



The Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew

of the

U. S. S. Graffias

request the honor of your presence at the

Commissioning Ceremonies

at

The Bethlehem Steel Company

Shipbuilding Division

Key Highway Plant, Baltimore, Maryland

on

Saturday, October the twenty-eighth

nineteen hundred and forty-four

at three-thirty o'clock

CONFIDENTIAL

Officers



Lt. COMD'R BERNARD P. CARAHER
Commanding Officer

LIEUT. DONALD R. MAKINS
Executive Officer

LIEUT. WARREN JENNEY - - - - - *Supply Officer*
LIEUT. WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN - - - - - *Medical Officer*
LIEUT. HENRY P. LAMMERTS - - - - - *Communication Officer*
LIEUT. DAVID A. SUTTON - - - - - *Navigator*
LIEUT. IGOR J. KOTY - - - - - *Engineering Officer*
LIEUT. DUANE L. TOWER - - - - - *Gunnery Officer*
LIEUT. (jg) CECIL A. BARNETT - - - - - *First Lieutenant*
LIEUT. (jg) WALTER R. POQUETTE - - - - - *Ass't Engineering Officer*
LIEUT. (jg) WILLIAM J. STEPHENSON - - - - - *Ass't Engineering Officer*
LIEUT. (jg) HOWARD J. BARR - - - - - *First Division Officer*
ENSIGN GORDON THOMPSON - - - - - *Ass't Communication Officer*
ENSIGN EDWARD H. DEMERE - - - - - *Second Division Officer*
ENSIGN WILLIAM P. MACONES - - - - - *Ship's Secretary*
ENSIGN WALTER F. HOFFLAND - - - - - *Radio Officer*
ENSIGN CLARENCE E. THURMON - - - - - *Disbursing Officer*
CH. BOS'N STEPHEN J. MILLER - - - - - *Ship's Boatswain*
CH. MACH. ERNEST L. OLIVER - - - - - *Ass't Engineering Officer*
MACH. THOMAS S. VENABLE - - - - - *Ass't Engineering Officer*
CARP. LESLIE E. DAVENPORT - - - - - *R Division Officer*
PAY CLERK ROBERT D. DIXON - - - - - *Ass't Supply Officer*
PAY CLERK CLYDE C. FRY - - - - - *Ass't Supply Officer*

Chief Petty Officers

CBM C. WYNNE
CBM C. A. JORDAN
CQM J. EMDE
CGM J. P. YOUNG
CEM J. G. SIMKO
CRM L. A. MATALAVAGE
CCM C. S. LOVE

CMM L. K. ABLARD
CMM A. O. PACHER
CMM B. W. SVENDSEN
CWT J. W. ANDERSON
CY C. W. QUNLEY
CSK G. W. SILSBEE
CSK F. W. FAUERBACK

CPhM J. B. BOLIN

Crew



Aaron, D. H., GM3c	Daresbourg, R. J., Jr., MM1c	Kelly, J. B., S2c	Reeves, R. J., WT1c
Acker, L. H., BM1c	Deal, W. G., SC1c	Kerr, J. M., SK2c	Rheam, J. R., S2c
Aitken, E., S1c	Delorenzo, A. R., S2c	Keys, E. G., PhM1c	Riggs, G. B., Y2c
Albert, J. G., S2c	Dicke, C. C., MM3c	Kierman, T. J., SC2c	Rosa, L. S., B2c
Allen, I., StM2c	Driskell, E., Cox	Kinchla, E. W., S2c	Rosania, D. J., SK2c
Altieri, R., S2c	Duncon, W. J., F2c	Knight, R. H., S2c	Rovinski, R. W., F2c
Ambrose, W. R., SKD2c	Edison, W. J., F2c	Krupka, A., MM2c	Rugg, A. F., S1c
Amsbury, R. L., SM1c	Eschert, W. C., S1c	Kucziński, A. P., GM2c	Rust, R., MM3c
Anderson, C. R., S1c	Fagerstrom, G. F., S2c	Kuhar, C. A., S2c	Sauza, N., St1c
Anderson, R. H., SK1c	Fazio, R. J., S1c	Kurlas, J. P., S1c	Schmelzer, L. P., Flc
Appar, J. H., S2c	Fermanin, A., WT3c	LaBancz, S., MM3c	Scudder, J. E., Flc
Applegate, H. M., Jr., S2c	Finney, J. A., S2c	Lauffer, L. R., Flc	Seymer, R. H., RT3c
Asher, G. N., S2c	Flanagan, A. J., S2c	Lerro, S. J., S2c	Shaffer, C. R., WT2c
Atkinson, R. H., S1c	Flick, W. F., RM3c	Lester, R., Bkr2c	Sherman, L., WT3c
Bachert, W. A., MM3c	Fogarty, E. F., S2c	Lien, A. C., Jr., MM2c	Sholtis, J. J., S1c
Baker, H. D., MM2c	Ford, B. L., MM3c	Lofton, A. M., S1c	Sienkiewicz, J. J., MoMM1c
Barker, G. W., S2c	Forscey, S., S1c	Lopez, F., S2c	Sinnett, H. M., SF1c
Barnhill, J. C., MoMM2c	Frost, D. B., S1c	Lovell, M. R., Flc	Small, B. E., EM2c
Barr, A. C., BM1c	Galanch, J., SKD2c	Macku, T. J., SK3c	Smith, C. V., S1c
Barrett, J. E., Y3c	Gannon, J. J., S2c	Macocchia, D., S1c	Smith, E., StM1c
Bauman, W. W., SK3c	Gans, J., WT2c	Massey, H. R., S2c	Spence, A. R., S1c
Beale, J. A., StM1c	Garland, G. N., S2c	Marsh, W. F., Jr., F2c	Statom, R. L., S2c
Bjduck, S., MM3c	Garncaz, A. J., S2c	Matthews, R. E., GM1c	Stearns, R. A., CM3c
Billings, W. A., S1c	Garrett, A. L., Cox	McGinnis, R. E., S1c	Stephenson, J. R., BM2c
Blanc, R. H., S2c	Gigac, S., MMR3c	McGirr, R. C., Y3c	Stokes, G. R., MMR3c
Blitzrein, P., S1c	Gordon, H., S2c	McIntosh, C. W., S1c	Sullivan, L. J., PhM3c
Bockhaus, H. H., SF2c	Gough, T. A., Cox	McMahon, O. L., S2c	Sweeney, P. J., S2c
Bomback, E. R., S1c	Gray, W. C., MMR1c	Meade, E. L., SK3c	Tagesen, J. H., CM1c
Brewer, F., S1c	Green, D., StM2c	Merzgar, C. T., S1c	Tallmadge, E. L., S2c
Brunelle, P. E., S1c	Hands, W. L., S2c	Miano, J. A., S1c	Tamayo, A., St1c
Burlone, F. G., S2c	Hanner, E. E., Jr., S2c	Miller, H. G., Jr., SC2c	Taylor, E. R., MM1c
Burr, E. L., Jr., S1c	Hanrahan, C. M., S1c	Mitchell, C. D., S2c	Taylor, G. C., StM2c
Butler, J. W., GM2c	Harris, S., Cox	Mitchell, W. E., BM2c	Teixera, C. A., S1c
Buyers, C., S1c	Harrison, J. D., EM2c	Monahan, J. T., Y1c	Thomas, L. M., StM2c
Campbell, W. L., F2c	Harvey, W. H., S1c	Monnier, R. L., GM1c	Thomas, N. G., GM3c
Carrillo, B. N., F2c	Heilner, J. W., EM2c	Moore, H. A., QM2c	Towt, H. S., Jr., S2c
Catter, L. P., Y3c	Henning, W. E., QM2c	Morgan, H. D., S1c	Tufvander, R. R., Flc
Cernik, R. D., MM2c	Hinkle, C. F., WT1c	Murray, M. W., S2c	Tweedy, J. M., Flc
Classe, B. V., S2c	Huckins, P. B., S2c	Nespor, A. H., S2c	Vandergrift, V. V., S2c
Clerc, C. H., F2c	Imes, A. J., StM1c	Neureiter, L. J., S2c	Waltz, R. B., S2c
Clifford, J. P., RM2c	James, J. P., S1c	Nielson, C. F., CM2c	Ward, M. B., S2c
Colvin, V. R., S1c	Jarnagin, J. H., S1c	Oakleaf, L. M., SK2c	Waggoner, R. A., EM3c
Collins, D. J., GM3c	Jenkins, F., StM2c	Och, C. R., S2c	Wagner, E. F., Jr., S1c
Condello, J. S., Jr., S2c	Johnson, H. S., QM1c	O'Connell, J. T., MoMM3c	Warkala, F. V., FC3c
Conroy, R. C., SM3c	Johnson, K. E., SK2c	O'Toole, J. R., MM3c	Wesner, D., Flc
Cook, V. L., SC2c	Johnson, W. H., S2c	Ovejero, J., S2c	White, G. E., RM2c
Cook, W. L., F2c	Johnson, W. H., MM1c	Parker, J. A., S2c	Wilson, J. W., Ck1c
Coykendall, J. H., F2c	Johnston, J. F., S2c	Perry, C. J., S2c	Winter, Q. A., F2c
Cosenstino, A., S2c	Jones, L. G., PhM2c	Peters, A. A., S1c	Worthington, L. J., F2c
Crabtree, V. B., F2c	Jury, H. D., S2c	Porter, W. J., S2c	Wunner, E. J., S2c
Cuthrell, J. L., Cox	Kais, E. C., Jr., S2c	Rath, W. F., SK1c	Yablonsky, J., SC1c
Dance, O. M., S1c	Kellner, W. C., S2c	Redman, C. S., S1c	Zimmerman, J. B., F2c



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Awards, Citations and Campaign Ribbons



Precedence of awards is from top to bottom, left to right

Top Row - Navy Unit Commendation - American Campaign Medal - Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

Second Row - World War II Victory Medal - Navy Occupation Service Medal (with Asia clasp) - National Defense Service Medal (2)

Third Row - Korean Service Medal (8) - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (3-Taiwan Straits, 25-Quemoy-Matsu, 4-Vietnam) - Vietnam Service Medal (7)

Fourth Row - United Nations Service Medal - Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal - Republic of Korea War Service Medal (retroactive)