain (July 1906); as a member of the Committee on Documentary Historical Publications under the Committee on Departmental Methods (October 1908); as a member of the Commission to Report on Re-organization of the Navy Department (February 1909); and to lecture at the Naval War College. He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral on the Retired List, with the date of rank June 29, 1906.

During the period 1884 until his death in 1914, Rear Admiral Mahan studied and wrote on Naval Historical and biographical subjects. His works have had tremendous influence all over the world, especially those directly concerning sea power, and have been published in many different languages. In 1894, he was awarded honorary degrees from Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Later, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Dartmouth similarly honored him. The Royal United Service Institution awarded him its Chesney Gold Medal in recognition of his literary work bearing on the welfare of the British Empire, in 1900; and in 1902 he was made President of the American Historical Society.

He died at Washington, D.C. on December 1, 1914, and is buried at Quogue, Long Island. At the time of his death, many navies had adopted his theories in developing strategy, and anxious admirals thought in terms he had popularized. Even today, his work has a profound influence on world leaders and modern naval doctrine.



Previous Ships Named MAHAN

USS MAHAN (DD 102)

MAHAN (Destroyer No. 102) was laid down 4 May 1918 by the Fore River Shipyard, Quincy, Mass.; launched 4 August 1918; sponsored by Miss Ellen K. Mahan, niece of RADM A.T. Mahan; and commissioned 24 October 1918, LCDR F. P. Conger in command.

After shakedown, MAHAN operated off Cuba until May 1919 when she steamed to the Azores to become one of the guide ships for the transatlantic flights of Navy flying boats NC-1, NC-3, and NC-4. Returning to Boston by way of Brest, France, 21 June, MAHAN was secretly converted to a light minelayer and was redesignated DM-7, 17 July 1920.

With the exception of a cruise to Pearl Harbor for maneuvers early in 1925, MAHAN operated along the east coast, in the Caribbean and off the Panama Canal Zone for the next 10 years. During this time she participated in fleet training exercises; patrolled courses for international races; e.g., the International Six Meter Sailing Races of 1922 and 1927; assisted in salvage operations for submarines S-51 (September 1925, off Block Island and S-4 (periodically from 17 December 1927 through mid March 1928, off Provincetown, Mass.); and conducted reserve training cruises in the Caribbean, 1928 to September 1929. Throughout the decade, in addition to her regular duties, she served as an experimental ship, testing new equipment for the Navy's future use.

On 20 September 1929, she entered Philadelphia Navy Yard, where she decommissioned 1 May 1930. Struck from the Navy Register 22 October, she was sold for scrap 17 January 1931 to the Boston Iron & Metal Co. of Baltimore, Md.



USS MAHAN (DD 364)

The second MAHAN (DD 364) was laid down by United Dry Docks, Inc., Staten Island, N.Y., 12 June 1934; launched 15 October 1935; sponsored by Miss Kathleen H. Mahan, great-granddaughter of RADM A. T. Mahan; and commissioned 18 September 1936, CDR J. B. Waller in command.

Combining initial training operations with a good will tour, MAHAN departed New York 16 November 1936 for a 2-month cruise to Caribbean and South American ports. She returned in January 1937 and operated along the East Coast until July, when she sailed for the Pacific. Arriving on the west coast in mid-August, she participated in fleet training operations off the southern California coast before proceeding to her new station at Pearl Harbor. Until December 1941, periodic visits to the west coast and a cruise to the Caribbean for fleet problems in February 1939, varied a busy schedule of training exercises and patrols in Hawaiian waters.

On patrol 7 December 1941, MAHAN, with TF 12, was ordered to set course for the Japanese forces, thought to be headed for Jaluit from a position 200 miles south of Pearl Harbor, and "intercept and destroy." Unable to locate the enemy, MAHAN returned to Pearl Harbor on the 12th.

In late December 1941, she carried reinforcements to the Marine detachment at Johnston Island and evacuated the civilians to Hawaii. MAHAN then conducted screening activities for inter-island and transoceanic convoys until 24 February 1942 when she was assigned to a patrol station off Canton Island. Departing Canton Island, she returned to Hawaii then proceeded to the west coast for overhaul. She next conducted patrols in Hawaiian and west coast waters until departing for the South Pacific 16 October 1942.





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En route, with LAMSON, she conducted a raid on Japanese patrol boats south of the Gilbert Islands, sinking two. Steaming with TF 61 north of the Santa Cruz Islands by the 27th, she was attacked by Japanese aircraft and splashed four. That same day, following her fine performance in the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, MAHAN collided with SOUTH DAKOTA. Damage to both ships was severe. Following temporary repairs at Noumea, New Caledonia, MAHAN proceeded to Pearl Harbor where she was quickly given a new bow.

MAHAN returned to the South Pacific 9 January 1943 and escorted convoys between the New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and the Fiji Islands before establishing a patrol off New Caledonia in March. Resuming escort duties in April, she made one trip to Guadalcanal and back and then commenced operations in Australian waters. Moving to New Guinea, she began basing at Milne Bay 2 July 1943. Continuously in action for the next 3 months, she participated in the landings at Nassau Bay; the bombardment of Finschhafen; the preparations and covering force actions for the landings at Lae, and the landing of Australian troops at Finschhafen, when her well-served guns splashed three enemy planes.

Through October and November, she operated out of Buna, patrolling around New Guinea. In December 1943, MAHAN bombarded Japanese installations in New Britain and on the 26th provided effective fire support for the landings at Cape Gloucester. Shore bombardment of Gali, New Guinea, a short stay in Sydney, Australia, and escort duties between New Guinea and New Britain followed. On 28 February 1944, before commencing convoy activities in the Admiralties, she turned her guns on Los Negros Island.

After more than 2 busy years in the war zone, in the spring of 1944 the veteran destroyer proceeded to San Francisco for overhaul. Early in July she returned to Pearl Harbor and participated in exercises there until 15 August 1944. Steaming via Eniwetok, Jaluit, Guam, Saipan, and Ulithi, MAHAN returned to New Guinea in late October. She then escorted convoys between Hollandia and Leyte until taking up antisubmarine patrol duties off Leyte at the end of November.

On 7 December 1944, while patrolling between Leyte and Ponson Island, the destroyer was attacked by a swarm of Japanese aircraft. In the ensuing engagement, she shot down three of the attacking planes but three of the remainder crashed into her. The resultant fires soon spread out of control to the ship's magazines. The ship was abandoned and the survivors were picked up by nearby vessels. An hour later, WALKER sank MAHAN by gunfire and torpedoes. Personnel casualties as a result of this devastating attack were comparatively light, with only seven crewmembers lost and thirty-one wounded.

The last page of the 364's gallant record was written as this hard-hitting, valiant destroyer slipped beneath the waves on the morning of 7 December 1944.

MAHAN received five battle stars for World War II service.

USS MAHAN (DLG 11)

The third MAHAN (DLG 11) was laid down 31 July 1957 by the San Francisco Naval Shipyard; launched 7 October 1959; sponsored by Mrs. H. P. Smith, wife of VADM H. Page Smith; and commissioned 25 August 1960, CDR W. S. Busik in command.

During the first year and a half of her commissioned service, MAHAN's primary assignment was the testing and evaluation of her weapons systems, ASROC and Terrier missiles. A unit of the Pacific Fleet's Cruiser-Destroyer Force, she operated out of San Diego, participating in local and fleet exercises off the west coast and in Hawaiian waters. Leaving San Diego 6 June 1962, she commenced her first Western Pacific deployment. For the next 6 months she cruised with other units of the 7th Fleet, taking part in antisubmarine, antiaircraft, and amphibious exercises as well as making good will calls on ports in the Far East. Included in these latter visits was a stop at Saigon in late October for the Republic of Vietnam's Independence anniversary celebrations.

1963 brought MAHAN's entrance into the standard schedule of the Pacific Fleet, beginning with a shipyard overhaul at Long Beach Naval Shipyard. Following her yard period, she conducted training exercises off the west coast. She then departed San Diego 6 August 1963 for deployment in the western Pacific. In addition to assignments in Japanese and Philippine waters, she spent, on this tour, a total of 4 weeks cruising off South Vietnam before returning to California 10 March 1964.

Remaining on the west coast until late 1965, the guided missile destroyer underwent a 5 1/2 month overhaul, followed by test and training exercises and a demonstration of her antisubmarine warfare capabilities before members of the United States-Canadian Military Cooperation Committee. During the summer of 1965, she embarked midshipmen from the Naval Academy and various NROTC units for summer training. Departing San Diego, she sailed to Pearl Harbor for antisubmarine training operations and then continued on to the





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western Pacific, arriving at Subic Bay. MAHAN operated with the 7th Fleet, spending alternate monthly periods on patrol off Vietnam, until returning to California.

Upon arrival at San Diego, MAHAN continued her previous west coast activities, local and fleet training operations, missile firing exercises at the Pacific Missile Range, and, as during the summer of 1965, the training of midshipmen during June and July. August brought the installation of a helicopter flight deck.

The period 1 December 1966 through 4 June 1967 again saw MAHAN in the western Pacific where, as before, she operated off Vietnam, patrolling and providing gunfire support in the fight to prevent the aggressive spread of communism. Arriving back at San Diego 17 June, MAHAN sailed on 31 July to represent the Navy at Seattle's Annual Sea Fair. Following further coastal operations, she entered Long Beach Naval Shipyard 1 November for overhaul. This was completed late in April 1968 and MAHAN remained off the West coast until departing for the western Pacific in August. She remained as a part of the 7th Fleet into 1969.

USS MAHAN-GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER 42

In 1973, after 13 years of almost continuous operations in Southeast Asia, she returned to the U.S. for a much needed overhaul at Bath Iron Works, ME. On April 1, 1975, DLG-11 was recommissioned at Bath. She then joined her new squadron DESRON 4, homeported at Charleston, SC. On July 1, 1975, the ship was redesignated from DLG 11 to DDG-42 as part of a Navy-wide reclassification program.

MAHAN served as the test platform for the development of the CG/SM-2 (ER) missile program project; a new missile, designed to greatly increase the operational capability of presently installed Terrier systems.

Following a regular overhaul in Philadelphia from April 1980-May 1981, MAHAN was selected to install and test the Terrier New Threat Upgrade

(NTU) Combat System with the improved Standard Missile Two Block II (Extended Range). Testing lasted from October 1981- March 1985. This New Threat Upgrade system made USS MAHAN, for a time, the most capable AAW ship afloat.

From April to November 1983, MAHAN was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, serving most of the deployment as a member of the Multinational Peacekeeping Force off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon.

MAHAN achieved another first in July 1985, as she successfully conducted the first "Remote Track-Launch on Search" missile firing.

MAHAN celebrated her 25th birthday on August 28, 1985 and departed again to the Mediterranean. During the deployment, MAHAN participated in Exercise Ocean Safari 85: a joint U.S.-French missile exercise. She also represented Commander Sixth Fleet, serving as official starter for the inaugural Monaco-New York Yacht race, (hosting Monaco's Crown Prince and the Deputy Under-Secretary of the Navy). MAHAN also served as East Mediterranean Ready Ship off of Israel and Lebanon and was involved in the Gulf of Sidra freedom of navigation operations off the coast of Libya.

After returning from deployment in April 1986, MAHAN began a 10-month regular overhaul lasting from September 1986 until August 1987.

In January 1988, MAHAN successfully completed refresher training in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In the spring of 1988, MAHAN participated in a joint missile exercise with the German Navy.

MAHAN deployed with Standing Naval Forces Atlantic, from 17 June to 16 December 1989. While acting as the U.S. representative of this NATO force, MAHAN visited eight different countries and worked with fourteen ships from nine NATO nations. The crowning achievement of the cruise occurred in November 1989, when MAHAN added another first to her long list of accomplishments by firing the first SM-2 Block II (ER) in Northern Europe.

MAHAN's last major deployment was in support of Operation Desert Storm from 26 September 1991 through 2 April 1992. During the deployment MAHAN slipped quietly through the mouth of the Suez Canal in the early morning of October 13, a sense of uncertainty and anticipation enveloped the ship. After five months in the heat of the Persian Gulf, MAHAN headed north, where she even crossed the Arctic Circle.

After 33 years of faithful service she was retired from the active roll on 15 June 1993, Naval Station Charleston, South Carolina.





The Tradition of Commissioning a Navy Ship



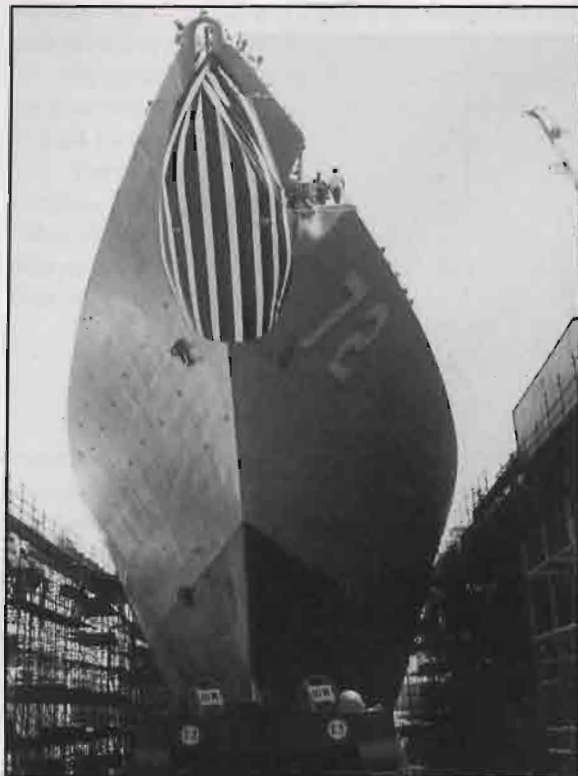
The Commissioning Ceremony signifies the acceptance for service and entry of a ship into the active fleet of the United States Navy. At the moment of the breaking of the Commissioning pennant, USS MAHAN (DDG 72) becomes a proud ship of the line. The Commanding Officer, together with the ship's officers and crew, then accepts the duties and responsibilities of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, in peace or war.

The Commissioning Ceremony has been a tradition of all navies for centuries and in the United States Navy since its inception. In the early periods of our nation's history, no exact procedure for the Commissioning Ceremony was prescribed. Thus, a ship's date of commissioning was recorded as any one of a number of significant days - when the colors were first raised, when officials and crew first reported on board, when the first log entry was made, or when the ship first put to sea.

The commissioning pennant is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. The Dutch Admiral Maarten Harpertszoon Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to indicate his intentions to sweep the English from the sea. This gesture was answered by the English Admiral William Blake who hoisted a horsewhip, indicating his intention to subdue the Dutch. The English were victorious and since that time the narrow "coachwhip" pennant has been adopted by all nations as the distinctive mark of a ship of war. Throughout the years, one visible and significant manifestation of the commissioned ship has remained constant. Active ships of the United States Navy, from the days of sleek frigates under sail, to the era of the modern AEGIS guided missile destroyers, have proudly flown the commissioning pennant and the "Stars and Stripes." The United States Navy Commissioning Pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.



Christening: 29 June 1996



The ritual of ship christenings is a time honored tradition whose origin can be traced back to when ships were first put to sea.

Ship christenings in the days of the Vikings were marked by the spilling of blood and human sacrifices and incantations by high priests made to appease gods. Greeks and Romans later used water as a token of purification in blessings of the ship, its officers and crew, and the cargo it carries. During the Middle Ages, religious shrines were placed about the ship. Many historians agree that wine, as a substitute for a blood sacrifice, was offered as the vessel hit the water. Christening ceremonies during the Tudor Era took place after the ship was in the water. Announced by a fanfare of trumpets, a king's lieutenant would appear and be seated in an ornate chair on the ship's poop deck. He was presented with a goblet made of precious metal filled with red wine. After a sip of the wine, he whispered the ship's name, wishing it good luck on voyages. Then spilling wine on the deck, he would mark the four points of the compass and drink to the king's health. As a finale, the lieutenant tossed the goblet over the side and left the ship. Many of the spectators went over the side with the goblet, hoping to salvage the golden "standing cup".

In the interest of economy, beginning in 1690, a bottle replaced the cup. When champagne became widely known, it was substituted for wine since the more costly champagne was held in higher esteem.

The ceremony of christening a British ship was invariably performed by a male member of the Royal Family or by a dockyard commissioner until 1811 when George IV introduced the first woman sponsor. One sponsor's



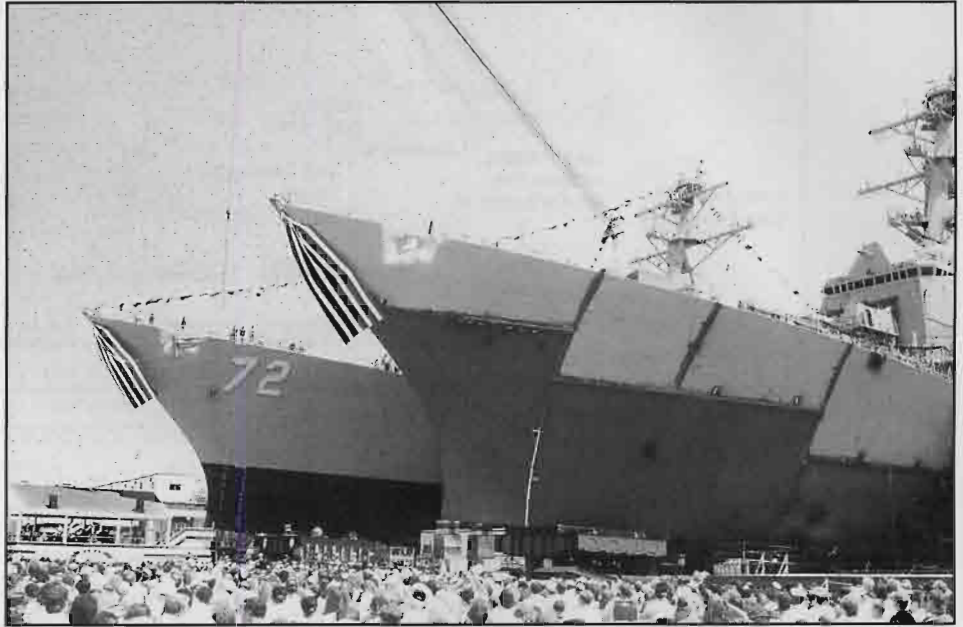


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aim was so poor that she hit a spectator with the bottle, who was injured and sued for damages. The Admiralty then directed that in the future, the bottle should be secured to the stem of the ship by a lanyard. This method is still used today.

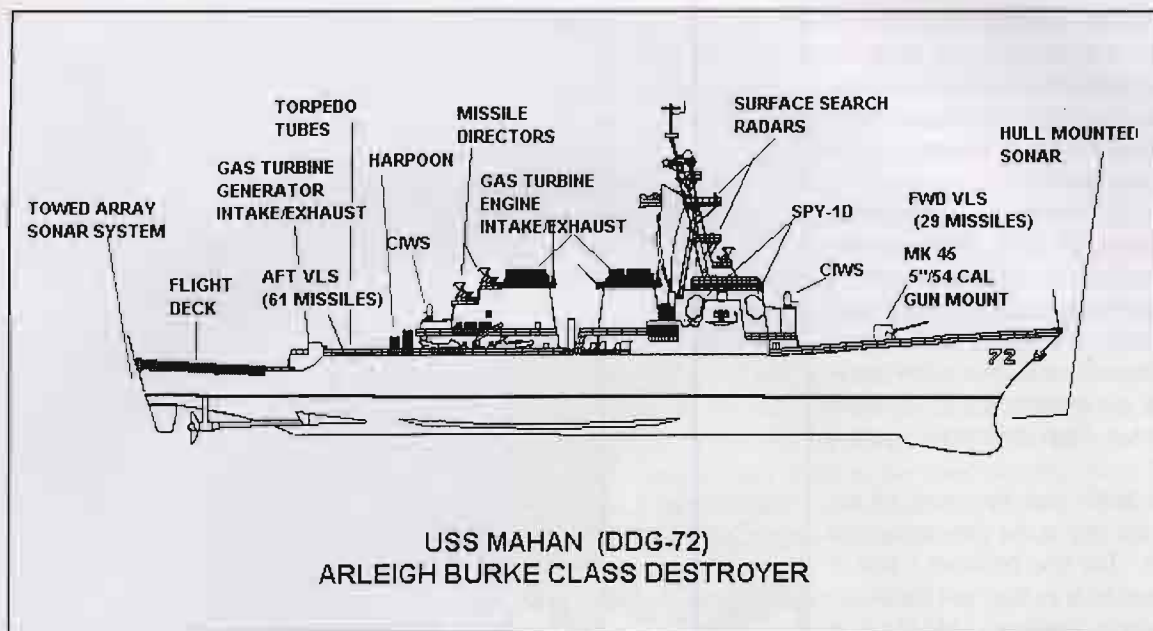
Until the 19th century, U. S. ships were christened by men. In 1846, Mrs. Lavinia Watson Fanning became the first woman to sponsor a United States warship as she christened the sloop GERMANTOWN in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since that occasion, the honor of christening a U. S. naval vessel has always been bestowed upon a woman.

Tradition holds that the spirit of the sponsor enters the ship at the christening and remains forever. The ship becomes a part of her and she a part of it as they sail the sea to preserve America's freedom. MAHAN is honored to be sponsored by Mrs. Jennie Lou Arthur. Mrs. Arthur's 38 years of life within the Navy community has taken her to nineteen countries. During that time, she was able to play an active role in a variety of service organizations. She worked within the Naval Officers Wives Clubs and served as Honorary Vice President for the Washington, D.C. club. As chairman of the Navy Ball Committee, she assisted the group in raising over a quarter of a million dollars in support of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. A native of Jackson, Ohio, she is married to Admiral Stanley R. Arthur. They have raised four children: Erin, Brian, Derek, and Brad. They are blessed with three grandchildren: Justin, Devin, and Sarah.





Ship's Characteristics



MISSION

MAHAN exists to fight and win in combat at sea. We will operate offensively and defensively in carrier battle groups, surface action groups, replenishment groups, and amphibious task groups in a multi threat environment- that includes air, surface, and subsurface threats.

DIMENSIONS

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| Hull Length (Overall) | 505 feet |
| Beam (Maximum) | 65 feet |
| Draft (Navigational) | 32.5 feet |
| Masthead Light Height Above Water Line | 112 feet |
| Visual Horizon From Bridge | 10 nautical miles |
| Displacement | 8,900 tons |

COMMAND/CONTROL/COMMUNICATIONS

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| MK 2 MOD 0 | Command and Decision System |
| MK 8 MOD 1 | Weapons Control System |
| MK 2 MOD 0 | AEGIS Display System |
| MK 7 MOD 0 | Operational Readiness Test System |
| AN/SQQ-8 (V) 4 | ASW Combat System |
| AN/UQN-4A | Fathometer |
| AN/WQC-2A | Underwater Telephone |
| AN/WQC-6 | Probe Alert |
| AN/WRN-6, AN/WRN-5, | Intertial/Satellite Navigational System |
| AN/WSN-5 | |
| AN/UPX-29 | IFF System |
| AN/WSN-6 | Integrated Navigation and Tactical Plotting System (INTIPS) |
| AN/SRQ-4 | LAMPS III Data Link |
| AN/ARR-75 | Sonbuoy Receiver |
| AN/SYQ-7A(V) | NAVMACS II |
| AN/SRS-1(V) 5 | Combat Direction Finding System |
| LINKS 4A, 11, and 16 | |
| Exterior Communications: HF, VHF, UHF, SATCOM, INFRARED | |



Ship's Characteristics

WEAPONS

1 MK 45 MOD 2 5"/54 Caliber Gun Mount
2 MK 41 MOD 2 Vertical Launching Systems (Total of 90 cells containing Standard Missiles, TOMAHAWK Cruise Missiles, or Vertically Launched ASROC)
2 MK 141 Guided Missile Launchers (HARPOON Anti Ship Missiles)
2 MK 15 MOD 12 Phalanx Close in Weapons Systems
2 Mk 32 MOD 14 Triple Torpedo Tubes (MK 46/Mk 50 Torpedos)

FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS

AN/SPY- 1D Radar
MK 99 MOD 3 FCS (3 illuminators)
MK 116 MOD 7 Underwater Fire Control System
AN/SWG-1A (V) 8/9 Harpoon Launcher Control System
AN/SWG-3A TOMAHAWK Weapon Control System
Mk 160 Gun Fire Control System

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AN/SPY-1D Radar
AN/SPS-67 (V) 3 Surface Search Radar
AN/SPS-64 (V) 9 Surface Search Radar
Lamps Mk III Helicopter AN/SRQ-4 Data Link
AN/SQR-19 (V) 1 Tactical Towed Array Sonar System
AN/SQS-53C (V) 1 Sonar
AN/SQQ-28 (V) 2 Lamps III Shipboard Electronics

ESM/ECM

AN/SLQ-32 (V)3
AN/SLQ-25 NIXIE Torpedo Countermeasure
MK 36 MOD 6 Decoy Launching System

ENGINEERING

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| Propulsion: | 4 LM2500 Marine Gas Turbine Engines (100,000 SHP total) |
| Electrical: | 3 Allison 501-K34 Model 9140 Gas Turbine Generators (2500KW each) |
| Speed: | 30+ knots |

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Construction Milestones

MAHAN'S CONSTRUCTION

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| Start Fabrication: | 7/17/94 |
| Keel Laying: | 8/17/95 |
| Stepping of the Mast: | 2/16/96 |
| Christening/Launching: | 6/29/96 |
| AEGIS Light Off: | 12/19/96 |
| Alpha/Bravo Trials: | 7/21/97 |
| Charlie Trials: | 8/05/97 |
| Delta Trials: | 8/12/97 |
| Ship Custody Transfer: | 8/22/97 |
| Crew Moveaboard: | 10/17/97 |
| Sailaway: | 1/16/98 |
| Commissioning: | 2/14/98 |



"STEPPING OF THE MAST"





Construction Milestones



MESS DECKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



AEGIS LIGHT OFF



LAUNCHING OF MAHAN



Construction Milestones



"UNDERWAY AT LAST" BRAVO TRIALS



SHIP'S DELIVERY



CREW MOVE ABOARD



CDR JAMES FINALLY GETS THE
KEY TO HIS SHIP

Commander In Chief

A close-up portrait of Bill Clinton, smiling, wearing a dark suit, light blue shirt, and a dark tie with red and white stripes. The background is dark with a pattern of white stars, resembling the American flag.

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States

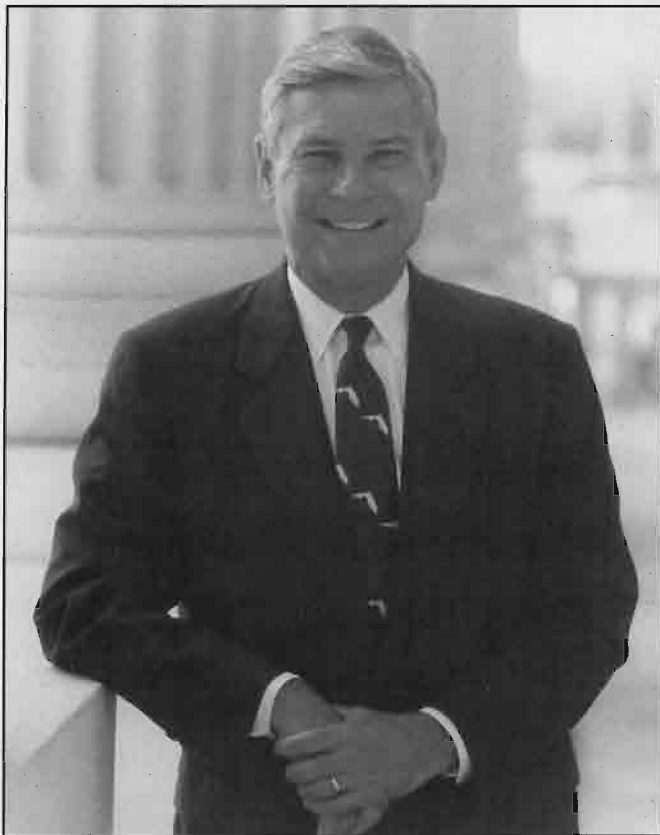
Vice President of the United States

A black and white portrait of Vice President Albert Gore Jr. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He has a slight smile and is looking directly at the camera. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be an American flag on the left and a bookshelf on the right.

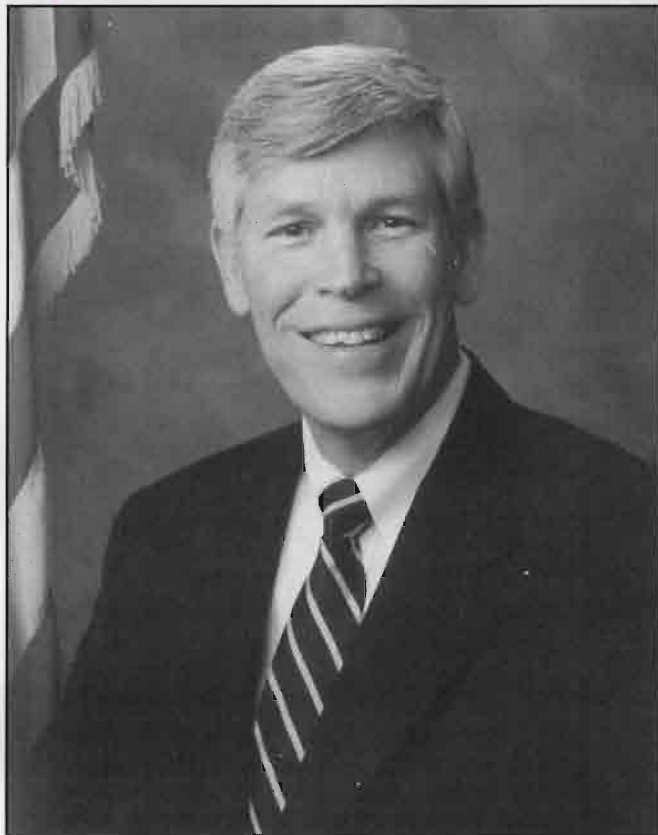
The Honorable Albert Gore Jr.
Vice President of the United States



Congratulatory Letters



The Honorable Bob Graham
United States Senator, Florida



The Honorable Connie Mack
United States Senator, Florida

BOB GRAHAM
FLORIDA

United States Senate

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MAHAN (DDG 72)
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Bath, Maine 04530-1960

Congratulations to the crew of the USS Mahan (DDG 72) on your ship's commissioning.

I salute the crew of the USS Mahan. Today's Navy has the highest quality personnel since the all volunteer force was implemented. Your personal commitment and dedication have made this possible. America has been a beacon of democracy, and it is your discipline and dedication to your mission that have helped to make this a reality. I also want to commend Commander James and his officers. I know that working as a team, you will make us proud.

Since the founding of this nation, the Navy has exemplified this nation's best traditions and values. I know that the crew of the USS Mahan will continue to lead by example. Today's gathering is sure to be a memorable one for all of you and for our nation. The men and women of our Navy have a long history of fighting bravely for their country as well as for millions of oppressed citizens throughout the world.

I am certain that all of you will continue to show valor, dedication, courage, and loyalty to the United States. On behalf of the United States of America, I commend you. Good luck and Godspeed.

Sincerely,

United States Senator

CONNIE MACK
FLORIDA

United States Senate

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Commander James and crew of the *USS Mahan*
Department of the Navy
Precommissioning Unit
USS Mahan (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530-1960

Dear Commander James and crew of the *USS Mahan*:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the United States Navy's newest AEGIS Destroyer to Tampa, Florida. The *USS Mahan*, which is "built to fight," promises to be an outstanding addition to our nation's fleet.

As the Father of all Modern Navies, Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan understood the critical role of the United States Navy and the influence of sea power. Since the *USS Mahan* will be yet another superior ship in the United States Navy's fleet, it is an appropriate tribute to Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan's firm belief in the importance of a strong navy. I am confident that the *USS Mahan*'s namesake, Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, would be pleased, as I am, with the latest ship bearing his name.

I wish you and the crew of the *USS Mahan* all the best for future missions.

Sincerely,

Connie Mack
United States Senator



Congratulatory Letters



The Honorable Michael Bilirakis
United States House of Representatives
9th District Florida



The Honorable James O. Davis
United States House of Representatives
11th District Florida

MICHAEL BILIRAKIS
Representative

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Department of the Navy
Precommissioning Unit
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Dear Friends:

I want to extend my congratulations to you on the commissioning of the U.S.S. Mahan, the Navy's newest AEGIS Destroyer. This is truly a special day.

Other ships bearing the name Mahan have served with distinction in both World War II and the Vietnam War. I am confident that the latest U.S.S. Mahan will uphold the proud traditions established by these ships. I am sure that Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, the father of modern navies, would be proud of his newest namesake.

The U.S.S. Mahan exists to fight and win in combat at sea. I have no doubts that its commanding officer and crew will live up to your motto "BUILT TO FIGHT."

I commend everyone who played a role in the construction of this fine ship, and I salute all of the crew members who will be a part of the U.S.S. Mahan's history.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,
Mike
Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

MB:rs

JIM DAVIS
Representative

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Commander Michael James
Commanding Officer
USS MAHAN
590 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530-1960

Dear Commander James:

I wish to congratulate you and your sailors on the commissioning of the United States Navy's newest AEGIS Destroyer, the USS MAHAN.

We in Tampa are honored to have the opportunity to join the Navy in celebrating the start of what will most certainly be a long and distinguished career for the U.S. MAHAN.

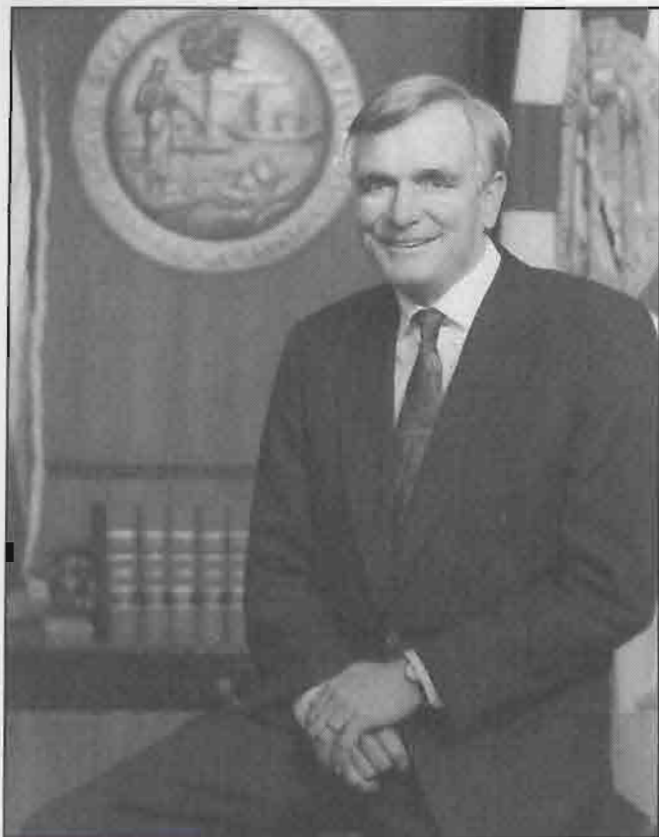
We appreciate your dedication, the dedication of your crew and commitment of all the men and women serving in the armed forces. The minious threat of the Cold War may no longer hang over us, but we must stand ready to meet any new challenges.

We all take comfort and sleep more peacefully knowing that we are well protected by the best military in the world. As you embark on your new command, we wish you good luck and Godspeed.

Sincerely,
Jim Davis
Jim Davis
Member of Congress




Congratulatory Letters



The Honorable Lawton M. Chiles Jr.
Governor of Florida



The Honorable Dick Greco
Mayor of Tampa


THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
GOVERNMENT CENTER
February 1998

Precommissioning Unit MAHAN (DDG 72)
FTO AE 09578-1292


Congratulations to the officers and crew of the USS MAHAN (DDG 72) on the commissioning of the newest Arleigh Burke destroyer to enter the fleet.

I salute the crew of the USS MAHAN. Your hard work and dedication have made this day possible. Each crew member bears a special responsibility in that the standards set now will follow the ship throughout its service life. I commend the valiant efforts of your crew during the arduous precommissioning process. I know the USS MAHAN will make us all proud.

Since the founding of this nation, the Navy has exemplified this nation's best traditions and values. I know the crew of the USS MAHAN will continue to lead by example. Today's gathering is certain to be a memorable one for all in attendance. The men and women of our Navy have a long history of fighting bravely for their country, and MAHAN will carry on this tradition.


On behalf of the state of Florida, we are happy to host your commissioning ceremony and wish the crew of the MAHAN fair winds and following seas in all of your future endeavors.

With kind regards, I am:

Sincerely,

LAWTON CHILES

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CITY OF TAMPA
DICK A. GRECO
MAYOR

Dear Commander Michael L. James and Crew of the USS Mahan:

On behalf of the City of Tampa, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our city. We are proud to be the site for the commissioning of the USS Mahan, the Navy's newest AEGIS Destroyer. Our city is fortunate to have been the site of several other commissioning ceremonies in the past and it is always exciting to be a part of the very significant event.

The City of Tampa is honored to have you as guests and know that you will be pleased by the genuine warmth with which visitors here are received. We are proud of our city and hope that you have a memorable visit.

Again, on behalf of our citizens, congratulations and sincere wishes for an enjoyable and very successful event.

Sincerely,

Dick A. Greco

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The Honorable William S. Cohen
Secretary of Defense



The Honorable John H. Dalton
Secretary of the Navy





Congratulatory Letters



The Honorable John Douglass
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Research, Development and Acquisition



Admiral Jay L. Johnson
Chief of Naval Operations



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (Research, Development and Acquisition) WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

Commander Michael L. James, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
MAHAN (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530-1960

Dear Commander James:

I would like to convey my personal congratulations to you and your crew on the commissioning of USS MAHAN (DDG 72).

MAHAN enters the fleet as one of the most modern and capable warships in the world. Our country has invested much in her design and construction. But a ship by itself is just steel and machinery; it is only when you put men aboard that she becomes a living thing. While MAHAN is indeed a powerful ship, her true strength lies with the Captain and crew. Yet it is the Captain's personality that the crew will assume. I know you will mold them into a superior force.

As you take your new ship into the Fleet, you have been entrusted with the awesome responsibility of protecting America's interests throughout all the oceans of the world. I wish you and your crew every success on your future voyages.

Sincerely,

John W. Douglass


CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

A MESSAGE TO THE SAILORS OF USS MAHAN (DDG 72)

I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the officers and crew of USS MAHAN (DDG 72), our newest guided-missile destroyer, on the occasion of her commissioning.

MAHAN is a most impressive addition to our fleet. Like her sister ships of the ARLEIGH BURKE class, this ship will be entrusted with the missions of offensive strike and area defense well into the 21st century. Yet while her unequalled technology will contribute to such operational excellence, MAHAN's true strength will come from the dedicated Sailors who proudly walk her decks.

As MAHAN assumes an active role in our Navy, you are charged with the responsibility of making this ship a ready instrument of seapower. In doing so, you will continue the proud legacy of three previous USS MAHANS, which brought honor to the fleet throughout the twentieth century. DDG 72 will carry that tradition into the next century, adding to its luster.

I wish you every success, fair winds and following seas as you sail MAHAN to the forefront of our national defense.

JAY L. JOHNSON
Admiral, U.S. Navy



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Admiral J. Paul Reason
Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet



General Anthony C. Zinni
Commander in Chief/Chief of Staff
U. S. Central Command



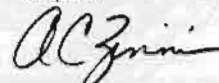

COMMANDER IN CHIEF
UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
7115 S. BOUNDARY BLVD
MACDILL AFB FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 33621-3301

To the officers and crew of the USS MAHAN (DDG 72)

Congratulations on the commissioning of the USS MAHAN (DDG 72). I know the hard work and many long hours each of you have contributed in bringing this war machine to life. From the day the keel was laid to the time she is ready to go to sea there are many long days of training and fine tuning. You can be proud of your tremendous accomplishment.

Again, congratulations on this historical event and fair winds and following seas.

Semper Paratus,



A. C. ZINNI
General, USMC

Officers and Crew
USS MAHAN (DDG 72)
390 Washington Street
Bath, ME 04530-1960



Congratulatory Letters



Vice Admiral William J. Fallon, U.S. Navy
Commander Second Fleet



Vice Admiral Henry C. Giffin III, U.S. Navy
Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet



COMMANDER SECOND FLEET

23 January 1998

Dear Commander James,

On behalf of the men and women of SECOND Fleet, it is a distinct pleasure to welcome a ship built for the challenges of the 21st Century to the operational force. These are dynamic, exciting times in which the importance of every ship grows daily. The Navy will continue to fulfill our worldwide forward presence mission with a smaller, but more modern force. USS MAHAN will be an essential addition to our Navy team.

As you begin your at sea training and face the many challenges associated with the pre-deployment workup cycle, I challenge you to stay focused on the primary requirement—combat readiness. As MAHAN's great crest and ADM Burke so eloquently stated, you are "Built to Fight", and you'd better know how! Welcome aboard!

WILLIAM J. FALLON
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

CDR M. L. James, USN
Commanding Officer
Precommissioning Unit
MAHAN (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530-1960



COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE
U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

Dear Commander James,

Congratulations and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of USS MAHAN (DDG 72). The advanced integrated combat system she brings to the fleet will serve our nation with distinction well into the next century.

Your crew has worked long and hard in preparing MAHAN for active service, and I am confident that you are well prepared for the challenges ahead. Each crewmember bears a special responsibility in that the standards set now will follow the ship throughout its service life. The team spirit and commitment to excellence displayed during the precommissioning process will guarantee MAHAN's future success.

On behalf of the Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, I extend to every member of the crew a hearty "Welcome Aboard." We are proud to have you join the team.

Warmest regards,

HENRY C. GIFFIN, III
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commander Michael L. James, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
USS MAHAN (DDG 72)
FPO AE 09578-1292

Congratulatory Letters



Rear Admiral George A. Huchting, U.S. Navy
Program Executive Officer, Surface Combatants



Rear Admiral M.W. Bordy, U.S. Navy
Deputy Commander, U.S. Naval Forces
U.S. Central Command

Department of the Navy
Program Executive Officer
for Surface Combatants
2531 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22242-5165
14 November 1997

Dear Commander James:

On behalf of all the men and women of the Program Executive Office for Surface Combatants, please accept our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the commissioning of the USS MAHAN (DDG 72). As the Navy's newest AEGIS Guided Missile Destroyer, the advanced integrated combat system she brings to the fleet will serve our nation with distinction well into the next century.

While the road to commissioning has been a long and challenging one, you and your crew have done a superb job in preparing the Navy's newest warship for service. You join a proud tradition, MAHAN will be the fourth ship to bear that name. Equipped with the latest technology and the most modern capabilities, MAHAN is a fitting tribute to her namesake, Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan.

On this special day, I offer my sincerest congratulations and best wishes. I wish you and your crew every success, fair winds and following seas as you bring MAHAN into the Fleet.

Sincerely,

G. A. Huchting
G. A. HUCHTING

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commander Michael L. James, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
MAHAN (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
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DEPUTY COMMANDER
U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND
2707 ZEMKE AVENUE
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FL 33621-5105

To the crew of USS MAHAN (DDG 72):

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the occasion of commissioning this great ship!

Today you commission yet another ship to bear the name Mahan -- a name rich in both naval history and tradition. I have no doubt that you will excel as Mahan crewmembers just as so many proud and dedicated crewmembers before you have done. This ship is certainly "Built to Fight" as your motto proclaims. I am certain that through your honor, courage and commitment this ship will exemplify the influence of sea power throughout the world today, just as your namesake envisioned so long ago. Remember, you make it happen!

Again, congratulations and welcome aboard!

Sincerely,

M. W. Bordy
M. W. BORDY

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Crewmembers of USS MAHAN (DDG 72)
Precommissioning Unit
590 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530-1960




Congratulatory Letters



Rear Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, U.S. Navy
Director, Surface Warfare



Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer, U.S. Navy (Retired)
"Father of AEGIS"


DIRECTOR, SURFACE WARFARE


29 October 1997

Dear Commander James,

On behalf of the entire Surface Warfare community, it is my distinct pleasure to congratulate you and your crew on commissioning USS MAHAN (DDG 72). It is fitting that your powerful new warship bears the name of Rear Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, for "MAHAN" is synonymous with "SEAPOWERS."

Admiral Mahan was the father of modern strategic naval thought. The mainstays of his teachings are equally applicable today. Our Navy has named three previous outstanding warships in his honor, and each of you must daily continue the legacy of the man and crews that have preceded you. I am certain you are each ready to meet this challenge as you proudly represent freedom and American resolve overseas.

I wish you and your fine crew every success as MAHAN, once again, joins the Fleet.

Sincerely,

DANIEL J. MURPHY, JR.
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commander Michael L. James, USN
Commanding Officer
Precommissioning Unit MAHAN (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
Bath, ME 04530-1960

7 December 1997

Dear Captain, Officers, Master Chief, Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and crew of MAHAN:

Yours is the forty-ninth AEGIS warship of the line to commission. I expect to be present as I have been for the previous forty-eight.

You bear the heritage of the man internationally recognized as the greatest naval strategist in modern times. The premise of his thesis is that free commerce upon the oceans is permissible only through those who control the seas — and the role of a nation's navy is just that.

Today the dominating global threats to control of the seas are the cruise and ballistic missile, from all directions, any time, any where, from under, on, or over the sea, and from off land.

Neutralizing that threat is your first mission. It is unforgiving. It will always be delivered as a surprise, when least expected. There is no ready nor preparation time.

The clock starts today. You could have no better guide than USS MAHAN (DLG11), dedicated to a similar but easier mission for the previous generation of sailors. Get in her wake but be prepared to pounce and leap ahead of her when duty calls.

You can do it. We know you to be the very best. We pray for your safe return from every voyage. May God be with you.

Good Luck and Best Wishes,

Wayne E. Meyer
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)



Congratulatory Letters



Captain L.F.K. Swift, U.S. Navy
Commander, Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Six



Captain Ralph E. Staples, Jr., U.S. Navy
Supervisor of Shipbuilding



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
COMMANDER DESTROYER SQUADRON
TWENTY-SIX
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From: Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-SIX
To: Prospective Commanding Officer, MAHAN (DDG 72)

Subj: COMMISSIONING OF USS MAHAN (DDG 72)

1. My personal congratulations to the men and women of MAHAN on the occasion of her commissioning. You have labored faithfully and aggressively, ensuring you "know how" to fight your ship -- the newest and most sophisticated combatant in the most capable fighting fleet in the world!

2. Over the past two years, you have grown together as a crew -- a personnel backbone for MAHAN that will prove more crucial to her success than her keel. Your attentiveness to detail through myriad precommissioning minutiae, and your steadfast support as the construction workers breathed life into MAHAN will finally be realized. Today is the day MAHAN earns her license and commission to go "In Harm's Way."

3. With the esteemed designation of United States Ship, your crew and MAHAN inherit 216 years of proud naval heritage. Three previous ships named MAHAN, proudly carrying the namesake of Admiral Alfred Thayer Mahan, have spanned the twentieth century. From DD 102 commissioned in the Boston Navy Yard in 1918 and secretly converted to Mine Layer DM 7, through the World War II heroics of DD 364 up to the New Threat Upgrade tested efforts of DDG 42, the name MAHAN has carried warfighting excellence as its cornerstone. "Built to Fight," MAHAN will carry your crew and the United States Navy proudly into the twenty-first century.

4. Congratulations, God speed, fair winds and following seas to the crew of the United States' Navy's newest combatant, United States' Ship MAHAN! Welcome back to the Fleet!

L.F.K. Swift
L.F.K. SWIFT



Supervisor of Shipbuilding
Conversion and Repair, USN
574 Washington St.
Bath, Maine 04530-0998

Dear Commander James:

On behalf of all the men and women of the Supervisor of Shipbuilding Office Bath and the Maine AEGIS Community, please accept our sincere congratulations on the Commissioning of United States Ship MAHAN (DDG 72).

When MAHAN sailed down the Kennebec River, she took with her the memories of those who have spent the past four years bringing her to life. From the cutting of the first piece of steel to the signature signifying Ship Custody Transfer from Bath Iron Works to the United States Navy, countless craftsmen from all over Maine and throughout the United States have labored hard to provide you the finest and most capable destroyer in the world. During MAHAN's Acceptance Trial, BIW, SUPSHIP Bath, AEGIS Test Team, and your crew set, yet again, a new standard for AEGIS Shipbuilding.

Today, as you bring MAHAN into the Fleet, we take pride in having turned this complex ship, "Built to Fight," with its modern warfighting technology over to you and your superb crew. Through three extensive trials, a Light Off Examination, and Crew Readiness Certification, we have come to know you for who you are, a well trained team of America's finest. The Maine AEGIS Community thanks you and your crew for the many productive hours spent in working with us and beside us. We wish you and your crew the very best as you go forward.

Sincerely,
Ralph E. Staples, Jr.
RALPH E. STAPLES, JR.
Captain, US Navy



Congratulatory Letters



ETCM(SW) John Hagan, U.S. Navy
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy



Mr. Allan Cameron
President & CEO Bath Iron Works



THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

A MESSAGE TO THE SAILORS OF USS MAHAN (DDG 72)

I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the Sailors of USS MAHAN (DDG 72), our newest guided missile destroyer, on the occasion of her commissioning.

MAHAN is a most impressive new addition to our Fleet. Like her sister ships of the ARLEIGH BURKE class, MAHAN is entrusted with the mission of defending our country by sea, and will perform this mission well into the 21st century. I expect MAHAN's crew to serve with the Honor, Courage, and Commitment that has long been the hallmark of the American Sailor. While her technological capabilities make her a fine ship, MAHAN's true strength will always be the character of the Sailors who proudly walk her decks.

As you assume an active role in the Fleet, you are charged with the responsibility of making MAHAN a ready instrument of seapower in our nation's defense.

I charge you to never forget the lesson which is closely associated with your great ship's namesake—that our history, our heritage and our tradition are a source of great strength and are what make us the most unique fighting force in all the world. Honor the traditions of the past as you carry our Navy and our nation into the next century.

Bravo Zulu on a successful precommissioning effort and I wish you every success, fair winds and following seas as you bring MAHAN into the Fleet.

All the best,

John Hagan
JOHN HAGAN

CDR Michael L. James, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
Precommissioning Unit Mahan (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
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ALLAN C. CAMERON
President

November 4, 1997

Commander Michael L. James, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
MAHAN (DDG 72)
590 Washington Street
Bath, Maine 04530

Dear Commander James:

The commissioning of a ship into the United States Navy is the culmination of years of preparation, hard work, and dedicated service by both the shipbuilder and ship's crew. It is my great pleasure, on behalf of the men and women of Bath Iron Works, to congratulate you and your crew on the Commissioning of the USS MAHAN (DDG 72).

The shipbuilders of BIW have designed and built the MAHAN with the same pride and quality craftsmanship that has been our Company's hallmark for 113 years. During that time, BIW has delivered more than 150 destroyers to the U.S. Navy, and each has earned our shipyard the reputation that "Bath Built is Best Built." You and your fine crew can be confident that your ship is fully representative of that reputation.

As you prepare to join the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, we are therefore certain that MAHAN will serve you and our Nation well. Congratulations on the occasion of this Commissioning and best wishes to you and your crew.

Sincerely,

Allan C. Cameron
Allan C. Cameron



“Only a seaman realizes to what great extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman this is not understandable and something it is even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so!

A ship at sea is a different world in herself and in consideration of the practiced and distant operations of the Fleet units, the Navy must place great power, responsibility and trust in the hands of those great leaders chosen for command.

In each ship there is one man who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea can turn to no other man. There is one who alone is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire, and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship!

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small, nevertheless Command is the spur that has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty which most rightly deserves the highest, time honored title for the seafaring world... **CAPTAIN.**”

Commanding Officer
Commander M. L. James, United States Navy

Commander James is a native of DeGraff, Ohio. While pursuing his undergraduate degree at the University of Utah, he joined the Naval Reserve Officer Training program and was commissioned upon graduation in December 1978.

After completing the Surface Warfare Officer Basic Course in August 1979, he reported to USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36), homeported in San Diego California for his initial sea duty assignment. During his three year tour, he served as Electrical Officer and Auxiliaries Officer, and attained his Surface Warfare Officer qualification.

In 1983, he attended the Surface Warfare Officer Department Head course. Subsequent to graduation, CDR James reported to USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986) as Engineer Officer.

In 1985, CDR James reported to the ship construction site for AEGIS Cruiser MOBILE BAY (CG 53) in Pascagoula, Mississippi and remained there until MOBILE BAY was commissioned in February 1987. CDR James then served two years as Engineer Officer in USS MOBILE BAY, during which time the ship completed shock trials for baseline II AEGIS Cruisers and a homeport shift to Mayport, Florida.

In January 1989, CDR James reported to the Surface Warfare Officer's School, Pacific in Coronado, California, where he served as the Academic Director of the Division Officer and Engineering Officer of the Watch courses.

Commander James assumed command of USS IMPLICIT (MSO 455), homeported in Tacoma, Washington in July 1991, and remained there until January 1994. During his tour IMPLICIT participated in the first joint exercises to fully integrate all elements of Mine Counter Measure forces into battle group operations. Under his command, IMPLICIT earned two consecutive Battle Efficiency Awards and two consecutive Golden Anchor Awards.

In January 1994, CDR James reported to Washington D. C. for assignment to the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and the Environment. While assigned there he participated in the evaluation of Navy and Marine Corps training and education installations for consideration during the 1995 round of base realignment and closure (BRAC) recommendations.

Commander James attended the National War College from August 1995 to June 1996 where he earned a Masters degree in National Security Strategy. In January 1997, he reported to the Precommissioning Unit for MAHAN (DDG 72) as the Prospective Commanding Officer.

Commander James' personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (with two gold stars in lieu of second and third awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.



***"Of all the tools the Navy will employ to control the seas
in any future war ... the destroyer will be sure to be there."***

- C.W. Nimitz, 1962



Executive Officer

Lieutenant Commander Andrew A. King, United States Navy

Lieutenant Commander King was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and hails from Lyme, Connecticut. He was appointed to the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at Villanova University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. He was commissioned upon graduation in 1983.

After completing the basic course at the Surface Warfare Officers' School in Newport, Rhode Island, his first tour of duty was aboard USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981), where he served first as Communications Officer, then as Fire Control Officer. During this tour, he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer and completed deployments to the Persian Gulf and NATO's Standing Naval Forces, Atlantic.

His next tour was as Combat Information Center Officer in USS SELLERS (DDG 11), where he completed his engineering watch officer qualification. He deployed to the Mediterranean Sea with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group, and later served as a member of the decommissioning crew.

Lieutenant Commander King attended the department head course at the Surface Warfare Officers' School in 1990, and then reported to USS BUCHANAN (DDG 14), where he served as Operations Officer. During this tour, he completed his command qualification and served on the decommissioning crew.

His most recent assignment at sea was as Operations Officer in USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. During this tour, the ship conducted extensive operations in the western Pacific, and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch with the USS INDEPENDENCE Battle Group.

Lieutenant Commander King attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia, and earned the Master of Military Science degree in 1994.

After graduation, he was ordered to joint duty at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. He was assigned as a naval systems analyst, but also worked as a ground warfare analyst in the DCI's interagency Balkans Task Force. After the agency was reorganized in 1995, he was detailed to provide support to the Joint Resources Oversight Council, and then seconded to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization to coordinate interagency intelligence support there.

He reported for duty as Executive Officer of PCU MAHAN in September 1996.

Lieutenant Commander King's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. King of Virginia Beach, Virginia.



***"Wars may cease, but the need for heroism
shall not depart from earth, while man remains
man and evil exists to be redressed."***

- Mahan; Life of Nelson, 1897



Command Master Chief **CTRCM(SW) James A. Harmon, United States Navy**

Master Chief Harmon was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and took his first oath of enlistment on December 4, 1967. After a short period as a non-designated seaman, he graduated from CTR Class "A" school in May, 1969.

From his first assignment at the Naval Communications Station, San Miguel, Philippines, he deployed on USS TRUXTUN (DLGN 35), USS MAHAN (DLG 11), USS COONTZ (DLG 9), USS BAINBRIDGE (DLGN 25), and USS BENJAMIN J. STODDART (DDG 22), providing direct intelligence support to forces operating in Vietnam and the Gulf of Tonkin.

Master Chief Harmon's succeeding assignments included the Naval Security Group Activity Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, Recruiting Duty, and the Service Cryptologic School at the National Security Agency. In January 1976, he reported to the Naval Security Group Activity at Misawa, Japan, where he deployed on USS DRUM (SSN 677), USS HADDON (SSN 604), USS HAWKBILL (SSN 666), and USS FLASHER (SSN 613) in direct cryptologic support of fleet operations in the Pacific Fleet.

In September 1978, Master Chief Harmon reported to Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas as an instructor and curriculum manager in the Fleet Analysis and Reporting course.

Master Chief Harmon reported to the USS FORRESTAL (CV 59) in November, 1981 as the Signals Security Advisor and Division LCPO for Cryptologic Support Division, subsequently qualifying as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. He then served on USS SARATOGA (CV 60) in the same capacity. He then reported to the Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida, as the Branch Chief for the Afloat Cryptologic Officers Branch. He was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer during this tour.

Since 1988, Master Chief Harmon has served as a Command Master Chief at the Naval Communications Area Master Station, Western Pacific, in Guam, the Naval Security Group Activity, Adak, Alaska, and as the CNO-directed force-level Command Master Chief for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. In August 1996, he reported to the Senior Enlisted Academy en route to his current assignment as the Command Master Chief of USS MAHAN (DDG 72).

Master Chief Harmon's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, seven Good Conduct Medals, and numerous unit and service awards.

He is married to the former Beverly Ann Zlokas of Pensacola, FL. Together, they have five children and three grandchildren.



"This ship is an example of American technology. But the sailors who will take her to sea are the reason she will achieve greatness."

CTRCM (SW) James A. Harmon



Combat Systems Officer Lieutenant Durante A. Footman, United States Navy

Lieutenant Durante A. Footman was born in Bainbridge Georgia on June 5, 1963. He received his commission from Savannah State College in 1989, where he graduated with honors and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

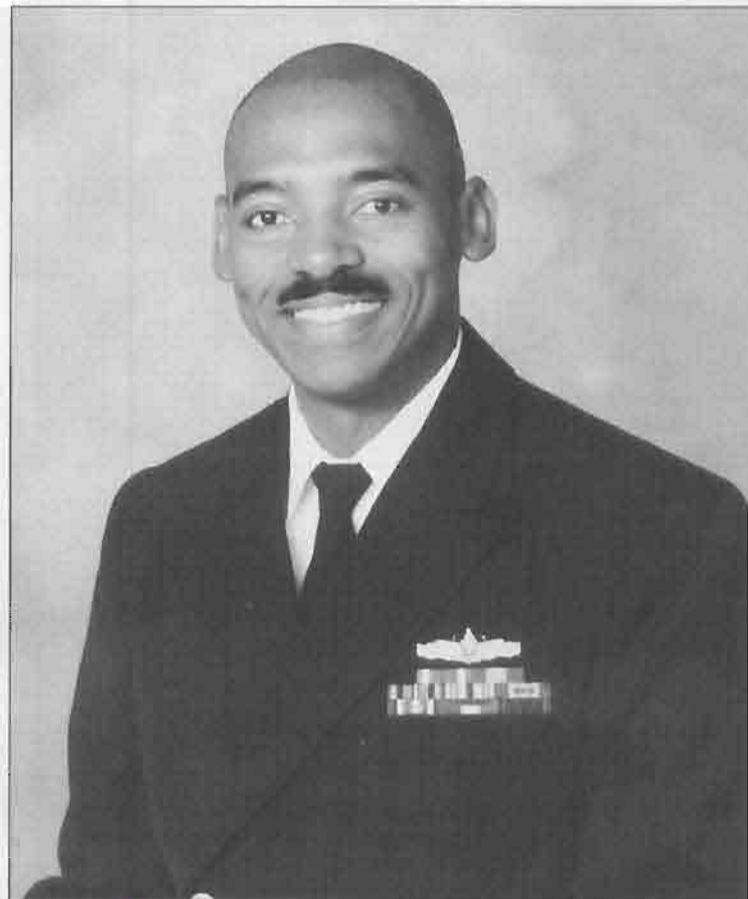
He did his first Division Officer tour onboard USS TRUXTUN (CGN 35) from January 1990 to September 1992, where he served as the 1ST Division Officer, 1ST Lieutenant, Electronics Communications Officer and Fire Control Division Officer. His first Department Head Tour was onboard USS SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON (FFG 13) from June 1995 to December 1996 as the Combat Systems Officer.

Lieutenant Footman served as a Repair Parts Petty Officer at the Naval Submarine Support Facility, Groton, Connecticut from October 1982 to May 1984. He attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officers Selection and Training (BOOST) program in San Diego, California from June 1984 to August 1985. He attended the Naval Postgraduate School from September 1992 to September 1994 where he received his Masters of Systems Engineering Degree in Electronic Warfare (EW). His remaining shore assignments consisted of various schools and training in preparation for sea assignments.

Lieutenant Footman's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal and various other service ribbons.

Lieutenant Footman is married to the former Valerie Knox of Savannah, GA.

They have a four year old daughter named Paris and a one month old daughter named Denisha.



"It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refine manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor." John Paul Jones

- Michon; Life of Nelson, 1897

Lieutenant James L. McReynolds was born in San Francisco, California and raised in Los Altos Hills, California. He graduated from San Diego State University in 1989 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Administration and commissioned through the NROTC program.

Lieutenant McReynolds' first sea assignment was onboard USS REEVES (CG-24) where he served as Assistant Fire Control Officer, Auxiliaries Officer, and Missiles Officer. For his second sea assignment, Lieutenant McReynolds served onboard USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52) as Strike Warfare Officer from November 1992 until June 1994.

In July 1994, Lieutenant McReynolds reported to the Naval Post Graduate School. In December of 1995, Lieutenant McReynolds graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School with a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs. Upon graduating from Surface Warfare Officer's School Command, Department Head Course, he initiated his training for assignment as MAHAN's Weapons Control Officer.

Lieutenant McReynolds' personal awards and decorations include the Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and service ribbons.

Lieutenant McReynolds is married to Deborah Sue McReynolds, formerly from Donaldsonville, Georgia. They have one daughter, Rebecca.



***"I wish to have no connection with any ship that
does not sail fast, for I intend to go in harms way."***

- John Paul Jones; Letter to Ray de Chaumont, November 1778



Combat Systems Department Division Officers



Lieutenant Chris McNearney
Systems Test Officer
Virginia Beach, VA



Lieutenant Sue O'Grady
Electronic Materials Officer
Prescott Valley, AZ



Lieutenant Anne A. Dunham-Fitzmaurice
Fire Control Officer
Cocoa Cove, FL



Ensign Christine M. Speedling
Ordnance/Strike Officer
Peekskill, NY



Ensign Tommy B. Song
Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer
Madison, WI



Combat Systems Department Mission & Ratings

In the USS MAHAN (DDG72), the Combat Systems Department is charged with the readiness and maintenance of all radars, underwater surveillance equipment, weapon systems, communications, and navigation systems. In USS MAHAN (DDG 72), the Combat Systems Department maintains all weapons and sensors in a combat-ready state.



ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN (ET) - Maintain radars, electronic communications and all test and support equipment.



FIRE CONTROLMAN (FC) - Operate and maintain fire control systems and AEGIS Weapon Systems.



GUNNERS MATE (GMG & GMM) - GMG (guns) and GMM (missiles) operate and maintain all gunnery and missile systems as well as associated onboard ordnance.



INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN (IC) - Operate and maintain interior communications systems, navigational equipment, and the Data Multiplexing system.



MASTER-AT-ARMS (MA) - Performs, trains and advises on matters of investigations, interrogations, apprehensions, crime prevention, preservation of crime scenes and evidence. Primarily responsible for the enforcement of orders and regulations, shore patrol and physical security evaluations.



SONAR TECHNICIAN (STG) - Operate and maintains anti-submarine warfare sensors and equipment.



TORPEDOMAN (TM) Responsible for the operation, maintenance and employment of ship's torpedoes.

***"You may fire when you are ready, Gridley." George Dewey:
To Captain C.V. Gridley, USN, Admiral Dewey's flag captain
at Manila Bay, 1 May 1898***



Combat Systems Department Chief Petty Officers



FCCS (SW) Gregory E. Richeson
Lynchburg, VA



FCCS (SW) Curtis D. Slininiger
Elgin, IL



STGCS (SW) Charles L. Thomas III
Fort Wayne, IN



FCC(SW) Winfred T. Beard
Linden, TX



GMC (SW) Michael J. Frelk
Aurora, IL



GMC (SW) Brian S. Newby
Chatham, VA



ETC (SW) I.M. Sterling
Cleveland, OH



FCC (SW) Juan E. Vazquez
Guayama, Puerto Rico



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STG1 Robert W. Ball
St. Petersburg, FL



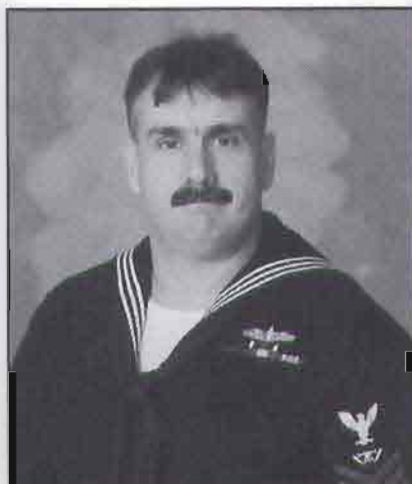
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Bayou La Batre, AL



ET1 (SW) Michael L. Bohannon
Hyattsville, MD



FC1 (SW) Ronald D. Cagle II
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FC1 (SW) Michael W. Cate
Noblesville, IN



STG1 Jacob Chamberlain
Salisbury, VT



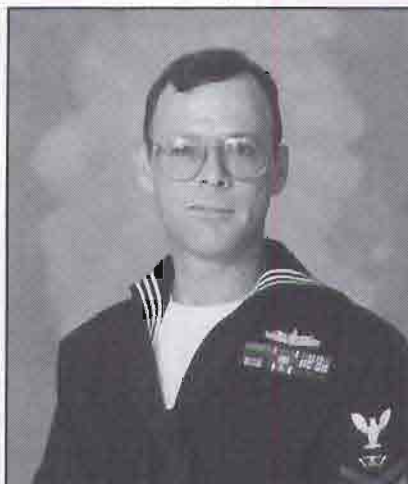
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Rye Beach, NH



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STG1 John D. Cox
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FC1 (SW) Stephen T. Fisher
Bath, ME



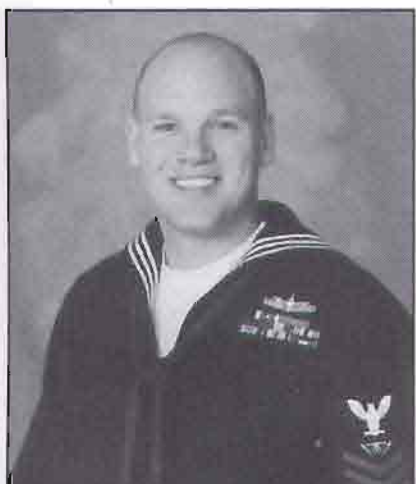
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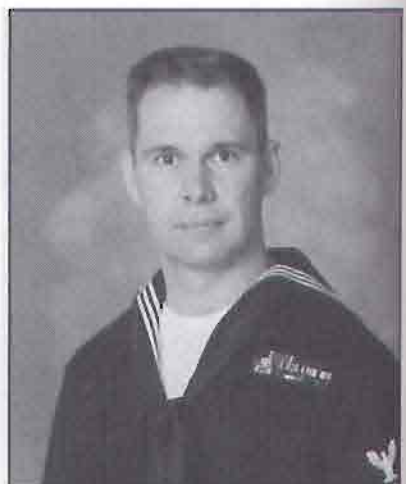
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FC1 (SW) Allen R. Jackson
Las Vegas, NV



STG1 Andreas Lambiris
West Islip, NY



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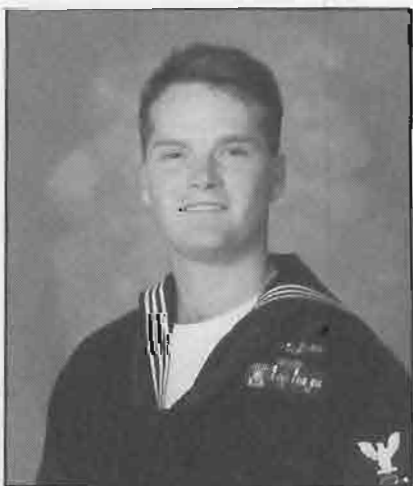
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STG2 (SW) James C. Armstrong
Galena Park, TX



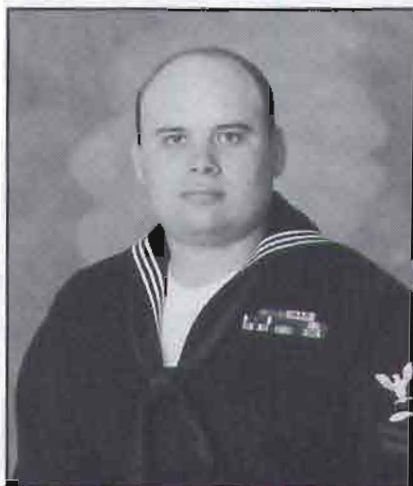
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Lubbock, TX



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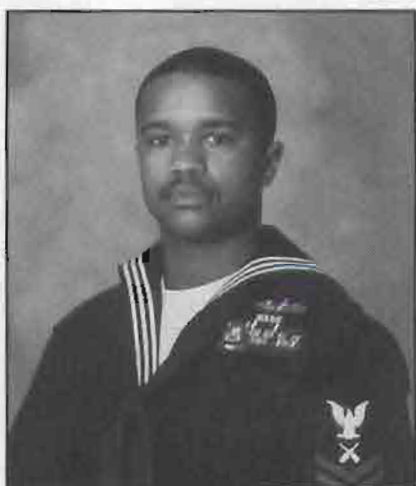
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Atlanta, GA



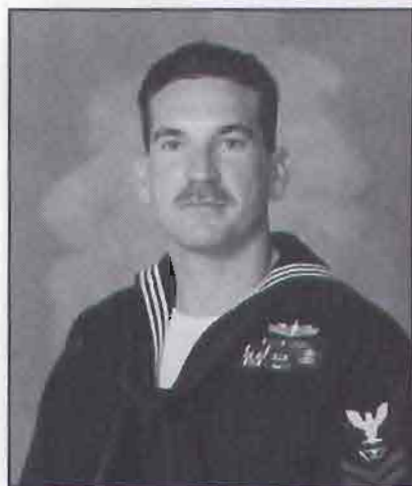
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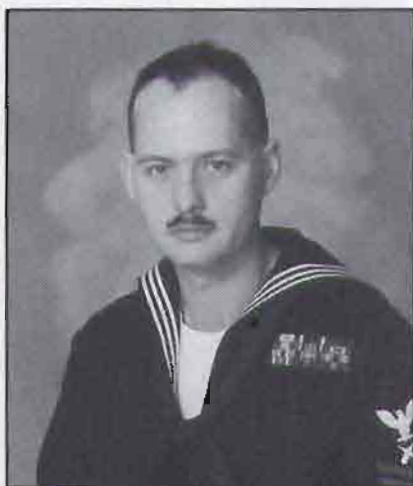
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Beaumont, TX



FC2 (SW) Eric W. Petty
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GMG2 Kenny N. Wells
Burton, OH



ET2 Dennis R. White
Logan, WV



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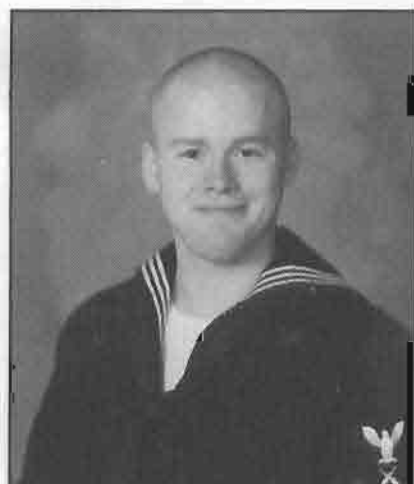
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Ada, OK



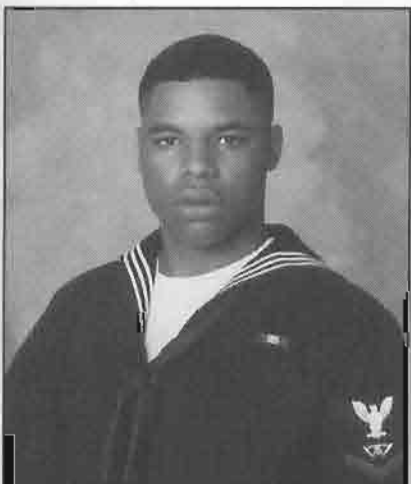
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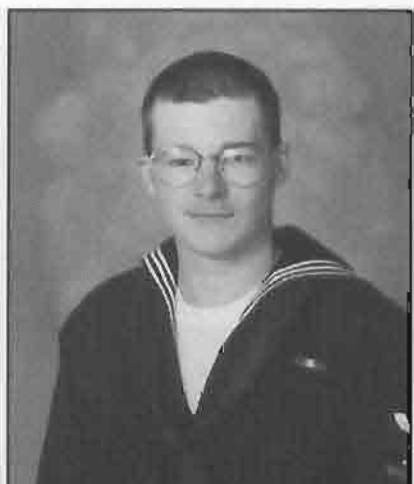
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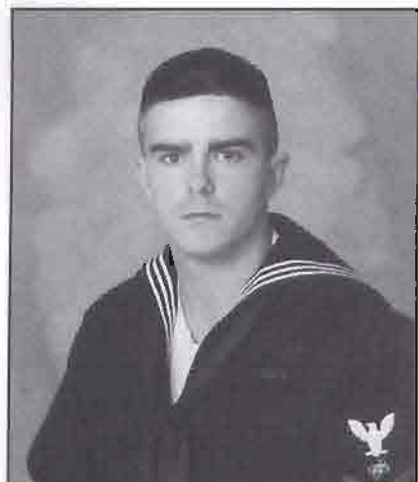


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Detroit, MI



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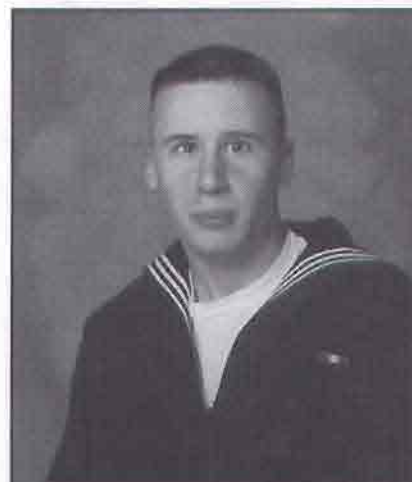
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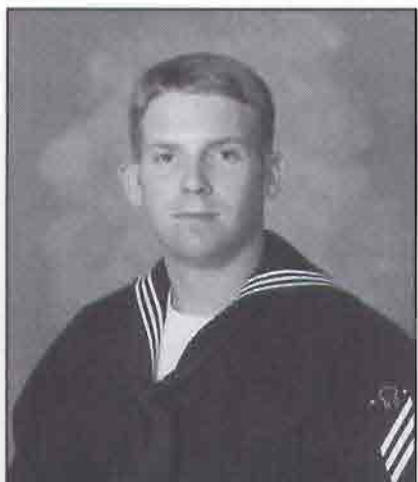
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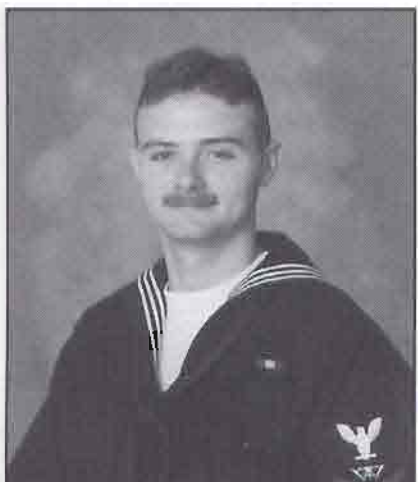
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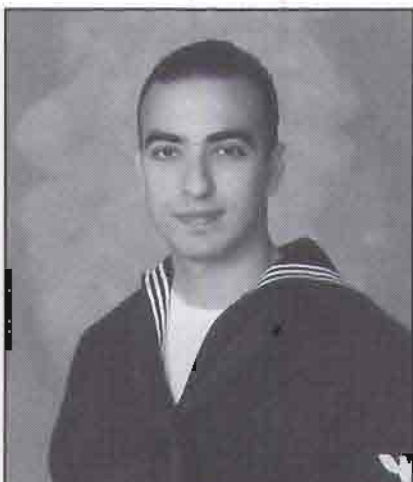
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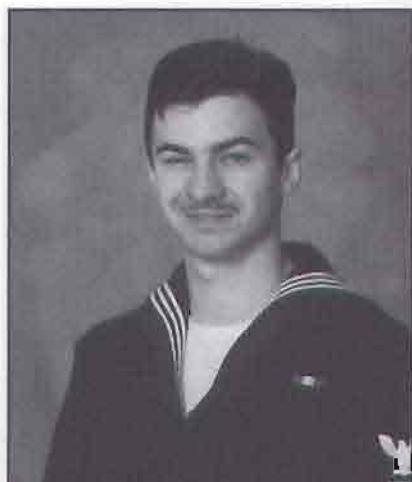
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FC3 Donald Jenkins
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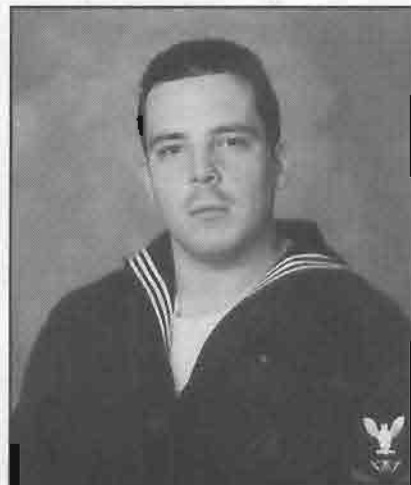
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FC3 Cherry Ann Quick
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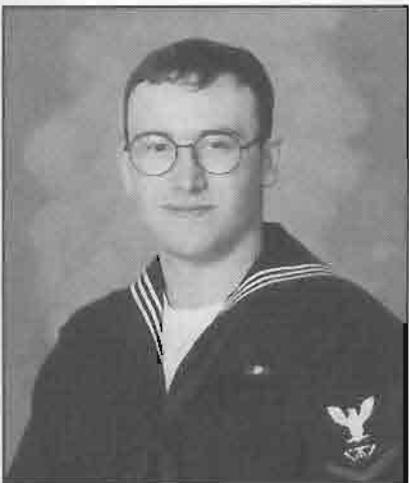
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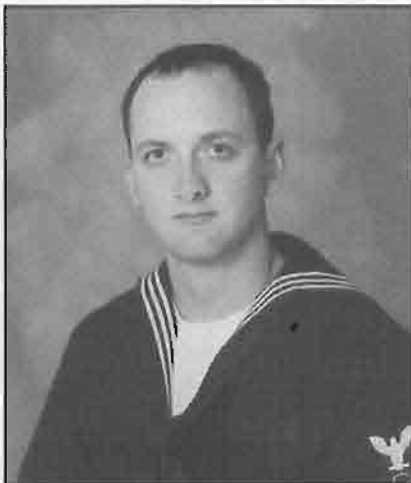
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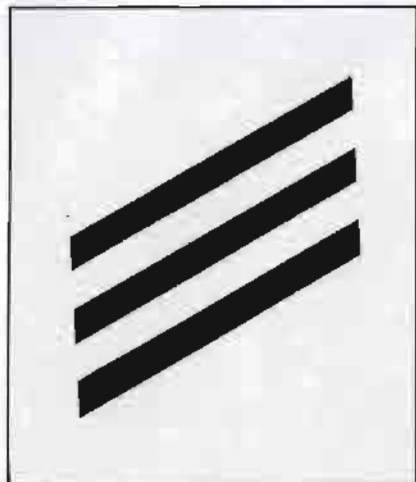


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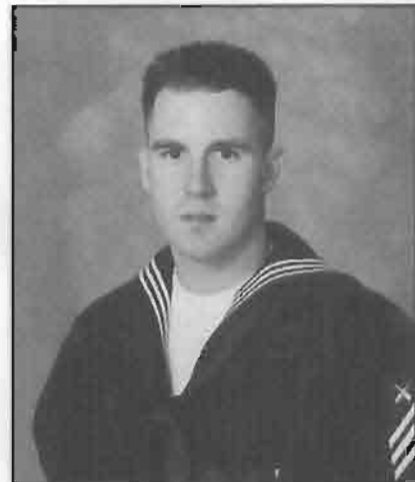
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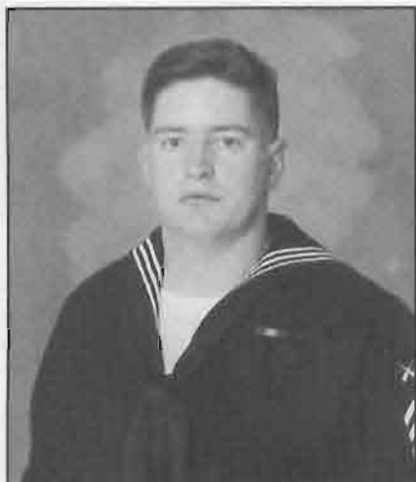
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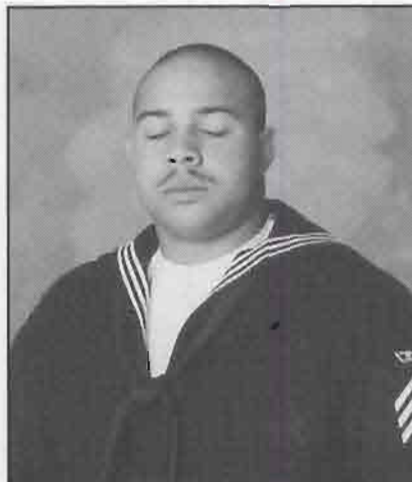
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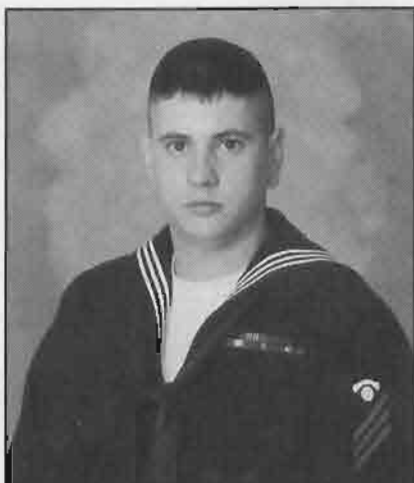
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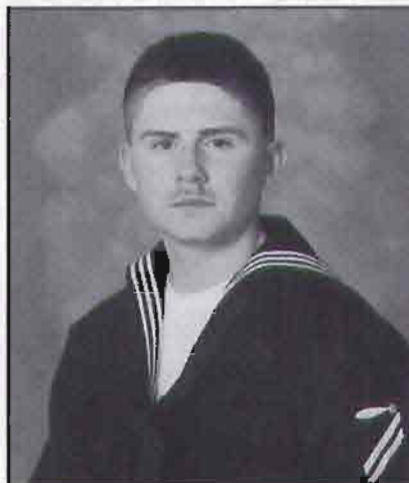
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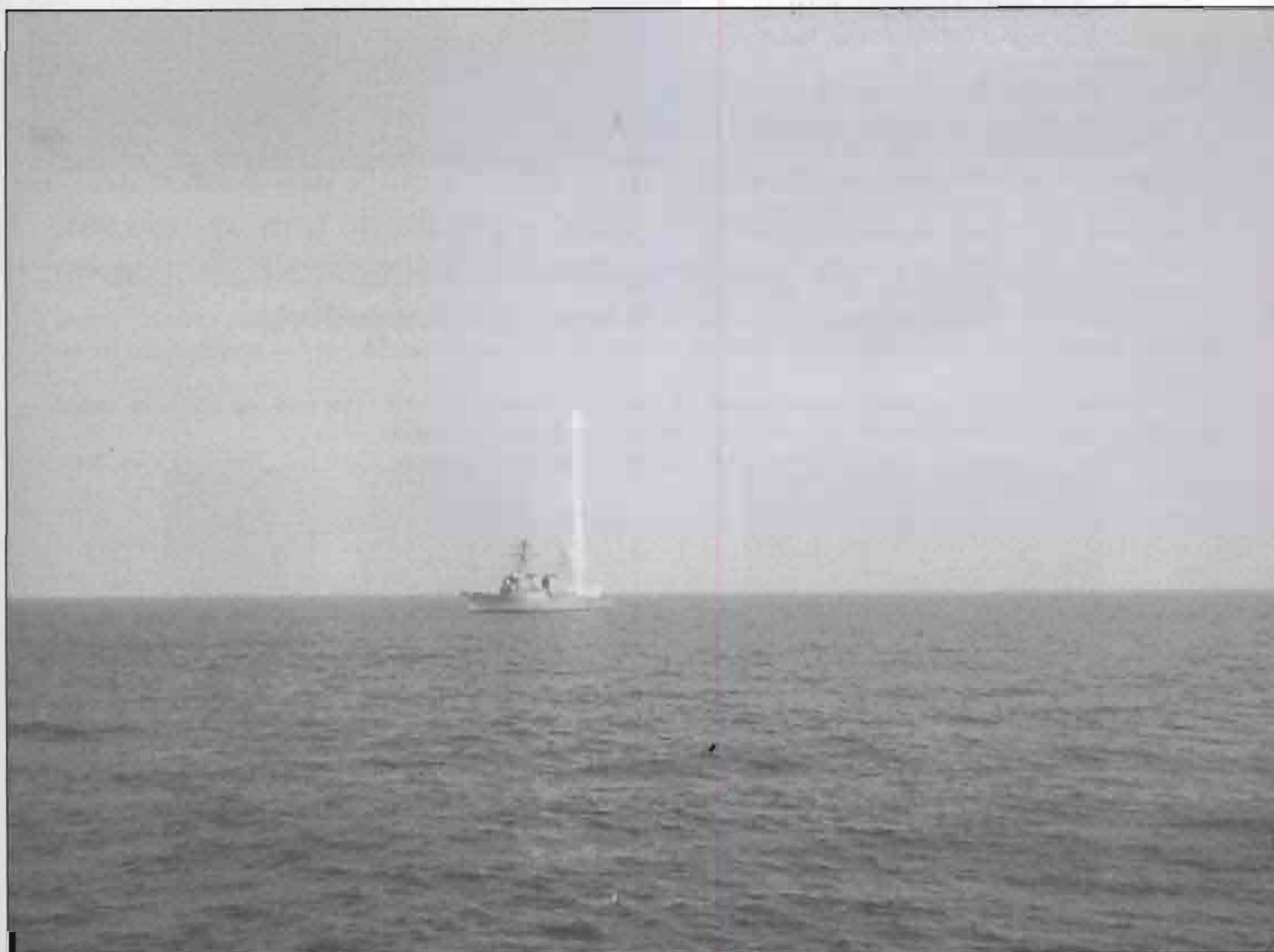
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ICFN Kevin L. Walker
Anderson, IN



TMSA Robert C. Racey
Rathway, NJ





Operations Officer

Lieutenant Michael S. Fulgham, United States Navy

Lieutenant Fulgham was born and raised in San Diego, California. He attended San Diego State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree (magna cum laude) in Business Administration (Information Systems). He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training program upon graduation in June 1989.

After completing the Division Officer and Gas Turbine Engineering Officer of the Watch courses at Surface Warfare Officers' School Command Pacific, San Diego, California, he reported to the AEGIS Cruiser *USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN* (CG 57) in March 1990 for his initial sea duty assignment. Lieutenant Fulgham served as Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Assistant Operations Officer, and attained his Surface Warfare Officer, Engineering Officer of the Watch, and Tactical Action Officer qualifications. During this tour, he completed deployments to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations *DESERT STORM* and *SOUTHERN WATCH*.

In October 1993, Lieutenant Fulgham reported to Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific in San Diego, California, where he served in the Tactical Training Branch as the Course Director for the Ship's Warfare Coordinator (Anti-Air Warfare Coordinator) course. He was the lead evaluator for the Battle Group Air Warfare Team Trainer and an instructor for the Tactical Action Officer, Enlisted Tactical Applications, and Tactical Warfare Overview courses of instruction. Lieutenant Fulgham was awarded the Commander, Training Command, United States Pacific Fleet Instructor of the Year Award in 1994.

In October 1995, Lieutenant Fulgham attended the Department Head course at Surface Warfare Officers' School, Newport, Rhode Island. Graduating in May 1996, he attended various training pipeline schools in preparation for his assignment to *MAHAN*.

Lieutenant Fulgham's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (with gold star in lieu of second award), the Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and service ribbons and citations.

Lieutenant Fulgham is married to Christine Elise Fulgham, formerly of San Diego, California. They have a son, John, and a daughter, Kathleen.



***"It follows then as certain as night succeeds day, that
without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive,
and with it everything honorable and glorious."***

***- George Washington; Letter to Marquis de Lafayette,
15 November 1781***



Operations Department Mission & Ratings

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INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST (IS) - Analyze intelligence information, and identify and produces intelligence from raw information. Assembles and analyze multi-source operational intelligence. Prepare and present intelligence briefings.



OPERATIONS SPECIALIST (OS) - Operate radar, navigation, and communication equipment in the Combat Information Center (CIC). Evaluate weapons systems displays and other combat information, identify ships and aircraft, and determine target distances, bearing and altitudes. Perform the tactical decision and control functions onboard the ship.



RADIOMAN (RM) - Operate the ship's radio communications systems involving voice, teletype, and digital data link circuits. Transmit and receive messages using HF, UHF, and satellite communications and route messages electronically using personal computer software.



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Operations Department Chief Petty Officers



OSCS (SW) Jeffrey L. Henry
Milroy, PA



OSC (SW) Konnya S. Farris
Jacksonville, FL



EWC (SW) Sean K. Henry
Granada Hills, CA



RMC Kyra T. Jenkins
Philadelphia, PA



SMC (SW) Charles Loss Jr.
Baltimore, MD



ISC (SW/AW) Michael S. Reistad
Ellendale, MN



CTCR Shawn B. Riley
Salamanca, NY



BMC (SW) Robin R. Ross
Amarillo, TX





Schedule of Events

Special Musical Selections



Arrival of Official Party



Parade the Colors



National Anthem



Invocation



Remarks

Distinguished Platform Guests



Principal Speaker's Address



Place MAHAN In 'Commission





Schedule of Events

Read Orders and Assume Command
Commander Michael L. James, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer



Set The First Watch
Lieutenant Commander Andrew A. King, U. S. Navy
Executive Officer

Pass the Long Glass to the First Watch

Man the Ship and Come Alive

Commanding Officer's Remarks

Benediction



Departure of Official Party



General Visiting



Operations Department



OS1 (SW) William J. Anderson
Mardela Springs, MD



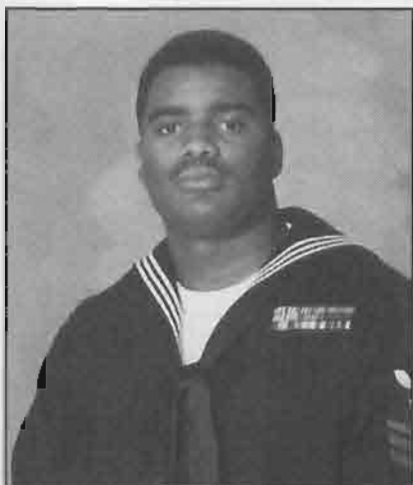
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CTM1 (SW) Eddie Ford
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OS1 (SW) Joseph D. Frazier
Bellevue, FL



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Detroit, MI



BM1 (SW) Orrester Johnson
Galveston, TX



OS1 Scott A. Martin
Anderson, IN

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OS1 (SW) Aaron W. McMillion
Brinkley, AR



OS1 (SW) Sheila L. Richardson
Mobile, AL



RM1 Valeria D. Roberts
Pomona, CA



OS1 (SW) Joseph J. Serina Jr.
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RM2 Kyle J. Blach
Barrington, RI



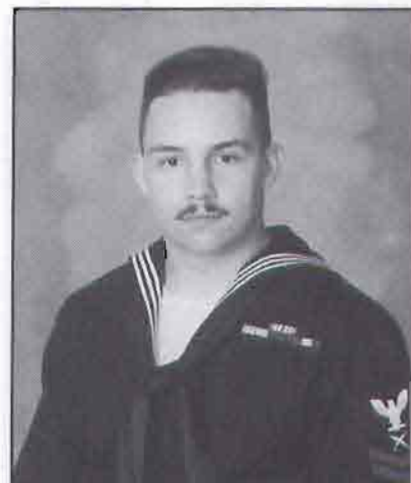
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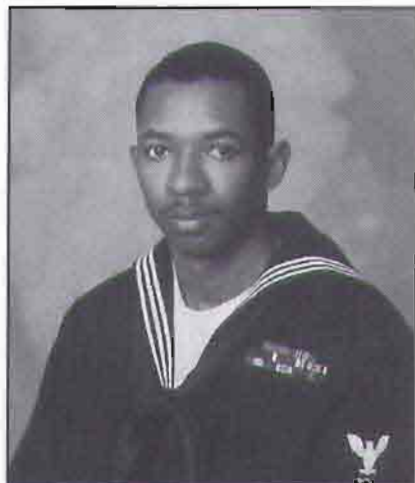
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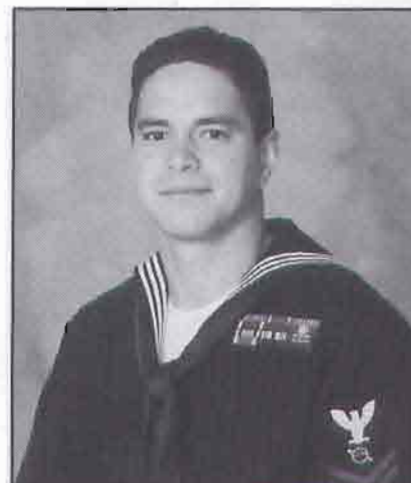
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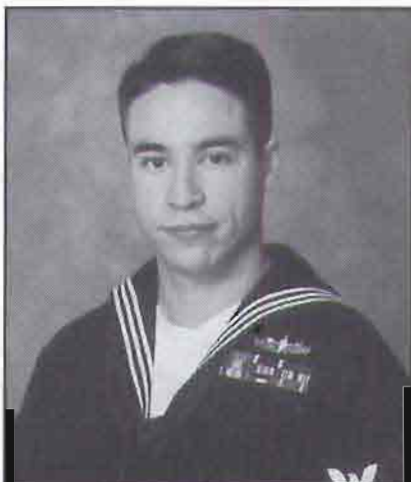
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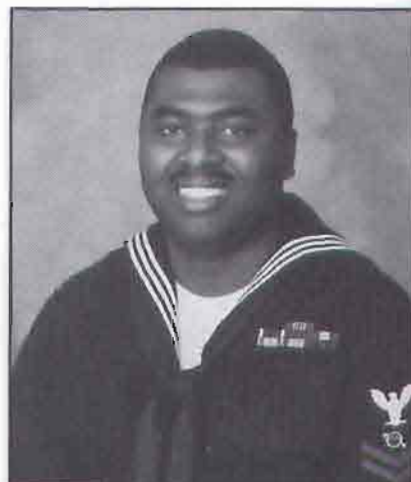
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BM2 (SW) Christopher Hornberger
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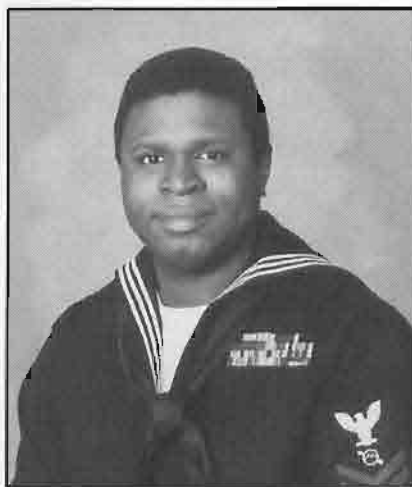
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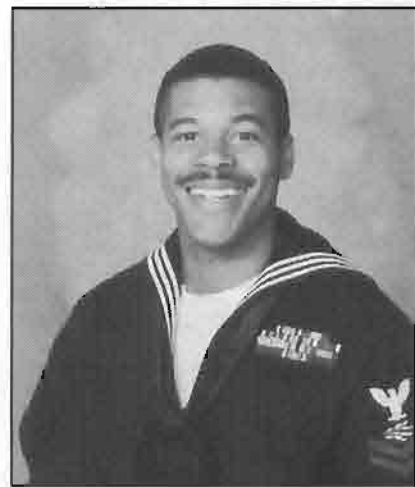
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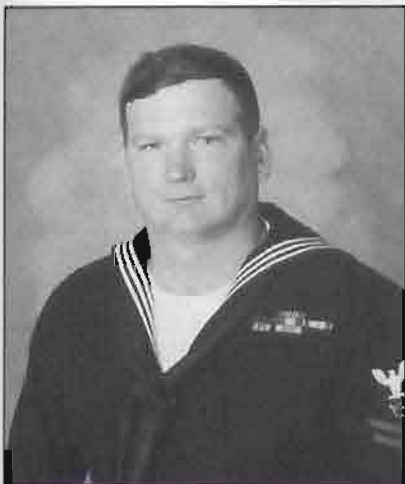
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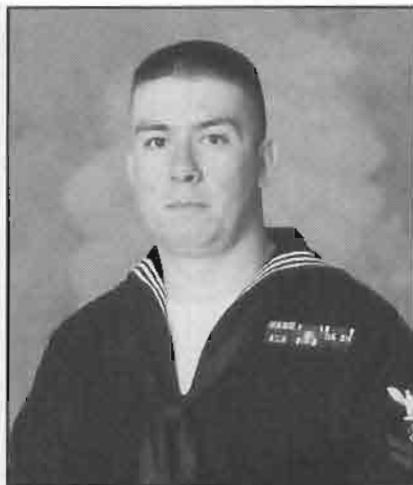
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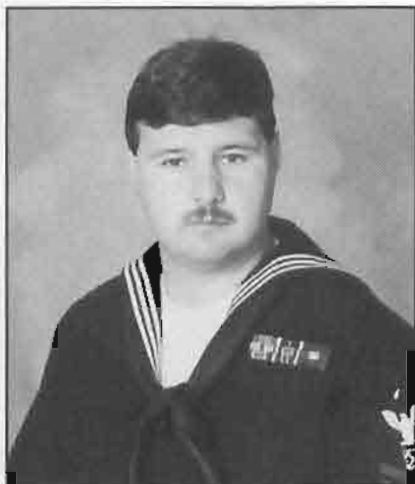
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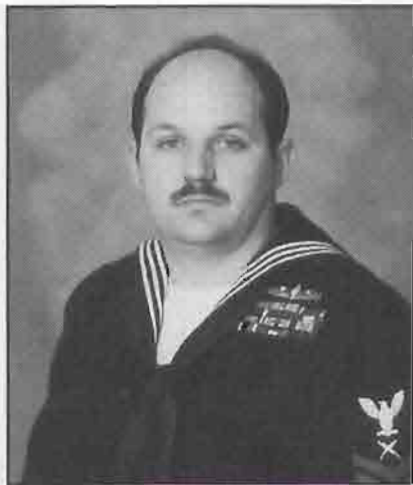
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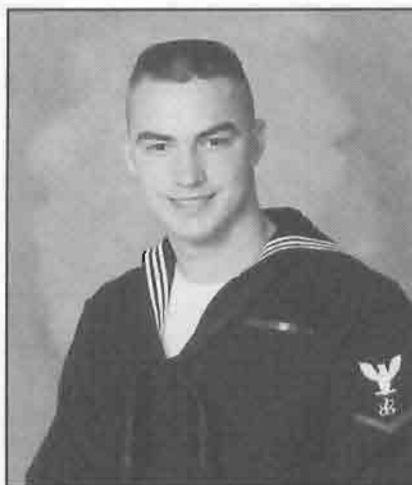


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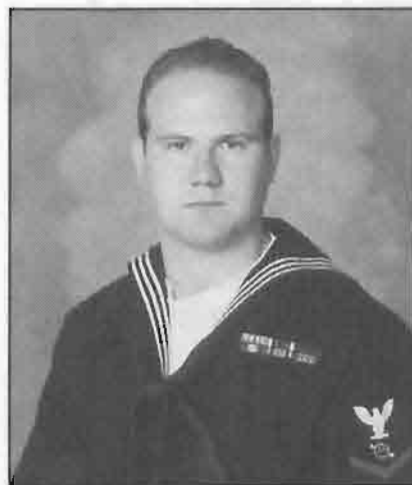


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Malden, MO



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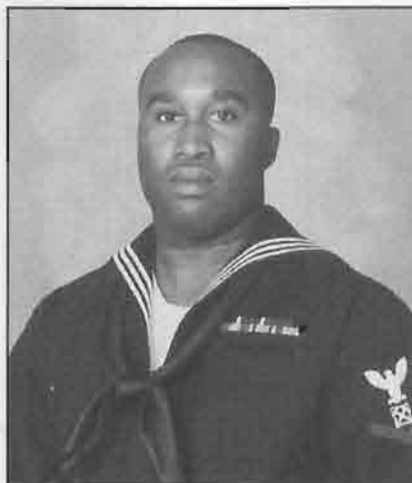
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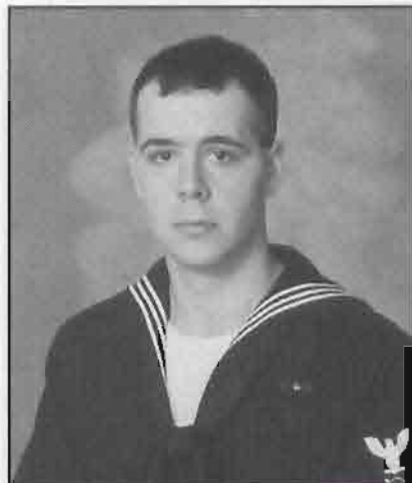
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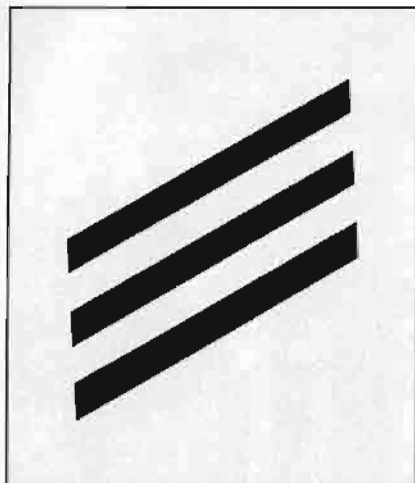
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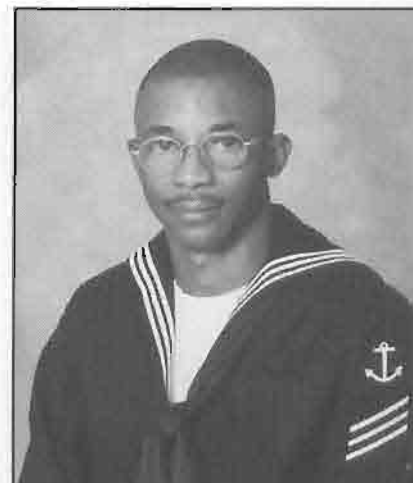
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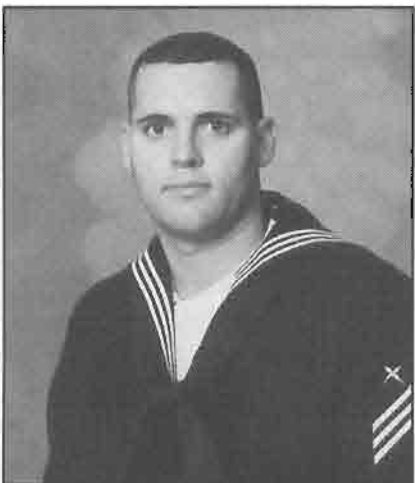
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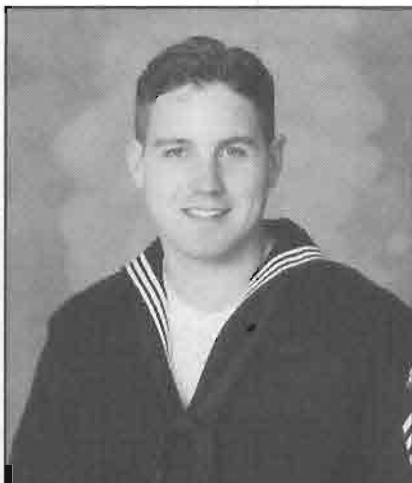
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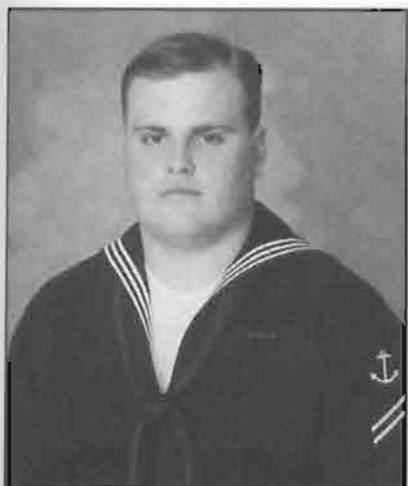
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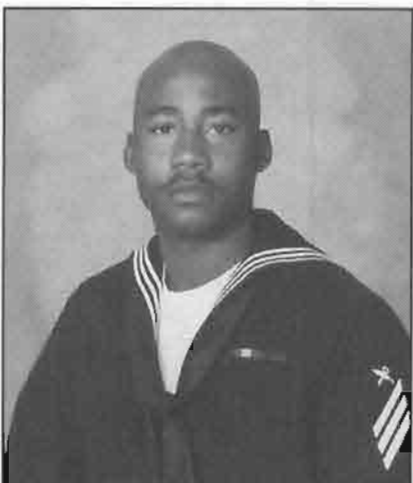
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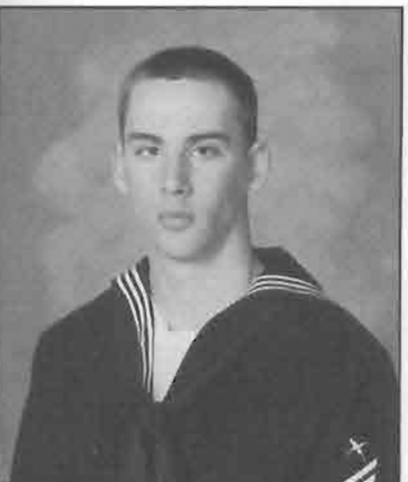
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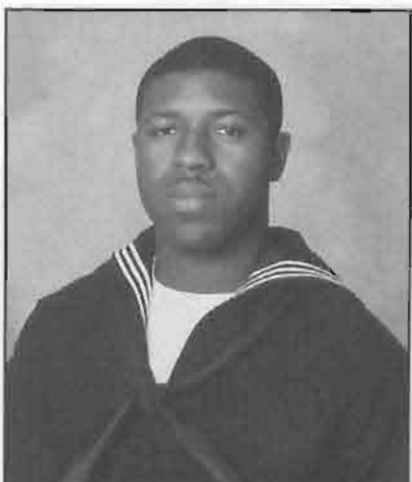
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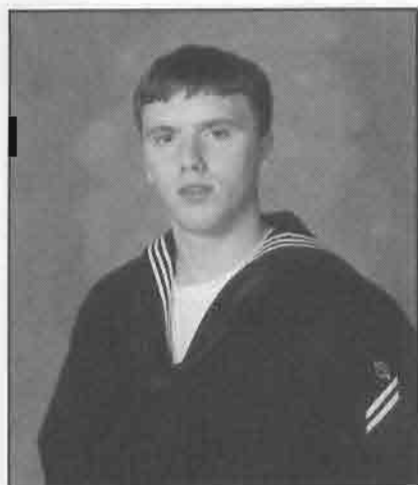
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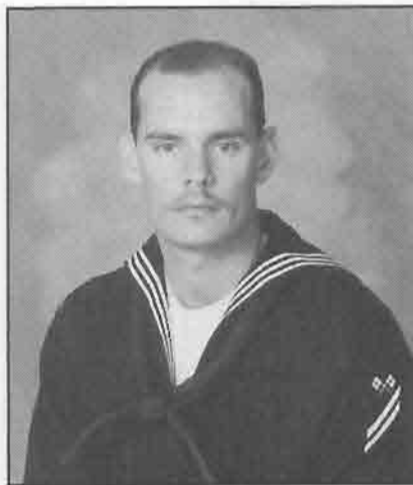
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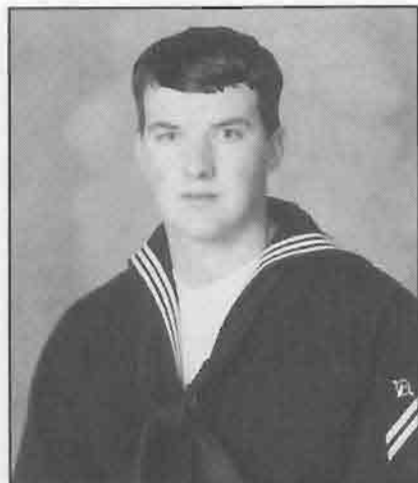
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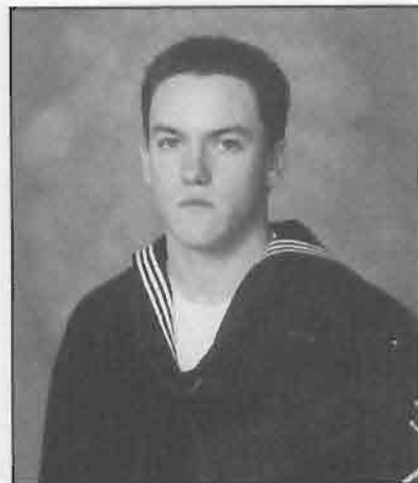
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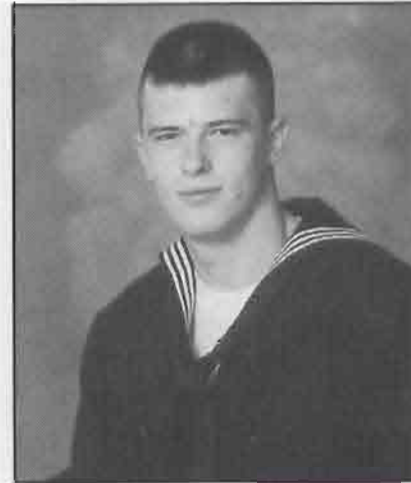
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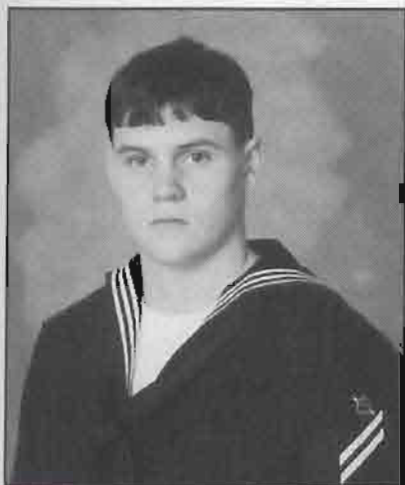
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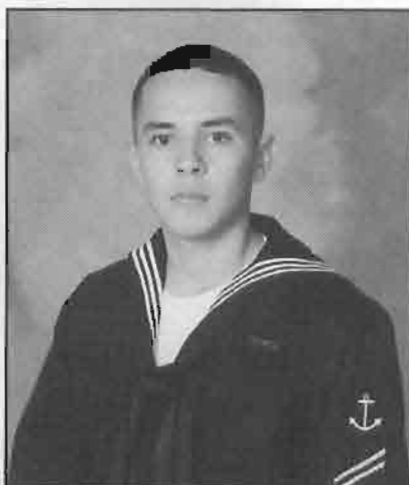
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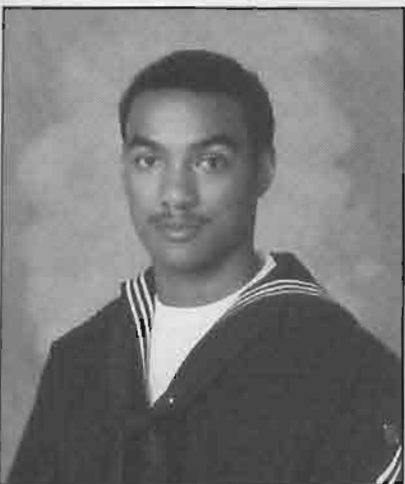
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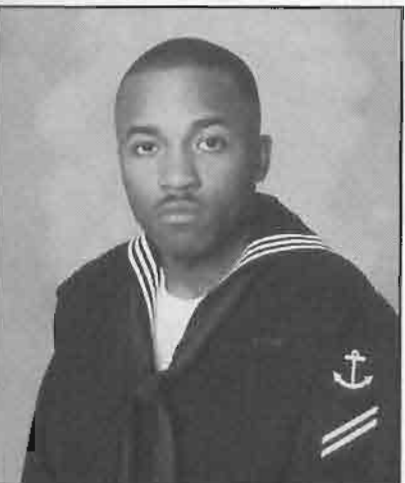
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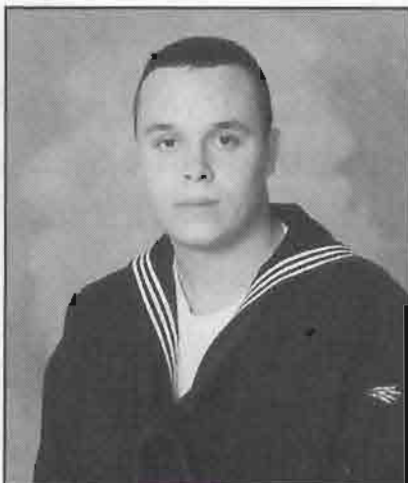
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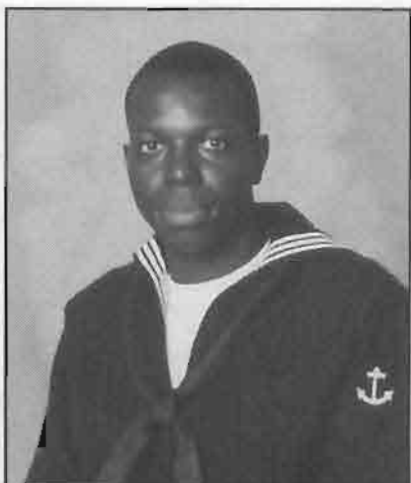
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Pittsburgh, PA



SA Andre T. Wilkes
Newark, NJ



RMSR Carlos M. Ayala
Clearwater, FL



SR Tyrick L. Dowd
Deptfort, NJ



Engineering Officer

Lieutenant Commander Mark S. Johnson, United States Navy

Lieutenant Commander Mark S. Johnson was born in San Diego, California on January 13, 1965. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and was commissioned an Ensign in May 1987.

Lieutenant Commander Johnson's sea assignments commenced with a tour on USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32) where he served as Combat Information Center Officer from March 1988 until May 1990. His second division officer tour was aboard USS WADDELL (DDG 24) as Main Propulsion Assistant from August 1990 until June 1992. After graduating from Surface Warfare Officer's School Command, Department Head Course, he served as Chief Engineer on USS CROMMELIN (FFG 37) from May 1995 until January 1997. After attending AEGIS School, he started his assignment as MAHAN's Engineering Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Johnson's shore assignments include schools and training in preparation for sea assignments, and a Master of Science degree in Operations Analysis from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Lieutenant Commander Johnson's personal awards and decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit and service ribbons.

Lieutenant Commander Johnson is married to the former Shari Lynn Webber of Santa Clara, California. They have four children, Nick, Erik, Kara and Kristi.



"When men find they must inevitably perish, they willingly resolve to die with their comrades and with their arms in their hands."

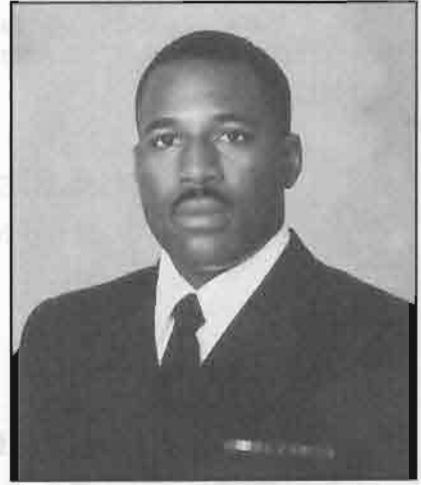
- Vegetius De Re Militari, iii, 378



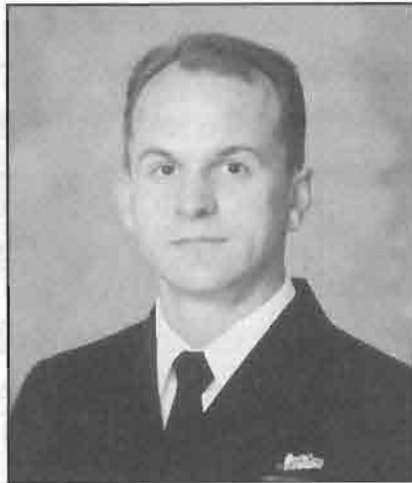
Engineering Department Division Officers



Lieutenant Matthew M. Maurer
Main Propulsion Assistant
Massapequa Park, NY



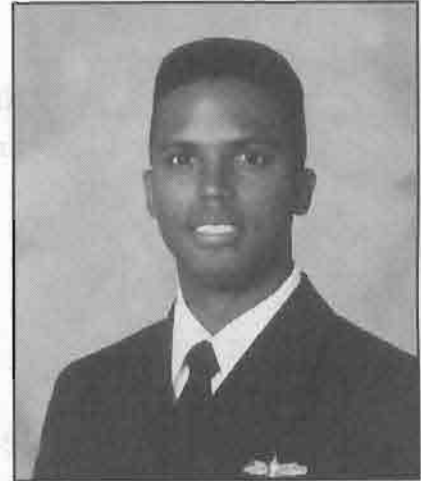
Ensign Anthony F. Harrell
Main Propulsion Division Officer
Lamar, SC



Ensign Andrew P. Fitzpatrick
Electrical Officer
Sequim, WA



Ensign Patricia Ann Wright
Damage Control Assistant
St. Helena Island, SC



Ensign Victor E. Smith
Auxiliaries Officer
Panama, Panama



Engineering Department Mission & Ratings

In USS MAHAN (DDG 72), the Engineering Department is responsible for the operation of all propulsion, electrical, mechanical and auxiliary systems, and maintaining water tight integrity in MAHAN. The Engineering Department maintains all these systems in a state of combat readiness to sustain all operational taskings at sea.



DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC) - Maintain and repair ship's damage control systems and equipment, and trains the crew on all aspects of damage control.



ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (EM) - Distribute electrical power and maintain electrical equipment throughout the ship.



ENGINEMAN (EN) - Provide services such as refrigeration, air conditioning, fresh water and high pressure air throughout the ship. Maintain major machinery such as the anchor windlass, steering gear, and various auxiliary equipment.



GAS TURBINE SYSTEM TECHNICIAN, MECHANICAL (GSM) - Operate and maintain the mechanical operation of the main engines, generators, and propulsion support equipment.



GAS TURBINE SYSTEM TECHNICIAN, ELECTRICAL (GSE) - Operate and maintain the electrical operation of the engines, generators, propulsion support equipment and the computerized consoles that control the engineering plant.

HULL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN (HT) - Maintain and repair the ship's hull and fittings and fabricate, cut and weld to repair damage to the ship.



MACHINERY REPAIRMAN (MR) - Manufacture from stock various components of the ship's machinery.

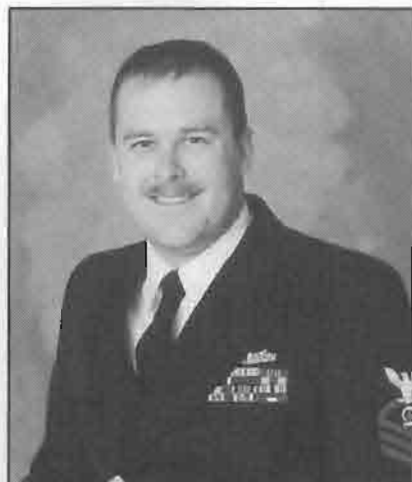
***"In war, to strike quickly is the first step towards striking hard." -
Gabriel Darrieus: War on the Sea, 1908***



Engineering Department Chief Petty Officers



GSCS (SW) William J. Wilburn
Mexico, NY



GSEC (SW) David A. Lewis
Reedley, CA



ENC (SW) Mark B. Lucich III
Sunnyvale, CA

"It is not the taking of individual ships or convoys, be they few or many, that strikes down the money power of a nation; it is the possession of that overbearing power on the sea which drives the enemy flag from it, or allows it to appear only as the fugitive; and by controlling the great common, closes the highways by which commerce moves to and from the enemies shores. This overbearing power can only be exercised by great navies" - Mahan: The Influence of Seapower Upon History, 1890.



GSMC (SW) Brian F. Markey
Oradell, NJ



EMC (SW) Kirk L. Roach
Newark, NJ



DCC (SW/AW) Charles E. Stafford
Tampa, FL



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EN1 Lynne R. Ballinger
Franklin, IN



GSM1 (SW) Andrew J. Benson
Canastota, NY



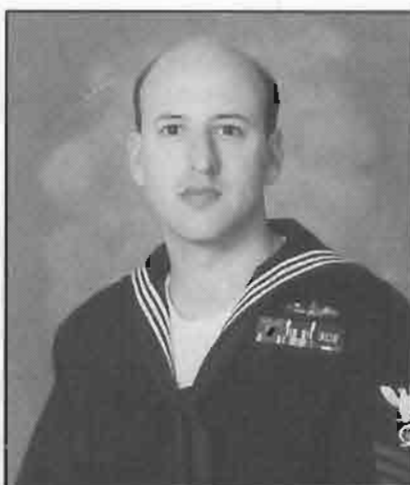
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Lake Charles, LA



HT1 (SW) Kelly L. Hollister
Monroe, LA



GSM1 (SW) Burnice L. O'Neal
Greenville, NC



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Bridgeport, WV

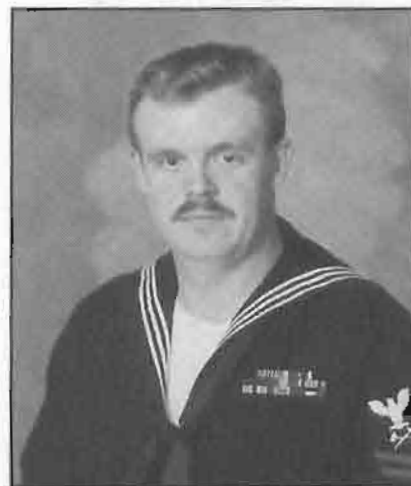


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Miami, FL

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MR1 (SW) Michael A. Snyder
Modesto, CA



DC2 Edward J. Burris
Joplin, MO



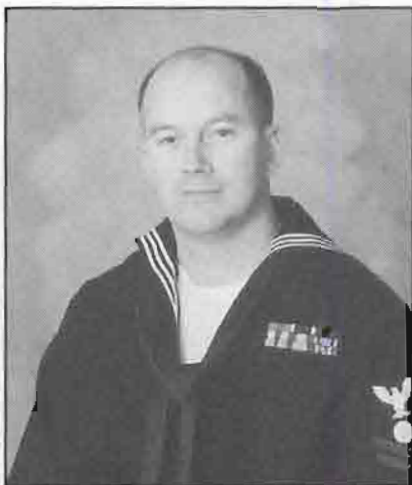
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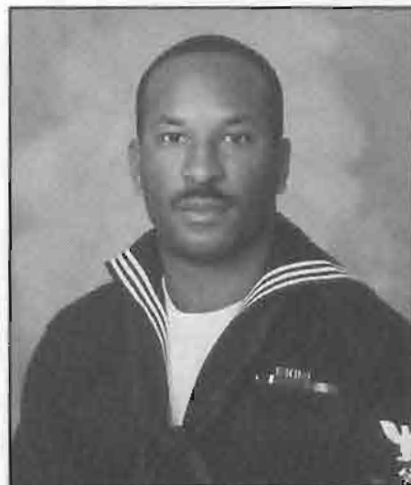
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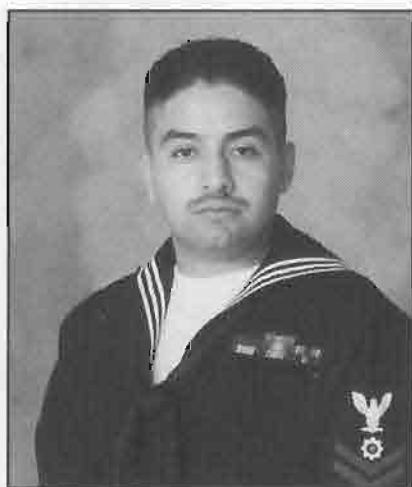
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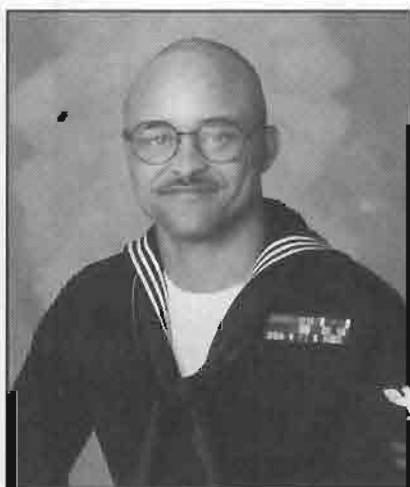
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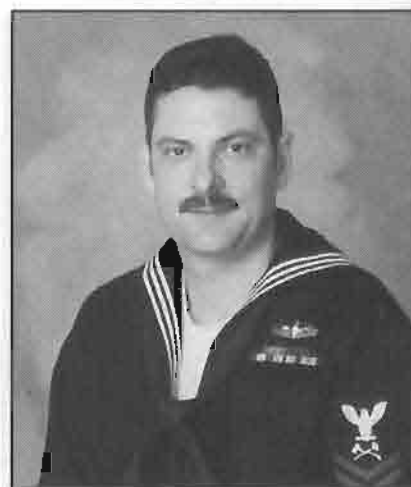
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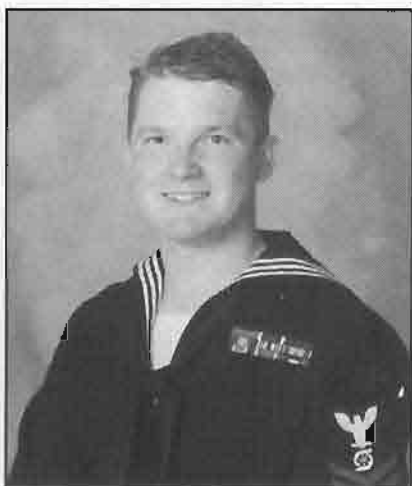
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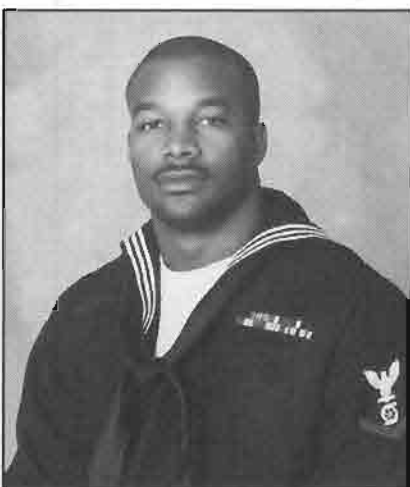
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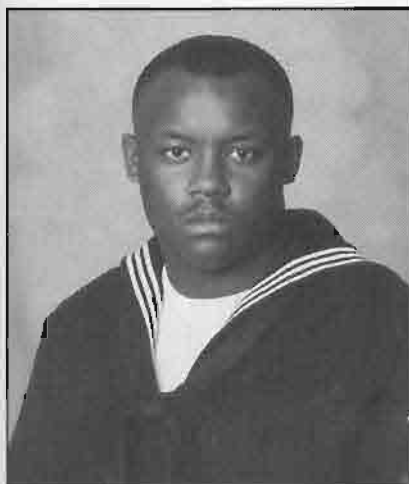
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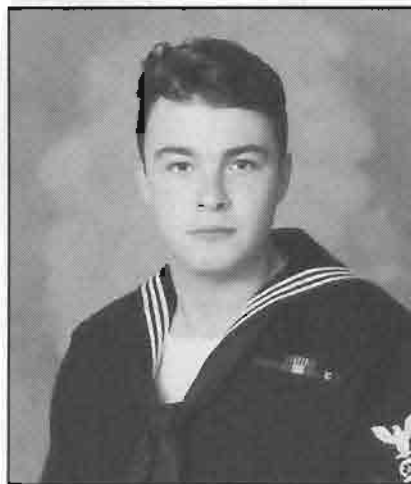
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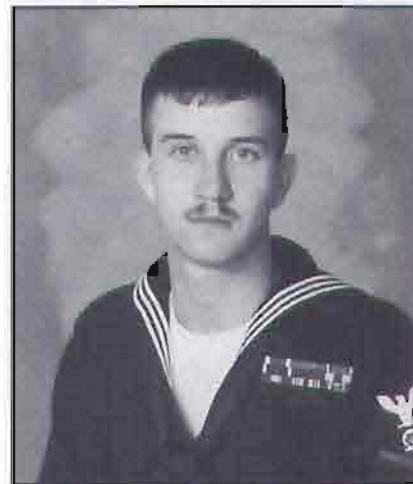
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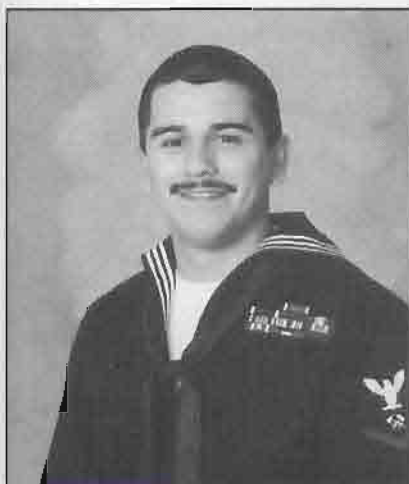
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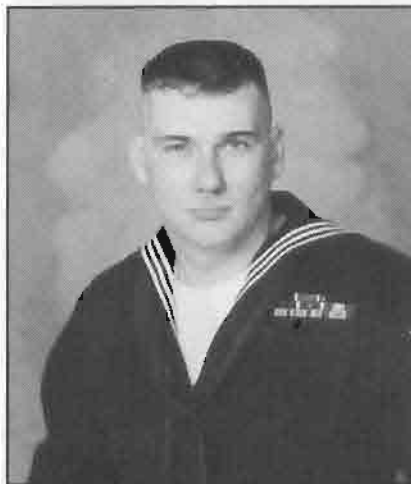
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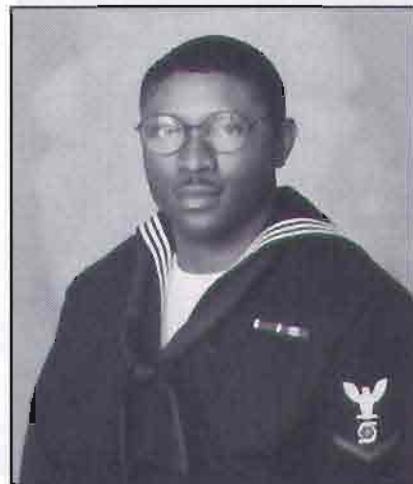
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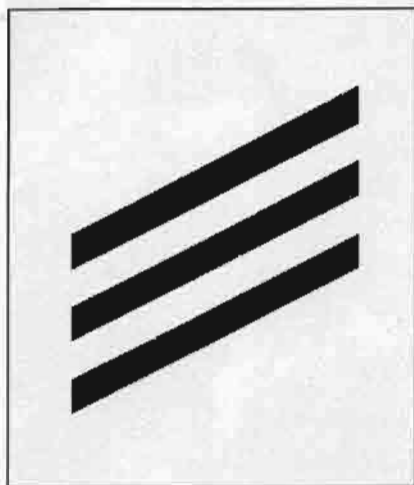
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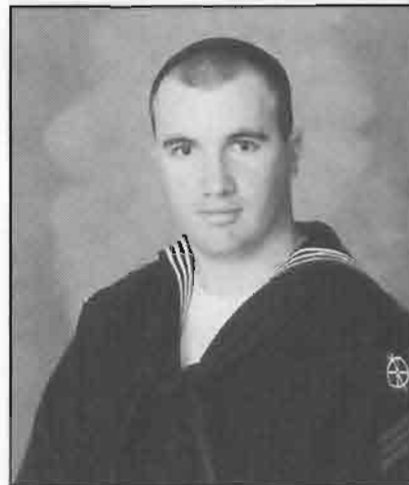
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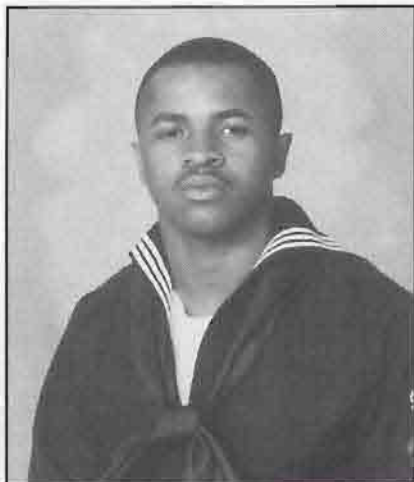
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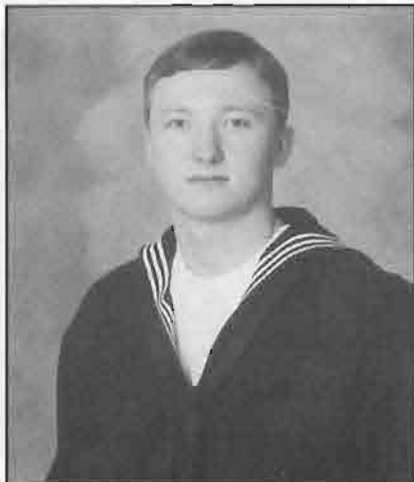
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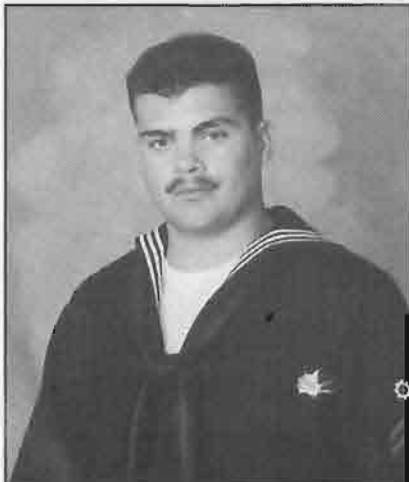
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FN Daniel C. Keeton
Springfield, OH



EMFN Clifford D. Milligan
Wink, TX



ENFN Joshua L. Montoya
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FN Andrew Pragluski
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DCFN Kristen L. Runyan
Conyers, GA



FN Kimberly Smith
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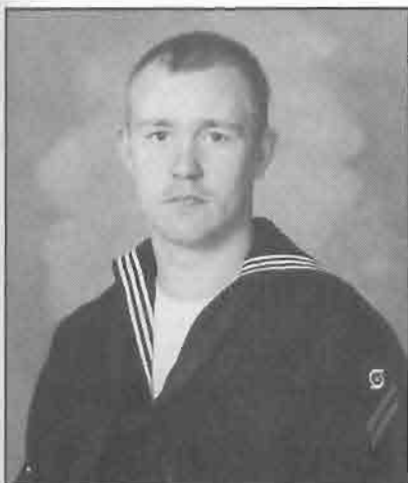
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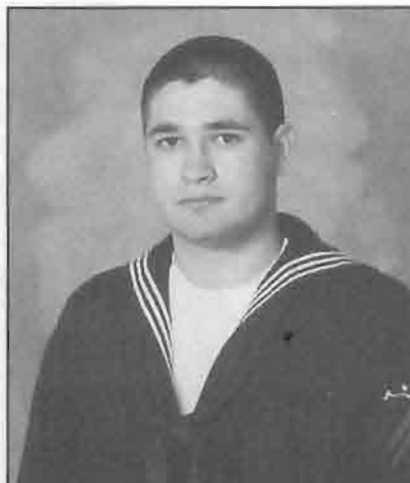
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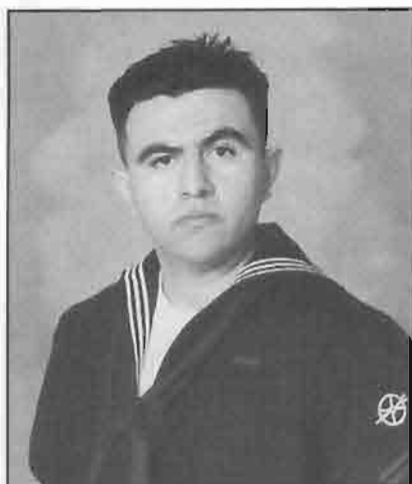
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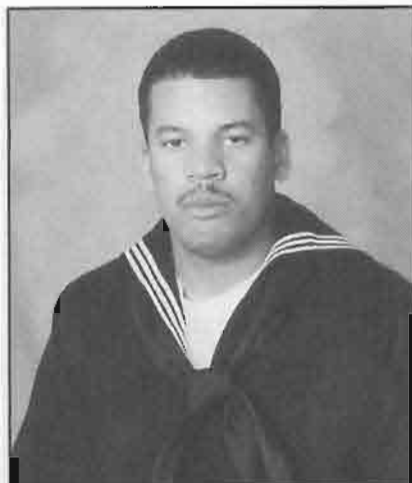
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HTFA Michael York
Hattiesburg, MS



EMFR Tony J. Derenia
Middletown, CA



FR Robert S. Dickerson
Houston, TX



FR Tony A. Lucero
Bay Area, CA



Supply Officer

Lieutenant Vonda M. Sykes, United States Navy

Lieutenant Vonda M. Sykes was born in Washington, DC on January 31, 1965, and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. She enlisted in the Navy in 1983 as an Electronic's Technician. In 1985, Lieutenant Sykes entered the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program and received a Secretary of the Navy nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy. She graduated in 1990, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics.

Lieutenant Sykes reported aboard USS SHENANDOAH (AD 44) in July 1991 where she served as Disbursing Officer and Food Service Officer. In July 1994 she reported to Headquarters Naval District Washington where she served as the Navy Exchange Officer. After completion of the Supply Officer Department Head Course in Athens, Georgia and various training courses, Lieutenant Sykes reported to the Precommissioning Unit MAHAN (DDG 72) in October 1996 and assumed her present duties as Supply Officer.

Lieutenant Sykes' personal awards and decorations include the Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and service ribbons.



"So long as the fleet is able to face the enemy at sea, communications mean, essentially, not geographical lines...but supplies which the ships cannot carry in their own hulls beyond a limited amount."

- Mahan: Naval Strategy: 1911



Supply Department Mission & Ratings

In USS MAHAN (DDG 72), the Supply Department is charged with providing complete support and services to the ship on a 24-hour-a-day basis. These services include procurement and stocking of consumable items and spare parts, payroll services, food service, the ship's store, postal service and other support services for the crew.



DISBURSING CLERK (DK): Compute pay and prepare payrolls, update personnel pay records with respect to insurance allotments, family allowances and other entitlements. Additionally, process claims for expenses, disburse funds for supplies and services, and prepare financial accounts and reports.



MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST (MS): Operate and manage all galley and dining facilities. This includes menu preparation, procurement, receipt and stowage of all food items for the ship. Also maintain all food service financial records and prepare required reports and financial returns.



POSTAL CLERK (PC): Performs postal counter work, including the sale of stamps and money orders, process incoming and outgoing mail, route mail to personnel and departments, process claims and inquiries related to postal services and prepare files on postal correspondence, records and reports.



SHIP'S SERVICEMAN (SH): Employed in a variety of diverse service outlets aboard, including the barber shop, the ship's store, operating all laundry services and assisting with inventory control and financial records associated with their operations.



STOREKEEPER (SK): Operate the ship's storerooms and issue repair parts. Additionally, prepare requisitions and other orders to maintain supplies at prescribed support levels to satisfy non-stocked departmental requirements. Also manage the ship's inventories, organize warehousing and prepare items for shipping, as well as maintain the ship's financial records, acting as the command's budget and accounting officials.

Supply and transport stand or fall together; history depends on both." - Winston Churchill: The River War, viii, 1899



Supply Department Division Officer/Chief Petty Officers



Lieutenant Junior Grade Thomas L. Reek
Assistant Supply Officer
Howell, MI



"The onus of supply rests equally on the giver and the taker."
- George S. Patton Jr.: War As I knew It, 1947



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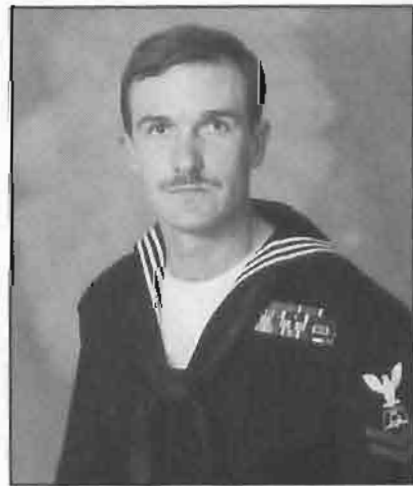
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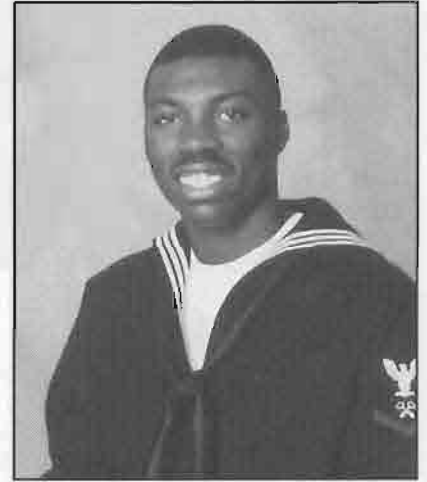
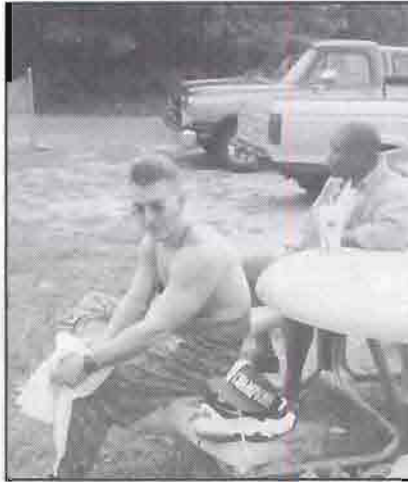
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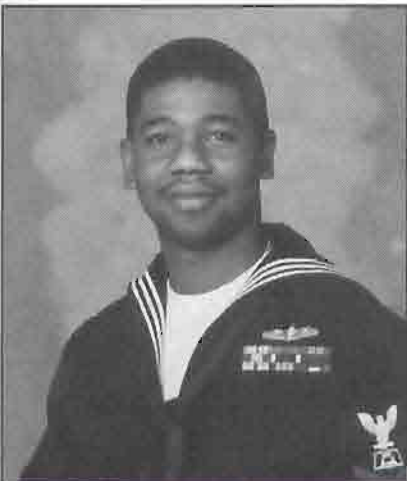
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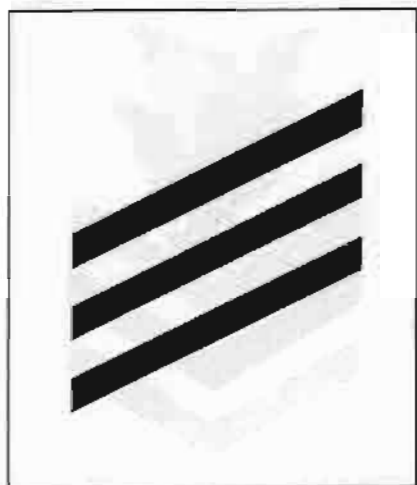
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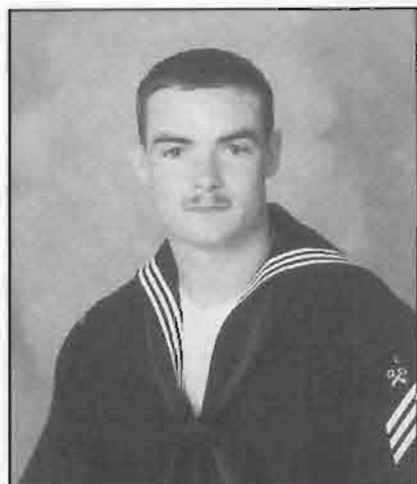
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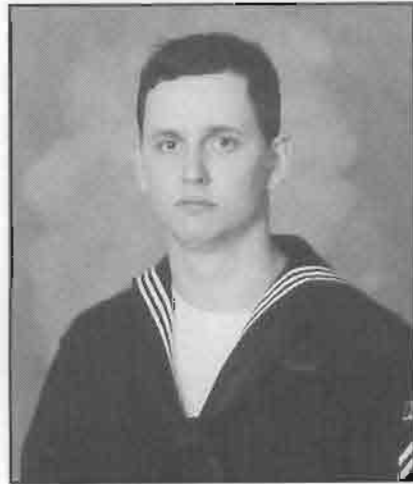
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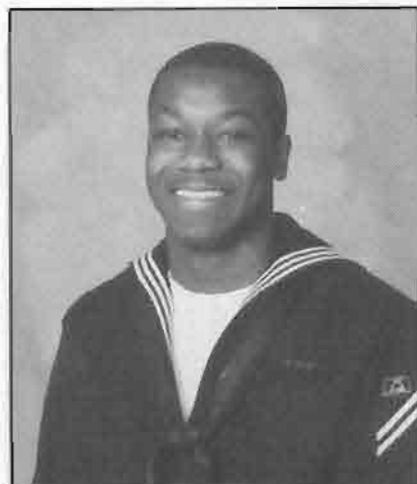
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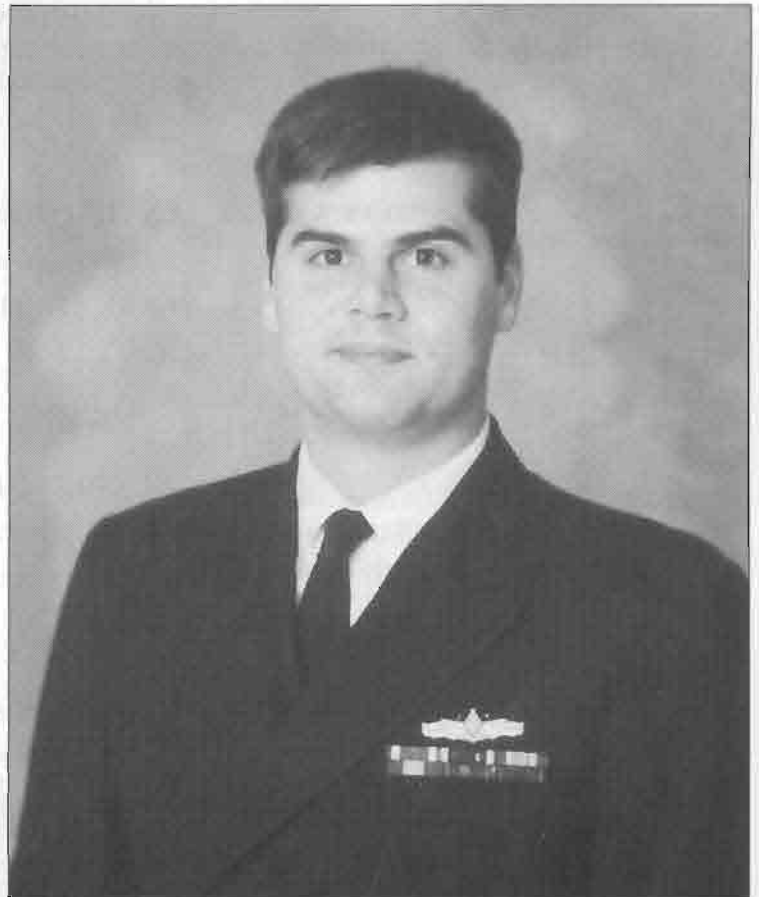
SHSR Shanna R. Trode
Sheridan, OR

Lieutenant Richard W. Kincaid was born in Fort Salonga, New York on December 19, 1969. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelors of Science in History and was commissioned an Ensign in May 1993.

Lieutenant Kincaid's sea assignments commenced with a tour on USS DEFENDER (MCM 2) where he served as the Damage Control Assistant and Engineering Officer until October 1996. He began his pipeline training for MAHAN in November 1996.

Lieutenant Kincaid's personal awards and decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal and various unit and service ribbons.

Lieutenant Kincaid is single and lives in Norfolk, Virginia.



***"Our navigator's a jolly tar; He shot the truck-light
for a star, and wonders where in the hell we are,
in the Armored Cruiser Squadron."***

- Navy Song, The Armored Cruiser Squadron, c. 1904

*"I had rather stand the shock of a basilisco than the fury of
a college boy."* - Thomas Brown; Religio Medici, 1634

"Administration needs papers as a man needs a wife."
- Johann; Naval Administration and Warfare, 1903



Navigation/Administration Department Mission & Ratings

In USS MAHAN (DDG 72), the Navigation Administrative Department is responsible for the safe navigation of the ship and for providing medical services for the crew. The department is also charged with the efficient and meticulous maintenance of ship's records and provides administrative support for the crew.



HOSPITAL CORPSMAN (HM) - perform duties in the prevention and treatment of disease and injury, including first aid and preventive medicine procedures. Assist with physical examinations, provide patient care and the administration of medicinals.



NAVY COUNSELOR (NC) - assist the command in organizing and implementing enlisted recruiting and retention programs, counsels Naval personnel and their dependents on the advantages of career opportunities in the United States Navy.



PERSONNELMAN (PN) - perform enlisted personnel administration duties involved in manpower utilization, records maintenance, report preparation and accomplishment of accounting procedures. They also maintain enlisted personnel service records.



QUARTERMASTER (QM) - stand watch as an assistant to the Officer of the Deck and to the ship's navigator, serving as steersmen performing ship control, navigation and Bridge watch duties. Procure, correct and maintain all navigation and oceanographic publications and charts and navigational instruments.



YEOMAN (YN) - perform clerical, administrative and secretarial duties, including typing and filing, and preparing and routing of correspondence and official reports, they maintain officer personnel service records.

***"Administration needs papers, as a mill needs grist."
- Mahan: Naval Administration and Warfare, 1903***



Navigation/Administration Department



HMC Genevieve D. Beard
Freehold, NJ



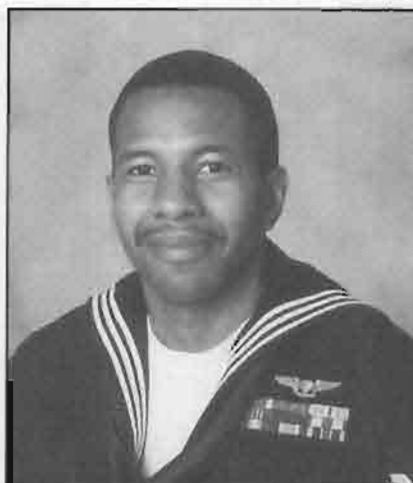
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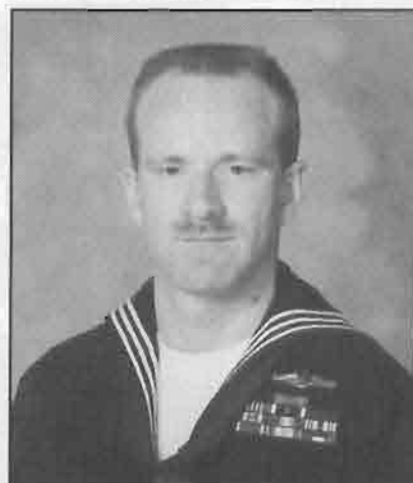
***"I had rather stand the shock of a basilisco than the fury of
a merciless pen." - Thomas Brown: Religio Medici, 1634***



Navigation/Administration Department



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Boise, ID



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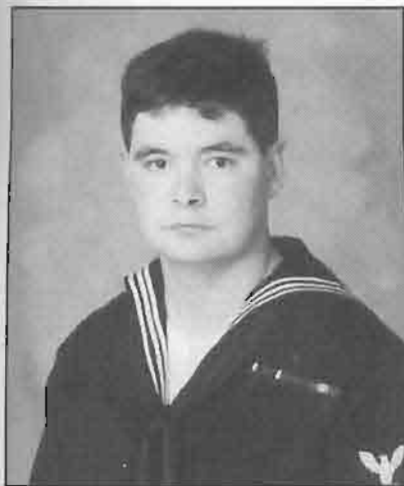
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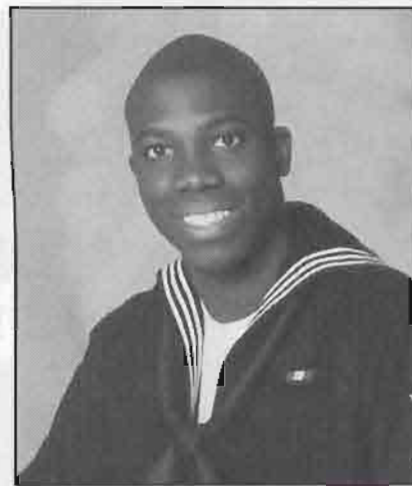
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HM3 Kraig S. Kellogg
Anoka, MN



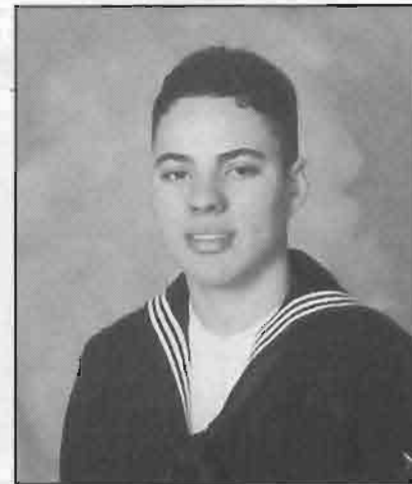
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Baltimore, MD



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San Juan, Puerto Rico

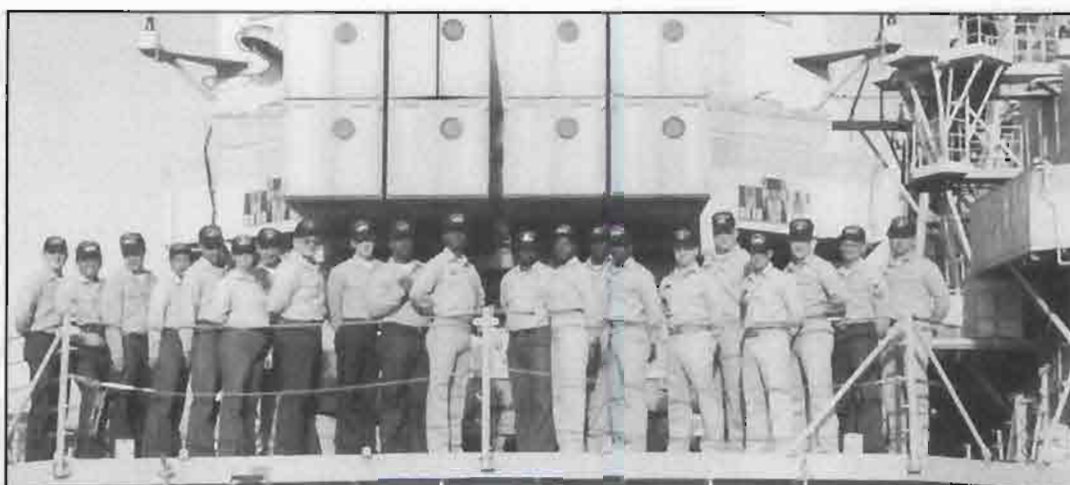
"There has been a constant struggle on the part of the military element to keep the end-fighting, or readiness to fight-superior to mere administrative considerations...The military man, having to do the fighting, considers that the chief necessity; the administrator equally naturally tends to think the smooth running of the machine the most admirable quality." - Mahan: Naval Administration and Warfare, 1903



Team Trainers



CSEDS - Moorestown, New Jersey



LBES - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



RM / ET Team Trainer - St. Inigoes, Maryland



MAHAN Plankowners



In a time honored tradition dating to the days of wooden ships, the officers and crew who serve in USS MAHAN (DDG 72) at the time of commissioning earn the title of "Plank Owner". Every member of the commissioning crew will hold this distinction for life and is entitled to "a clear, free, open, and unencumbered title to one plank of the deck" upon the ship's decommissioning. With this privilege comes a great deal of responsibility and pride. The members of this crew, who come from a wide range of backgrounds and Navy experiences, were carefully selected to bring MAHAN to life. As a team, they have worked for many long months to prepare this warship for service to our nation. They will continue to set the standard for all MAHAN sailors who will follow in years to come. On the following pages an * denotes that more than one crew member hails from that hometown.



ALABAMA

Bayou La Batre
Birmingham
Daphne
Mobile
Montgomery



CALIFORNIA

Atascadero
Bay Area
Gilroy
Granada Hills
Long Beach
Los Altos Hills
Madera
Middletown
Modesto
Oakland
Pomona
Reedley
San Diego****
Stockton
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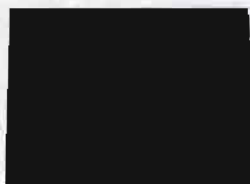
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Belleview
 Clearwater
 Collee Cove
 Fort Lauderdale
 Jacksonville
 Lakeland
 Lawtey
 Miami
 Orlando
 Palm Bay
 Satellite Beach
 St. Petersburg
 Tampa**
 Titusville



ARIZONA

Brinkley
Nogales
Prescott Valley
Showlow



COLORADO

Colorado Springs*
Evergreen
Westminster
Woodland Park



GEORGIA

Atlanta
Bainbridge
Claxton
Conyers
Decatur*
Hartwell



ARKANSAS

Brinkley
Carthage
Jacksonville



CONNECTICUT

Lyme



IDAHO

Boise

MAHAN Plankowners



ILLINOIS

Aurora
Champaign
Chicago****
Decatur
Elgin
Riverside
Streator
Taylorville
Ziegler



INDIANA

Anderson*
Bloomington
Fort Wayne
Franklin
Henryville
Indianapolis
Noblesville
Princeton



IOWA

Charles City
Dubuque



KANSAS

Leavenworth
Wichita



KENTUCKY

Bowling Green
Lexington



LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge
Homer
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MAINE

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Bath
Fairfield



MARYLAND

Baltimore*
Hyattsville
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Temple Hills



MASSACHUSETTS

Chicopee
Hull
Springfield



MICHIGAN

Detroit**
Gibraltar
Howell
Powers
Taylor
Warren



MINNESOTA

Anoka
Ellendale
Inner Grove Heights



MISSISSIPPI

Hazelhurst
Hattiesburg



MAHAN Plankowners



MISSOURI

Joplin
Malden
Poplar Bluff
St. Charles
St. Louis
St. Peters



NEBRASKA

Hastings
Omaha



NEVADA

Las Vegas



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bedford
Rye Beach



NEW JERSEY

Bordentown
Bridgeton
Burlington
Burlington County
Clayton
Deptfort
Ewing
Freehold
Newark***
Oradell
Rahway



NEW MEXICO

Grants



NEW YORK

Arkville
Bayside
Brentwood
Bronx***
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Buffalo
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Harlem
Manhattan
Massapequa Park
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Mexico
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Nicholville
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Salamanca
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West Islip



NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill
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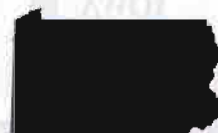
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Ada
Inola
Oklahoma City



OREGON

Sheridan



PENNSYLVANIA

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Milroy
Philadelphia****
Pittsburgh**
Titusville
West Mifflin



MAHAN Plankowners



RHODE ISLAND

Barrington



SOUTH CAROLINA

Estill
Florence
Lamar
Spartanburg
St. Helena Island



TENNESSEE

Memphis*
Wartburg



TEXAS

Amarillo*
Beaumont
Castroville
El Paso*
Fort Worth
Houston**
Galena Park
Galveston
Garland
Jacksonville
Linden
Lubbock
Pasadena
Wink



VERMONT

Groton
Salisbury



VIRGINIA

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WASHINGTON

Puyallup
Sequim
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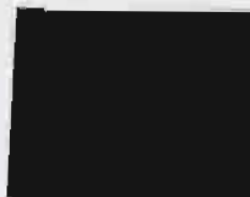
WEST VIRGINIA

Bridgeport
Logan
Spanishburg



WISCONSIN

Coloma
Jefferson
Keshena
Madison
Mauston
Oshkosh
Port Edwards



WYOMING

Casper

WASHINGTON D.C.

Southeast
Washington, D.C.*

ENGLAND

London

CANADA

London, Ontario

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Bonao

PANAMA

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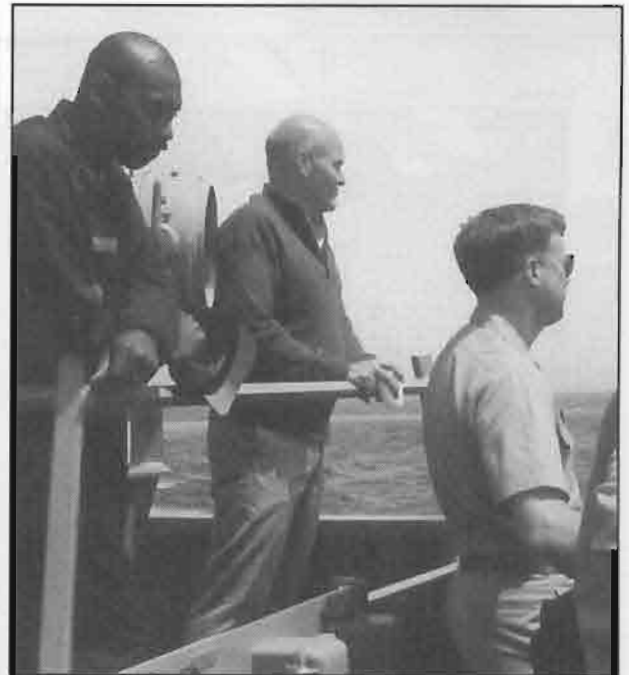
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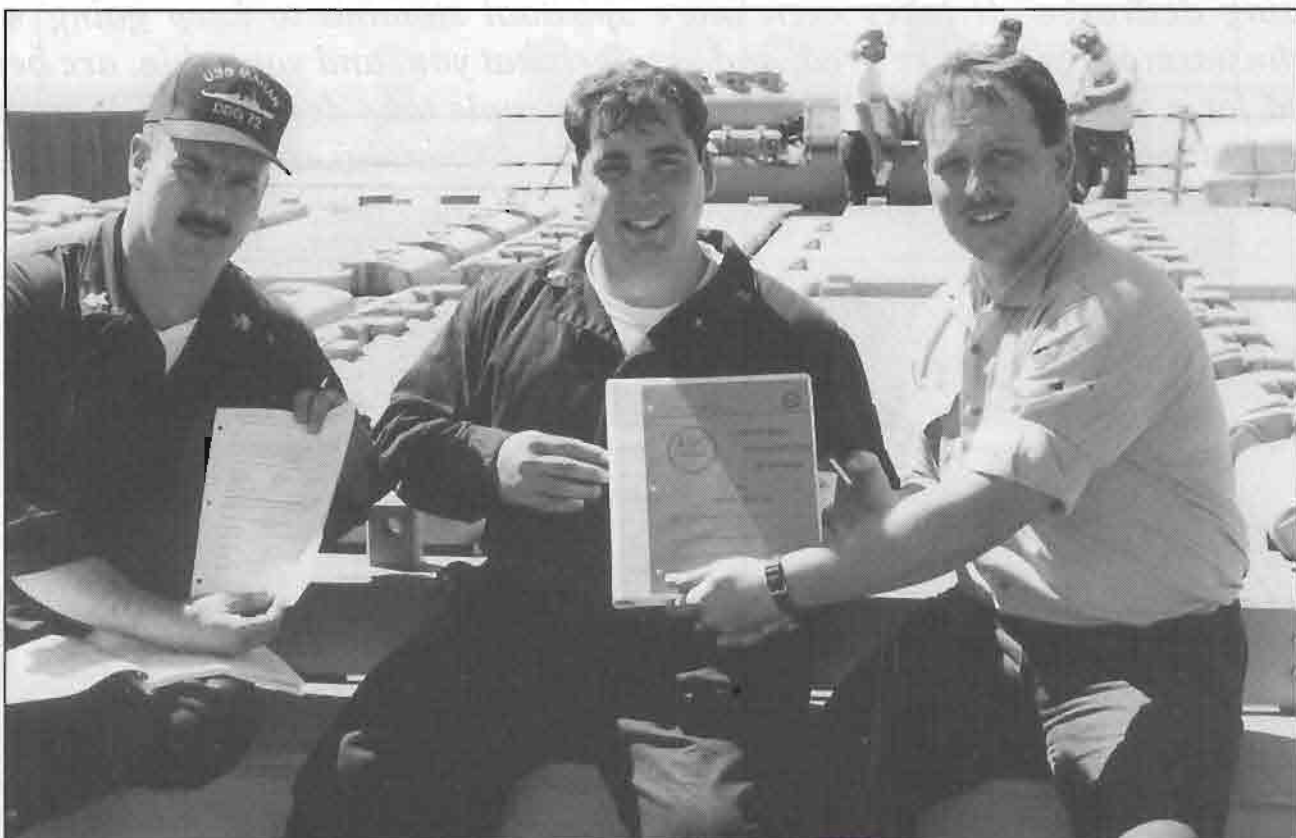


"Destroyermen have always been a proud people. They have been the elite. They have to be a proud people and they have to be specially selected, for destroyer life is a rugged one. It takes stamina to stand up to the rigors of a tossing destroyer. It takes even more spiritual stamina to keep going with enthusiasm when you are tired, and you feel that you, and your ship, are being used for a workhorse. It is true that many people take destroyers for granted and that is all the more reason why the destroyer Captains can be proud of their accomplishment." - Admiral Arleigh Burke





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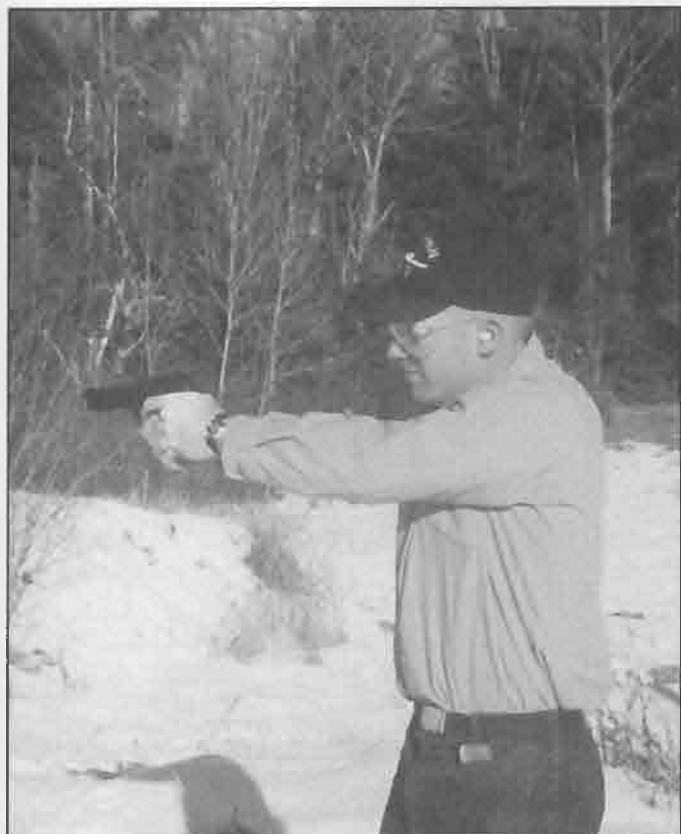
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Gun Qualifications



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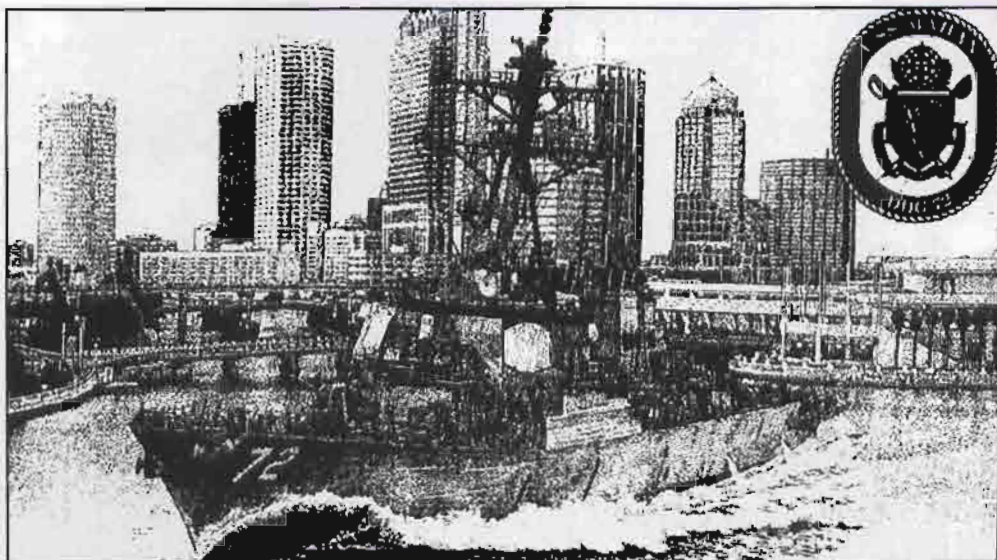
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*“No military or naval force, in war, can accomplish
anything worthwhile unless there is back of it the work
of an efficient, loyal, and devoted staff.”
- Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, USA, 1857-1935*




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December 5, 1997

On behalf of the Tampa Bay community and the Tampa Council Navy League, we would like to thank the crew of the USS Mahan (DDG 72) for the privilege of honoring the great naval historian, Alfred Thayer Mahan, through the sponsorship of the events surrounding the commissioning ceremony of DDG 72.

Alfred Thayer Mahan remains today the one person given responsibility for bringing to our nation the need for a strong navy. As President Roosevelt said of Alfred Mahan: "In a vitally important task of convincing the masters of all of us - the people as a whole - of the importance of a true understanding of naval needs, Mahan stood alone. There was no one else in his class, or anywhere near it."

May the USS Mahan (DDG 72) stand alone and above, in a class all its own. May the crew of this magnificent ship find peace, pride in her namesake, fair winds, and following seas as she carries out her mission.

LET THE JOURNEY BEGIN!

Sincerely,

 Marty Allen, Chairman Commissioning Committee
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*"In war the proper objective of the Navy is the enemy's Navy."
- Mahan: Naval Strategy, 1911*





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