

MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

SS322/A1-1
(800-875209)

30 April 1951

From: Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard
To: Prospective Commanding Officer, USS BLACKFIN (SS322)

Subj: Commissioning of the USS BLACKFIN (SS322)

Ref: (a) Article 0744, U. S. Navy Regulations (1948)
(b) Article 0788, U. S. Navy Regulations (1948)
(c) Article 2163, U. S. Navy Regulations (1948)

1. The Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, has been designated by the Commander, Mare Island-Vallejo Area, San Francisco Naval Base, as the representative of the Commandant, Twelfth Naval District for the commissioning of the USS BLACKFIN (SS322). The Administrative Officer, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, will place the USS BLACKFIN (SS322) in commission at 1400 on 15 May 1951. The vessel will be at Berth 3.

2. The preliminary inspection required by reference (b), incident to commissioning, will be completed prior to 11 May 1951.

3. Under the provisions of reference (c), upon being placed in commission, the USS BLACKFIN (SS322) is authorized to display the National Ensign, the Union Jack and a commission pennant or personal flag.

4. Uniform will be as follows:

a. For officers participating in the ceremony: Service Dress Blue Baker with Gray Gloves.

b. Officers attending but not participating in the ceremony: Service Dress Blue Baker.

c. Enlisted Personnel: Dress Blue Baker.

5. Schedule of events will be as follows:

a. At 1340, the officers and crew of the USS BLACKFIN (SS322) will be in formation on board ship.

b. At 1350, the official party will come on board. They will be met at the gangway by the Prospective Commanding Officer and after such inspection as desired will be escorted to the space designated for the official

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party. The official party will include Commander, Mare Island-Vallejo Area, San Francisco Naval Base, with his Aide, accompanied by the Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Administrative Officer, and the Shipyard Chaplain.

c. The Administrative Officer will introduce the Shipyard Chaplain who will offer the commissioning prayer.

d. The Area Commander will address the officers and crew of the USS BLACKFIN (SS322).

e. Administrative Officer reads orders placing the USS BLACKFIN (SS322) in commission.

f. Administrative Officer orders Prospective Commanding Officer to make Colors.

g. Prospective Commanding Officer orders "Make Colors". The bugler sounds Colors. On the first note of Colors, all uniformed personnel not in ranks face the Colors and salute. On the first note of Colors, hoist the Colors and Jack and break the Commission Pennant.

h. On completion of Colors, the Prospective Commanding Officer will request permission to break the personal flag of the Commander, Mare Island-Vallejo Area, U. S. Naval Base San Francisco; the Commander's personal flag will then be broken and the commission pennant hauled down.

i. The Prospective Commanding Officer then reads his orders, and assumes command.

j. The Commanding Officer, USS BLACKFIN (SS322) orders "Set the Watch". The Executive Officer orders the Officer of the Deck to "Set the Watch". The Officer of the Deck marches the watch section forward.

k. The Officer of the Deck reports to the Commanding Officer that the Watch is Set.

l. The Commanding Officer, USS BLACKFIN (SS322) reports to the Commander, Mare Island-Vallejo Area, U. S. Naval Base, San Francisco, "Sir, the USS BLACKFIN (SS322) reports for duty."

m. The official party leaves the ship. The side will be tended and honors rendered to departing officers as appropriate.

n. When the Area Commander leaves the ship, his personal flag will be hauled down and the commission pennant hoisted.

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USS BLACKFIN (SS322) (4)

Administrative Officer (3)

Shipyard Chaplain

Security Officer

Police Station

Production Officer (3)

Planning Officer (3)

Code 101

Code 103

Code 314

Authenticated:



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