

COMMISSIONING ANCHORAGE



AMPHIBIOUS TRANSPORT DOCK TWENTY-THREE

MAY 4, 2013
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



THE KNOWLEDGE



TODAY'S COMMISSIONING

Announcement of Platform Guests

Parade the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcome

Remarks from Distinguished Platform Guests

Placing PCU ANCHORAGE In Commission

Assuming Command

Setting the First Watch

Manning the Ship and Bringing Her to Life

Reporting for Duty

Commanding Officer's Remarks

Benediction

Departure of Platform Guests

Welcome to the commissioning of ANCHORAGE!

This event marks our ship's transition from a vessel to a warship, and creates a new area of sovereign U.S. territory – a portable piece of Alaska and of Anchorage itself – that will travel the globe for the next 40 years. Although no one on this crew will be with the ship for all 40 of those years, the spirit infused in her by our sponsor, Mrs. Annette Conway, and the processes, attitude, and commitment to victory developed and nurtured by this crew, will influence, inspire, and sustain the Sailors who follow us. Today we take the first step in that journey, and while we celebrate, we will also gratefully acknowledge those who helped make this day so very special.

It's impossible to thank everyone who has had a hand in today's ceremony, but I'll start by thanking you. We are honored by your presence today, and appreciate the interest and enthusiasm your presence expresses for our Nation, our Navy, and this fine ship and her great crew.

Our sponsor, Mrs. Conway, and our matrons of honor, Samantha Moore, Tara Conway, and Carol Conway, answered the call to serve the ship longer than any of us and have pledged and delivered more support than any ship or any crew could ever hope to have.

Our commissioning committee grew out of Anchorage's Navy League nearly two years ago and has become an amazing advocate and force in the community. They established enduring bonds between the crew and the community that I am confident will remain strong in the years and decades ahead. Mayor Dan Sullivan, the Municipality of Anchorage, its citizens, and other state and local officials have provided amazing official and unofficial support during our journey to commissioning.

The Alaska Native Heritage Center and Alaska Natives have embraced this ship and this crew in a way that humbles us. Our motto, "We leave nothing to chance," was inspired by my first visit to the ANHC and this crew has embraced and incorporated it into all we do. Our fervent wish is that future crews will find that same inspiration and carry it to every corner of the globe.

Finally, and perhaps principally, my thanks go out to the families of this crew. While we have had the privilege and pleasure of building a warship and bringing her to life, they have borne the obligations of family and carried on family routines largely absent the Sailors they love. Thanks for letting your Sailors go to work and do what they do so well, and thanks for your contributions to this ship's accomplishments.

Enjoy the ceremony, and thanks again for being a part of this special day.

All the best,
CAPT Brian J. Quin, U.S.N.
Commanding Officer



May 4, 2013

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Commanding Officer
Pre-Commissioning Unit Anchorage (LPD 23)

Dear Captain Quin:

On behalf of the 37,000 men and women of Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII), I extend to you, your officers and crew our best wishes on the commissioning of USS Anchorage (LPD 23), the newest and most technologically advanced amphibious transport dock to join the fleet.

If you look across the enterprise, you will find, in each man and woman who helps to build these ships for the greatest Navy in the world, a sense of unmatched pride. We are called upon to build and deliver the best and safest warships to the U.S. Navy and we are honored to do so. USS Anchorage, built at our Ingalls Shipbuilding division in Pascagoula, Mississippi, is no exception.

The teamwork and sense of ownership forged between HII and your talented crew during the construction, testing and delivery of this ship was impressive. I know this positive spirit of collaboration set the tone for the USS Anchorage for many years to come.

To you, Captain Quin, and to the brave officers, sailors and Marines who will sail this ship in times of peace and if needed, will most ably take her into harm's way, we wish you fair winds and following seas. We are confident you have a quality-built and capable ship that will assist your topnotch crew in fulfilling your range of missions and that the world will be a safer place because of your efforts.

Congratulations and Godspeed.

Sincerely,

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THE CREST

SHIELD

Per pile transposed Azure and Gules, two fouled anchors in saltire Or, entwined rope Argent.

CREST

From a wreath of Or and Azure, between two moose antlers, a pictorial of the HMS RESOLUTION sailing into the Cook Inlet, all below six arched stars Gules.

MOTTO

From sprigs of spruce Vert overall, a scroll Argent piped Azure and inscribed 'NIL FATO RELINQUEMUS' Gules, translated as "We Leave Nothing to Chance."

SUPPORTERS

Behind the shield in saltire, four swords, two and two, a Navy officer sword and chief petty officer cutlass to dexter; and a Marine Corps officer sword and non-commissioned officer sword to sinister, points downward Proper.

SEAL

The coat of arms as blazoned in full color upon a white oval enclosed by a blue collar edged on the outside with a gold rope bearing the inscription "USS ANCHORAGE" at top and in base "LPD 23" in gold letters.

SHIELD

The shield is shaped like the patch worn by the crew of the original USS ANCHORAGE. The two colors of the shield, Scarlet and Navy Blue, represent the teamwork demonstrated between Marines and Sailors onboard. The transposed pile symbolizes the ship's ability to transport a landing force of up to 800 combat Marines in support of any operational contingency. The crossed fouled anchors derive from the anchor in the seal of the Municipality of Anchorage and also identify this as the second ship designated USS ANCHORAGE. The entwined rope, which forms the letter "A," represents the families of ANCHORAGE's Sailors and Marines.

CREST

The Municipality of Anchorage is represented in the crest by the HMS RESOLUTION (another feature from the municipality's seal) in a pictorial of Cook Inlet. RESOLUTION was commanded by Captain James Cook, for whom the inlet is named, and figures prominently in the heritage of Anchorage, Alaska. The moose antlers framing the pictorial represent the municipality's motto: "Big Wild Life." The six red battle stars recognize the wartime accomplishments of the first ship named to honor Anchorage, LSD 36.

SCROLL

The scroll hangs from the sprigs from a Sitka Spruce tree, the official tree of Alaska. Red, white, and blue are the national colors and denote the allegiance Marine Corps and Navy servicemen and women have for their country.

SUPPORTERS

The crossed Navy officer sword and chief petty officer cutlass and Marine Corps officer and non-commissioned officer swords symbolize teamwork of the ship's Navy-Marine Corps war fighting team.



THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

The commissioning ceremony marks a ship's entry into active service in the United States Navy. At the moment the commissioning pennant breaks the masthead, USS Anchorage (LPD 23) becomes a Navy command in her own right, and takes her place alongside the other active ships of the fleet.

The ceremony continues a tradition some three centuries old, observed by navies around the world and by our own Navy since December 1775 when AL-FRED, the first ship of the Continental Navy, was placed in commission in Philadelphia. Once in commission, the commanding officer and crew are entrusted with the privilege and responsibility of maintaining their ship's readiness in peace and conducting successful combat operations at sea in a time of war.

Though no written procedure was laid down in our Navy's early days, the act of commissioning was familiar, derived from established British naval custom. The prospective commanding officer came on board, called the crew to quarters, and formally read the orders appointing him to command. He then ordered the ensign and commissioning pennant hoisted. The moment the ship went into commission, the first entry in the ship's log was recorded. Since many early ships' logs did not survive, we cannot know exactly when they were first commissioned; all that is sometimes known is when a ship was first put to sea.

The pennant is the outward symbol of a commissioned Navy ship. It is flown at the masthead except when a flag officer or civil official is embarked and flies his personal flag in its place. The American commissioning pennant is a narrow red and white streamer with a blue hoist bearing seven stars. Narrow pennants of this kind go back several thousand years. They appear in ancient Egyptian art and were flown from ship's mastheads and yardarms through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

When professional navies began to take form late in the 17th century, it was difficult to distinguish a man-of-war from a merchantman at a distance. The navies of the world thus began flying long narrow pennants made with their national colors at the main masthead to signal to others that they were warships. This tradition is based on a story from the first Anglo-Dutch war when Dutch Admiral Maarten Harpertszoon Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his intention to sweep the English from the sea. This gesture was answered by British Admiral William Blake, who hoisted a horsewhip indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British set the precedent for a long, narrow commissioning pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive sign of a ship of war. This became the standard practice among other navies and continues today.



SYMBOLISM

HERALDRY

ANCHORAGE



HISTORY

Modern Alaska was born in 1876 when Secretary of State William H. Seward purchased the land from debt-ridden Imperial Russia, a deal derided as "Seward's Folly." That folly led to fortune, however, when gold was discovered in 1888, and the resulting population boom led to statehood in 1959. Anchorage, the city that would emerge at the mouth of Ship Creek, had humble beginnings as a tent city for workers on the Alaska Railroad. Anchorage was nearly destroyed by the 9.2 magnitude Good Friday Earthquake of 1964. Fortunately, the discovery of the vast Alaskan oilfields pumped new life through Anchorage, which now boasts about 292,000 residents, nearly half of Alaska's population of 710,000.



ATTRACTIONS

From flights into the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, to trips on the Alaska Railroad, Anchorage opens the door to thousands of annual visitors who desire to see the largely untapped wilderness that is our 49th state. Alaska is loaded with national parks, wildlife refuges and national forests. The Denali National Forest is due north of Anchorage and includes North America's highest peak, Mount McKinley. The mountain is called Denali, or "high one," by Native Alaskans, and at 20,335 feet with a larger bulk and rise than Everest, it lives up to the name.

Alaskan wilderness even spills into the Anchorage city limits. An estimated 250 black bears and 60 grizzlies are mingled in with the city's human inhabitants. The winter moose population

in Anchorage can reach 1,000 head. Mountain goats and Dall sheep are often spotted grazing along the highways, while bald eagles can be seen soaring overhead. The coastal trail offers hikers breathtaking views of Alaska's land and animals. For visitors wanting a look at rural Alaska's land and animals, the Lake Hood Seaplane Base is the world's largest seaplane hub, offering wildlife viewing and fishing trips.

The city includes many cosmopolitan attractions including the Museum of History and Fine Art and the Alaska Zoo. Visitors to the Alaska Native Heritage Center can explore the diverse cultures of Alaska's eleven indigenous peoples. Anchorage is also home to the University of Alaska.

GATEWAY TO ALASKA

NAMESAKE HERITAGE

HOMETOWN CREWMEMBERS

Currently three sailors serve on board Anchorage who call the city of Anchorage, Alaska their hometown. (From top) Seaman Cruz Boseman, Operations Specialist 2nd Class Gloria Hurtado, and Information Systems Technician 1st Ashley Faciane.



LSD-36

Named for the largest and most populous city in Alaska, USS Anchorage (LSD-36) was laid down on March 13, 1967 at Pascagoula, Miss., by the Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp. and launched on May 5, 1968. The ship was sponsored by Mrs. Alexander S. Heyward, Jr., wife of Vice Admiral Heyward. Anchorage was commissioned at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va., on March 15, 1969 with Capt. Percy Stuart Beaman in command.

She set sail on the Jan. 31, 1970 for the western Pacific (WestPac) to transport Marine Corps personnel back to the United States as part of Operation "Keystone Bluejay," a planned withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam. On 19 February, the ship arrived at Danang, Republic of Vietnam; took on board the personnel and equipment of the 7th Motor Battalion; and sailed for the United States. She reached Delmar, Calif., on March 12 and debarked her passengers.

From Sept. 24 through Oct. 8, 1970 Anchorage traveled among Subic Bay and Vung Tau, Cam Ranh Bay, and Danang, Vietnam, carrying various small craft. Late in October, she carried out relief operations in the Lagonoy Gulf on the eastern coast of the Philippines for victims of Typhoons Joan and Kate. After touching at Keelung, Taiwan, on Oct. 29, the ship proceeded to Okinawa to pick up a landing craft for transportation to Subic Bay. She took part in amphibious exercises at Green Beach on Nov. 7, then put into port at Subic Bay. From Nov. 20-23, Anchorage was at Okinawa to disembark marines and to unload their equipment. During this time, PHIBRON 5 was relieved of duties as Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) Alfa. The ship then paid a short visit to Yokosuka, Japan, for liberty and the loading of equipment for transportation to the United States. Sailing from Japan on Nov. 30, the vessel arrived in San Diego on Dec. 10.



LEGACY CREWMEMBERS

Currently two LPD 23 Sailors served on board LSD 36 prior to its decommissioning in 2003, (from left) Senior Chief Culinary Specialist Jacinto Ganac and Culinary Specialist 1st Class Jupiter Bongolon.

Anchorage remained in availability until Feb. 20, 1971 when she got underway for Port Hueneme, Calif. There, she loaded construction materials for a communications center on the island in the Indian Ocean, Diego Garcia, to be built as a part of Operation "Reindeer Station." Anchorage's sole mission thereafter became one of transport and humanitarian aid throughout the 1970s during the Vietnam conflict. Anchorage earned six campaign stars for Vietnam service for aiding Task Force 76 and the Military Sealift Command in the transport of supplies and more than 50,000 displaced men, women and children from Guam and the Philippines.

On Feb. 6, 1980, she loaded a refurbished utility landing craft (LCU) for transportation to the Republic of Djibouti (former French Somaliland) located on the northeast coast of Africa near the Horn of Africa. The LCU—dubbed Le Bac de la Paix (tr. the boat of peace)—was a gift from the United States to Djibouti to enhance the country's inadequate commercial transportation system.

Anchorage stood out of Subic Bay on 15 February to begin her goodwill mission. Steaming by way of Singapore, she crossed the Indian Ocean and arrived in Djibouti on 3 March. The dock landing ship spent two days in Djibouti, delivering America's gift and helping to cement relations between the two governments and peoples. From Djibouti, she headed for Diego Garcia Island to deliver barges to that isolated American outpost in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

In 1991, Anchorage controlled the largest offload of landing craft in support of combat operations during Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. In 2000, when the U.S.S. Cole was attacked near Yemen,

Anchorage was the first ship to respond and render aid to the wounded vessel. The final missions for Anchorage supported Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). She disembarked Marines and supplies from Landing Force West (LFW) during the initial stages of OIF. Later, the ship provided logistical support to U.S. forces stationed on captured offshore gas and oil platforms as well as to other amphibious ships in the task force patrolling the Arabian Gulf.

Anchorage was decommissioned in San Diego in October 2003.

Source: Naval History & Heritage Command

JOURNEY OF ANCHORAGE

Anchorage's journey kicked off during start of fabrication in January 2007. She was built at the Huntington Ingalls Industries Shipbuilding site in Avondale, Louisiana. Four years later as the ship neared the final phase of construction, the first crewmember, Cmdr. Joel Stewart, arrived in Avondale. Over the course of the next year, the Navy had assembled her crew and made the final preparations to accept delivery. Anchorage was delivered Sept. 17, 2012 during a ceremony held in the well decks before the assembled crew. Anchorage departed Avondale to sail on her maiden voyage to homeport in San Diego on Oct. 30, 2012. During the transit, the ship made a fuel stop at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, transited the panama canal, and made a portcall in Manzanillo, Mexico before mooring pierside in San Diego on Nov. 21, 2012.

CONSTRUCTION
January 26, 2007 - October 30, 2012

KEEL LAYING
September 24, 2007



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CHRISTENING
May 14, 2011



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DELIVERY
September 17, 2012



SAIL AWAY FROM AVONDALE
October 30, 2012

ARRIVAL AT HOMEPORT
November 21, 2012



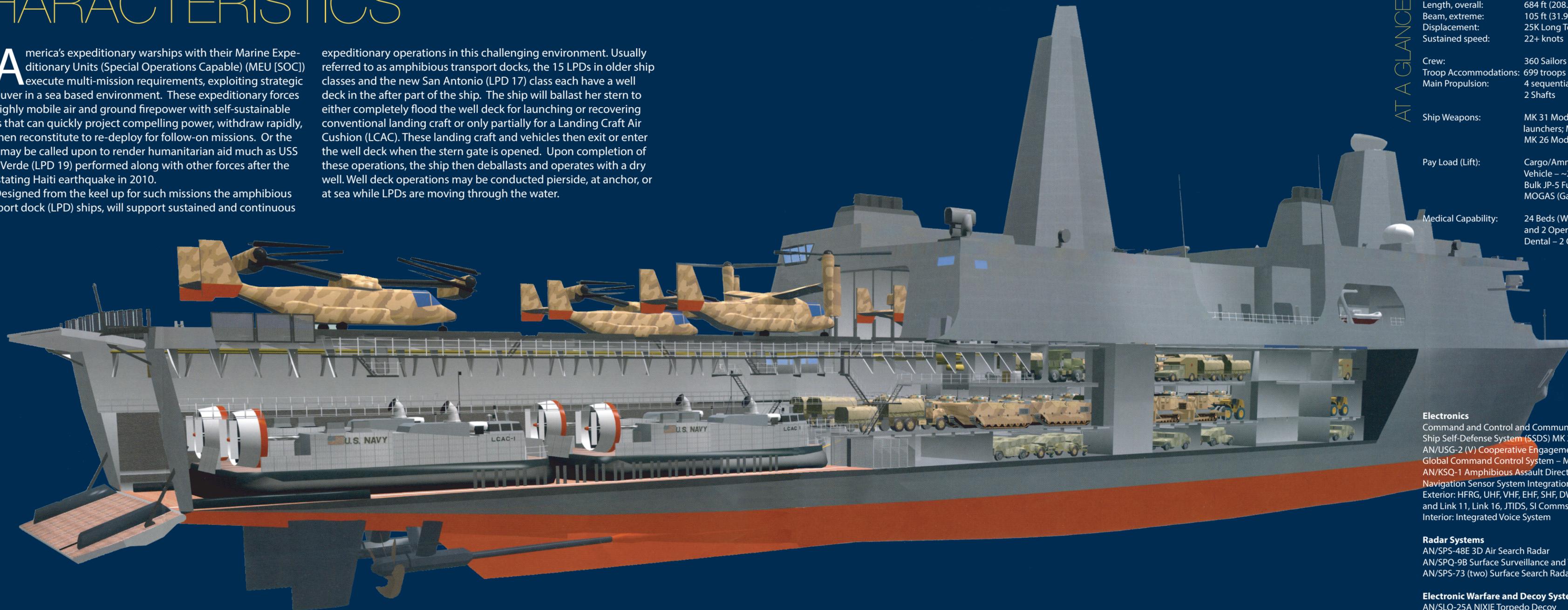
MISSION & CHARACTERISTICS

MISSION

America's expeditionary warships with their Marine Expeditionary Units (Special Operations Capable) (MEU (SOC)) execute multi-mission requirements, exploiting strategic maneuver in a sea based environment. These expeditionary forces mix highly mobile air and ground firepower with self-sustainable forces that can quickly project compelling power, withdraw rapidly, and then reconstitute to re-deploy for follow-on missions. Or the ships may be called upon to render humanitarian aid much as USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) performed along with other forces after the devastating Haiti earthquake in 2010.

Designed from the keel up for such missions the amphibious transport dock (LPD) ships, will support sustained and continuous

expeditionary operations in this challenging environment. Usually referred to as amphibious transport docks, the 15 LPDs in older ship classes and the new San Antonio (LPD 17) class each have a well deck in the after part of the ship. The ship will ballast her stern to either completely flood the well deck for launching or recovering conventional landing craft or only partially for a Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC). These landing craft and vehicles then exit or enter the well deck when the stern gate is opened. Upon completion of these operations, the ship then deballasts and operates with a dry well. Well deck operations may be conducted pierside, at anchor, or at sea while LPDs are moving through the water.



AT A GLANCE

Length, overall:	684 ft (208.5 m)
Beam, extreme:	105 ft (31.9 m)
Displacement:	25K Long Tons
Sustained speed:	22+ knots
Crew:	360 Sailors and 3 Marines
Troop Accommodations:	699 troops (800 surge)
Main Propulsion:	4 sequentially turbo-charged diesels 2 Shafts
Ship Weapons:	MK 31 Mod 0 Rolling Airframe Missile launchers; MK 46 Mod 2 30mm guns; MK 26 Mod 18 .50 cal machine guns
Pay Load (Lift):	Cargo/Ammo Magazine --~34K+ cubic feet Vehicle -- ~24K square feet Bulk JP-5 Fuel -- ~315K gallons MOGAS (Gallons) -- ~3K gallons
Medical Capability:	24 Beds (Ward and ICU) and 2 Operating Rooms Dental -- 2 Operating Rooms

Electronics	Command and Control and Communications Ship Self-Defense System (SSDS) MK 2 AN/USG-2 (V) Cooperative Engagement Capability Global Command Control System -- Maritime (GCCS-M) AN/KSQ-1 Amphibious Assault Direction System Navigation Sensor System Integration (NAVSSI) Exterior: HFRG, UHF, VHF, EHF, SHF, DWTS, and Challenge Athena and Link 11, Link 16, JTIDS, SI Comms, ADNS, TADIX A Interior: Integrated Voice System
Radar Systems	AN/SPS-48E 3D Air Search Radar AN/SPQ-9B Surface Surveillance and Tracking Radar AN/SPS-73 (two) Surface Search Radar
Electronic Warfare and Decoy Systems	AN/SLQ-25A NIXIE Torpedo Decoy AN/SLQ-32A (V) 2 ESM -- Electronic Support Measure MK 53 NULKA Decoy Launching System

MRS.
ANNETTE CONWAY
SHIP SPONSOR

Mrs. Annette Conway is the wife of Gen. James T. Conway, United States Marine Corps (Retired), the 34th Commandant of the USMC. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and grew up in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Her father was a postman who raised six children with her mother. Following graduation from high school, Mrs. Conway attended Southeast Missouri State University where she majored in Elementary and Special Education and minored in History.

Following graduation, Mrs. Conway married her college sweetheart James Conway, also of Missouri. The couple taught for a year in the same school district in Ste. Genevieve County before his service in the Marine Corps began.

Throughout her travels and service as a Marine wife, Mrs. Conway has taught middle school and special

needs students in various public school systems. Her last nine years of teaching were in Prince William County, Virginia.

The Conways raised three children. Their first son, Maj. James Brandon Conway, USMC; their second son, Maj. Adam Scott Conway, USMC; and daughter Samantha Conway, who is married to Maj. David Moore, a Marine aviator.

Mrs. Conway's greatest passion is serving military families. She has volunteered for the United Services Organization (USO) and the Armed Services YMCA. She now serves on the Board of Directors for the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund (IMSFF). Founded in 2004 by a small group of concerned Marine Corps spouses, the IMSFF provides financial grants and other assistance to the families of Marines and Sailors injured while serving our nation. The organization has given more than \$33 million in grants to the families of our wounded heroes.



STRENGTH IN FAMILY

When a Sailor knows that he or she is on solid footing mentally, morally, and physically, and when that Sailor is confident that his or her family is properly resourced for success in his or her absence, then and only then is that Sailor able to fully concentrate on shipboard tasks.

Ombudsmen are official command volunteers who are appointed by the commanding officer to serve as his official voice to Sailors' families. Ombudsmen work closely with the Fleet and Family Support Center and other official and unofficial support organizations (including family readiness groups) to ensure that Sailors and families have information about and access to helpful resources even when the ship is away from homeport.

A family readiness group is an unofficial affiliated organization led by spouse volunteers. They meet monthly and provide a forum for spouses, significant others, or extended family to connect with each other, to provide or receive support, and to organize and execute events that strengthen families.

ANCHORAGE is fortunate to have three dynamic ombudsmen and an active, energetic family readiness group. "We leave nothing to chance" when it comes to Sailor and family readiness!



COMMAND OMBUDSMAN
Lissa Navarro
Katelynn Thompson
Heather Jones



Sailors attached to a pre-commissioning unit live between the sea and the shore. They are part of a select group of men and women carefully selected for their knowledge and expertise in their respective fields to bring a warship to life. Their mission is to ensure that any new ship delivered to the U.S. Navy is mission capable and ready even without a commissioning ceremony.

Being part of a pre-commissioning crew garners a great deal of pride in the ownership of a new warship as such a crew not only establishes the bar from which others who follow must meet, but sets the very foundations upon which the bar itself rests.

The term "Plankowner" dates back to the early years of shipbuilding when Sailors were hardwrought with steel and ship

foundations were constructed with wood. Law of the sea dictates that each Sailor who serves as a member of the commissioning crew owns one plank of the ship, which he or she may claim after the ship is decommissioned and disassembled. Tradition continues as each Sailor currently on board will receive a certificate to commemorate the occasion and have the privilege to call him or herself a "Plankowner."



MAST STEPPING

The custom of "stepping the mast" by placing coins under the step or bottom of a ship's mast during construction dates back many years. Greek mythology states these coins would ensure payment of the crew's wages for their return trip should the ship be wrecked. Since at least construction of USS Constitution, this tradition has been passed on as a means of ensuring good luck for the ship.

In keeping with this ancient custom, twenty-four cents will be placed near the mast for good luck. The coins reflect dates of significance to the ship's namesake, the municipality of Anchorage and the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Annette Conway. The following coins were placed at the request of the ship's sponsor, U.S. Navy, the ship's crew, and the shipbuilder.

Nickels

- 1969 – The first ship to bear the name Anchorage, LSD 36 was commissioned on March 15, 1969.
- 2000 – The USS Anchorage (LSD 36) provided support to the USS Cole after she was attacked by terrorists off the coast of Yemen on October 12, 2000. Seventeen crewmembers were killed in the attack.
- 2001 – The War on Terror was initiated after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.
- 2003 – USS Anchorage (LSD 36) was decommissioned after 34 years of service. Captain Adam Scott Conway had a tour on the ship before its decommissioning.

Pennies

- 1971 – Birth of James Brandon Conway, father of Clara Marie Conway.
- 1973 – Birth of Adam Scott Conway, father of James Adam and William Hayden Conway.
- 1978 – Birth of Samantha Beth Conway, mother of Amelia Genevieve, Leif McAfee, and Zachary Chandler Moore.

Other items:

- Coin for Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He was the first Marine Commandant to serve all four years of his tenure at war.
- Bear Bells from Anchorage, Alaska. Bells are worn by the people of Anchorage for protection against bears and evil. May they also protect those who serve on the Anchorage (LPD 23).
- Pewter yellow ribbon worn by Annette Conway from the beginning of the War on Terror. Her husband, sons, and son-in-law combined, have served 10 deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also represents the hopes of families with loved ones still at war.
- The names of those who sailed on the Anchorage (LSD 36) on her last voyage to war. Those listed represent Alpha and H & S Company of 1st Recon Battalion, and the 11th Marine Regiment.
- Conway family photo: Capt. A. Scott Conway and wife, Tara, on the morning the USS Anchorage (LSD 36) sailed to war for the last time carrying Marines.
- Conway family photo: Family Marines: Gen. James T. Conway, Capt. A. Scott Conway, Maj. J. Brandon Conway, and Capt. David B. Moore (son-in-law).
- A moose antler is included in the mast stepping box to represent the Municipality of Anchorage. Moose are quintessentially symbolic of Anchorage, with over 1500 living within the city limits. With the antler as a permanent part of the ship, the spirit of the city will be with the ship, watching over her Sailors and Marines.
- Card from the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, of which sponsor Annette Conway is a founder and Vice President of the Board. The fund has given over \$48 million to Marines and Sailors injured in the War on Terror.
- Anchorage (LPD 23) coin presented by the shipbuilders of Ingalls Shipbuilding
- Conway family photo: Two friends of the Conway family pose with Anchorage (LSD 36) life preserver before departing on her final voyage before decommissioning.



BREWER THE

NEW SHIPMATES

Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Forbus
 Lt. Brian Bradach
 Lt. j.g. Leonore Ten Broeke, Royal Netherlands Navy
 Lt.j.g. Amanda Taylor
 CWO4 Ronald Ellis
 Chief Electrician's Mate Joseph Rawa
 Chief Engineman Michael Mosley
 Internal Communications Electrician 1st Class Ryan Exman
 Electronics Technician 1st Class Brett Jarvis
 Engineman 1st Class Blake Setzer
 Electronics Technician 2nd Class Javier Pizana
 Electronics Technician 2nd Class Kristopher Blouir
 Electronics Technicians 2nd Class Nicholas Damuth
 Engineman 2nd Class Michael Valiente
 Machinery Repairman 2nd Class Raymond Rodriguez-Garcia
 Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Gregory Stokes
 Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Staci Perdue
 Yeoman 2nd Class Torryan Benjamin
 Engineman 2nd Class Yuki Hodgkiss
 Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Ismael Canas
 Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class James Walker
 Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Nelly Altamirano
 Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Derek Rodgers
 Operations Specialist Seaman Kyley Horton
 Information Systems Technician Seaman Curtis Fusilier
 Seaman Justin Barnwell
 Seaman Nathan Miles
 Seaman Justin Lafarlette
 Seaman Shane Hughes
 Seaman Samuel Ferrell
 Seaman Brian Wilson
 Seaman Joshua Pensis
 Seaman Alex Esparza
 Seaman Dakota Griffin
 Seaman Gage Brown
 Seaman Mohammad Husain
 Seaman Gilberto Mendoza
 Seaman Zackarey Nelson
 Seaman Brandon Worley
 Seaman Kevin McColly
 Seaman Marcell Butler
 Seaman Christopher Smith
 Seaman Viktorcarlo Cariaga



DEPARTED SHIPMATES

Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Craig Borden
 Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels) 1st Class Michael Lewis



CAPTAIN BRIAN J. QUIN COMMANDING OFFICER



Captain Brian Quin received his commission in 1991 through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Northwestern University, where he earned a Bachelors of Arts degree (with honors) in History. In 2007, he earned a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies and graduated with distinction from the Naval War College. From 2009 to 2011 he commanded the guided missile destroyer U.S.S. GRIDLEY (DDG 101), homeported in San Diego, California.

Afloat, Captain Quin served in a variety of division officer billets in the U.S.S. CALLAGHAN (DDG 994), as fire control officer in the U.S.S. LAKE ERIE (CG 70), as weapons and combat systems department head in the U.S.S. PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58), and as executive officer in the U.S.S. SHILOH (CG 67) and the U.S.S. CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71). He has deployed to the western Pacific, the Arabian Gulf, and the Mediterranean Sea.

Ashore, Captain Quin served as maritime homeland defense officer in the operations directorate (J-3) of the Joint Staff, as deputy executive assistant and Flag aide to the commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet, and as combat systems officer (N65) on the staff of the commander, Naval Surface Forces. He also participated in the Office of the Secretary of Defense/Joint Staff intern program and served in the Joint Staff's systems integration division (J-6V).

Captain Quin's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), the Joint Achievement Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (with three bronze stars), the Expert Rifle Medal, the Expert Pistol Medal, and various other personal and unit decorations.





COMMANDER JOEL G. STEWART EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Commander Joel Stewart, a native of Great Falls, MT, began his Navy career by enlisting in 1985 as a Fire Controlman, trained to maintain and operate the Tomahawk Weapons Control System. He advanced to the rate of FC1 before he received his commission through the Enlisted Commissioning Program. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1996 with a Bachelors Degree in University Studies. He attended the Naval War College's Command and Staff College as a Halsey Scholar and graduated with distinction in 2007, earning a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

His operational tours include duty as a Tomahawk technician in USS HEWITT (DD 966); damage control assistant and operations officer in USS FIFE (DD 991); operations officer in USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62); Individual Augmentee as current operations action officer on Commander Multi-National Forces-Iraq's staff; future plans and public affairs officer for Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group ONE (in USS MAHAN (DDG 72) USS NORMANDY (CG 60) and USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96); and commissioning navigator in USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8) before reporting as executive officer in ANCHORAGE.

Ashore, CDR Stewart served on the staffs of Transient Personnel Unit San Diego, and Navy Warfare Development Command, as the ballistic missile defense concept development lead.

CDR Stewart's personal awards include the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (seven awards), the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), the Navy Good Conduct Medal (two awards), the NATO Medal, various unit citations and campaign awards.



MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PETE SANTOS COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

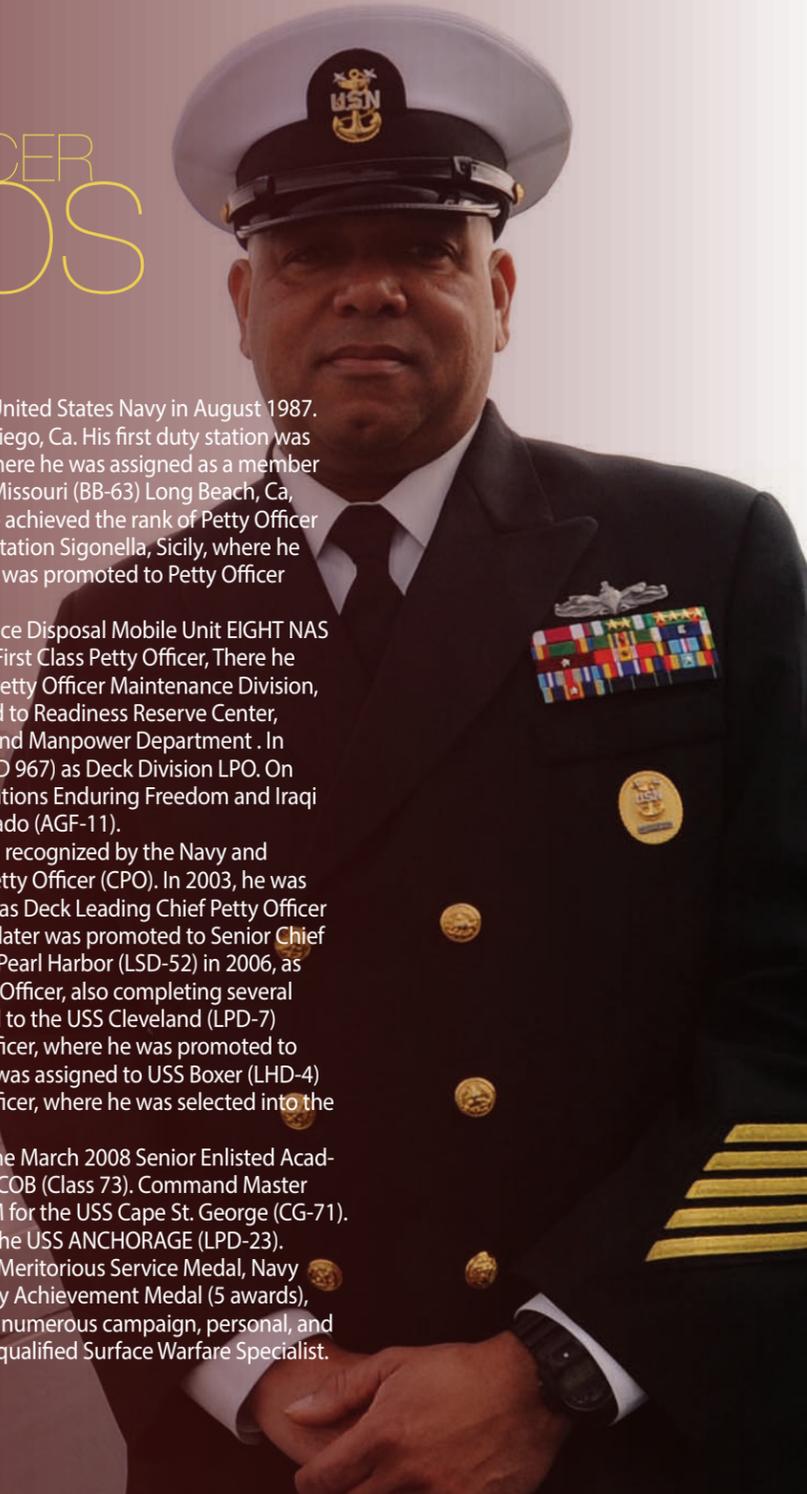
CMDCM Pedro Santos enlisted in the United States Navy in August 1987. He completed Basic training in San Diego, Ca. His first duty station was USS Wisconsin (BB-64) Norfolk, Va, where he was assigned as a member of 5th Division. He then transferred to the USS Missouri (BB-63) Long Beach, Ca, assigned as a member of 3rd Division, where he achieved the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. His next assignment was Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, where he was assigned to Security Department where he was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class.

His next assignment was Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit EIGHT NAS Sigonella, Sicily. There, he garnered the rank of First Class Petty Officer, There he received various assignments such as Leading Petty Officer Maintenance Division, Command 3-M Coordinator. He then transferred to Readiness Reserve Center, Alameda, Ca, as Leading Petty Officer Training and Manpower Department. In September 2000, he transferred to USS Elliot (DD 967) as Deck Division LPO. On there, he completed cruises in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, he then transferred to the USS Coronado (AGF-11).

His genuine Sailorization efforts were soon recognized by the Navy and he was therefore promoted to Chief Petty Officer (CPO). In 2003, he was assigned to the USS Higgins (DDG-76) as Deck Leading Chief Petty Officer completing several deployments, and later was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer. He reported aboard USS Pearl Harbor (LSD-52) in 2006, as Deck Department Leading Chief Petty Officer, also completing several deployments. In Oct 2008, he reported to the USS Cleveland (LPD-7) as Department Leading Chief Petty Officer, where he was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer. In 2009, he was assigned to USS Boxer (LHD-4) as Department Leading Chief Petty Officer, where he was selected into the Command Master Chief program.

CMDCM Santos is a graduate of the March 2008 Senior Enlisted Academy Non-Residence Course and CMC/COB (Class 73). Command Master Chief Santos has served as the CMDCM for the USS Cape St. George (CG-71). He is currently serving as CMDCM for the USS ANCHORAGE (LPD-23).

His personal awards includes the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards), Good Conduct Medals (5 awards), and numerous campaign, personal, and unit citations. Master Chief Santos is a qualified Surface Warfare Specialist.



THE WARDROOM

More than just a place on the ship where the officers dine, the term "Wardroom" signifies the unity of the officers themselves. Their ultimate responsibility rests in the operation and mission of the ship and its crew. Under the watchful eye of the commanding officer, they manage the various departments and divisions, ensuring mission readiness and capability.



DEPARTMENT HEADS



Lt. Commander Kevin Friel
AIR BOSS



Lt. Gary Ross
COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER



Lt. Todd Kamins
1ST LIEUTENANT



Lt. Commander Anthony Mata
CHIEF ENGINEER



Lt. Travis Wade
TRAINING OFFICER



Lt. Commander Dave Foster
MEDICAL OFFICER



Lt. Clinton Blankenship
OPERATIONS OFFICER



Lt. Greg Schwaderer
SUPPLY OFFICER



Lt. j.g. John Boyes
AUXILIARY OFFICER



Lt. Kimberly Cook
ASSISTANT 1ST LT



Ens. Sloan Dillman
E DIVISION OFFICER



Ens. America Estevez
ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER



Ens. Claire Eudy
ELECTRONICS DIVISION OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Adam Gaston
NAVIGATOR



CW03 Christopher Hambrick
COMBAT CARGO OFFICER



Ens. George Harris
REPAIR DIVISION OFFICER



Ens. Michael Harris
OI DIVISION OFFICER



Ens. Aurelio Hoffman
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



Lt. Michael Hollier
ELECTRONICS MATERIAL OFFICER



Ens. Collin Koss
WEAPONS OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Nicholas Krupp
AUXILIARY OFFICER



Ens. Nathan Maxwell
1ST DIVISION OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Roberto Medina
FOOD SERVICE OFFICER



Ens. Francis O'Connell
ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR



Ens. Kenneth Pennington
MAIN PROPULSION OFFICER



Ens. Taylor Pierce
E DIVISION OFFICER



Lt. Robert Protsman
ADP OFFICER



Lt. Sara Redgate
ASSISTANT 1ST LT



Lt. j.g. Dennis Rollins
FORCE PROTECTION OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Eric Sagong
DISBURSING OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Alejandro Sanchez
ELECTRICAL OFFICER



Ens. Wesley Schlesinger
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Steven Schwarz
CHAPLAIN



Lt. j.g. Kyle Sherman
COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OFFICER



Ens. Nicholas Smalley
2ND DIVISION OFFICER



Lt. Cmdr. Charles Smith
MINI BOSS



Lt. Richard Smith
DENTAL OFFICER



Ens. Jordan Sugars
FIRE CONTROL DIVISION OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Jabbur Toma
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT



Lt. Kenneth Tuma
INFORMATION WARFARE OFFICER



Ens. Ryan Wickham
E DIVISION OFFICER



Lt. j.g. Brittney Williams
FLIGHT DECK OFFICER



CW04 Charles Williams
B'OSN

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER'S MESS

THE GOAT LOCKER

In early sailing years, there was no refrigeration available so livestock would travel on ships providing the crew fresh milk and eggs. Traditionally, to keep the supply of milk safe and available, the goat was kept in the Chief Petty Officers' quarters. The idea was that no respectable Sailor would ever steal from the Chief's Mess, a group of senior enlisted Sailors who, through time and service, commanded the respect of commissioned officers and junior enlisted Sailors alike. Their responsibility is to train junior officers to become leaders, ensure the care and career progression of junior Sailors and be the voice of wisdom and subject matter expertise.



Ryan Astle
CHIEF CRYPTOLOGIC TECHNICIAN (COLLECTION)



Carlos Billingslea
CHIEF CULINARY SPECIALIST



Eric Bridges
CHIEF FIRE CONTROLMAN



Michael Buzzard
CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS



Rodrigo Cheeks
CHIEF PERSONNEL SPECIALIST



Joseph Conroy
CHIEF FIRE CONTROLMAN



Richard Dawson
CHIEF AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (EQUIPMENT)



Ambar Day
CHIEF ENGINEMAN



Emmanuel Deck
CHIEF FIRE CONTROLMAN



Thomas Draeger
CHIEF LOGISTICS SPECIALIST



Kenneth Dziendziel
SENIOR CHIEF HULL TECHNICIAN



Jacinto Ganac
SENIOR CHIEF CULINARY SPECIALIST



Robert Gelacio
SENIOR CHIEF LOGISTICS SPECIALIST



Brian Glensky
CHIEF ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN



Derek Goehmann
CHIEF QUARTERMASTER



Christopher Good
CHIEF ENGINEMAN



Keith Hayden
CHIEF OPERATIONS SPECIALIST



Albert Navarro
CHIEF INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN



Ricardo Ortiz
SENIOR CHIEF ENGINEMAN



Medgal Peebles
MASTER CHIEF ENGINEMAN



Daniel Placencia
CHIEF CRYPTOLOGIC TECHNICIAN (TECHNICAL)



Jason Roberts
CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE



Michael Spans
CHIEF ENGINEMAN



Curtis Staughton
CHIEF HOSPITAL CORPSMAN



Rico Ibarra
CHIEF DAMAGE CONTROLMAN



Darrell Jenkins
SENIOR CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE



Erich Lemke
SENIOR CHIEF HOSPITAL CORPSMAN



Franchot McDaniel
CHIEF LOGISTICS SPECIALIST



Valerie McNairy
CHIEF NAVY CAREER COUNSELOR



Vernon Miller
CHIEF GUNNER'S MATE



Jared Mueller
SENIOR CHIEF AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING)



James Trout
CHIEF AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS)



Ronald Umali
CHIEF SHIP'S SERVICEMAN



John Walker
SENIOR CHIEF INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN



Robert Watkins
SENIOR CHIEF ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN



Danielle Wiley
CHIEF DAMAGE CONTROLMAN



Glenn Williams
SENIOR CHIEF ELECTRICIAN'S MATE



Maria Zapata
CHIEF PERSONNEL SPECIALIST





The keepers of the flight deck, Air Department personnel move freight, cargo, and are capable of supporting helicopter operations. Under the leadership of the Air Boss, these aviation boatswain mates specializing in fuels transfer and movement ensure Anchorage remains ready to conduct its air missions that can range from search and rescue to humanitarian cargo drops.



Joshua Carrozza
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) AIRMAN
Timothy Davis
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) AIRMAN
Epiphane Elam
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) 2ND CLASS



Oliver-Jay Espina
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) AIRMAN
Patricia Fry
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) 2ND CLASS
Lynette Gibbs
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) AIRMAN
Camille Gonzalestison
AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS
Steven Harrison
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) AIRMAN
Samina Henry
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) AIRMAN
Geremy Herrera
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) AIRMAN



Liem Le
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) 1ST CLASS
Jessica Meadows
AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS
Justin O'Brien
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) AIRMAN
Bryan Oliveira
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) 2ND CLASS
Diego Paredes
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) 2ND CLASS
Argel Perez
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (FUELS) 2ND CLASS
Christopher Yakimovich
AVIATION BOATSWAIN'S MATE (HANDLING) 3RD CLASS



Rudy Galima
GUNNERY SERGEANT
Thaddeus King
GUNNERY SERGEANT

COMBAT CARGO

Where the Air Department's charge lay upon the flight deck, the Marines in Combat Cargo are guardians of the well deck, working alongside Sailors assigned to the deck department. They manage the amphibious component of the LPD's mission ensuring the safe embarkment and disembarkment of any Marine expeditionary unit and the cargo that accompanies it.

WEAPONS & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Combat Systems Department safeguards systems vital to ship survivability including communications, electronic defense systems, and weapons training and usage. They ensure the crew is trained to handle any security situation that may arise aboard or ashore, and work conjointly with other departments to coordinate defensive actions against all air and surface threats.



Christopher Anderson
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Theron Belcher
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Jordan Bennett
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS



Jason Bonds
FIRE CONTROLMAN 2ND CLASS



Kyle Cox
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Jason Lynn
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Shawn Mason
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Montgomery Cox
GUNNER'S MATE SEAMAN



Scott Crosbie
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Matthew Crow
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Reilly Doukas
FIRE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Stacy Duncan
FIRE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Maria Edwards
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Shawn Eisenberg
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
2ND CLASS



Ashley Faciane
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Benjamin Mazurek
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
1ST CLASS



Joshua Miksell
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Carmen Minjarez
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS



Nicholas O'Neal
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Lucas Paulson
FIRE CONTROLMAN 1ST CLASS



Renee Filipp
GUNNER'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Shantavia Gardner
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
SEAMAN



Adam Gleason
GUNNER'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Wenecio Godfrey
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
1ST CLASS



Renee Grant
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Dustin Hall
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



David Hardin
GUNNER'S MATE SEAMAN



Jennifer Heida
FIRE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Joseph Payton
GUNNER'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Kayla Preston
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Renee Raynor
GUNNER'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Jared Rothbauer
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Matthew San Pedro
GUNNER'S MATE SEAMAN



Brandon Sapp
GUNNER'S MATE SEAMAN



Manolo Semana
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS



Tracy Sierra
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Laurie Hirahara
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Michael Hubbard
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS



Suzanna Hubert
FIRE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Jaimesha Johnson
FIRE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Michael Keller
FIRE CONTROLMAN 1ST CLASS



Casey Kelly
GUNNER'S MATE SEAMAN



Lourdes Lafuente
FIRE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Kimberly Leiter
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Anthony Sisini
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Alexis Slankard
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS



Michael Swenson
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Benjamin Thiesse
FIRE CONTROLMAN 2ND CLASS



Christian Trogdon
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Jamie Watt
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN
3RD CLASS



Monique Williams
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Albert Woods
INFORMATION SYSTEMS
TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS

DECK DEPARTMENT

PRESERVATION, SMALL BOAT & WELL DECK OPERATIONS

The deck department ensures all functions of amphibious operations run smoothly and safely. These operations include small boat missions, mooring, towing, underway replenishment and anchoring. They operate mostly from the forecandle and the well deck, but their hard work can be seen all over the ship as they are the masters of presentation through tireless preservation efforts.



Thomas Bridges
SEAMAN



Norman Busch
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Brandon Cain
SEAMAN



Ezequiel Cervantes
SEAMAN



Arlo Christensen
SEAMAN



Irwin Clarke
SEAMAN



Kevin Craig
SEAMAN



Casey Crossley
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Bandy Dasilma
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Matthew Dylewski
SEAMAN



Charley Farless
SEAMAN



John Fresneda
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Roi Frias
BOATSWAIN'S MATE SEAMAN



Michael Gakungu
SEAMAN



Devon Grant
SEAMAN



Nicole Harman
BOATSWAIN'S MATE SEAMAN



Brandon Harrison
SEAMAN



Stelvy Hayward
SEAMAN



Yesenia Hernandez
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Trevor Jensen
SEAMAN



Douglas Johnson
BOATSWAIN'S MATE SEAMAN



Marvin Joshua
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Jorge Kanyelis
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Warren Kitogo
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



James Kone
BOATSWAIN'S MATE SEAMAN



David Kuefler
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Peili Li
SEAMAN



Scott Meyers
SEAMAN



Daryl Micou
SEAMAN



Michael Nicholas
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



John Osis-Sayers
SEAMAN



Troy Owens
SEAMAN



Wesley Paladino
BOATSWAIN'S MATE SEAMAN



Raymond Paprota
SEAMAN



Jerry Paul
SEAMAN



Anthony Rodriguez
SEAMAN



Daquavion Ross
SEAMAN



Pedro Samame
SEAMAN



Thomas Scobie
SEAMAN



Corderro Serrano
SEAMAN



Patrick Thompson
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Christopher Vinesett
SEAMAN



Amanda Visinho
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



William Whitmire
SEAMAN



Kyle Whyte
SEAMAN



Bryant Williams
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Meagan Wonofsky
BOATSWAIN'S MATE SEAMAN

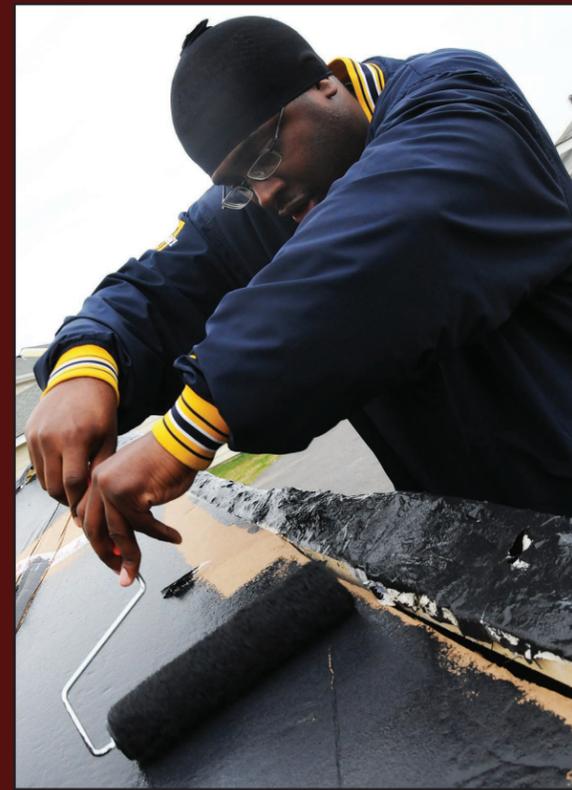


Ca Zhang
SEAMAN



AUXILIARIES & MAIN PROPULSION

The Engineman (EN) assigned to MP Division and the "A gang" are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the ship's four main propulsion diesel engines that can drive the ship upwards of 22 knots. They also monitor and operate all internal ship systems that power the ship, hydraulics, provide clean potable water, and cool all spaces.



Rogelio Agno
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Christian Alston
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Mayra Avita-Ruiz
ENGINEMAN 2ND CLASS



Michael Bacani
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Drew Bentley
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Mitchell Boggs
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Austin Bryan
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Christopher Burke
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Rahshaney Carter
ENGINEMAN 2ND CLASS



Shanae Carter
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Nathanael Chesley
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Alberto Coronado
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Jerron Crowder
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Joseph Holland
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Lindsey Hutchings
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Travis Hutchison
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Nolan McAbee
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Terrance McClure
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Tommy Meador
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Brandon Miller
ENGINEMAN 3RD CLASS



Christine Neal
ENGINEMAN 3RD CLASS



Huy Nguyen
ENGINEMAN 2ND CLASS



Steven Novoa
ENGINEMAN 2ND CLASS



Terrell Pass
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Matthew Paulino
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Nathan Cuevas
ENGINEMAN 3RD CLASS



Kemphus Cuthrell
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Nathan Dabbs
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Steven DiLorenzo
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Dustin Donato
ENGINEMAN 2ND CLASS



Patrick Engels
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Mason Geis
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Freddy Gonzalez
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Aleksey Puzhlyakov
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Hector Ramos
ENGINEMAN 2ND CLASS



Myranda Ratterree
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Luis Reynoso-Gonzalez
ENGINEMAN 1ST CLASS



Robert Sands
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



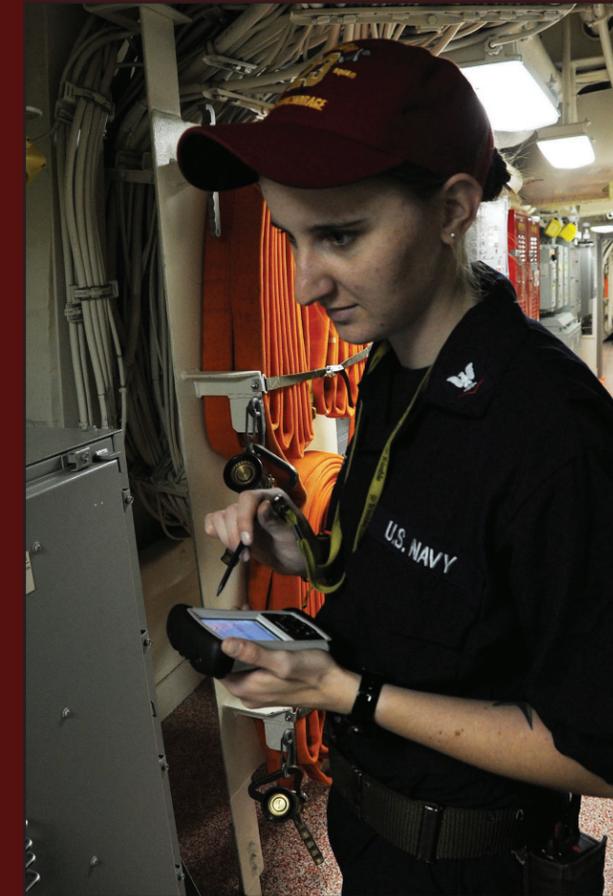
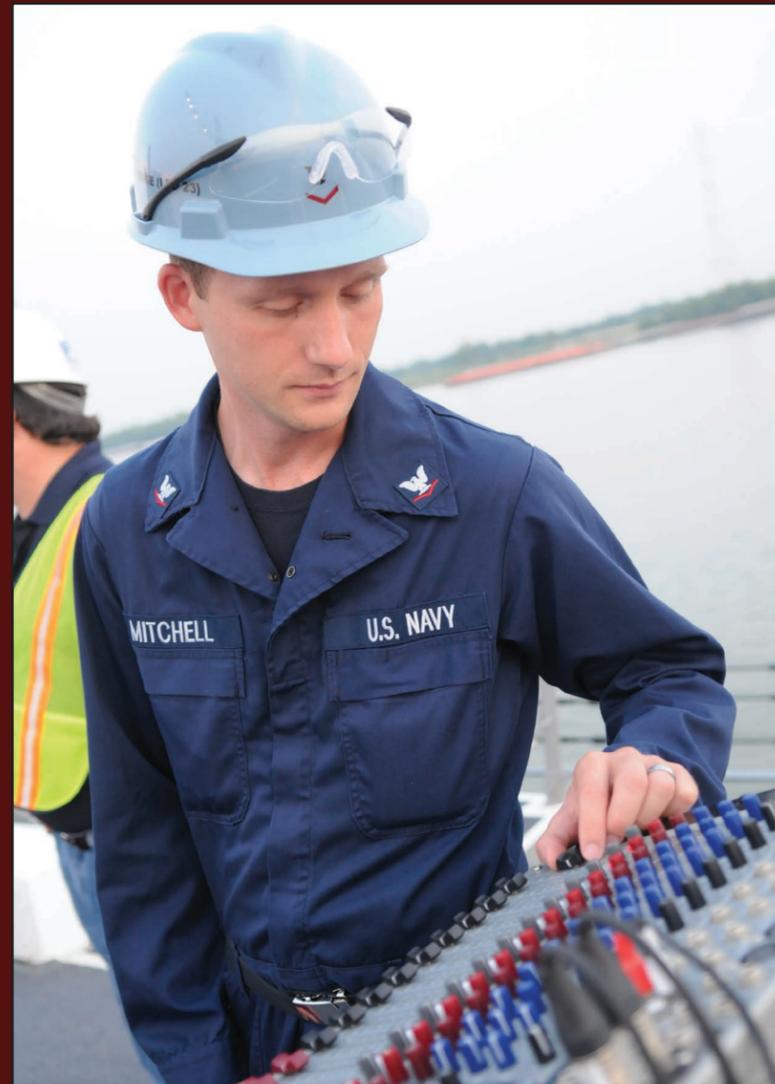
Brittany Shaw
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN



Julianne Spada
ENGINEMAN FIREMAN

ELECTRICAL & INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS

The Electrical Division is responsible for all internal communications as well as the maintenance of ship generators, switchboards, and all other electrical equipment. SITE TV, phone systems and the electrical safety program fall under the purview of ANCHORAGE's electricians who also manage the ship's tag-out program.



ENGINEERING



Andrew Alexandre
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE FIREMAN



Marvin Ambon
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Adella Atwell
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Katie Finke
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS



Carlo Flores
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Aaron Garcia
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Isidro Ginez
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 1ST CLASS



Dustin Glenn
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE FIREMAN



Laura Hoynes
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS



Authurine Joseph
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE FIREMAN



Johnathan Krug
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE FIREMAN



James Martin
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 1ST CLASS



Alyssa Mata
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS



Adam Mitchell
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS



Xylona Perryman
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Christopher Pike
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 3RD CLASS



Joe Rigsby
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Brandi Robinson
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 3RD CLASS



Samuel Sanchez
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE FIREMAN



Romulo Santos
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE FIREMAN



Matthew Still
INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
ELECTRICIAN 2ND CLASS



John Umoquit
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



Cerefino Vasquez
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 1ST CLASS

ENGINEERING

REPAIR & DAMAGE CONTROL



Sailors assigned to "R" division garner specialties dedicated to the protection, construction and repair of ship structures. They protect the ship from fire, flooding, and chemical, biological, and radiological weapons. They also maintain the ship's hull and piping systems using expert tradeskills such as welding and brazing.



David Alexander
FIREMAN



Darrell Balancio
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN FIREMAN



Travis Cole
HULL TECHNICIAN FIREMAN



Guillermo Companioni
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN 1ST CLASS



Bryan Crews
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN 1ST CLASS



Benedict Hawley
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN FIREMAN



Edward Hayes
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN FIREMAN



Robert Jeffrey
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN 1ST CLASS



Shad Jones
HULL TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Dion Maffucci
HULL TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Brandon Majors
HULL TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Paul Mercado
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN FIREMAN



Jonathan Myers
HULL TECHNICIAN 3RD CLASS



Carson Seltz
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN FIREMAN



Makaria Stanley
HULL TECHNICIAN 2ND CLASS



Jason Tajima
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN 3RD CLASS



Hazel Tayag
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN 2ND CLASS



Kevin Torres
DAMAGE CONTROLMAN FIREMAN



Patrick Adamek
MASTER AT ARMS 3RD CLASS



Raul Amezcua-Fukutake
BOATSWAIN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



James Avery
HULL TECHNICIAN 1ST CLASS



Shenita Lancaster
YEOMAN 1ST CLASS



Janet Marquez
YEOMAN 2ND CLASS



Dominique Mitchell
YEOMAN 2ND CLASS



Kenneth Parraway
YEOMAN 2ND CLASS



Aldwin Camuro
PERSONNEL SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS



Tong Enlet
PERSONNEL SPECIALIST
3RD CLASS



Mary Frimpong
PERSONNEL SPECIALIST SEAMAN



Ernane Jimenz
PERSONNEL SPECIALIST SEAMAN



Robert Phillips
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE 1ST CLASS



Aramis Ramirez
MASS COMMUNICATION
SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS



Kevin Thrower
YEOMAN SEAMAN



Andre Timmons
PERSONNEL SPECIALIST
3RD CLASS



EXECUTIVE

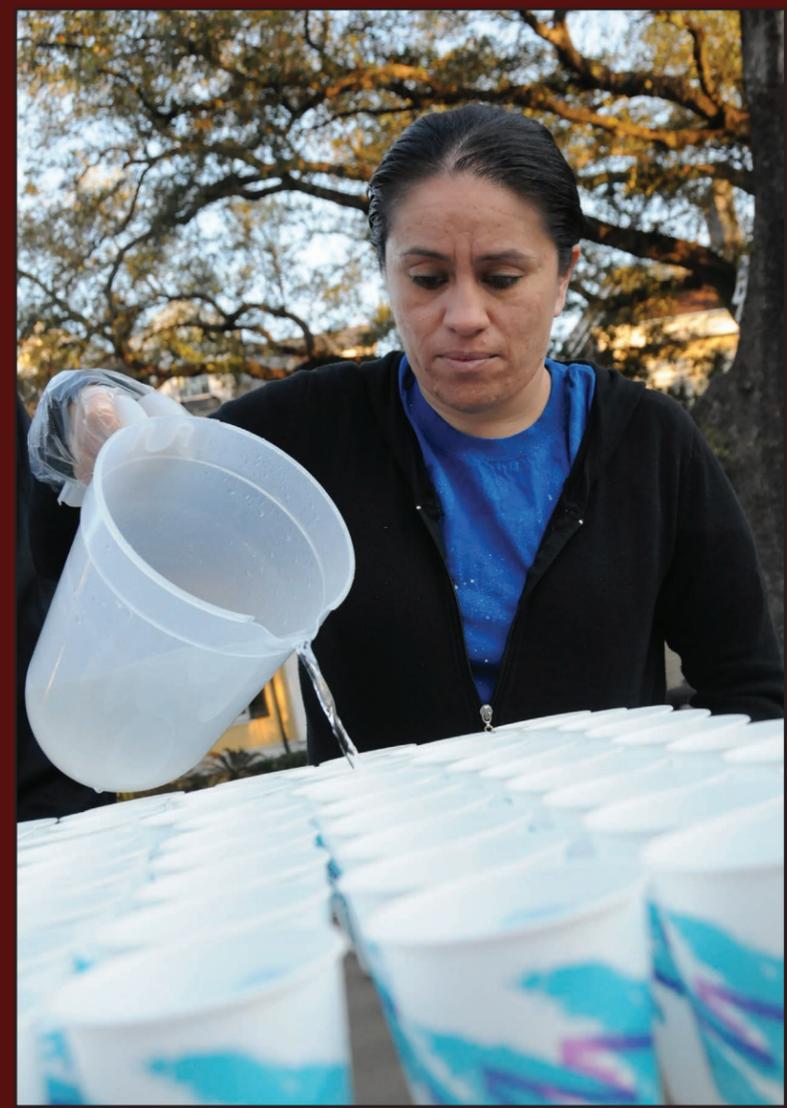
TRAINING & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Executive Department is responsible for providing essential personnel and administrative support that ensures all Anchorage Sailors receive necessary training, pay, and career development. All the command's special assistants are assigned to the Executive Department including the Master at Arms, the Maintenance and Material Management Coordinator and the Command Career Counselor.

HEALTH SERVICES

MEDICAL & DENTAL SERVICES

Health Services personnel provide vital medical and dental care to Anchorage's crew. They maintain records and through training and periodic evaluation promote safety and healthy lifestyle choices. The medical department consists of specialists in most medical fields that make operating at sea a one-stop shop including an X-ray and surgical technicians, a pharmacist, laboratory analysts and dental technicians.



Raymond Androckitis
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 2ND CLASS



Justin Brown
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN



Gerardo Daniel
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS



Leticia Duenas
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS



Robert Greene
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS



Jason McGhee
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS



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Jorge Nuñez
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 2ND CLASS



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HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS



Mark Schrawder
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN



Elenita Sy
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 2ND CLASS



Dash Turner
HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 3RD CLASS

NAVIGATION & INFORMATION GATHERING

The nerve center of the ship's operation, the Operations Department provides operational coordination, intelligence gathering and analysis, and navigational expertise essential to ship's movement that enables Anchorage to successfully fight at sea.



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OPERATIONS SPECIALIST
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(TECHNICAL) SEAMAN



Martin Coffey
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(TECHNICAL) 1ST CLASS



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(TECHNICAL) 1ST CLASS



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INFORMATION SPECIALIST
1ST CLASS



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(COLLECTION) 3RD CLASS



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(COLLECTION) 3RD CLASS



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Donald Hinkley
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Wayne Johnson
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2ND CLASS



Tsanessa Jones
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(COLLECTION) SEAMAN



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Cavin Lynn
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Sean Sullivan
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OPERATIONS SPECIALIST
3RD CLASS

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT



SHIP SERVICES & LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

Supply Department Sailors provide quality products and services that support Anchorage's operations internally and externally. They maintain stock of essential parts for ship systems as well as operate the messing and important ship services that safeguard the morale of the ship's crew. Survivability not just of the ship itself, but of the crew is linked to the customer services provided by the supply department from parts ordering to haircuts and hot meals.



James Brody
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SHIP'S SERVICEMAN 2ND CLASS



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CULINARY SPECIALIST SEAMAN



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CULINARY SPECIALIST SEAMAN



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SHIP'S SERVICEMAN SEAMAN



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BOATSWAIN'S MATE 2ND CLASS



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CULINARY SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS



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CULINARY SPECIALIST SEAMAN



Jie Zhong
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HONORARY PLANKOWNERS

A significant number of military and civilian personnel have contributed substantial time and effort towards the completion of the Navy's seventh San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock. Without their tireless efforts and sacrifice, the successful completion of Anchorage would not have been possible. As such, the more than 30 who worked most closely with us are proclaimed Honorary Plank Owners and leave behind a rich legacy that will remain well beyond the serviceable life of LPD 23.



To the Officers and Crew of the U.S.S. Anchorage,

On behalf of our fine northern city, it is my greatest honor to welcome you on this wonderful Commissioning day.

As the second ANCHORAGE to sail the seas protecting the United States of America, you hold a special place for our namesake city. This is the first commissioning ceremony, and the first ship to enter into service in Alaska's history.

The vessel and crew will carry the stories and traditions of our city and state across the world. I urge you to maintain a bond with this city and I hope that you return someday. I'm confident that Anchorage will embrace you.

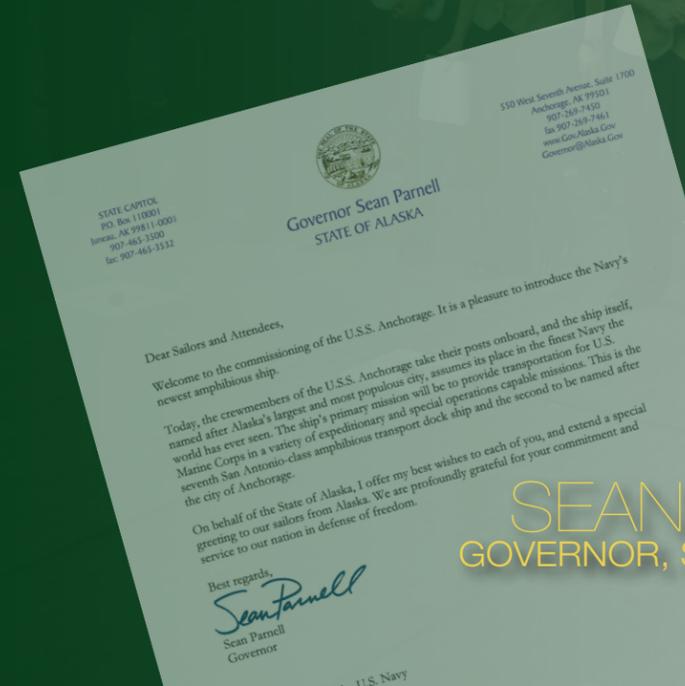
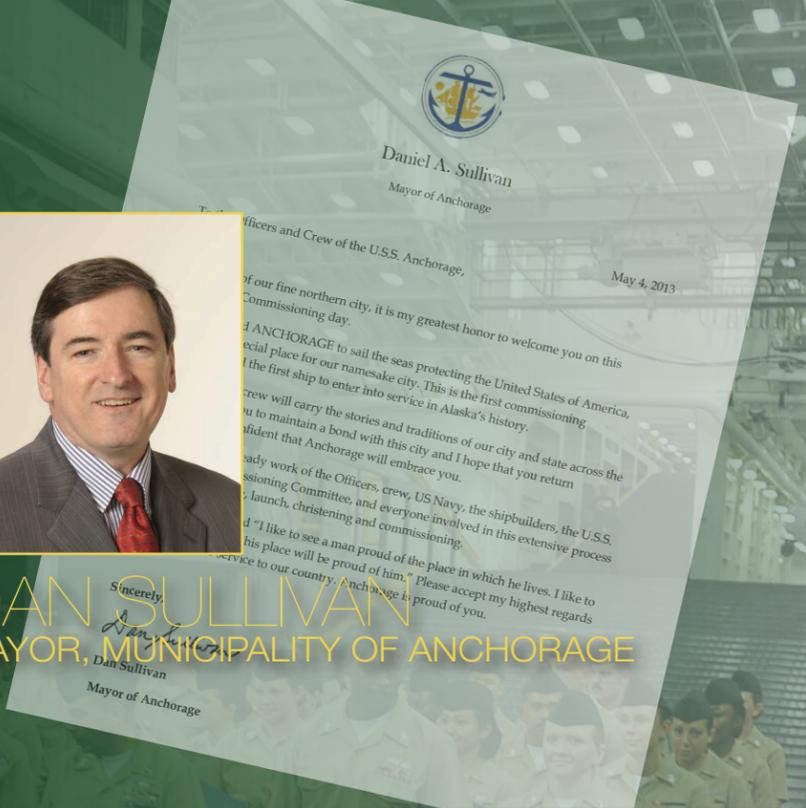
I commend the steady work of the Officers, crew, US Navy, the shipbuilders, the U.S.S. Anchorage Commissioning Committee, and everyone involved in this extensive process from the keel laying, launch, christening and commissioning.

Abraham Lincoln said "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." Please accept my highest regards for you and your service to our country. Anchorage is proud of you.

Best regards,
Dan Sullivan
Mayor of Anchorage



Sincerely,
DAN SULLIVAN
MAYOR, MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE



SEAN PARNELL
GOVERNOR, STATE OF ALASKA

Dear Sailors and Attendees,

Welcome to the commissioning of the U.S.S. Anchorage. It is a pleasure to introduce the Navy's newest amphibious ship.

Today, the crewmembers of the U.S.S. Anchorage take their posts onboard, and the ship itself, named after Alaska's largest and most populous city, assumes its place in the finest Navy the world has ever seen. The ship's primary mission will be to provide transportation for U.S. Marine Corps in a variety of expeditionary and special operations capable missions. This is the seventh San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock and the second ship to be named after the city of Anchorage.

On behalf of the State of the Alaska, I offer my best wishes to each of you, and extend a special greeting to our Sailors from Alaska. We are profoundly grateful for your commitment and service to our nation in defense of freedom.

Best regards,
Sean Parnell
Governor

Captain Quin,

Thank you for the opportunity to extend my sincerest congratulations to you, your officers, and crew on the occasion of the commissioning of the USS Anchorage (LPD 23).

The USS Anchorage "coming alive" in its namesake city is the culmination of years of effort. I first encouraged Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus to commission the USS Anchorage here in 2011, and since then, so many Alaskans have written their own letters of support asking that the ceremony be held in the greatest state in the union. Your new state-of-the-art ship will be a huge asset to the US Navy, and a point of pride for Alaska, and I know the people of Anchorage will welcome the USS Anchorage and her crew with open arms.

Anchorage has long been a gateway of new discovery - from Vitus Bering's Russian expedition to Captain James Cook's pioneering exploration - and you are now continuing that proud tradition. More than a century since Alaska was purchased by the U.S. from Russia, Anchorage remains a port steeped in strategic importance and rich in nautical history.

I am confident you, the officers, and the men and women of the USS Anchorage will perform in a manner that will reflect the image of your namesake and highest standards and traditions of the United States Navy.

Wishing You Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator



LISA MURKOWSKI
UNITED STATES SENATE, ALASKA

Dear Captain Quin,

Congratulations and best wishes to you, your officers, and crew on the commissioning of USS Anchorage, the Navy's newest San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock.

As you know, Anchorage is the second naval vessel to bear the name of Alaska's largest city, following the original USS Anchorage, which was decommissioned in 2003 after 34 years of service. The original Anchorage supported operations during the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. She also provided humanitarian assistance throughout Vietnam conflict to refugees, delivered aid to the Philippines to typhoon victims, and supported a goodwill mission to Djibouti.

I am confident the new Anchorage will continue the long tradition of proud service of her predecessor. As members of the world's finest Navy, I know that you, and the officers, and crew under your command on Anchorage will perform in a manner that reflects the highest standards of the United States Navy, the city of Anchorage, and the United States of America.

On behalf of myself and all Alaskans, thank you for your years of dedicated service, and best of luck on the newly commissioned USS Anchorage.

Sincerely,
Mark Begich
United States Senator



MARK BEGICH
UNITED STATES SENATE, ALASKA

Dear Captain Quin,

Upon the commissioning of the U.S.S. Anchorage (LPD 23) in May of this year, I extend to you, your officers and your crew, my warmest congratulations. Alaskans are honored to share this historic day with you, as the ship joins the fleet as one of the Navy's newest amphibious transport dock vessels.

Anchorage, the name of our state's largest and most populous city, evokes the hard-working and adventurous spirit of its residents. From the thousands of active-duty servicemembers that call our state home, to the many more that choose to stay, long after their service is completed; Alaskans share an especially unique bond with the military. This bond is evident in every region and neighborhood in the state, as our military population remains an integral piece of the social and economic framework that helps define Alaska's identity. As the namesake is reborn, the U.S.S. Anchorage represents a sustained effort by our naval forces to maintain and defend the shores and citizens of this great nation.

Throughout your distinguished career, you have demonstrated your life-long commitment of service to the people of the United States. I commend and honor you and your family's sacrifice in the preservation of American liberty and I am confident that you will continue to serve our country with merit and distinction as captain of the U.S.S. Anchorage.

As a licensed tugboat captain and longtime enthusiast of the seas of Alaska, I know only too well, that the success of a ship lies not only in the strength of its steel and soundness of its framing, but in the character, commitment and mettle of her crew. I am certain that under your direction and leadership, the U.S.S. Anchorage will prosper to see many years in faithful service. I wish you well in this new endeavor.

Sincerely,
Don Young
Congressman for all Alaska



DON YOUNG
CONGRESSMAN FOR ALL ALASKA

Captain Brian J. Quin, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer
USS ANCHORAGE (LPD23)
FPO AP 96060-1705

To the Crew of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23)

Congratulations on the commissioning of the USS ANCHORAGE! She is entering service during a crucial time in our history, and I am confident she and her crew will confront challenges with honor, courage, and commitment.

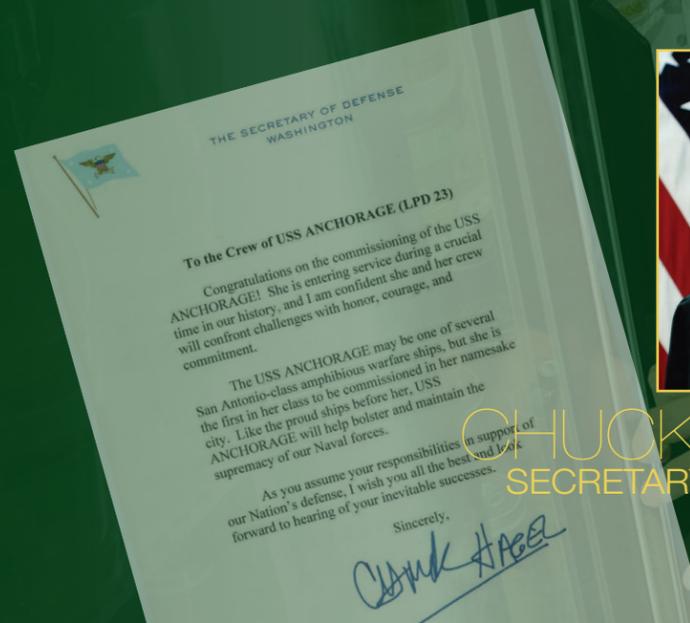
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As you assume your responsibilities in support of our Nation's defense, I wish you all the best and look forward to hearing of your inevitable successes.

Sincerely,
Chuck Hagel
Secretary of Defense



CHUCK HAGEL
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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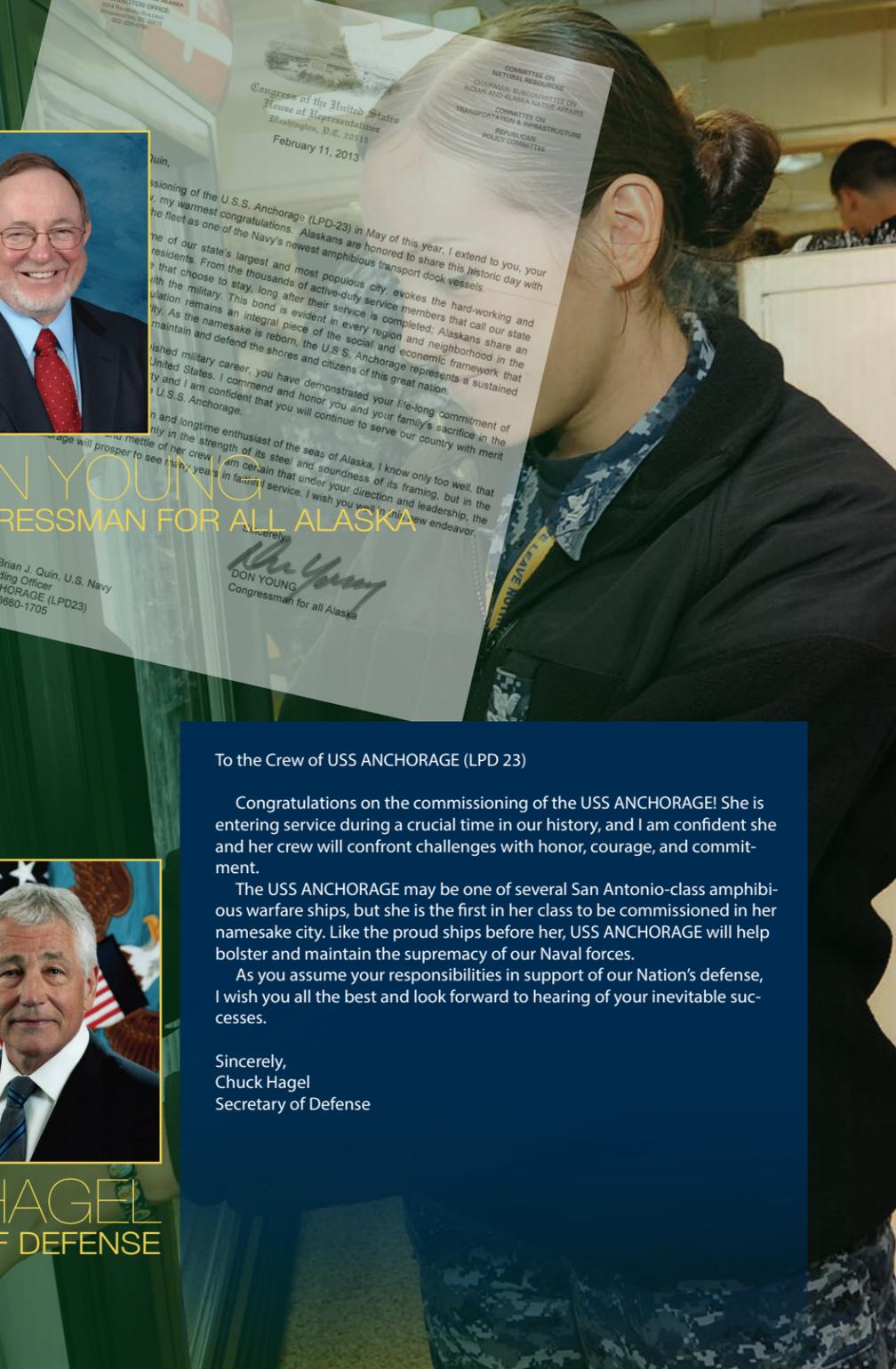
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Sincerely,
Chuck Hagel

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To the Officers and Crew of USS ANCHORAGE,

On behalf of the Department of Navy, please accept my heartfelt congratulations as you commission USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23), the Navy's new Amphibious Transport Dock ship.

USS ANCHORAGE honors the city in Alaska founded as the construction base of the Alaskan Railroad that linked the panhandle to the interior of the state. Your ship will be a testament to the bond between the Navy and Marine Corps team and this fine city.

USS ANCHORAGE enters service in a period of dynamic security challenges. Our Country and the Navy and Marine Corps will face the challenges ahead now and in the future. Your ship and her talented, dedicated crew will make our Navy and our Nation even stronger. I have great faith and confidence that USS ANCHORAGE will proudly represent the United States in global maritime operations well into the 21st Century.

As you bring this ship to life, I wish you fair winds and following seas. God bless USS ANCHORAGE and all who sail in her.

Sincerely,
Ray Maybus
Secretary of the Navy



RAY MAYBUS
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

Dear Captain Quin,

Congratulations on the commissioning of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23). ANCHORAGE arrives in the Fleet armed with the finest amphibious warfare capability afloat. Yet, it is the dedication and skill of the Sailors and Marines who put her to sea that makes this warship ready when called to perform the breadth of missions from expeditionary operations to humanitarian response.

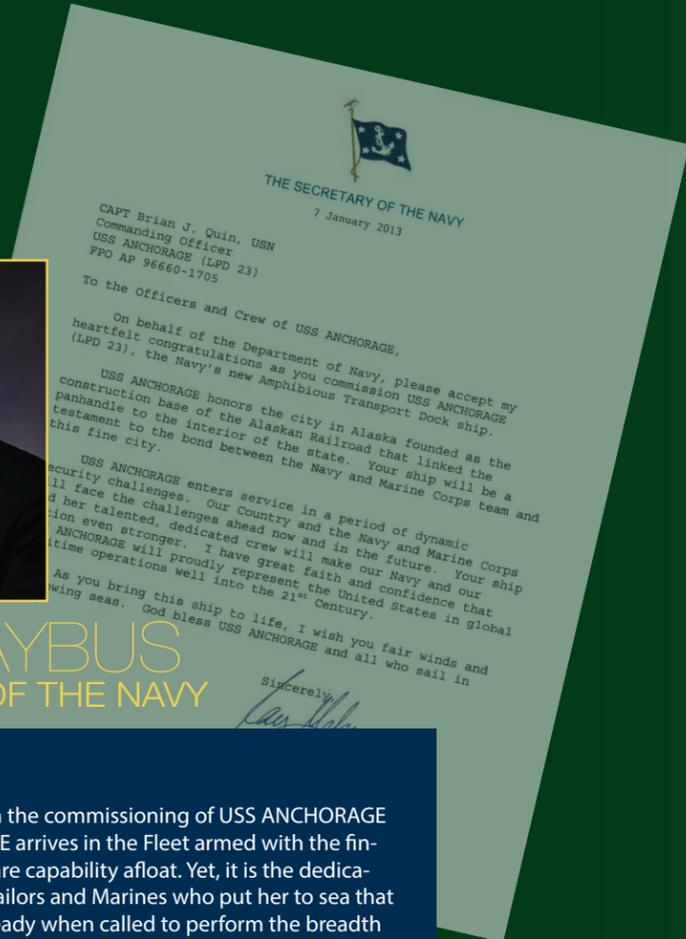
As USS ANCHORAGE commissions today, your officers and crew take on the responsibility to represent the fine city of Anchorage, Alaska, as LSD 36 did so ably from Vietnam through Operation Iraqi Freedom. You are called upon to carry on the traditions and build on the heritage of the generations of Sailors who have come before - those who have set sail under an American flag in the face of danger, in search of honor and in defense of our freedom.

Congratulations on achieving this significant milestone. It is a special day for all of you. May you have every success as ANCHORAGE joins the finest fighting force in the world - the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.

Sincerely,
Sean J. Stackley
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
Research, Development & Acquisition



SEAN J. STACKLEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & ACQUISITION



A Message from the Chief of Naval Operations,

It is with great pride that I welcome USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) to the Fleet. I thank and congratulate all whose hard work and dedication brought this magnificent warship to life.

The motto, "Nil Fato Relinquemus," capture the true spirit of this warship and the men and women of the Navy who, with thorough preparation and commitment, leave nothing to chance. It is also reflective of the people of Alaska, who are dedicated to supporting military readiness through training, maintenance, and manufacturing. The fiercely independent Alaskan spirit will inspire the crew as they defeat future threats with warfighting excellence and unmatched speed.

USS ANCHORAGE will support our Navy-Marine Corps team, optimized for forward presence, engagement, and rapid crisis response around the world. I could not be more proud of the leadership, readiness, and professionalism displayed by the Sailors who will man and sail this ship. As you operate forward, I am confident USS ANCHORAGE will provide our Nation with a dominant and credible "off-shore option" reflective of the rugged strength that characterizes her namesake's citizens.

Godspeed and best wishes to you as you bring USS ANCHORAGE to life in support of our Nation's security and prosperity of our allies and friends worldwide.

Sincerely,
Jonathan W. Greenert
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations



JONATHAN W. GREENERT
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS



Dear Captain Quin,

On behalf of all United States Marines, I welcome and congratulate the officers, crew and supporters who are gathered to celebrate the commissioning of USS Anchorage. The Navy-Marine Corps Team is proud to officially welcome this ship to the fleet!

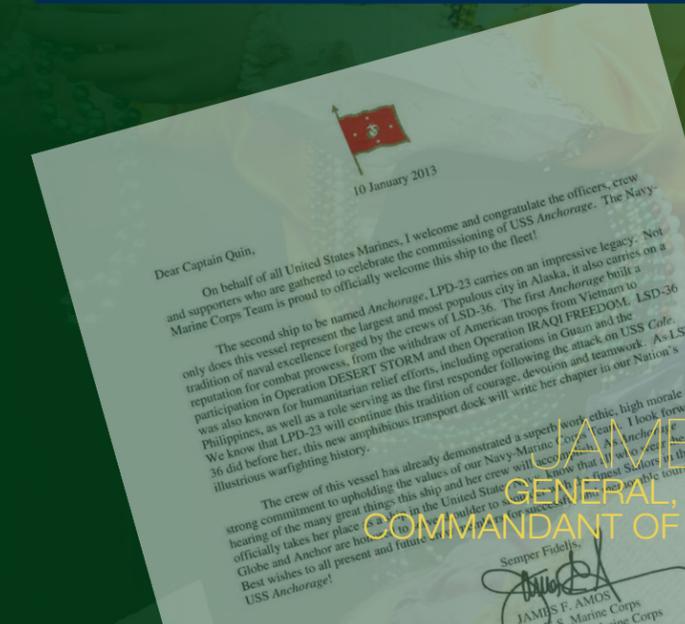
The second ship to be named Anchorage, LPD 23 carries on an impressive legacy. Not only does this vessel represent the largest and most populous city in Alaska, it also carries on a tradition of naval excellence forged by the crews of LSD 36. The first Anchorage built a reputation for combat prowess, from the withdraw of American troops from Vietnam to participation in Operation DESERT STORM and then Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. LSD 36 was also known for humanitarian relief efforts, including operations in Guam and the Philippines, as well as a role serving as the first responder following the attack on USS Cole. We know that LPD 23 will continue this tradition of courage, devotion and teamwork. As LSD 36 did before her, this new amphibious transport dock will write her chapter in our nation's illustrious warfighting history.

The crew of this vessel has already demonstrated a superb work ethic, high morale and a strong commitment to upholding the values of our Navy-Marine Corps Team. I look forward to hearing of the many great things this ship and her crew will accomplish. As Anchorage officially takes her place as a ship in the United States Navy, know that all who wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor are honored to serve shoulder to shoulder with the finest Sailors in the world. Best wishes to all present and future crew members for successful and memorable tours on board USS Anchorage!

Sincerely,
General James F. Amos, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps



JAMES F. AMOS
GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS



Dear Captain Quin,

Congratulations and best wishes to you and the crew of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) on the commissioning of the Navy/Marine Corps team's newest amphibious warship. You are undoubtedly thrilled and proud as you bring this magnificent warship to life today. It is my sincere hope that this excitement never fades as it remains an inspirational force behind this warship and its crew for decades to come.

May you and all who sail in ANCHORAGE also draw inspiration from the proud history of your namesake and predecessor. Anchorage, Alaska embodies the self-reliant, expeditionary spirit: a city hewn from the rugged frontier a century ago, and rebuilt after a devastating earthquake in the 1960s. The first USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36) served our nation with honor and excellence for 34 years, earning decorations for achievements spanning the Vietnam era in the 1970s to Operation DESERT STORM and beyond in the 1990s. You are blessed with a rich heritage that provides a solid foundation for an uncertain future.

Despite the unknowns that lie ahead, rest assured that the basics comprising the expeditionary ethos - organized and ready for rapid deployment and conduct of operations in austere environments - will serve you well, no matter the mission. Likewise, the advantages of Sea-based operations - unhindered by the restrictions with land-based forces - will provide you extraordinary advantages, flexibility and freedom of operation.

ANCHORAGE's motto, *NIL FATO RELINQUEMUS*, translated in English as "We Leave Nothing to Chance" is most appropriate. Over the next 40 years, ANCHORAGE will undoubtedly be called on to execute complex and dangerous missions as part of the Navy-Marine Corps team. Amphibious expeditionary operations require an unparalleled ability to innovate, adapt, and to overcome the challenges presented by complex environments, threats, and conditions. I know you have prepared well for such tasks and wish you and your crew Godspeed as you sail this ship in defense of our nation and way of life, leaving nothing to chance.

Bravo Zulu and Semper Fidelis,
Major General, U.S. Marine Corps
Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division

T.C. HANIFEN MAJOR GENERAL, U.S. MARINE CORPS DIRECTOR, EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE DIVISION



Dear Captain Quin,

It is a privilege for me to recognize the commissioning of the USS Anchorage (LPD 23).

The USS Anchorage is rich with history - she was lead ship of the Anchorage-class dock landing ship taking part in 19 deployments and earning 6 battle stars and Meritorious Unit Citation, in the participation in Operation "Keystone Bluejay," a planned withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam in 1970, to today where she will serve as a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock that will operate forward as one of America's multi-mission crisis-response "tools."

The Marine Corps role as America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness is reliant on a strategically relevant and appropriately resourced Navy fleet of amphibious warships and Maritime Prepositioned Force vessels. Marines provide deployed naval forces, a capability for crisis response and a means for day-to-day engagement with partner nations and a deterrent to conflict in key trouble spots worldwide.

The USS Anchorage, partnered with Marine Expeditionary Units, within an amphibious Ready Group will create a mix of highly mobile air and ground firepower with self-sustainable forces that are capable of quickly projecting power, withdraw rapidly and reconstitute to redeploy for follow-on missions in defense of our Nation's liberty and security interests.

It's my pleasure to welcome the USS Anchorage back to her namesake city and begin her service to the nation on the world's finest Navy. All who wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor salute you on the occasion of this historic ceremony.

Always Faithful,
Michael P. Barrett
17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps



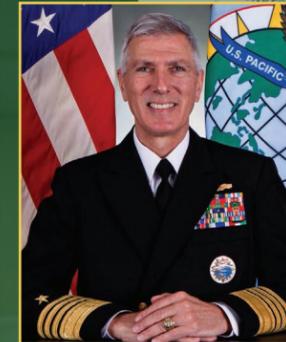
MICHAEL P. BARRETT 17TH SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS

Dear Officers and Crew of USS ANCHORAGE,

Congratulations on the commissioning of the newest member in the LPD family, USS ANCHORAGE. This is a proud day none of you will soon forget. There will be many challenges and opportunities as you take the helm and begin writing her history defending our great Nation.

Godspeed and best wishes for all the men and women who will serve aboard this great ship.

Warmest regards,
Samuel J. Locklear III
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command



SAMUEL J. LOCKLEAR III ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY COMMANDER, U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

Dear Captain Quin,

Congratulations to you and the crew of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) on the commissioning of the Navy's newest and most capable San Antonio-class Amphibious Transport Dock ship. The advanced capabilities of the ANCHORAGE will serve our nation with distinction well into the next century.

You have worked long and hard in preparing ANCHORAGE for active service, and I am confident that you are well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead. Each crewmember bears a special responsibility in that the standards set now will follow the ship throughout its service life.

On behalf of THIRD Fleet, we wish you the best of luck and are proud to have USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) as part of the team.

Sincerely,
G.R. Beaman
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, U.S. THIRD Fleet



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Captain Brian J. Quin,
Commanding Officer
USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23)
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Dear Captain Quin,

On behalf of the entire Team Ships family, we would like to extend our sincere congratulations and very best wishes to you and your outstanding crew on this momentous occasion - the commissioning of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23).

Today, you bring to life our nation's newest Fleet asset, the most technologically advanced amphibious ship ever put to sea. ANCHORAGE bears the name and spirit of one America's greatest port cities, a community renowned for its diverse culture and unwavering support for the men and women of our armed forces. It is our very great honor to lead the team responsible for the design, construction, and life cycle support of the ship that will carry this name and this legacy of service across the seven seas. In your skilled and capable hands, USS ANCHORAGE will bring an unprecedented level of power and capability to our forward deployed Sailors and Marines, serving as a proud emissary of our nation's military strength, as well as a resounding symbol of the collective will of the American people.

We are proud of your achievements and wish you every success as you join the world's greatest Navy. You have worked tirelessly to prepare yourselves and your ship for this day and the challenges that lie ahead. You are ready and you will make a difference!

David H. Lewis
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy &
James J. Shannon
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

Deputy Commander for Surface Warfare
Program Executive Office, Ships

DAVID H. LEWIS &
REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY
JAMES J. SHANNON
REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY
DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR SURFACE WARFARE
PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SHIPS



Dear Captain Quin,

Congratulations to you and the crew of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) on the commissioning of our nation's most advanced amphibious ship. There are few moments as filled with tradition and impact as the day a ship is commissioned and joins the fleet.

At the point when the ship sponsor calls out to the crew, "Bring this ship to life!" and the ship is manned, systems turned on and the ensign hoisted, the community and the Navy share a singular moment in history which will remain in your collective memories forever.

The first namesake ship USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36) was commissioned in 1969 and immediately began service in the western Pacific transporting Marines home from Vietnam. The following years saw her transporting material and personnel throughout the Pacific as well as conducting humanitarian assistance missions. After 34 years of service, she was decommissioned in 2003.

LPD 23 is the second namesake ship for the city of Anchorage whose enthusiasm and support for the Navy, the ship and her crew have been shown in countless ways. Your commissioning ceremony in the port of Anchorage is fitting and a testament to the manner in which ANCHORAGE has already been embraced.

On behalf of the Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, we are proud to add USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) to the greatest fleet of the greatest nation and look forward to her carrying on the proud tradition of service found in her predecessor and in the great city of Anchorage.

Sincerely,
T.H. Copeman
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander Naval Surface Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet



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At the point when the ship sponsor calls out to the crew, "Bring this ship to life!" and the ship is manned, systems turned on and the ensign hoisted, the community and the Navy share a singular moment in history which will remain in your collective memories forever.
The first namesake ship USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36) was commissioned in 1969 and immediately began service in the western Pacific transporting Marines home from Vietnam. The following years saw her transporting material and personnel throughout the Pacific as well as conducting humanitarian assistance missions. After 34 years of service, she was decommissioned in 2003.
LPD 23 is the second namesake ship for the city of Anchorage whose enthusiasm and support for the Navy, the ship and her crew have been shown in countless ways. Your commissioning ceremony in the port of Anchorage is fitting and a testament to the manner in which ANCHORAGE has already been embraced.
On behalf of the Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, we are proud to add USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) to the greatest fleet of the greatest nation and look forward to her carrying on the proud tradition of service found in her predecessor and in the great city of Anchorage.

Sincerely,
T.H. COPEMAN
Vice Admiral, US Navy

Dear Captain Quin,

On behalf of the men and women of SUPSHIP Gulf Coast, I extend our congratulations on the commissioning of the USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23) into the United States Navy. It has been our privilege to oversee construction of this warship, to see her come to life and now ready to fight!

As first commanding officer of the ANCHORAGE, you have established the command climate that will envelop her for years to come, establishing her character and creating her reputation for rugged, selfless service. This is an awesome responsibility and a great honor for you and it has been our privilege to work with you during construction. I have witness first-hand your professionalism, skill, and leadership, and I am confident that you will set a mark of excellence that future crews will emulate.

Like the city she is named for, the ANCHORAGE is prepared to meet the challenges of the frontier. The "City of Lights" resiliency following the devastating 1964 earthquake has helped her grow to more than 300,000 residents and become the bustling port that receives 95% of all goods destined for Alaska.

I, along with the personnel of SUPSHIP Gulf Coast, wish you, your crew and the Marines who will embark every success in the challenges that lie ahead. We will follow ANCHORAGE with our never-ending support and prayers. "Fair winds and following seas."

Good Hunting and God Bless,
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Captain, U.S. Navy
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To the Officers and Crew of USS ANCHORAGE,

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Equipped with the latest technology, ANCHORAGE is the most highly developed amphibious ship in the world. Under the skilled hands and minds of your dedicated officers and crew, ANCHORAGE is ready to fulfill all its missions in the proud traditions of our Navy-Marine Corps team.

ANCHORAGE is the second warship to honor the city and citizens of Anchorage, Alaska. Your predecessor, the first USS ANCHORAGE (LSD 36), earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation and six battle stars for Vietnam service, received the Navy Unit Citation and the South West Asia Service Medal (2 Stars) for Operation Desert Storm and supported Operation Iraqi Freedom. When decommissioned in 2003, the first USS ANCHORAGE was the most decorated dock landing ship on the West Coast. I am confident this ship and crew will make just as impressive a mark on history.

Our nation can feel confident and secure as ANCHORAGE transports our Sailors and Marines across the oceans to prevail over those who would challenge our defense of the world's maritime security.

To ANCHORAGE, her commanding officer, and all her crew, I bid you fair winds and following seas as you join the Fleet. May your constant vigilance bring great success in the challenges lie ahead.

Sincerely,
K.M. McCoy
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command



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