

Welcome Aboard



USS MULLINNIX

DD-944

Your host today, the USS MULLINNIX (DD-944) is a Forrest Sherman Class Destroyer, one of the most powerful striking weapons of the Fleet. Equipped with automatic rapid-fire guns, she has a fire-power greater than any previous class of destroyer, and is equipped with modern fire control and submarine detection equipment. The main mission of the MULLINNIX is to provide naval gunfire support, whether it be for land-based or other sea-going units, and to provide anti-aircraft and anti-submarine protection for high value units.

MULLINNIX was built by the Bethlehem Steel Company in Quincy, Massachusetts and is the first naval vessel to bear the name of one of America's most gifted "Air Admirals," a tribute to Rear Admiral Henry Matson MULLINNIX who was killed in action while serving aboard his flagship, the Escort Carrier USS LISCOMBE BAY. The keel was laid on 5 April 1956 and, almost one year later, Mrs. Kathryn MULLINNIX, widow of Admiral MULLINNIX, christened the ship by breaking the traditional bottle of champagne over her bow. On 7 March 1958, MULLINNIX was commissioned as a combatant in the United States Navy; on this occasion, Mrs. MULLINNIX presented the officers and crew with Admiral MULLINNIX's personal flag and sword, which are displayed in the wardroom.

MULLINNIX has steamed all over the world, visiting ports from Buenos Aires to Singapore to Bahrain to Izmir, and engaged in a multitude of different operations, such as the recovery of a two man Gemini Space shot in 1965 and NATO Operations in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean. In addition, MULLINNIX has served two tours of active duty in the Western Pacific, including service off the coast of Vietnam, one in the Middle East, and three in the Mediterranean.

The MULLINNIX completed an extensive, four million dollar overhaul in Portsmouth, Virginia in August of 1973. In February 1974, Mullinnix deployed to the Middle East, steaming over 40,000 miles in six months, returning home in August. The next year was full of fleet exercises and inspections. MULLINNIX increased her readiness by participating in Exercise Agate Punch off of the U.S. East Coast in April, COMPTUEX 1-76 in July 1975, and CARIBEX 1-76/VERITAS VIII in August 1975, with units of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and the Brazilian and British navies in the Caribbean Sea. In October 1975, MULLINNIX left Norfolk for a seven month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the U.S. SIXTH Fleet, returning to homeport in May 1976. Her last deployment prior to overhaul was from August to November 1976 in Northern European Waters. The ship operated with several NATO navies and visited ports in Denmark, Norway, Germany, France, and England.

MULLINNIX is now undergoing an extensive overhaul in Brooklyn, N.Y. with a completion date set for December 1977, then back to the Fleet.



COMMANDER THOMAS K. ANDERSON

Commander Thomas K. Anderson was born in Petersburg, Virginia on 27 January 1938. He attended Petersburg High School and was graduated in 1955. Commander Anderson attended Davidson College, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics in 1959. He received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy from Officer Candidate School in November of 1959.

His educational background also includes a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Idaho which he earned in 1968 while assigned there as an instructor.

Prior to assuming command on MULLINNIX in March 1976, his previous assignments include:

Deck Officer, USS SPRINGFIELD (CLG-7)	1959-1962
Asst. CIC Officer, USS GALVESTON (CLG-3)	1962-1963
Asst. Weps/ASW Officer, USS KING (DLG-10)	1964-1965
Instructor NAV/OPS, Univ. of Idaho	1965-1968
Commander, PBR River Div. 531, Vietnam	1968-1969
OPS Officer, USS WAINWRIGHT (DLG-28)	1969-1971
Executive Officer, USS JONAS INGRAM (DD-938)	1971-1972
Congressional Liason Officer, Office of Legislative Affairs, Washington, D.C.	1972-1975

Commander Anderson is a designated Surface Warfare Officer, and is a proven subspecialist in Political/Military Relations. His decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Award with two stars, Presidential Unit Citation Award, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation and Cross of Gallantry Awards, the Navy Commendation Medal, two Bronze Stars, and the Silver Star.

Commander Anderson is married to the former Claire Fotheringham Daggett of Eugene, Oregon. They have two sons Kendrick, born 1964, and Jonathan, born 1966.



CHARACTERISTICS OF USS MULLINNIX (DD-944)

Length	418 ft
Beam	45 ft
Draft	24 ft
Displacement	3850 tons
Complement	19 Officers, 270 Enlisted men.

ARMAMENT

Three 5"/54 caliber single mounts;
two triple mount MK 32 SVTT Torpedo Tubes.

MACHINERY

Four (4) Foster-Wheeler D-type, 1200 PSI Steam Boilers,
two (2) GE Steam Turbine Main Engines capable of 35,000 hp each,
four (4) 500 KW/hr General Electric Ships Service Turbo-Generators.