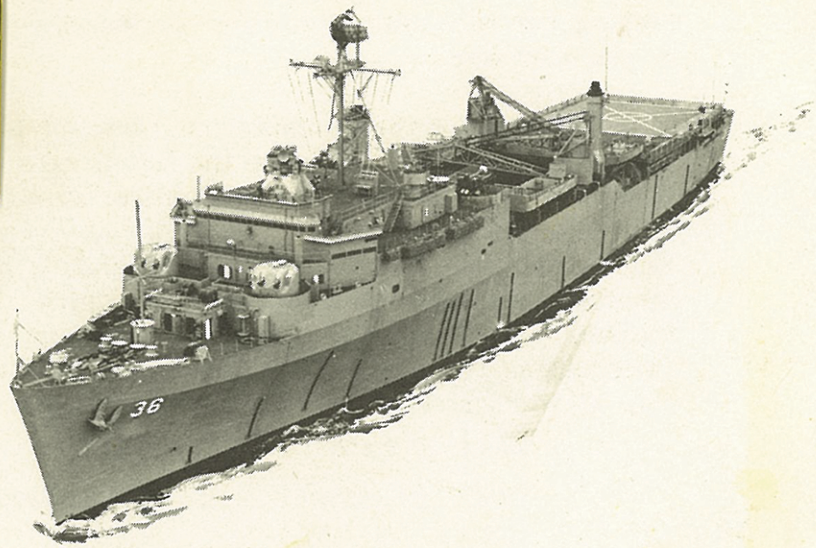
Commissioning Ceremony

USS ANCHORAGE

DOCK LANDING SHIP

LSD-36



15 March 1969

NORFOLK NAVAL SHIPYARD

PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

THE COMMISSIONING OF A NAVY SHIP

The commissioning ceremony of a naval ship marks the initiation of service in the Operating Forces of the United States Navy. At the moment of breaking her commissioning pennant, USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36) becomes the responsibility of her Commanding Officer, who together with the Ship's Company, then has the duty of making and keeping her constantly ready for any service demanded by our country in peace or war.

The origin of the commissioning pennant is believed to date back to the Dutch War of 1653-4, when the Dutch were fighting the English. The Dutch Admiral hoisted a broom at his masthead to indicate his intention to sweep the English from the sea. The gesture was soon answered by the English Admiral Robert Blake who hoisted a horsewhip to indicate his intention to overpower and defeat the Dutch. The British succeeded in fulfilling their boast and ever since the narrow, or coachwhip, pennant (symbolizing the original horsewhip) has been the distinctive mark of a ship of war and has been adopted by all nations.

UNITED STATES SHIP
ANCHORAGE
(LSD-36)

Built by

THE INGALLS SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION
A Division of Litton Industries
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Keel Laid ..... March 13, 1967
Launched ..... May 5, 1968
Commissioned ..... March 15, 1969

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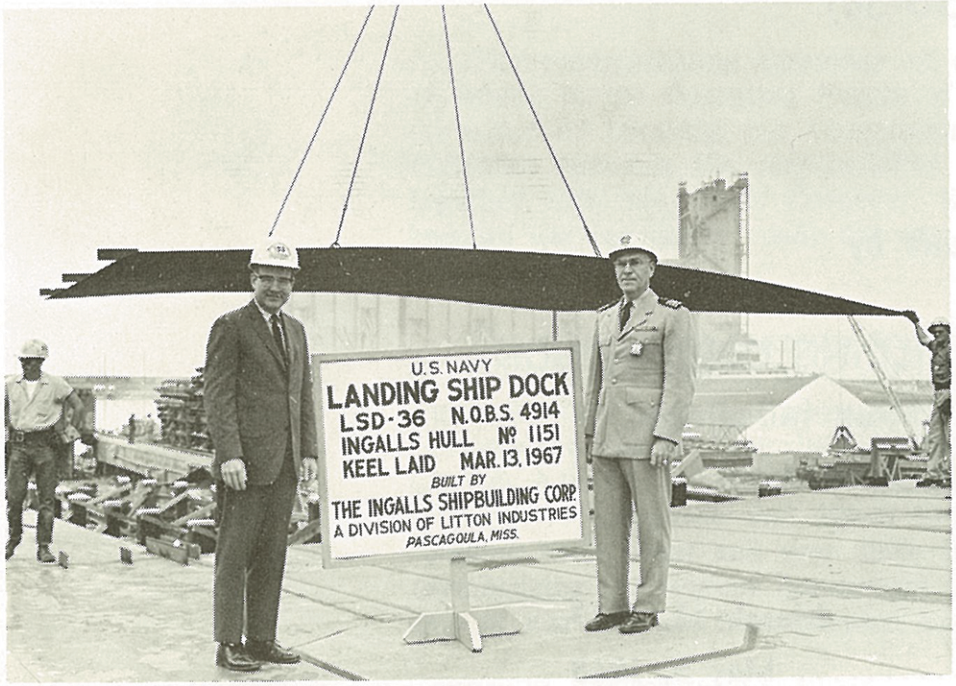

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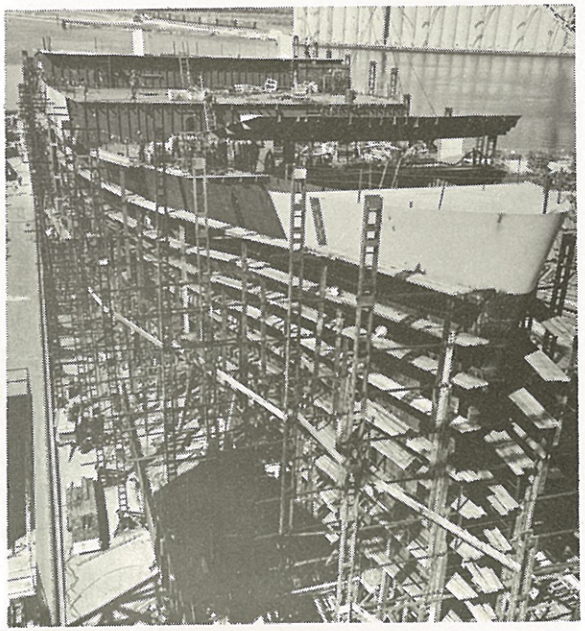

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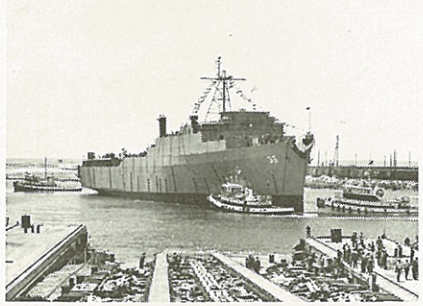

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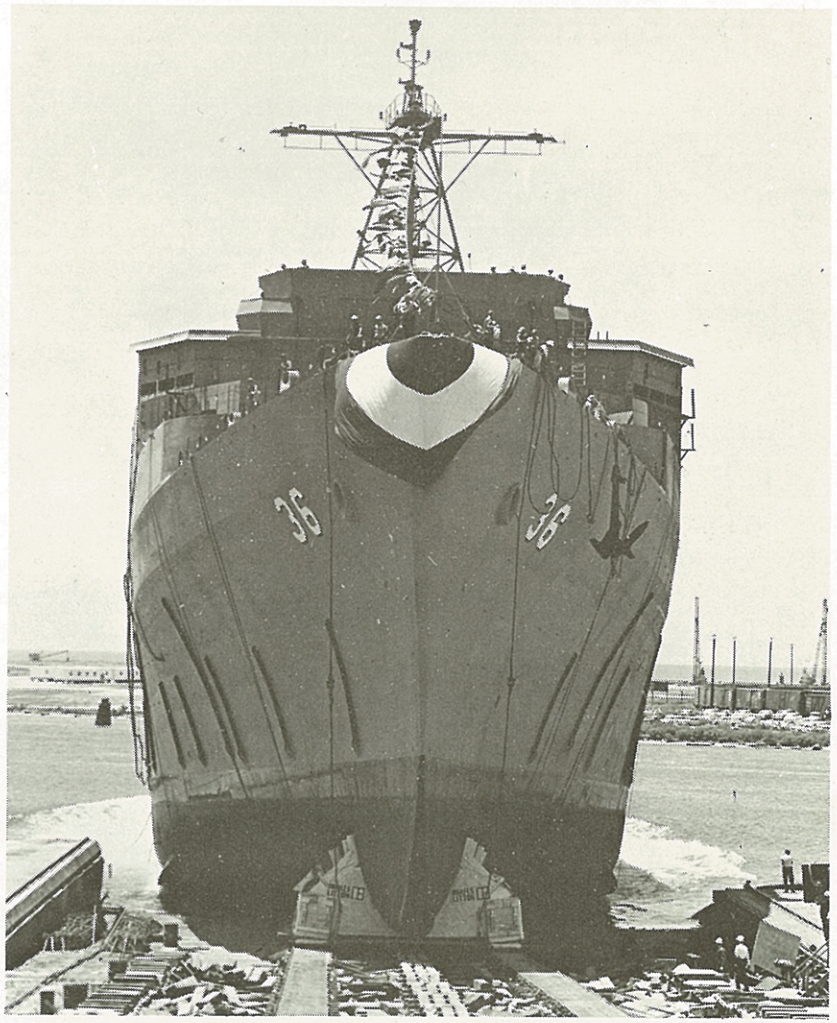

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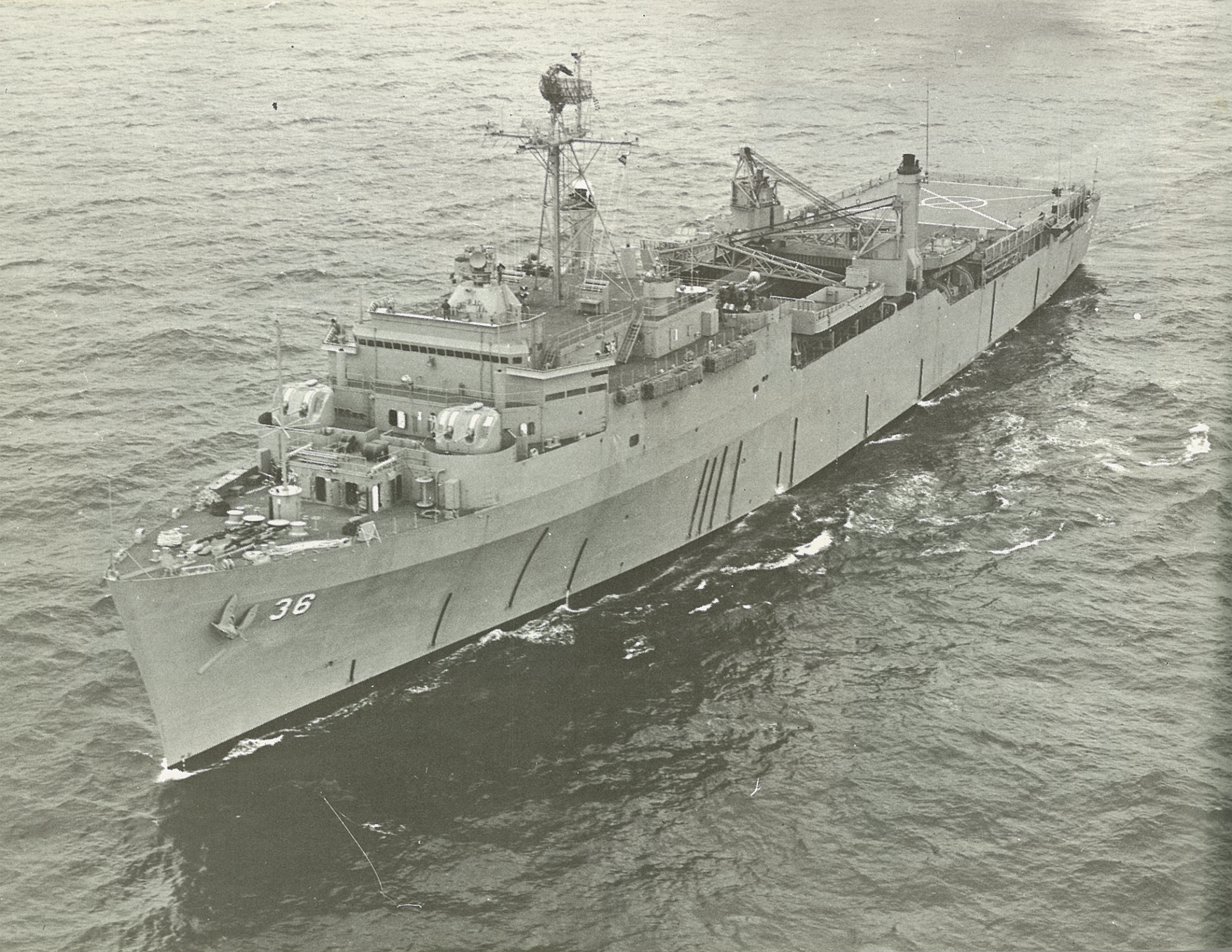
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USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)

A new class of amphibious assault ship, USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36) is the prototype of a new series of Dock Landing Ship designed to operate as an integral part of a balanced, mobile, and modern amphibious striking force giving greater dimensions to the Navy's troop and vehicle lifting capability.

Designated a Dock Landing Ship, ANCHORAGE couples a well deck with a flight deck for added versatility. Primarily designed to transport pre-loaded heavy landing craft to an objective area and discharge them rapidly, she is also equipped with machine shops and repair facilities to provide any docking and repairs to small ships up to the size of harbor tugs. ANCHORAGE's lift capability includes the berthing, feeding, and cargo transport for over 400 fully equipped combat troops, transporting them to an objective area for ultimate debarkation in her pre-packaged landing craft or for transfer to other personnel boats within the accompanying Amphibious Task Force. Intrinsically a part of the well deck operation is a ballasting system that allows the well deck to be filled with sea water to a depth necessary for loading heavy landing craft such as the LCU and the somewhat smaller LCM-8.

Although not specifically designed for helicopter operations in great volume, ANCHORAGE's flight deck is large enough to permit operation and stowage of one medium-sized helicopter. Aviation features include limited facilities for helicopter repair and maintenance, helicopter refueling rigs, aviation gasoline stowage, and troop debarkation stations for helicopter assaults.

USS ANCHORAGE is 553 feet long, has a maximum beam of 84 feet, and has a navigational draft of 18 feet 7 inches. Full load displacement is 13,700 tons. The ship is armed with four twin 3 inch/50 caliber rapid fire gun mounts, controlled by three fire control systems. The ship's design speed is in excess of 20 knots.

The ANCHORAGE's personnel allowance consists of some 21 officers and 286 enlisted men. Combined with her troop capacity, ANCHORAGE has accommodations for 51 officers and 742 enlisted personnel.

After fitting out at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, ANCHORAGE will depart for her home port in San Diego, California. There she will undergo shakedown training prior to joining the Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

THE CITY . . .

THE CITY OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Anchorage was born when President Woodrow Wilson signed the Alaska Railroad Bill, 14 March 1914, 136 years after the famed English explorer-navigator, Captain James Cook, had first taken possession of the area for the British Crown. Ship Creek, located at the head of Cook Inlet, was selected for the site of Anchorage as an operating base for construction of the railroad as well as being the best location for the construction of wharf facilities. Anchorage was then regarded as having great potential as a coal terminal. After the railroad was completed in 1923, coal possibilities crumbled when the Navy announced conversion to oil. A second boom came in 1935 when the Federal Government launched the Matanuska Valley Colonization Project, transplanting two hundred families from mid-western United States to the Matanuska farmlands. The third big development started with the World War II defense buildup, a growth still in progress, with the realization that Anchorage plays a key role in the United States as well as in North American polar military strategy. Currently, increased interest in Alaska's natural resources promises a new era in the offing, while Anchorage's importance as a transportation center broadens the community's economic base.

Geographically located at 61 degree north latitude and 150 degrees west longitude, Anchorage is as far north as Oslo, Norway, and only seven degrees east of Honolulu. Situated on a plain 114 feet above sea level, Anchorage is bounded on the east by the Chugach Mountains, and on the west by the confluence of Knik Arm, the outlet bay of the Knik River, and Turnagain Arm forming Cook Inlet. To the north is Elmendorf Air Force Base, the headquarters of the Alaskan Command, and Fort Richardson, the largest U. S. Army post in Alaska. Thus from tent city in 1914 to incorporation in 1920, culminating in Alaskan statehood in January 1959, Anchorage has become the largest city in the largest state with a present day population of over 53,000 people and an area of fifteen square miles. Adopting a council-city manager form of civil government in 1946, Anchorage has steadily progressed into a first class city, earning All-America City recognition in 1956, and adopting its charter in 1959.

In addition to its changing political face, Anchorage's economy has likewise become as diverse as its dynamic and cosmopolitan population. The city is the transportation hub for all of Alaska. The Alaskan Railroad, with headquarters in Anchorage, runs 470 miles northward through Anchorage to Fairbanks. As the "Air Crossroads of the World", Anchorage fills a key position on the transpolar and Great Circle flights linking the United States with Europe and the Orient. Southward, 128 miles by paved road, is the seaport of Seward, located on the Kenai Peninsula. This peninsula and Cook Inlet have gained fame in recent years by virture of the petroleum and natural gas discoveries and development in those areas. Homer, a small city on Kachemak Bay on the southwestern tip of the peninsula, is a fishing and seafood processing center, 224 miles by road from Anchorage.

The area's economy is based largely on the support it renders to the armed forces; the construction industry with highways, utilities, and structures; shipping, receiving, and warehousing; banking and commerce; personal services, tourist industry; transportation (air, rail, sea, and highway); and general supply functions for South Central Alaska. While the earthquake of 27 March 1964 wreaked millions of dollars worth of damage in the area, recovery has been rapid and there is little evidence of this disaster.

In being for a little more than fifty years, Anchorage is growing, the metropolitan area currently numbering approximately 130,000 people, and is consolidating its position as the financial and economic nerve center of the State of Alaska.

THE SPONSOR

Mrs. Alexander S. Heyward, Jr., wife of Vice Admiral Alexander S. Heyward, Jr., USN (Ret.), is the former Virginia Nicholson of Camden, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Camden High School and attended Winthrop College and the University of South Carolina. Married in 1930, she and the Admiral have three children: Mrs. Alexander Heyward Boykin of Camden, S. C., Lieutenant Commander Shannon D. Heyward, USN, and McCartney N. Heyward of Manassas, Virginia. They have seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Heyward is an avid gardener. She is presently involved in this hobby on an extensive scale in their retirement home at Westville, South Carolina, which they have named Persimmon Hill.

Mrs. Alexander S. Heyward, Jr.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON
20 January 1969

Dear Captain:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of ANCHORAGE (LSD-36).

Your new ship is a significant addition to our Navy's modern amphibious capability. We live in a dangerous age; as perhaps never before in our history, America is called upon to stand ready to protect her own vital interests and those of the free world. The fleet's ability to rapidly transport and land powerful amphibious forces wherever they may be needed has, time and again, demonstrated its value as an effective deterrent to aggression. You and every man of ANCHORAGE's crew have a vital and demanding part in developing to the fullest degree this peacekeeping power.

"All through our nation's history," President Johnson has reminded us, "the prosperity of our people and their safety have been tied very closely to the role we play on the seas of the world. That is a role we can never wisely or safely forget." This is your responsibility; this is your challenge. As a seaman, you know that only good ships and good sailors can keep the seas free. I am sure that, guided by your leadership and example, ANCHORAGE will meet the demands of the future in Navy fashion.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Ignatius

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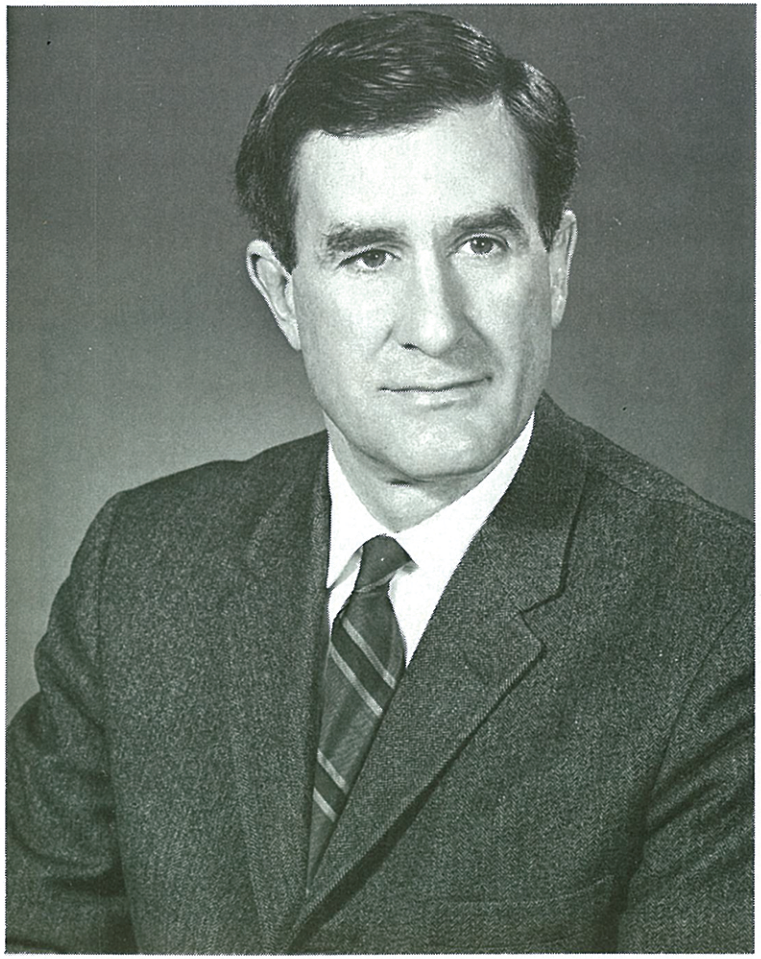
Commander Percy S. Beaman, USN
PCO, ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN
Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation
Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

To the officers and men of USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36) with best wishes.

Paul R. Ignatius
Secretary of the Navy

HONORABLE PAUL R. IGNATIUS
Former Secretary of the Navy



To the Officers and men of
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Secretary of the Navy
15 March 1969

HONORABLE JOHN H. CHAFEE
Secretary of the Navy

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

11 FEB 1969

Commander Percy S. Beaman, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)
Pre-Commissioning Detail
U. S. Naval Base
Norfolk, Virginia 23511

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"Each moment in history is a fleeting time, precious and unique," President Nixon reminded us on Inauguration Day; "but some stand out as moments of beginning, in which courses are set that shape decades or centuries." It is your privilege to share in one of these precious beginnings, helping to maintain that power at sea which is one of America's most essential safeguards. This is your responsibility; this is your challenge. As a man of the sea, you know that only good ships and good sailors can keep the seas free. I am sure that, guided by your leadership and example, ANCHORAGE will meet the demands of the future in Navy fashion.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Chafee

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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

14 March 1969

Dear Captain:

My sincere best wishes go to you and your crew on the commissioning of ANCHORAGE (LSD-36). May the voyage ahead be most rewarding and challenging.

A navy's strength lies in its ships, but most of all in the men who sail and fight them. ANCHORAGE will fully realize her capabilities as a powerful protector of our nation's freedom and peace through the loyal efforts of every man on board. This is a matter not only of technical competence, but of true dedication to duty and to country. It requires men who will, in any weather, "stand by the flag."

"The force that binds us to our flag is a mystic, beautiful force," Governor Shafer of Pennsylvania recently told us. "It cannot be fully explained. It can only be felt. This is what American sailors, soldiers and marines have comprehended better than learned philosophers." ANCHORAGE's part in the defense of America will thus be determined less by her weapons and machinery than by this intangible, but very real, spirit as exemplified in you and in the men who serve with you.

On behalf of the Navy, I welcome ANCHORAGE to the fleet. May the best of good fortune be yours in the voyage ahead.

Sincerely,

T. H. Moorer

T. H. MOORER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commander Percy S. Beaman, USN
PCO, ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)
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To: The Officers and Men of Anchorage – may you always have fair winds and following seas in the challenging and demanding days which lie before you.

T. H. Moorer
Chief of Naval Operations

ADMIRAL THOMAS H. MOORER, USN
Chief of Naval Operations

Congratulations on her commissioning; together with all good wishes for an illustrious future in our great U.S. Navy to U.S.S. Anchorage (LSD-36) and those fine Navy men who will sail in her.

John J. Hyland Admiral U.S.N.
C. in C. U.S. Pacific Fleet

ADMIRAL JOHN J. HYLAND, USN
Commander in Chief
U. S. Pacific Fleet

Commander in Chief
United States Pacific Fleet
8 February 1969

Dear Commander Beaman:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and the officers and men of the USS ANCHORAGE to the Pacific Fleet. The capabilities of this fine ship and her trained men will play a vital role in our Pacific commitment.

I am confident that the ANCHORAGE will have an illustrious career. May you enjoy all that goes with smooth sailing.

Sincerely,

John J. Hyland

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Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander P. S. Beaman, U. S. Navy
Prospective Commanding Officer
USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36)
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Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567

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

Dear Captain Beaman:

USS ANCHORAGE will soon become an active member of the Amphibious Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. The ship joins the force during a period when ever-greater operational requirements are being handled by the amphibious fleet.

ANCHORAGE will provide highly important support for amphibious commanders. The fifteen LSD's which preceded her into this force have performed exceptional feats while attached to our hard working Amphibious Ready Groups off the Vietnamese coast. I am sure this new ship will add further laurels to their proud record when she gets her turn.

As ANCHORAGE's first Commanding Officer, you have a great responsibility to discharge. It will be your duty, and your challenge to establish the procedures and the tone which will chart the ship's course for years to come. You have my every confidence in this endeavor.

On behalf of the Amphibious Force, I bid you a hearty welcome to the fleet. We will be most pleased to have the officers and men of ANCHORAGE on our team.

Sincerely,

J. V. Smith

J. V. SMITH
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Captain Percy S. Beaman
Prospective Commanding Officer
USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)

VICE ADMIRAL JOHN V. SMITH, USN
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JAMES C. DEMPSEY, USN
Commandant Fifth Naval District

VICE ADMIRAL
LUTHER C. HEINZ, USN
Commander Amphibious Force
U. S. Atlantic Fleet

THE MAYOR

Now serving as the Mayor of Anchorage, George Murray Sullivan has long been involved in civic and public affairs.

He was born in Valdez, Alaska on March 31, 1922. His vocation began in the Alaskan trucking industry where he served as line driver for the Alaska Freight Lines, Inc.

After serving as U. S. Deputy Marshal for the Nenana, Alaska District from 1946-52, Mr. Sullivan returned to the trucking industry. He served first as Manager of the Alaska Freight Lines, Inc. of Fairbanks and then as Manager of the Branch Office of the Consolidated Freightways Corporation of Delaware in Anchorage.

Keeping his interests diversified, Mr. Sullivan also served as Councilman from Fairbanks from 1955-59 and as a Member of the Alaska House of Representatives in 1964-65. In 1965-67, he served as a Councilman of Anchorage until his decision to run for Mayor, a post he was elected to in 1967.

Some of the civic and public organizations of which Mr. Sullivan has been a member of are: Board of Directors of Western Council of the Boy Scouts of America; Member of National Defense Transportation Association (president 1962-63) ; Pioneers of Alaska; Past President of the Alaskan Junior Chamber of Commerce; Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Elks; and Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Sullivan is married to the former Margaret Eagan and has eight children: Timothy, Harvey, Daniel, Kevin, Colleen, George, Michael and Shannon.

HONORABLE GEORGE M. SULLIVAN
Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska

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U. S. S. ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)

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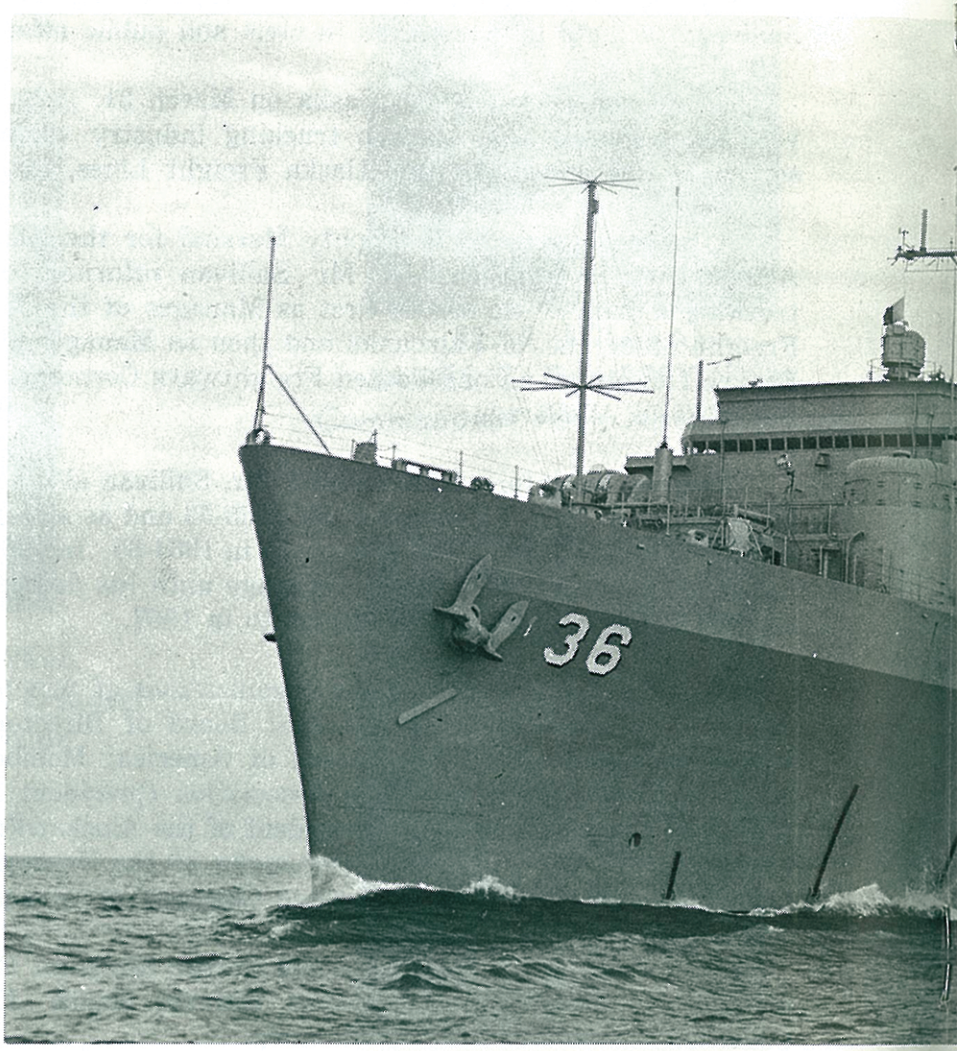

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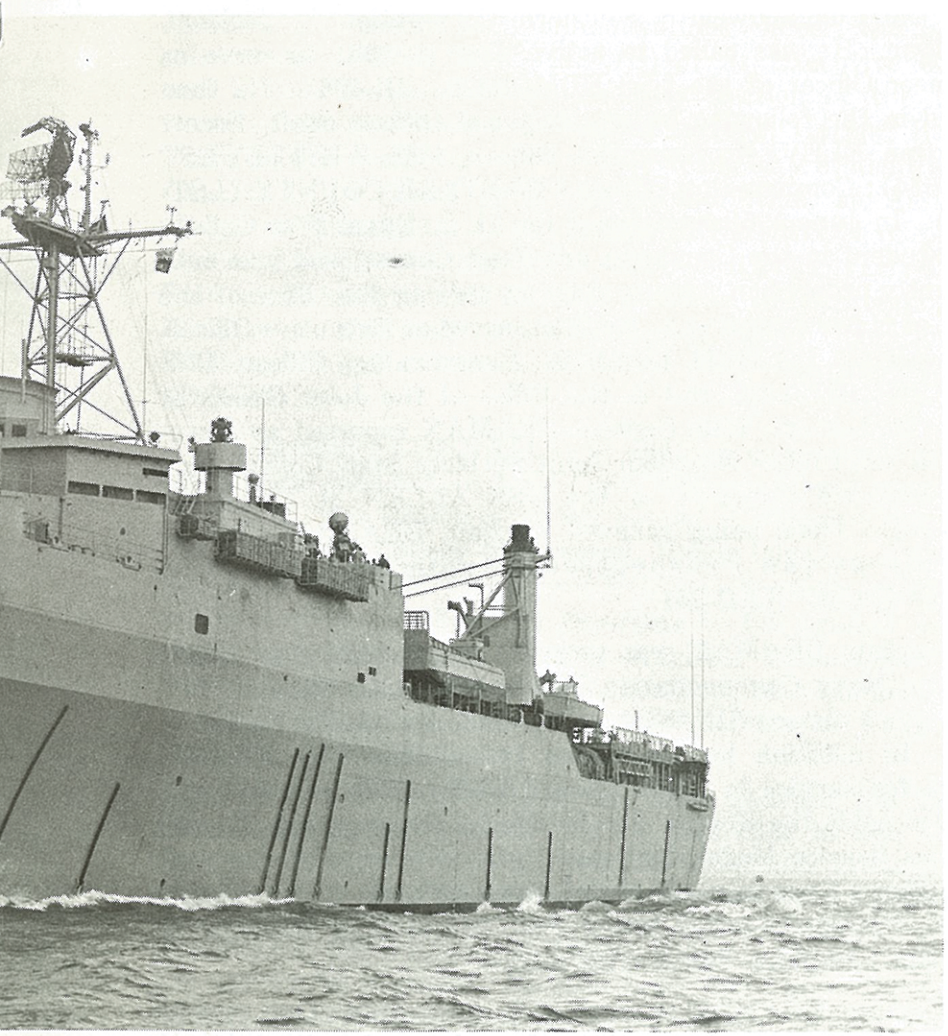

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COMMANDING OFFICER

CAPTAIN PERCY S. BEAMAN, USN

Captain Percy Stuart BEAMAN attended North Carolina State College (1942-1943) prior to entering the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. Following graduation he sailed on several merchant tankers in various engineering capacities. After World War II, Captain BEAMAN was employed as an Engineer with the Commonwealth Southern Corporation in Jackson, Michigan. He was called to active duty in 1951 to serve as Engineer Officer of the USS EDMONDS (DE-406). He then served in the following billets: Material Officer, Staff, Escort Squadron ELEVEN; Executive Officer, USS WHITEHURST (DE-634); Commanding Officer, USS STARK COUNTY (LST-1134). In June 1958 he entered the U. S. Naval War College as a student in the Command and Staff Course, and was subsequently ordered in August 1959 to duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He then served as Executive Officer, USS JONAS INGRAM (DD-938), Commanding Officer, USS BROUGH (DE-148), and in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In January 1966 Captain BEAMAN reported as a student in the United Kingdom Joint Services Staff College, and then assumed command of the USS ALLEN M. SUMNER (DD-692). Upon being relieved, Captain BEAMAN reported for duty as the Prospective Commanding Officer, USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36).

Captain BEAMAN was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal, both with Combat "V", for service aboard SUMNER in Vietnamese coastal waters in 1967. In addition he wears the Presidential Unit Citation Badge for service in Korea aboard EDMONDS in 1951-1952. He also holds the Korean Service Medal (three stars), United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (one star), Navy Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (two stars), and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device.

Captain BEAMAN is married to the former Lois Peel of Benton Harbor, Michigan. His wife and two daughters, Beth and Janet, reside in Tustin, California. His son, Larry, is currently serving in the United States Army.

Commander Robert F. CONNALLY was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on 30 May 1929 and now makes his home in Manasquan, New Jersey. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, in 1952 and commenced his naval career through the Naval Officer Candidate program shortly thereafter. His early assignments were in the destroyer BRISTOL (DD-857) as Communications Officer, the coastal minesweeper BOBOLINK (MSC(O)-2) as Executive Officer, and in the Communications Security Section of the Naval Security Group Detachment located in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. From Hawaii, successive tours were spent as a student at the General Line School in Monterey, California, as Assistant Weapons Officer in the heavy cruiser BREMERTON (CA-130), and as Executive Officer of WALDO COUNTY (LST-1163). Subsequent assignments included a tour in the Strategic Plans Division on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington and as Executive Officer of the destroyer HULL (DD-945).

Commander CONNALLY, in addition to graduating from the General Line School, USN Post Graduate School, Monterey, California, is a graduate of the School of Naval Warfare at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and holds a Masters Degree in International Relations from George Washington University. Prior to reporting to his present assignment, he served as the Senior Advisor, Vietnamese Third Coastal Zone and as Commander, Southern Surveillance Group (Task Group 115.3) with joint headquarters in Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam.

Commander CONNALLY has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat "V"), a Gold Star in lieu of the second Bronze Star, the Navy Achievement Medal (with Combat "V"), the Meritorious Unit Commendation (with one star), in addition to the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, the Vietnamese Medal of Honor, First Class, for his service in Vietnam. He also holds the Navy Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal (with star), Vietnam Service Medal (with four stars), Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

COMMANDER ROBERT F. CONNALLY, USN

ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)

SHIP'S COMPANY

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Ensign
LAWRENCE M. LEE, USNR
Personnel Officer

SMC GEORGE S. GOULART, USN
Chief Master-at-Arms

YNC ESAW LONG, JR., USN

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Second Class Petty Officers

PN2 John G. Mertens

Third Class Petty Officers

YN3 David C. Finstad
PC3 Everett F. Signer
PN3 Frank H. King

Seamen

YNSN Daniel J. Beckwith
SN John V. Claxton
SN James D. Mitchell
SN Ronald P. Little
SN William B. Gurney

NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant
HOMER R. BURROW, USNR
Navigator

First Class Petty Officers
QM1 Vernon A. Craig

Second Class Petty Officers
QM2 David A. Teem

Third Class Petty Officers
QM3 Michael A. Nacrelli
QM3 James W. Mauss

Seamen
SN Thomas H. Peterson
SA A. James Hanson

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant
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Operations Officer

Lieutenant
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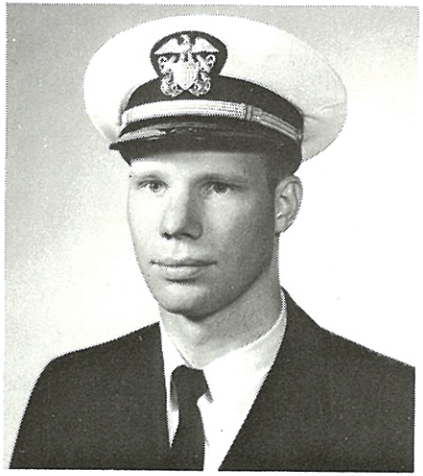
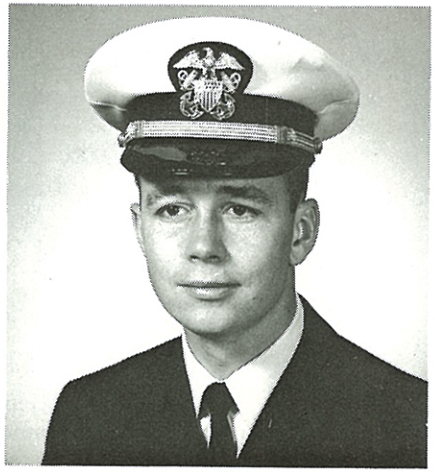


Lieutenant Junior Grade
ROY E. ZINN, USNR
CIC Officer



Ensign
WILLARD E. WITTE, USNR
Assistant CIC Officer/
Electronics Material Officer

Ensign
RALPH D. RHODES, USNR
Signal Officer

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (Enlisted)

First Class Petty Officers

RD1 William J. Mogan
RM1 Robert E. Keithley
RM1 Henry N. Wall
RM1 James L. Malone
ET1 Clyde E. Paschall
ET1 Robert J. Woods

Second Class Petty Officers

RD2 Edward E. Barthlome
SM2 Wendell D. Ake
ETN2 Clifford B. Williamson

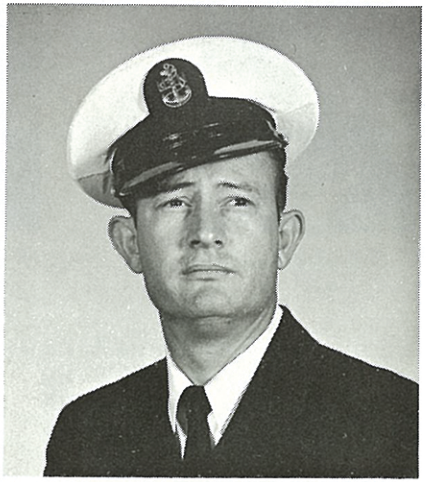
Third Class Petty Officers

RM3 Larry R. Baxter
RD3 James L. Fackler
RD3 William E. York
SM3 James L. Donley
ETN3 William H. Schuh
ETN3 Robert F. Weller
ETR3 Richard W. Lagowski

Seamen

RDSN Theodore G. Atkinson
RDSN Edward H. Dye
RDSN Craig R. Fisher
RMSN Frederick C. Passi
RMSN Terry L. Sherman
RMSN Michael W. Smith
CYNSN William K. Royster
CYNSN Paul F. Hudson
SMSN Angelo L. Ditrento
SN Daniel L. Biederwolf
SN John V. Kerley
SN Judson Winegardener
SN Mark F. Fazakerly
SN Donald P. Benefiel

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



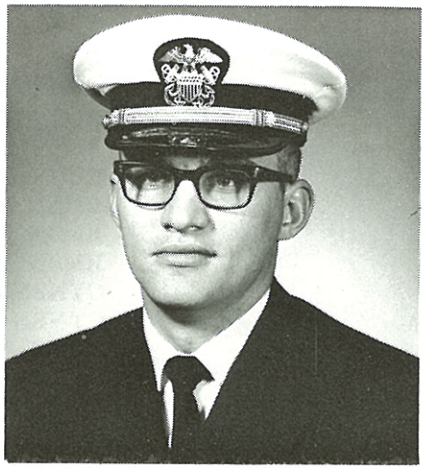
RMC SHERMAN O. GOODE

DECK DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant
CARL S. CLOCK, JR., USN
First Lieutenant

Ensign
KENNETH G. WIKLE, USN
Second Division Officer

Warrant Officer
GARY N. CHILDERS, USN
Ship's Boatswain



Ensign
ROBERT W. HAAGENSEN, USNR
Weapons Officer

DECK DEPARTMENT (Enlisted)

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

BMCS WALTER W. VAUGHN

GMGC LEONARD J. GOMES

First Class Petty Officers

BM1 Ronald L. Callis
BM1 Fred T. Naven
BM1 Dick E. Wiltse

Second Class Petty Officers

GMG2 George J. Thomas
GMG2 William P. Gordon
GMG2 Clifford D. Roberson
FTG2 Fenn B. Newell
FTG2 Vernon L. Poe

Third Class Petty Officers

GMG3 Paul V. Clifford
GMG3 Paul V. Hicks
FTG3 John R. Gunter
BM3 Charles R. Clifton
BM3 Terry R. Haug
BM3 James G. Henkel
BM3 Lester V. Myers

Seamen

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FTGSN Martin S. Mattson
FTGSN Jon W. Stout
GMGSN Bruce E. Parbst
GMGSN Barry A. Peterson
SN William C. Roberts
SN Russell C. Rodriguez
SN Robert E. Fleming
SN Thomas W. Peck
SN Howard L. Holcomb
SN Aaron T. Wheatley
SN Carl F. Weyenberg
SN James E. Surma
SN Roger D. Trimble
SN Thomas D. Townsend
SN Leon C. Tiggeman
SN Richard C. Thomson
SN Steven P. Terp
SN Gerl D. Frazier
SN Terry L. Stewart
SN Richard C. Ford
SN Daniel B. Frost
SN Daniel D. Stersic
SN Arnoldo Elzy
SN Derral D. Smith
SN James H. Slipsager
SN Larry D. Hall
SN Gary T. Short
SN Larry L. Dutcher
SN Thomas T. Shoats
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SN Larry C. Norton
SN Thomas C. Bianez
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SN Robert Z. Vernan
SN Douglas D. Roelfs
SN Charles Robinson
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SN Edwin R. Pliett
SN Steve S. Codekas
SN Michael J. Peterson
SN Ronald J. Baker
SN John R. Beckman
SN William R. Eary
SN Raymond J. Allmann
SN Lucius D. Morton
SN Myrl L. Gilbert
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SN Charles M. Holcomb
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SN David T. Duncan
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SN Barry M. Martin
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SN Peter P. Kampitsis
GMGSA William Heffelfinger
SA Norman D. Brantley
SA Leo J. Deters
SA Dannie D. Cooper
SA Robert Knapp
SA Ronald E. Mohs
SA Lawrence R. Kennedy

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant
ROBERT J. PAYNE, USN
Engineer Officer

Lieutenant Junior Grade
RICHARD L. SELLERS, USN
Assistant Engineer Officer

Ensign
GEORGE H. MELLEN, JR., USNR
Repair Assistant

Warrant Officer
JAMES E. MILLETTE, USN
Main Propulsion Assistant

Warrant Officer
ROBERT T. FINNEY, USN
Damage Control/Ballasting Assistant

Warrant Officer
CURTISS L. JOHNSON, USN
Electrical Officer

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (Enlisted)

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

DCCS JESS L. MURRAY

MMC CHARLES R. BUNNER

BTC GREGORIO P. DIAZ

ENC CLIFFORD W. BRANDON

EMC MELVIN E. LASH, JR.

SFC CHARLES E. HALL

Petty Officers First Class

EN1 Romulo I. Caluya
EN1 Joseph W. Carter
MR1 George E. Almer
BT1 Glen E. Schanke
BT1 Louis L. Anderson
BT1 Glen Southerns
EM1 Candido R. Cabug
IC1 Richard D. Lawson
MM1 Harvey W. Cummings
MM1 Norman L. Hubbard
DC1 John P. Stanks

Petty Officers Second Class

EN2 Kenneth W. Douglas
BT2 Frank J. Collins
BT3 John J. Arredondo
BT2 Michael P. Fowler
BT2 Jeremiah R. Watson
EM2 Robert A. Jenkins
EM2 Giova V. Sgambelluri
EM2 James E. Shannon
IC2 George A. Grauberger
MM2 Peter D. Nelson
MM2 Paul L. Johnson
MM2 Randall L. Radcliff
MM2 John M. Eaton
MM2 Paul E. Endriss
SFP2 Theodore F. Marlik
DC2 William L. Varnadoe

Petty Officers Third Class

EN3 Russell E. Hanvey
EN3 Donald J. Nelson
EN3 Richard W. Craven
EN3 Ellsworth S. Morita
EN3 Larry C. Winn
MM3 James V. Rogers
MM3 William M. Young
BT3 Jerry A. Hannon
BT3 Harlen G. Bucklew
BT3 Danny J. Hill
BT3 John A. Lankerd
EM3 Gerald L. Hoppe
IC3 Jerry W. Voegtli
MM3 Robert J. Burkey
MM3 Shelby C. Coffman
MM3 Joseph B. Engram
MM3 Robert L. Keller
SFM3 Donald L. Russell
SFP3 James E. Humphrey
SFP3 Ronald L. Wright
DC3 Richard A. Breum

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FN David L. Simmons
FN Johnny A. Mann
FN Ronald E. Wikstrom
MRFA Gary E. Markl
FA Haskel P. Wells
BTFN David L. Rietveld
FN William E. Merrell
FN Daniel E. Andritsch
FN Edward M. Apligian
FN Thomas C. Blalock
FN Frank Cardinale
FN Don E. Cash
FN Robert W. Klassen
FN William P. Matthews
FN Robert W. McCombs
FN Ernest B. Metclaf
FN Michael J. Mumm
FN Laif A. Olson
FN George W. Petry
FN John P. Ryan
FN William O. Seamans
FN Charles T. Stern
FN Robert T. Williamson
FN William C. Haley
FN Harley D. Hall
FN Lon F. Tobin
FA James E. Bialas
EMFN Charles S. Leroy
EMFN Gregory R. Yarnall
FN James F. McLeod
FN Donald K. Moore
FN Raymond N. Tudor
FN Brian E. Wetter
FN Terry L. Ancar
FN George P. Molloy
FN Nolan J. Billiot
MMFN David P. Gauthier
MMFN Donald H. Rife
MMFN Rodney J. Croney
FN Loren C. Bryon
FN Lyle M. Schwartz
FN Kenneth J. Windsor
FN William M. Baker
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FN Gary W. Larsen
FN Richard W. Miller
FN Leslie E. Simpson
FN Brent D. Stanley
FN Gerald W. Whitaker
FN Steven G. Cauthen
FN Larry J. Garcia
FN Duane A. Persing
FN James R. Barnes
FN Robert W. Parsons
FN Frank D. Mahaffey
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FN Darrell J. Boushley
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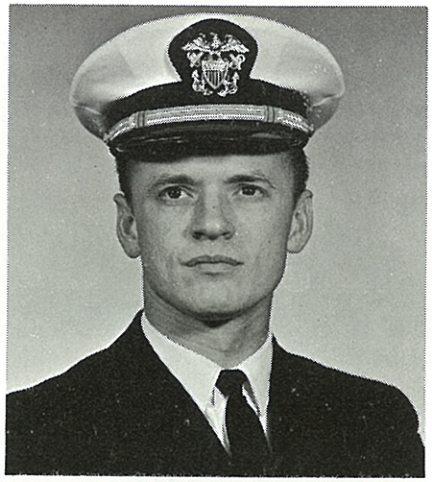


Lieutenant
WILLIAM G. McMILLIAN, SC, USNR
Supply Officer

Lieutenant Junior Grade
DANNY G. CASEY, SC, USNR
Disbursing Officer

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT (Enlisted)

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

SKC CLAUDE B. GARDNER

SDC BENJAMIN MATTHEWS

Petty Officers First Class

SK1 Donald L. Archibald
SH1 James R. Bressert
CS1 Donald R. Jackson
CS1 Possia J. P. Sanders
DK1 Arthur P. May

Petty Officers Second Class

SK2 Benjamin M. Alicdan
SK2 Oscar Padilla
SK2 Marc R. Mull
SH2 John E. Brown
SH2 Alan L. Smith
SD2 Dommy C. Solomon
SD2 Crispin R. Guzman
SD2 Daniel O. Aquino
CS2 Robert C. Smith
CS2 Richard A. Fredrickson

Petty Officers Third Class

SD3 John C. Leano
SD3 Norberto P. Chan
SD3 Edwardo M. Bugayong
SD3 Roddlfo C. Bernal
CS3 James R. Dunn
SK3 Harvey G. Scott
SH3 John H. Sanford
SH3 Edward G. Martinez

Seamen

SKSN William P. McGee
SKSN Patrick M. Nugent
SHSN Jon J. Ruff
CSSN Geoffrey D. Martin
TN Edwin J. Banacia
TN Reynaldo Bobadilla
TN Teodorico Santiago
SN Robert L. Heizer
SN Charles J. Garner
SN Randy W. Sanders
TA Jaime H. Balmes
TA Alfredo G. Adriano

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

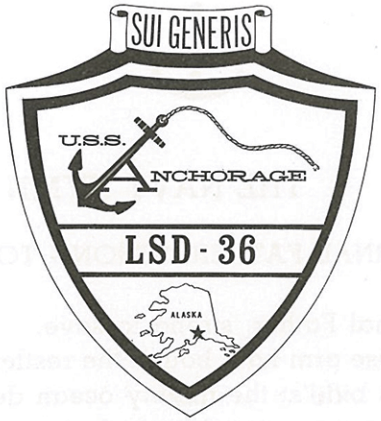
HMC CLIFFORD B. BASSETT, JR.
Senior Medical Department Representative

Petty Officers Second Class

HM2 John D. Brewster
HM2 Stephen L. Sommers

Petty Officers Third Class

HM3 Robert A. Gurney



INSIGNIA OF USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36)

The ANCHORAGE insignia portrays both the origin and meaning of her name, including the reason for her existence and depicting that she is the first of her type in a new class of Dock Landing Ship.

Symbolized in the anchor and line are stability and security which this ship will provide for the U. S. Navy on the high seas.

The Latin term "Sui Generis" is literally translated to mean "of a particular kind or first of a class." The ship is unique in two respects; first, it is the largest Dock Landing Ship ever constructed and second, it is the first ship to be named after the historical city of Anchorage, Alaska.

Finally, the star on the map of Alaska depicts the largest city in the largest State of the Union — ANCHORAGE.

THE NAVY HYMN

ETERNAL FATHER! STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

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

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

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky,
Be with them always in the air
In Darkening storms or sunlight fair.
O hear us when we lift our prayer
For those in peril in the Air!
AMEN.

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