

U. S. S. TELFAIR

LPA-210



DECOMMISSIONING PROGRAM

NAVAL AMPHIBIOUS BASE LITTLE CREEK

USS TELFAIR
(LPA-210)

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BUILT BY
RICHMOND SHIPYARD
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

KEEL LAID - 30 MAY 1944
LAUNCHED - 30 AUGUST 1944
COMMISSIONED - 9 DECEMBER 1944

SPONSOR
MRS. J. L. CAUTHORN

DECOMMISSIONED LPA-210
31 OCTOBER 1968

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VICE ADMIRAL L. C. HEINZ, U.S. NAVY

Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet

COMMANDER F. H. SHAW, U.S. NAVY

Commanding Officer, USS TELFAIR (LPA-210)

SHIP'S HISTORY

USS TELFAIR is an Attack Transport. This ship's primary mission is the transporting of combatant troops and equipment in support of amphibious assault operations.

Named after Telfair County, Georgia, she was first commissioned on 31 October 1944. Shortly afterwards, she joined the U.S. PACIFIC FLEET, loaded with troops and equipment destined for the battlefields of WWII's Pacific campaign. From March to April of 1945, the ship was continuously engaged in the offensive operation against Kerama Retto, Okinawa, and Ie Shima. On the night of April 2nd, this ship successfully defended against an attack by Japanese suicide planes. After cessation of hostilities she reported for "Magic Carpet" duty, and 31 October found her enroute to Manila, P.I., for her first load of returning United States personnel. Upon completion of this duty, the ship was placed out of commission.

TELFAIR was reactivated for the Korean emergency and re-entered the U.S. PACIFIC FLEET on 12 September 1950. In 1954, she engaged in "Operation Passage to Freedom". In the course of this operation, this ship evacuated over seven thousand Korean and Chinese refugees from the then pending Red Chinese Communist threat.

During World War II and the Korean conflict, TELFAIR won the following awards and ribbons: The Asiatic-Pacific with one (1) star, World War II Victory Ribbon, Naval Occupation Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Korean Service Ribbon with three (3) stars, United Nations Ribbon, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

The TELFAIR was placed out of commission in February 1958. On 1 September 1961 she returned to reactivation. On 22 November 1961, she was recommissioned under the command of Captain E.M. HIGGINS, USN, and ordered to report to the ATLANTIC FLEET upon completion of underway training in San Diego, California.

The Ship passed through the Panama Canal on 1 February and arrived in her new home port Norfolk, Virginia on 6 February 1962.

TELFAIR's years in the Atlantic Fleet included four deployments to the Mediterranean, one deployment to the Caribbean and visits to every major seaport from Boston to Fort Lauderdale while conducting East Coast operations.

On 9 August 1968, Commander Fletcher H. SHAW, USN, relieved Captain Newton H. MORGAN, USN, as Commanding Officer.

On 31 October 1968, TELFAIR was decommissioned.

STATISTICS

OVERALL LENGTH.....	455 Feet
BEAM	62 Feet
DISPLACEMENT	14,873 Tons
SPEED	17 knots plus
ACCOMMODATIONS - Crew	55 Officers, 477 enlisted men
Troop	87 Officers, 1,475 enlisted men
ARMAMENT	4 twin 40 millimeter anti-aircraft mounts

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BAND SELECTIONS

Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla Eight Band

INVOCATION

Lieutenant Wrex K. HAUTH (CHC), U.S. Naval Reserve

REMARKS AND READING OF DECOMMISSIONING DIRECTIVE

Commander Fletcher H. SHAW, USN, Commanding Officer

COMMANDING OFFICER DECOMMISSIONS SHIP

FORMER COMMANDING OFFICERS

CDR L. O. ARMEL, USNR 10-31-44 to 10-45
CAPT J. H. HOGG, USN 10-45 to 2-46
CAPT S. H. CRITTENDEN, JR., USN..... 2-46 to 7-47

OUT OF COMMISSION IN RESERVE

CAPT J. ANDREWS, USN..... 9-12-50 to 8-8-51
CAPT C. G. COREY, USN..... 8-8-51 to 7-29-52
CAPT G. N. JOHANSEN, USN..... 7-29-52 to 5-15-53
CAPT O. D. T. LYNCH, USN..... 5-15-53 to 8-2-54
CAPT J. G. SPANGLER, USN..... 8-2-54 to 10-55
CAPT C. E. KING, USN..... 10-55 to 10-56
CAPT J. C. NICHOLS, USN..... 10-56 to 2-58

OUT OF COMMISSION IN RESERVE

CAPT E. M. HIGGINS, USN..... 11-22-61 to 12-20-62
CAPT F. C. WYSE, USN..... 12-20-62 to 10-4-63
CAPT S. H. MACGREGOR, Jr., USN..... 10-4-63 to 10-2-64
CAPT A. R. SEILER, USN..... 10-2-64 to 9-30-65
CAPT D. E. BUNTING, USN..... 9-30-65 to 10-19-66
CAPT L. W. MOFFIT, USN..... 10-19-66 to 10-24-67
CAPT N. H. MORGAN, USN..... 10-24-67 to 8-9-68
CDR F. H. SHAW, USN..... 8-9-68 to 10-31-68

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