

DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY



USS
ROBERT H. McCARD
DD 822

TAMPA, FLORIDA
5 JUNE 1980



COMMANDER THOMAS W. MOORE



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Commander Thomas W. Moore, a native of Alabama, graduated from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee in June 1962, with a bachelor of arts degree in English. Following Officer Candidate School, he was commissioned in March of 1963 and assigned to USS CHARLES R. WARE (DD 865) where he served until February 1966 as First Lieutenant, Damage Control Assistant, and Main Propulsion Assistant. During a tour in recruiting as Officer Programs Officer in Dallas, Texas he was accepted into the TAR program and in 1968 was assigned to USS ENGLISH (DD 696) as Engineering Officer. From April to October 1970 he attended destroyer school, then reported to USS WORDEN (CG 18) at Bath, Maine as Engineering Officer. Following extensive modernization, USS WORDEN (CG 18) was commissioned in February 1971 and homeported first in Long Beach, California and then Yokosuka, Japan. During extensive Gulf of Tonkin operations in 1972, Commander Moore served as WORDEN's Operations Officer. In 1973 he returned to recruiting in Dallas, Texas. From 1975 to May 1977 he served as the Executive Officer for USS STEINAKER (DD 863) which was homeported in Baltimore. In June 1977 he was assigned Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Center, at Tampa, Florida. On 13 October 1978 he relieved Commander G.L. Bamum as Commanding Officer, USS Robert H. McCard (DD 822).

Commander Moore has been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Commander Moore is married to the former Jane Bennett of Mobile, Alabama. They have three children, Charlotte-16, Walter 12, and Nancy 10.

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

CLASS — GEARING DD 710
BUILT — Orange, Texas
LAUNCHED — 9 November 1945
COMMISSIONED — 23 October 1946

LENGTH — 390 Feet 6 Inches
BEAM — 41 Feet
SPEED — 33 Knots
DISPLACEMENT — 3250 Tons

ARMAMENT

2 Twin 5"/38 Caliber Dual Purpose Mounts
2 Three Barrel Torpedo Tube Mounts
1 Eight Cell ASROC Launcher

CREW

12 — Officers
196 — Enlisted
112 — SELRES



USS ROBERT H. McCARD DECOMMISSIONING CREW

CDR T. W. MOORE, Commanding Officer

LCDR C. F. DITTO, Executive Officer

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

LTJG C. E. CAESAR, Operations Officer
ENS W. R. KENNERLEY, Communication Officer

RMC COONS, L. J.
OSC JACOBS, P. J.
OS2 BICKERSTAFF, J. R.
HM1 CHANCE, M. O.
EW1 HARSEY, J. G.
PN1 SEIFERT, E. L.
YN1 STEVENSON, G. N.
ET2 ANGIONE, B. A.
ET2 COSMA, T. N.
ET2 KEMPMA, M. J.
EW2 PHILLIPS, M. D.

OS3 PALMER, R. R.
RM3 MAGWOOD, J. A.
RM3 McCARTY, J. K.
PN3 BRIDGES, A. J.
ETSN DOUCET, M. A.
OSSN FOGLE, H. R.
RMSN FAHY, D. P.
RMSN KOLACKOVSKY, A. L.
SMSN FULLENKAMP, J. J.
SN HRDLICKA, D.
SN SYLVIA, R. P.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

LCDR G. L. SENTMAN, Engineer Officer
LT R. L. BRUMMITT, Main Propulsion Assistant

MMCS WERNER, W. P.
BTC SKILES, J. W.
EMC THORSTENSON, V. M.
HTC LEWIS, J. H.
MMC MITCHELL, H. L.
BT1 DOTY, J. A.
BT1 SMITS, J. W.
BT1 YOUNG, C. L.
EM1 TUCKER, C. A.
EN1 HAYNES, G. P.
BT2 MORGAN, H. A.
EM2 AYERS, M. A.
HT2 DAVIS, R. L.
HT 2 LANA, E. W.
IC2 CARECCIA, J. J.
MM2 NEAL, S. D.
MM2 SPENCER, G. L.
BT3 BILLINGS, D. K.
BT3 DALY, R. M.
BT3 DENICOLA, A. J.
BT3 HERNDON, D. E.
BT3 LEWANDOWSKI, M. D.
BT3 MEYER, L. E.

BT3 SCHNETZKY, M. S.
BT3 THOMSON, J. H.
BT3 ZIELINSKI, M. D.
EM3 HANNA, M. J.
EM3 NUNAG, J. C.
EN3 JUDY, C. M.
HT3 KING, M. A.
MM3 ANDERSON, K. M.
MM3 BREEN, M.
MM3 DAHN, B. G.
MM3 HARTMAN, J. D.
MM3 KRAEMER, W. T.
MM3 LEIDY, R. H.
MM3 LIPOWSKI, E. W.
MM3 MAJEWSKI, D. M.
MM3 STEELE, P. E.
MM3 THONSSSEN, T. P.
MM3 TYE, D. L.
BTFN CLARK, J. A.
BTFN LUNDY, J. L.
BTFN REDINGER, K. E.
BTFN WHITFIELD, K. E.
EMFN FISHER, W. T.

EMFN HAHN, G. L.
HTFN FUREY, D. J.
HTFN HOWES, S. L.
ICFN FORD, E. C.
ICFN THORNTON, R. L.
MMFN FREDRICKS, D. J.
MMFN HOMSTAD, G.
MMFN LUNDY, J. C.
MMFN STURCH, D. L.
MMFN WINANS, J. M.
FN CZUBERNAT, P. B.
BTFN BROWN, A. W.
BTFN HAYES, B. L.
BTFN JOLLY, J. T.
MMFA MARKS, G. T.
FA COLEMAN, C. J.
FA JACOBS, H. A.
FA MIGHELL, T. D.
FA PACHECO, D. L.
FA WOMACK, M. A.
FA YENSER, G. W.
BTFN HEDRICK, E.
BTFN KLINE, M. A.
BTFN SHUGART, J. S.

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

LT G. B. EILAND, Weapons Officer
LTJG K. S. ROBERTS, First Lieutenant
ENS C. JANUSZEWICZ, ASW Officer

BMC QUALLS, D. L.
GMGC SOLANA, M.A.
FTG2 VAN NORMAN, E. C.
GMG2 ELLIS, D. J.
GMG2 HAYES, J. L.
STG2 ROTH, G. E.
TM2 KLINGENSMITH, D. D.
BM3 BLOUNT, R. T.
BM3 MOSELEY, D. C.
BM3 ROBERTS, M.
FTG3 RISING, M. G.
FTG3 TAPP, J. S.
GMM3 RUSH, E. W.
STG3 HENRY, S.
STG3 COOK, M. J.

STGSN TOWLE, G. T.
SN COCHENOUR, G. F.
SN DEPREZ, G. E.
SN HALL, J. E.
SN HAYES, D. K.
SN HOPKINS, M.
SN MATZ, D. J.
SN MAZZULLO, T.
SN OLIVERAS, A.
SN SCHMIDT, T. R.
SN SEEYOUUMA, A. R.
SN STEPHENS, J. L.
SN YOAKUM, R. K.
SN ZIGLER, L. D.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

ENS J. F. DEGEORGE, Supply Officer

MSC JUSTICE, M. R.
DK1 PILAPIL, S. C.
MS1 BRAVO, A. O.
MS1 DELACRUZ, C. A.
SH1 AGULTO, R. I.
SH1 BILTZ, F. O.
SK1 RIVERS, M.
MS2 LAMONTAGNE, L. S.
MS2 SAUNDERS, J. B.
SK2 CADE, L. E.

MS3 EDWARDS, H. M.
MS3 TURKETTE, C. R.
SH3 FLECHA, S.
SK3 WIDNER, J. R.
MSSN BARBER, B. E.
MSSN HEARN, A. E.
SHSN WILKES, W. E.
SKSN FONTANE, R.
SN GRAY, E. D.



The President of the United States takes pride in presenting
the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

GUNNERY SERGEANT ROBERT H. McCARD
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Platoon Sergeant of Company A, Fourth Tank Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during the battle for enemy Japanese-held Saipan, Marianas Islands, on June 16, 1944. Cut off from the other units of his platoon when his tank was put out of action by a battery of enemy 77-mm. guns, Gunnery Sergeant McCard carried on resolutely, bringing all the tank's weapons to bear on the enemy, until the severity of hostile fire caused him to order his crew out the escape hatch while he courageously exposed himself to enemy guns by hurling hand grenades, in order to cover the evacuation of his men. Seriously wounded during this action and with his supply of grenades exhausted, Gunnery Sergeant McCard then dismantled one of the tank's machine guns and faced the Japanese for the second time to deliver vigorous fire into their positions, destroying sixteen of the enemy but sacrificing himself to insure the safety of his crew. His valiant fighting spirit and supreme loyalty in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant McCard and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/s/ FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

HONORARY GUEST

The Commanding Officer, Officers and men of the USS ROBERT H. McCARD (DD 822) are proud to have as their guest for this decommissioning ceremony CAPTAIN E. A. MICHEL, JR., USN (RET.).

Over thirty-three years ago, on 23 October 1946, Captain Michel became the first commanding Officer of the USS ROBERT H. McCARD at commissioning ceremonies in which the USS ROBERT H. McCARD was first accepted by the United States Navy. He went on to command two other ships during his career.

Captain Michel has been a resident of the Tampa Bay area since his retirement from the United States Navy in 1961. After twenty-six years of service to his country, Captain Michel became Director of Community Relations for Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Florida.



PAST COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS ROBERT H. McCARD (DD 822)

CDR EDWARD A. MICHEL, JR.
23 Oct. 1946 - 31 July 1948

CDR CHARLES D. COOK, JR.
31 July 1948 - 19 July 1949

CDR WALTER J. BARRY
19 July 1949 - 14 June 1951

CDR JEWITT C. PHILLIPS, JR.
14 June 1951 - 28 May 1952

CDR JAMES E. JAMISON
28 May 1952 - 10 April 1953

CDR STRAUSS S. LECH
10 April 1953 - 7 Feb. 1955

CDR HAROLD L. GRAHMAN
7 Feb. 1955 - 7 June 1957

CDR JOHN R. DUSAT
7 June 1957 - 18 Oct. 1958

CDR RICHARD H. MOSS
18 Oct. 1958 - 9 June 1960

CDR ROBERT A. WULF
9 June 1960 - 1 July 1961

CDR NICHOLAS MIKHALEVSKY
1 July 1961 - 5 Feb. 1962

CDR JAMES W. STROBEL
5 Feb. 1962 - 14 Sept. 1962

CDR GEORGE W. LOVERIDGE
14 Sept. 1962 - 30 July 1964

CDR EDWARD C. KLINE, JR.
30 July 1964 - 27 Sept. 1966

CDR SAMUEL L. DOAK
27 Sept. 1966 - 27 July 1968

CDR GEORGE W. BROWN
27 July 1968 - 3 Jan. 1970

CDR PHILIP W. WEHRMAN
3 Jan. 1970 - 16 Aug. 1971

CDR THOMAS B. POTTER, JR.
16 Aug. 1971 - 13 Nov. 1972

CDR LAWRENCE A. GILLILAND, JR.
13 Nov. 1972 - 27 Sept. 1973

CDR WILLIAM H. PEERENBOOM
1 Oct. 1973 - 27 July 1974

CDR JAMES E. LAW
27 July 1974 - 16 July 1976

CDR GARY L. BARNUM
16 July 1976 - 13 Oct. 1978

CDR THOMAS W. MOORE
13 Oct. 1978 - 5 June 1980

PROGRAM

Musical Selections

EIGHTH NAVAL DISTRICT BAND

Invocation

Lieutenant Commander MOSES STITH, CHC, USNR-R

Remarks By

Commander Destroyer Squadron THREE FOUR
Captain B. B. TRAWEEK, USN

Farewell Remarks and Reading of Orders by

Commander THOMAS H. MOORE, USNR
Commanding Officer, USS ROBERT H. McCARD (DD 822)

Decommissioning of United States Ship
ROBERT H. McCARD (DD 822)

Presentation of Commissioning Pennant and
National Colors by Senior Enlisted

Transfer of the Ex-United States Ship
ROBERT H. McCARD (DD 822)
by Captain B. B. TRAWEEK, USN

Acceptance of Ex-United States Ship
by Captain ERKAN GURSAL

Commission Ship
TCG KILICALIPASA (DD 349)

Acceptance of Command, Reading of Orders
and Assumption of Command by
Commander VURAL ULAS