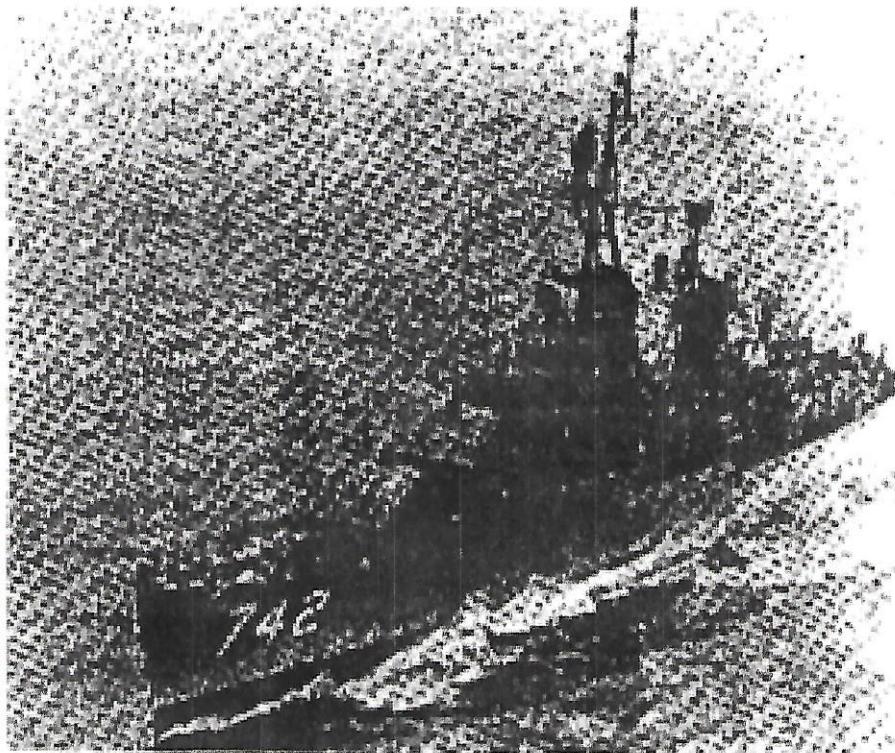


DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY



USS FRANK KNOX (DD-742)

30 JANUARY 1971

U.S. NAVAL STATION SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Program

HISTORY OF USS FRANK KNOX (DD-742)

The USS FRANK KNOX (DD-742) is a 2290-ton FRAM II Destroyer. The ship was built in Bath, Maine, in 1944 and received the name of World War II Secretary of the Navy and well known publisher William Franklin Knox.

The USS FRANK KNOX (DD-742) is 300 feet long, 41 feet wide and carries a crew of 16 officers and 260 enlisted men.

During the war, FRANK KNOX participated in Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet operations against the Japanese home islands. She was based in Tsingtao, China from 1945 until shortly before the communist revolution in that country.

The ship returned to Western Pacific waters during the Korean Conflict to serve as an original unit of "Task Force 77" in actions at Inchon, Hung Nam, and Wonsan Harbor.

In February of 1955, she took part in the Nationalist Chinese evacuation of the Tachen Islands.

From late 1961 until September of 1964 FRANK KNOX was homeported in Yokosuka, Japan as part of the SEVENTH Fleet. During this period, she served in a variety of supporting roles throughout the Western Pacific, from the North Philippine Sea to the Gulf of Tonkin. In early spring, 1964, USS FRANK KNOX participated in the First Cruiser Squadron's Indian Ocean cruise to Madagascar, Kenya, and Aden, and later in the same year, visited eastern Australia prior to proceeding to her new homeport, San Diego, California.

During the Vietnam conflict FRANK KNOX has deployed to the Western Pacific three times. The ship has served as escort to carriers operating in the Gulf of Tonkin and has accomplished naval gunfire support missions in all four military regions of the Republic of Vietnam.

During her first Vietnam deployment the ship engaged a North Vietnamese coastal battery in an artillery duel.

Her last deployment to the Western Pacific was completed in November 1970.

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

Chaplain J. Shell

REMARKS BY

RADM T.E. Bass III

CONGRUDESFLT 9

COMMANDING OFFICER

CDR J.W. Davis

READS HIS ORDERS

AND

ORDERS

THE COMMISSIONING PENNANT

BE

HAULED DOWN

THE WATCH IS SECURED

BENEDICTION

Chaplain J. Shell

DEPARTURE OF

OFFICIAL PARTY

Report of the Last Plan of the Day

DO NOT REMOVE FROM THE SHIP
FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

USS FRANK KNOX (DD-743)
"CAN DO - AND DID"
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

PLAN OF THE DAY FOR SATURDAY, 30 JAN 71

MORNING UNIFORM

OFFICERS & CPO: Working Khaki
ENLISTED: Dungarees with White Hors

UNIFORM OF THE DAY

OFFICERS & CPO: Service Dress Blues
ENLISTED: Service Dress Blues

CDO: LT SHELLENBERGER

COO DUTY SEC: V

ENL DUTY SEC: V

ENG DUTY SEC: V

DUTY MAE: GM2 KUBA

SUNRISE: 0645

JULIAN DATE: 1030

UNIFORM FOR SHORE LEAVE AND LIBERTY

OFFICERS & CPO: Service Dress Blues
ENLISTED: Service Dress Blues

UNIFORM FOR QUARTER DECK WATCH

OFFICERS & CPO: Service Dress Blues
ENLISTED: Service Dress Blues

**CARRY OUT THE NORMAL ROUTINE OF THE DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
USS FRANK KNOX INSTRUCTION 5400.1D EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BELOW:**

0700 - Mustering 10 hand working party with COO. 5 hands clean the pier and 5 hands clean the internal passageways.

0730 - Quarters for muster inspection and instruction.

0735 - Officer's call.

0830 - Check several powered phones. Division Officers inspect berthing compartments.

0900 - Shift to full dress blues.

0915 - Mustering the sideboats with the COO.

0940 - Crew fall in at quarters on the pier. Those participating in the ceremony man the stations.

1000 - Adm RASS arrives. Commence decommissioning ceremony

1045 - Decommission the FRANK KNOX. Secure the watch.

"NOTES"

1. AWARDS CEREMONY: The FRANK KNOX has served as a place of duty for many U.S. sailors. It's hard to imagine how many people must have served on her. She had a good reputation. We are her last U.S. Navy personnel to serve onboard and we will do well by hauling the flag down in a correct orderly and smart fashion.

2. MOVING OFF THE SHIP: All personnel gear will be off the ship by 0930 and stowed on the pier in the aluminum tool sheds. On completion of the ceremony you can proceed to the area on the pier and pick up your service record, health record and pay record. Check to make sure they are yours.

3. CLEANLINESS OF THE SHIP: I think it's a matter of personnel pride to leave the ship as clean as possible. Fix things this morning lets get her cleaned up. Empty the ash tray and turn over the keys!

4. THANKS: It's been my great privilege to serve as your XO. I have had a very good tour on board and one which I have enjoyed. Only the fine people such as you is this possible. Thanks and I hope to serve with you again.

Signed

R. L. WYATT
Executive Officer