

DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY



USS STERETT (CG-31)

24 MARCH 1994

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Each unit of the Navy holds unique ceremonies during the course of its existence. The commissioning ceremony bears the promise for a bright future, and the decommissioning ceremony, signifying the end of an era, honors all the men and women who have given their time, their energy, and for some, their lives, to fulfill and surpass the aspirations held by those who stood in the commissioning ceremony. The ceremony is not prescribed by Navy regulations, but rather, is an honored product of Navy tradition. Custom has established that this ceremony be formal and impressive—a solemn occasion on which we pause to reflect upon the rich heritage of the ship and the United States Navy.



"COMMISSIONING PENNANT"

The Commissioning Pennant dates from the 17th century when the Dutch Admiral Van Tromp defeated the English fleet in 1652 and lashed a broomstick from the aftertruck of his flagship to signify he had "swept" the English from the seas. A year later, after the fortunes of war had reversed, the English admiral hoisted a horsewhip to indicate he had subdued his adversary. Thus, the narrow "coachwhip" pennant became the international symbol of a ship of war.



"USS STERETT (CG-31)"

**BUILT BY
PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD
BREMERTON, WASHINGTON**

KEEL LAID -- 25 SEPTEMBER 1962

LAUNCHED -- 30 JUNE 1965

COMMISSIONED -- 08 APRIL 1967

DECOMMISSIONED -- 24 MARCH 1994



VICE ADMIRAL DAVID B. ROBINSON
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

VICE ADMIRAL DAVID B. ROBINSON
UNITED STATES NAVY

Vice Admiral Robinson is a native of Texas and attended Texas A&M University before entering the United States Naval Academy. He was commissioned an Ensign in 1963.

He first went to sea in USS STORMES (DD 780) as the Main Propulsion Assistant and then Damage Control Assistant. This tour was followed by a tour as Engineering Officer in USS ROWAN (DD 782). Subsequently he was the Executive Officer in USS DALE (CG 19).

His sea commands have been USS CANON (PG 90), USS READY (PG 87), USS LUCE (DDG 38), USS RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG 20) and COMMANDER CRUISER DESTROYER GROUP EIGHT embarked in USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). During his tour as THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group Commander he assumed additional duties as Commander, Battle Force Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea.

Ashore, Vice Admiral Robinson has served as the Administrative Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Surface Commander Assignment Officer; Director, Fiscal Management and Procedural Control Division for the Naval Military Personnel Command; Chief of Staff, Commander Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Director, Surface Warfare Manpower and Training Requirements Division (OP-39); Director, Surface Warfare Division (OP-39) Director, Operational Plans and Interoperability, Joint Staff (J-7); and the Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

He has earned a Master of Physics in Oceanography from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School and is a graduate of the Foreign Service Institute's Executive Seminar in National and International Affairs.

Vice Admiral Robinson assumed his duties as Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in April of 1993.

Vice Admiral Robinson's personal decorations include the Navy Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (five awards), Bronze Star with Combat "V", Meritorious Service Medal and Purple Heart.

He is married to the former Gene Kirkpatrick of Denton, Texas. They have two sons, Kirk and David.



CAPTAIN DANIEL SALINAS II
 United States Navy
 Commander, Destroyer Squadron Thirteen

CAPTAIN DANIEL SALINAS II **UNITED STATES NAVY**

Captain Daniel Salinas II was born in Donna, Texas. After attending public schools in Donna, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1966.

His first sea duty tour was as First Lieutenant and Antisubmarine Warfare Officer aboard USS SOUTHERLAND (DD 743). He then served as Officer in Charge on various Inshore Patrol Craft (PCF) with Coastal Divisions ELEVEN and TWELVE in South Vietnam in 1969. Following a tour as Engineering Officer on USS EPPERSON (DD 719), Captain Salinas served as Commanding Officer of USS ABNAKI (ATF 96). He subsequently served ashore as Program Manager on the staff of Commander Navy Recruiting Command and then as Flag Secretary for Commander Naval Surface Group MIDPAC. He returned to sea as Executive Officer of USS REEVES (CG 24) in June 1980.

In 1982 Captain Salinas attended the senior course at the Naval War College, where he completed one trimester of the course prior to being ordered to duty as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) until July 1984. From February 1985 to March 1987, Captain Salinas served as Commanding Officer of USS HARRY W. HILL (DD 986). After graduating from the Post Command Integrated Warfare Course, Naval War College, he was assigned in June 1987 as Executive Officer of USS NEW JERSEY (BB 62). From January 1989 to August 1990, he served as Chief of Staff for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command. Captain Salinas served as Commanding Officer of USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG 32) from January 1991 to January 1993. Captain Salinas assumed command of Destroyer Squadron 13 in April 1993.

Captain Salinas' awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", the Purple Heart Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy commendation Medal with three gold stars and Combat "V", the Navy Achievement Medal, and various campaign and service medals.

Captain Salinas is married to the former Paula Nyman of Haddon Heights, New Jersey. They reside in Jamul, California, with their daughter, Kristin and sons, Daniel III and David William.



CAPTAIN EDWARD A. CHRISTOFFERSON, JR
UNITED STATES NAVY, (RET)
COMMISSIONING COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPTAIN EDWARD A. CHRISTOFFERSON JR.
UNITED STATES NAVY, (RET)

Born on 19 March 1923, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edward A. Christofferson of Oak Park, Illinois, Captain Christofferson is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, class of 1945.

Upon commissioning in June 1944, Captain Christofferson was assigned to the USS LAVALLETTE (DD-448). During this tour, LAVALLETTE participated in engagements for the liberation of the Philippines and was hit by enemy action in 1944 while reopening Manila Bay.

Captain Christofferson remained in destroyer assignments until 1949, serving in both oceans, primarily in operations and gunnery billets. Subsequent sea tours included command of PCS-1380 in 1950, command of LSMR-527 in the early fifties and duty in Staff, Carrier Division FOURTEEN, a Hunter Killer Group in the Atlantic in 1958 and 1959.

Follow on sea tours were as Prospective Executive Officer and Executive Officer of the USS GRIDLEY (DLG-21), the Pacific Fleet's first double-ended DLG, followed by a tour as the Commanding Officer, USS HAMNER (DD-718).

In June 1953, Captain Christofferson graduated from three years of study in Ordinance at the Naval Post Graduate School. As a result of this training, he was assigned as TARTAR Missile Project Officer in the Bureau of Ordinance from 1955 to 1958. This was followed by a tour in the POLARIS Program in Sunnyvale, California, as Missile Officer from 1960 to 1962. He then reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel where he was responsible for the proper training and distribution of personnel to the Surface Missile Systems Fleet.

In April 1967, Captain Christofferson commissioned and assumed command of USS STERETT (DLG-31). Upon completion of this tour Captain Christofferson received orders as Deputy Project Manager, Surface Missile Systems Project, Washington, D.C. This was followed by a tour at Commander, Naval Ship Missile System Engineering Station, Port Hueneme, California from 1972 to his retirement, 1 July 1974.

Captain Christofferson's awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star, the Purple Heart Medal, and various campaign and service medals.

Captain Christofferson is married to the former Elizabeth Horton of Long Beach, California, and has three children, Ms. Colleen Hodges, and sons Joe and Mark.



COMMANDER GORDON O. DORSEY
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS STERETT (CG 31)

COMMANDER GORDON O. DORSEY
UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Gordon Owen Dorsey was born in Abilene, Texas, the son of Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Dorsey. He attended San Marcos High School in San Marcos, Texas and The University of Texas at Austin where he was awarded a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship.

After graduation and commission as an Ensign on 22 May 1976, he completed Navy Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, Nuclear Power Training at the S1C prototype in Windsor Locks Connecticut, and Surface Warfare Officer School Basic Course in Newport, Rhode Island.

Commander Dorsey's first shipboard assignment was to the USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) where he served as the Chemistry and Radiologic Officer from November 1977 to April 1980. In May 1980, Commander Dorsey reported to the USS CALIFORNIA (CGN 36) where he was assigned as the Combat Information Center Officer through May 1982.

In July 1982, Commander Dorsey returned to the University of Texas NROTC unit at Austin, Texas where he assumed duties as instructor through July 1984. After completing the Surface Warfare Officer's School Department Head Course, Commander Dorsey reported to the USS BARNEY (DDG 6) as Operations Officer where he served from April 1985 to September 1986. He then attended the Naval Reactors Prospective Commanding Officers Course before reporting to USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (CVN 69) as Reactor Officer from January 1987 through March 1990. Commander Dorsey pursued graduate studies in Organic Chemistry at The University of Texas at Austin where he earned a Masters' Degree from April 1990 to April 1992. Commander Dorsey assumed command of USS STERETT (CG 31) 16 December 1992.

Commander Dorsey's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and various service medal and unit awards.

Commander Dorsey is married to the former Susan Lee of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and has one daughter, Allison Lee Dorsey.

STERETT'S PRESENT AND PAST

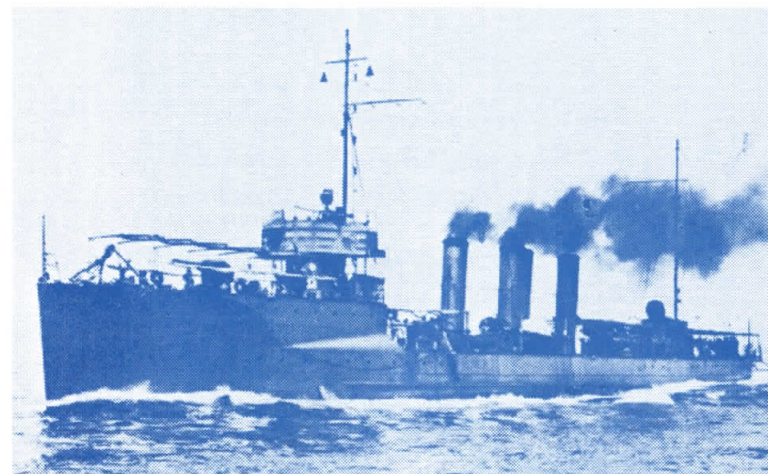
USS STERETT (CG 31) was commissioned on 8 April 1967 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. Today's STERETT, a 9000-ton, 547-foot guided missile cruiser, has a distinguished history as one of the finest warships in active service. After commissioning, she served in the Western Pacific during the Vietnam War. Her air intercept controllers directed Air Force and Navy fighters to six successful air engagements with enemy aircraft over North Vietnam. On 19 April 1972, STERETT destroyed 2 enemy aircraft and 2 PT boats in an air-sea battle in the Battle of Dong Hoi Gulf. During the battle, STERETT scored the first successful kill by a Terrier missile.

STERETT has deployed to Indian Ocean five times. She has participated in several multi-ship and multi-national exercises, and she has visited ports in Asia, Australia, the Middle East, and Africa. She has received the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

STERETT has been homeported at Long Beach, California, San Diego, California, and Yokosuko, Japan. On 19 August 1981 she became the first surface combatant to be homeported at Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, and served as flagship for Commander, Surface Combatant Force, Seventh Fleet. On 10 May 1991, STERETT made her most recent change of homeports, as she returned to San Diego to undergo a comprehensive, thirteen-month overhaul which included the installation of the New Threat Upgrade.

USS STERETT (DD 407) was commissioned on 15 August 1939. An 1800-ton, 341-foot destroyer, she carried a main armament of 4-inch guns and 16 torpedoes. For her gallant service in the Pacific theater during World War II, STERETT was awarded 12 battle stars. She participated in battles for Guadalcanal, the Solomon Islands, Vella Gulf, the Philippine Sea, Luzon, and Okinawa. She received the Navy Unit Commendation for her action on the night of 12-13 November 1942 during the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal where she defended Henderson Field against a Japanese raiding force. The second STERETT was decommissioned at the New York Naval Shipyard on 2 November 1945.

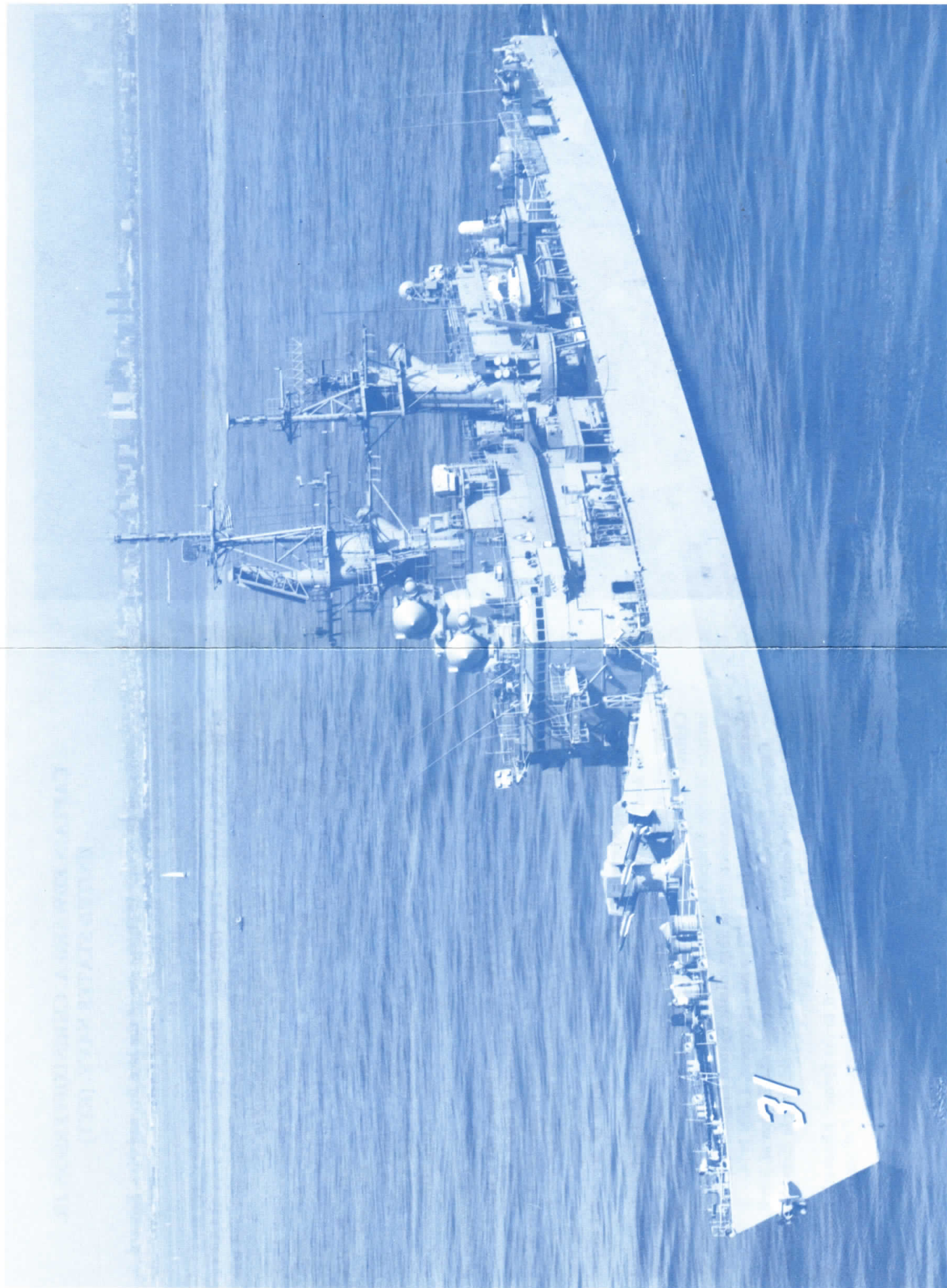
USS STERETT (DD 27) was commissioned on 15 December 1910. A 750-ton, 293-foot destroyer, she was armed with 5, 3-inch 50-caliber guns, 3, 30-caliber machine guns and 6, 18-inch torpedo tubes. During World War I, she operated along the Irish coast meeting incoming convoys and shepherding them along the coast to Berehaven Isle or Davenport, England. For her relentless pursuit of a German submarine on the evening of 31 May 1918, STERETT earned a commendation from the Commander-in-Chief, Coast of Ireland. The first STERETT was decommissioned at Philadelphia on 9 December 1919.



THE FIRST STERETT (DD-27)



THE SECOND STERETT (DD-407)



Musical Selection
(San Diego Navy Band)

Arrival of the Official Party

National Anthem
(San Diego Navy Band)

Invocation
LT Israel Narvaez, LT, CHC, USNR

Introduction of the Commissioning Commanding Officer
Commander Gordon O. Dorsey, USN
Commanding Officer

Commissioning Commanding Officer's Remarks
Captain Edward A. Christofferson, JR, USN, Ret.
Commissioning Commanding Officer

Commanding Officer's Remarks
Commander Gordon O. Dorsey, USN

Reading of the Decommissioning Order

Securing the Watch

Benediction
Captain Donald E. den Dulk, CHC, USN

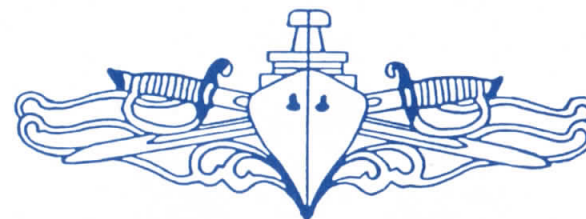
Departure of Official Party

Musical Selections
(San Diego Navy Band)



COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPT E. A. CHRISTOFFERSON	08 APR 1967 - 28 NOV 1968
CAPT C. L. TYLER	28 NOV 1968 - 12 AUG 1970
CAPT J. HILTON	12 AUG 1970 - 06 MAR 1972
CAPT H. E. REICHERT	06 MAR 1972 - 26 APR 1974
CAPT P. K. COLLINS	26 APR 1974 - 09 OCT 1975
CAPT C. G. FARNHAM	09 OCT 1975 - 03 FEB 1978
CAPT J. S. DONNELL III	03 FEB 1978 - 06 FEB 1980
CAPT D. C. RICHARDSON	06 FEB 1980 - 13 FEB 1982
CAPT G. S. SULLIVAN III	13 FEB 1982 - 15 FEB 1984
CAPT J. H. MCCOY	15 FEB 1984 - 10 OCT 1985
CAPT J. L. LOCKETT III	10 OCT 1985 - 06 AUG 1986
CAPT F. W. BAILEY	06 AUG 1986 - 27 SEP 1986
CAPT R. P. GENET	27 SEP 1986 - 19 AUG 1988
CAPT B. M. PLOTT	19 AUG 1988 - 10 SEP 1990
CAPT T. E. BLOUNT, JR	10 SEP 1990 - 16 DEC 1992
CDR G. O. DORSEY	16 DEC 1992 - 24 MAR 1994



Executive Officer
LCDR D. A. SORANNO

Department Heads

LCDR ELMENDORF
Combat Systems Officer

LCDR TILLSON
Supply Officer

LCDR KELLY
Engineer Officer

LT GONZALES
Operations Officer

Officers

LT NARVAEZ
LT SAYER
LT WEDOW

LT RITCHIE
LT SEEP

LTJG BEARDEN
LTJG KUTSURELIS

LTJG GUTIERREZ
LTJG MOOK

ENS FORD
ENS LINNEBUR

ENS KYTE
ENS MAJORS



Master Chief Petty Officers

EMCM(SW) O. K. JONES
Command Master Chief

EMCM (SW) COWDERY FCCM (SW) MODISETTE

Senior Chief Petty Officers

BTCS(SW) OBILLE	RMCS(AC) BAIER
EMCS(SW) GUANZON	ETCS(SW) FLORES
OSCS(SW) FREVELE	

Chief Petty Officers

FCC(SW) FUKES	DSC(SW) DEKKER
FCC(SW) FURUTA	QMC SENDER
OSC(SW) PETERSON	SHC ELLIOT
EWC(SW) RICHARD	BTC(SW) ROCK
ICC(SW) HAGEN	BMC(SW) ALLEN
MSC O'CONNER	GMC(SW) TULLEY
SKC(SW/AW) SALAZAR	NCC(AW/SW) JAQUEZ
GMC(SW) CLARK	

OMBUDSMAN

Mrs. Angela Turner

Mrs. Frances Flores

First Class Petty Officers

SK1(SW) AGUSTIN	OS1 ALEXANDER
SM1 AUSTRIA	MM1 BAGWELL
MM1(SW) BELL	FC1(SW) BENNETT
IS1(AW) BIGLER	DS1 BINNS
BM1 BLANCHARD	BT1 COSTALES
MM1(SW) CROSSETT	STG1(SW) CURTIS
DK1(AW) DALEY	STG1(SW) DEGRAZIA
OS1 FLORES	FC1(SW) FORBES
BT1 GREEN	SM1(SW) HAMILTON
DS1(SW) HSIA	BT1 KREIDER
MM1(SW/SS) KUYPER	FC1(SW) LEFFERT
OS1 LOPEZ	GMM1(SW) LUNDBERG
FC1 MARSHALL	MS1 MAYES
EW1 MONROE	BM1 MORRIS
RM1 NIXON	SH1(SW) NUNEZ
SK1 PACER	EN1 PACKER
FC1 PRETTYMAN	BT1 RAMBER
MM1 RANDALL	EM1(SW) REYES
IC1(SW/AW) ROCHER	MM1 SCHMITZ
OS1(SW) SORTILLON	BM1 THOMAS
YN1 TURNER	MR1 VALARINOS
MS1 VILLENA	FC1(SW) WILLIAMS
HM1 WILSON	BT1(SW) YAP

Second Class Petty Officers

PN2 ARAKAKI	EM2(SW) ARIMADO
ET2 BAUER	MM2 BERGER
DS2 BRANDENBURG	OS2 BRANT
GMM2 BUTLER	EW2 CAMPBELL
DC2 CHULYAK	FC2 CRAWFORD, S.
MS2 CUSTODIO	EM2 DAVIS
OS2 DEROBERTIS	EM2 DE ROSAS
FC2 DOYLE	STG2 DRAKE
GMM2 DUNGAN	GMG2 ELLIS
DS2 ERHARDT	DC2 FIELDS
MS2 FOSTER	MM2(SW) GARCIA
OS2 GOLNICK	SH2 GRAYDON
BT2 GUIDRY	MM2 HAAS
OS2 HAINLINE	OS2(SW) HAYNES
RM2 JACKSON	PC2(SW) JONES
IC2 LABAR	YN2 LASTRELLA
FC2 LAVENDER	BT2 LOVIK
OS2(SW) LOYD	OS2 MAIER
MM2 MAINSTER	STG2 MATHIEU
QM2 MCCAULEY	BT2 MEBANE
BT2(SW) MITCHELL	BT2 MONTEZ
BM2 NEWTON	DS2 NORRIS
GMM2 PAESKE	GMG2(SW) PRIM
MM2 ROSECRANS	MM2 RUSCHER
SK2 SAND	SK2 SMITH
BT2 SPRAGINS	ET2 STAKELY
BM2 TAYLOR	MM2 TEVES
BT2 VELA	ET2 WAGGONER
SK2 WASSEL	PN2 WINSTEL
HT2 WOOD	EW2 ZIEMAN
FC2 ZIMMERMAN	

Third Class Petty Officers

OS3 ANDERSON	FC3 ASHBY	BM3 BARNES
FC3 BARROWS	FC3 BATES	FC3 BOOKER
MM3 BOWDEN	BM3 BOYER	GMM3 BRAEBACK
SH3 BROWN	EM3 BROWN	EM3 CANEZ
ET3 CARZOLI	HT3 CASTILLO	EM3 CHHUN
OS3 CHRISTMAS	FC3 CHRISTY	BT3 CLARK
EN3 COLDSNOW	HT3 CONERD	OS3 CONRAD
FC3 COON	STG3 COOPER	SM3 CRABB
FC3 CRAWFORD, T.	OS3 CRUMPTON	ET3 CUBBON
IC3 CURRY	GMG3 DANIEL	EW3 DEMIER
DC3 DICKSON	SK3 DITTIGER	EM3 EATON
FC3 ECKLEY	MS3 EDWARDS	BT3 EDWARDS
GMM3 ESTRADA	MM3 FISCHER	MM3 FISHER
SH3 FITCH	MM3 FITZPATRICK	BT3 FLORESCHAVEZ
EW3 GARZA	FC3 GOMER	OS3 GRAHAM
BM3 HAAS	RM3 HAMPTON	RM3 HASSE
SK3 HENRY	DC3 HERARD	FC3 JODOIN
FC3 JONES	BT3 KELLY	MM3 LATTY
EN3 LEWIS	MM3 LEWIS	BT3 LONESKY
PN3 LOPEZ	MS3 MANISOUK	YN3 MANNING
MS3 MCCUMBER	RM3 MCGLASSON	FC3 MCGUIRE
ET3 MENSON	EM3 MILLER	BT3 MILLER
BM3 MOORE	MR3 MOORE	EW3 MURPHY
FC3 MURRAY	DK3 NELSON	BT3 NEMECEK
MS3 ODANIEL	YN3 PARKER	MM3 (SW) POBLETE
MM3 PRESCOTT	FC3 PROUTY	DC3 QUARANTA
SH3 RAMIREZ	FC3 RAMIREZ	BT3 RAY
ET3 REDEAUX	STG3 ROBERTSON	MM3 RODRIGUEZ
HM3 ROLLER	QM3 SAILORS	BM3 SALTUS
FC3 SCHANTZ	RM3 SCHERER	EM3 SCHMELTZ
EM3 SCOTT	OS3 SCOTT	RM3 SEVIER
EW3 SHARP	BM3 SHIVELY	OS3 SLONE
YN3 SMITH	OS3 SMITH	OS3 SPEIGHTS
BM3 STEVENSON	BM3 SWEARINGEN	BM3 TALBERT
MM3 TATE	SK3 TAYLOR	DS3 TIMMINS
HT3 TUPE	GMM3 WILLIAMSON	MM3 WILLIS
DS3 WILSON	RM3 WILSON	MM3 WOODROME
BT3 ZAHORIK		



SN ANDRADE
MMFN BENDIXEN
OSSN BOEHM
ENFN BOZARTH
FN BREWER
SN CARTER
GMGSN COSE
SN DURKEE
RPSN ESCARZAGA
SN FOWLER
FN GARCIA, A.
FN GEBHARD
MMFN GULLICKSON
FN HALE
SN HAYES
OSSN HOLLADAY
SN KANE
SN KING
SN LALLY
SN LINDSEY
FN MCCALL
EMFN MILFORD
FN MONTOYA
BTFN MORROW
SN ONAGHISE
MSSN PANNELL
EMFN QIAN
SN RUSSEL
SN SHEETS
OSSN STEINER
FN SWAIN
FN URE
SHSN WESSELS



ETSN ASHELMAN
DCFN BETTERTON
SKSN BOO
FN BRABENDER
SN BURNLEY
HTFN CATE
SN COSTLOW
EMFN DURRANCE
MMFN ESSARY
SN FURLOW
FN GARCIA, B.
OSSN GODINEZ
FN GUNTER
FN HALL
FN HAYHURST
SN HOLT
MSSN KHOURI
MSSN LAFRANCE
OSSN LAMBDIN
SN LOOP
SN MCLAIN
SN MILLER, Q.
MSSN MOODY
SN NELSON
FN ORTIZ
OSSN PIERCE
DCFN RICHARDSON
SN SANCHEZ
SN SINCLAIR
SN STONEBRAKER
SN TAVERNIER
SN VICKERS
OSSN WHERLEY



SN BATTERMAN
YNSN BLAHA
MMFN BOYD
SN BREDDING
SHSN CALIXTE
STGSN COLEMAN
FN COUTURE
MMFN EGENIAS
SN FIELDS
OSSN GADD
SN GARCIA, L.
SN GOERING
FN GUSTAVSON
OSSN HARMS
OSSN HELTON
QMSN JOHNSON
RMSN KINDRED
SN LAIRD
FN LIBED
OSSN LYLES
FN MEALY
MSSN MILLER, T.
SN MORALES
SN OLOUGHLIN
FN PALMER
OSSN PONCE
SN ROBINSON
FN SEIDEL
OSSN SMITH
QMSN SUMMERVILLE
SN THOMAS
SN WAIGHT

USS STERETT's Awards/Medals

Combat Action Ribbon

Navy Unit Commendation (2 Awards)

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Battle "E" Award

Navy Expeditionary Medal (3 Awards)

National Defense Service Medal (2 Awards)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2 Awards)

Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (12 Awards)

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Vietnam Service Medal (8 Awards)

Humanitarian Service Medal (3 Awards)

Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS USS STERETT (CG 31)

PROPULSION	- 1200 PSIG STEAM
LENGTH	- 546 FT
WIDTH	- 54FT 10IN
HEIGHT	- 136 FT 4 IN
DRAFT	- 29 FT 10 IN
BOILERS	- 4
SHAFT HORSEPOWER	- 85,000 SHP PER SHAFT
SHAFTS	- 2
RUDDERS	- 1
SPEED	- 32+ KNOTS
SCREWS	- 14 FT DIAMETER, 5 BLADE MANGANESE/BRONZE
COMPLEMENT	- 27 OFFICERS AND 400 ENLISTED
MISSIONS	- ANTI-AIR WARFARE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE COMMAND AND CONTROL ELECTRONIC WARFARE
ARMAMENT	- 1 SM-2 EXTENDED RANGE MISSILE LAUNCHER (60 MISSILES) 8 HARPOON CRUISE MISSILES 2 MK 32 TORPEDO TUBES (6 TORPEDOES) 2 CLOSE IN WEAPONS SYSTEMS 6 .50 CAL. MACHINE GUNS 1 25 MM MACHINE GUN
PRIMARY SENSORS	- SPS-48E 3D AIR SEARCH RADAR SPS-49(V)5 2D AIR SEARCH RADAR SPS-67 SURFACE SEARCH RADAR 2 SPG-55B FIRE CONTROL RADARS SQS-26BX SONAR SLQ-32(V)3 MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM
COMPARTMENTS	- 398
FUEL CAPACITY	- 575,178 GALLONS
GAS MILEAGE	- 93.3 GALLONS PER MILE
FIRE STATIONS	- 46
FIRE HOSE	- 1.5 MILES +
FRESH WATER	- 24,000 GAL DAILY
MONTHLY PAYROLL	- APPX \$1,000,000
MEALS	- OVER 1300 DAILY

USS STERETT (CG 31)

**"THE TOUGHEST TEAM
IN THE FLEET"**

**"FIND THE BOOK,
READ THE BOOK,
FOLLOW THE BOOK!"**

