

USS ABNAKI (ATF-96)



DECOMMISSIONING AND TRANSFER CEREMONIES

30 SEPTEMBER 1978

U. S. NAVAL STATION
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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15 NOVEMBER 1943 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1978



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

BATTLE STARS (THREE)
NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL (ASIA)
CHINA SERVICE MEDAL (EXTENDED)
KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BADGE
UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL (KOREA)
VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL (WITH SIX STARS)
ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
(TWO, VIETNAM)
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

USS ABNAKI (ATF-96)

USS ABNAKI (ATF-96) is a Fleet (Ocean-going) Tug, the first of her class, designed especially for towing and salvage operations. Her name is that of a New England Indian tribe. She was built by the Charleston Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Charleston, South Carolina, where she was launched on 22 April 1943 under the sponsorship of Mrs. James Mayon Jones, mother of six sons who served in the Navy. ABNAKI was commissioned on 15 November 1943.

Two hundred five feet long and 39 feet wide at her extreme beam, ABNAKI displaces 1770 tons with a draft of 16 feet. Her four diesel engines are capable of generating speeds of up to 15 knots. She is designed for a crew of 80 men and 5 officers. Her "main battery" consists of one Johnson towing engine. Although ABNAKI's primary mission is ocean towing, she may also be employed in salvage operations and is capable of sending divers down to 150 feet.

ABNAKI has seen service in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam conflict. During World War II she operated in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. She completed several tows across the Atlantic and towed the captured German submarine U-505. During the Korean War ABNAKI furnished logistic support to various task forces. In Vietnam ABNAKI engaged in towing, salvage, cargo, evacuation, and smuggling interdiction (Market Time Operation) efforts.

In peacetime the ABNAKI engages in long distance towing, Fleet exercises, target services, salvage, surveillance, and varied special projects. She is homeported in San Diego, but has regularly deployed to the Far East.



LIEUTENANT WILLIAM D. MASTERS

Lieutenant Masters enlisted in the U. S. Navy in September 1959 and served sea duty tours in USS FINCH (DER-328), USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14), USS FLOYD B. PARKS (DD-884) and USS REEVES (DLG-24) as a Sonar Technician. An 18 month tour at ASW School, San Diego, California as an instructor was followed by his assignment to Purdue University where he received his commission through the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. His first assignment was as Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) Officer in USS FLOYD B. PARKS (DD-884).

In April 1973 Lieutenant Masters attended the Naval Destroyer School in Newport, Rhode Island and upon graduation received orders to USS LAFFEY (DD-724) as Engineer Officer. In February 1975 Lieutenant Masters was ordered to USS NITRO (AE-23) as First Lieutenant, a position he held prior to reporting to USS ABNAKI (ATF-96) as Commanding Officer in January 1977.

Lieutenant Masters, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, is married to the former Miss Nancy J. Cameron of Silverdale, Washington. The Masters have five children, Kathy, Karl, Kevin, Kimberly, and Karey and presently reside in San Diego, California.



LIEUTENANT MARCO ANTONIO GUTIERREZ NUÑEZ

Lieutenant Gutierrez Nuñez was born on 22 October 1944 in Tampico, Tamaulipas. He graduated Naval Military School in 1962. He has studied Naval Leadership in the Center for Higher Naval Studies. Among other duties, Lieutenant Gutierrez Nuñez has served as a Cargo Officer, Electrical Officer, Operations Officer, Navigator, and Chief Engineer. He has served as Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of the commissioning and transfer crew of an English patrol boat and as interim commander of the fifth Flotilla. He is now assigned as Commanding Officer of the transfer and commissioning crew of the Mexican ship YAQUI.



Arrival of Official Party

Parade the Colors

National Anthems
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE
REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

Invocation

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER W. L. BOUCK, CHC, USN

Remarks by:

REAR ADMIRAL J. H. MORRIS, USN
DEPUTY COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE,
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

Remarks By:

LIEUTENANT W. D. MASTERS, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS ABNAKI (ATF-96)

LIEUTENANT G. S. NELSON, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS HITCHITI (ATF-103)

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R. A. MERROW, USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, USS COCOPA (ATF-101)

Remarks By:

COMMANDER S. E. MANNING, USN
COMMANDER, SERVICE SQUADRON ONE

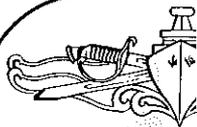
REAR ADMIRAL J. H. MORRIS, USN
ORDERS THE DECOMMISSIONING OF USS ABNAKI,
USS COCOPA AND USS HITCHITI

Haul Down the Colors/Haul Down CSR-1 Pennant

National Anthem of the United States of America

Secure the Watch

Crews March Ashore





Transfer

REAR ADMIRAL JUSTIN E. LANGILLE, III, USN
READS MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

REAR ADMIRAL JUSTIN E. LANGILLE, III, USN
COMMANDANT, ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

Presents Ships to

VICE ADMIRAL FERANDO MAGANA VERDUGO, MN
COMMANDANT, SECOND NAVAL ZONE
REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

Remarks By:

LIEUTENANT MARCO A. GUTIERREZ NUÑEZ, MN
PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER,
MEXICAN SHIP A-18

LIEUTENANT JOSE A. SAUL UGALDE RUIZ, MN
PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER,
MEXICAN SHIP A-19

LIEUTENANT PEDRO SALMERON ORTIZ, MN
PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER,
MEXICAN SHIP A-20

VICE ADMIRAL FERNANDO MAGANA VERDUGO, MN
ORDERS THE COMMISSIONING OF
MEXICAN SHIPS A-18, A-19 AND A-20

Crews March Aboard

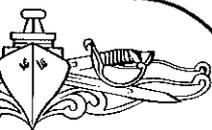
National Anthem of the Republic of Mexico

Set the Watch

Retire the Colors

Benediction

Departure of Official Party



FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| LCDR Dewey WALLEY | 15 NOV 1943 – 23 APR 1946 |
| LT Davis MENSHEN | 23 APR 1946 – 26 JUN 1946 |
| LT Herman A. SCHULOVITZ | 26 JUN 1946 – 08 SEP 1946 |
| ENS WILLIAM A. DALLIS | 08 SEP 1946 – 11 SEP 1946 |
| LT Andrew G. MACKAY | 11 SEP 1946 – 23 SEP 1947 |
| LT Louis C. GUNN | 23 SEP 1947 – 24 OCT 1947 |
| LT William A. RACETTE | 24 OCT 1947 – 05 DEC 1947 |
| LT Frederic L. BAYS | 05 DEC 1947 – 16 MAY 1948 |
| LT Maurice L. SAWIN | 16 MAY 1948 – 03 JUL 1951 |
| LT Ray T. TRIBBLE | 03 JUL 1951 – 09 AUG 1952 |
| LCDR Walter C. D. KEEHN | 09 AUG 1952 – 29 MAY 1954 |
| LT George V. HAINES | 29 MAY 1954 – 18 APR 1957 |
| LCDR Robert L. THORSON | 18 APR 1957 – 21 JUN 1958 |
| LT Louis A. DOWNEY | 21 JUN 1958 – 08 OCT 1960 |
| LT Stanislaus J. SOWINSKY | 08 OCT 1960 – 21 JUL 1962 |
| LT Calvin C. REED | 21 JUL 1962 – 07 AUG 1964 |
| LT James R. WILLIAMS | 07 AUG 1964 – 09 DEC 1966 |
| LT Dale E. ALEXANDER | 09 DEC 1966 – 02 NOV 1968 |
| LT Ronald J. SECORD | 02 NOV 1968 – 05 DEC 1970 |
| LT J. M. RENWICK | 05 DEC 1970 – 21 JUL 1972 |
| LCDR Daniel SALINAS II | 21 JUL 1972 – 15 DEC 1974 |
| LT Jim W. PARKER | 15 DEC 1974 – 01 JAN 1977 |



The officers and men of the
USS ABNAKI (ATF-96)
wish the Commanding Officer
and crew of the
YAQUI (A-18)
FAIR WINDS and FOLLOWING SEAS

DECOMMISSIONING

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| LT W. D. MASTERS | OTTUMWA, IA. |
| LTJG K. L. SKUDIN | FREEPORT, NY. |
| LTJG R. C. BRADFORD | INDIAN HARBOR BEACH, FL. |
| CWO2 A. EDWARDS | HARVEY, LA. |
| ETN2 P. R. ALLISON | COLUMBIA FALLS, MT. |
| MS2 B. A. BASSETT | HARDWICK, VT. |
| EM2 E. M. BASUBAS | SAN JUAN, SOUTHERN LEYTE RP |
| EMFN W. E. BENNETT | NASHVILLE, TN. |
| QM2 M. J. BISTER | RIVERSIDE, CA. |
| EN1 M. C. BOLING | EMPORIA, KS. |
| HTFN W. S. BRUNT | THE DALLES, OR. |
| SN K. E. BURNS | NORFOLK, VA. |
| EN2 A. B. CANONIGO | CEBU CITY, RP |
| SH3 N. C. CATOLOS | ANGONO, RIZAL, RP |
| SN C. D. DAVIS | HILLSBORO, OR. |
| ENFN D. A. DAVIS | LINTHICUM, MD. |
| EN3 J. A. DORAN | VENTURA, CA. |
| BM2 P. R. DURLAO | PAOAY, ILOCOS NORTE, RP |
| SH3 R. L. EDWARDS | KINSTON, NC. |
| SA R. W. ESSMAN | MEHAMA, OR. |
| EM3 R. J. FEITZINGER | GILBERTSVILLE, NY. |
| HT3 S. R. FENSTERMACHER | PINE GROVE, PA. |
| RM3 D. L. FRY | IOLA, KS. |
| ENC M. L. GILL | COATSVILLE, PA. |
| SH3 A. E. HAMPTON | MONROE, LA. |
| BMC L. C. HIPNER | WAYNE, MI. |
| EN3 T. C. HOFFMAN | ONIDA, SD. |

CREW

PN1 A. P. HOLSTEIN JR.

BM2 C. L. JACKSON

QMC J. P. JENSEN

SN A. T. JOHNSON

QMSN J. C. KLIMECK

BM3 P. LAMONICA JR.

RM1 B. D. LAUTZENHEISER

EN3 A. C. LINDHOLM

ETR2 G. A. MAXEY

ETR2 S. M. MCDOWELL

BM3 K. L. MILES

ETR2 S. A. MILLER

EM2 C. C. MISENAS

EMFN C. G. OMBINA

RMSN M. S. PARKS

HT2 H. G. PIPER

HT2 T. D. RIMER

EN2 R. C. RODMAN

SN R. S. SERAPHINE

SA F. L. SHEPPERSON

MS2 G. W. SMITH

HM1 J. M. TALICURAN

SKC J. S. TARIS

MS1 G. L. TIPTON

SM2 B. L. TOWNSLEY

IC1 J. H. WONDERLY

GMG2 R. W. WOODALL

GENEVA, OH.

COLUMBUS, OH.

HOQUIAM, WA.

LAKEMORE, OH

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO.

BROOKLYN, NY.

WILLSHIRE, OH.

ISLE, MN.

SIMI VALLEY, CA.

SPOKANE, WA.

CLEVELAND, OH.

GOODING, ID.

CAVITE CITY, RP

LOON BOHOL, RP

LAS VEGAS, NV.

HARLAN, IA.

TUCSON, AZ.

BAKERFIELD, CA.

FULLERTON, CA.

DANVILLE, PA.

SAN ANGELO, TX.

CALLOS, SANTA CRUZ, RP

FORTORIA, OH.

LITTLE ROCK, AR.

BATESVILLE, AR.

WESCOESVILLE, PA.

MURFREESBORO, AR.