

USS FANNING (FF-1076)

There is something new in the U. S. Navy, and you are standing on her - the modern destroyer escort.

USS FANNING (FF-1076) is named for Lieutenant Nathaniel Fanning, USN, a hero of the Revolutionary War who served with John Paul Jones in the ship BONHOMME RICHARD. She is the third ship of the Fleet to bear the name, and the twenty-fifth of the forty-six ship KNOX class of destroyer escorts. These ships are specially designed for locating and destroying enemy submarines, but are also capable of effective performance of patrol, anti-air warfare, shore bombardment, and command functions.

The first USS FANNING (DD-37) was commissioned in 1912 and saw extensive service on convoy and patrol duty in the Atlantic during World War I. On 17 November 1917, with the assistance of USS NICHOLSON (DD-52), FANNING sighted, attacked, and sank the German submarine U-58, accounting for the only submarine sunk by the United States forces during World War I. The second USS FANNING (DD-385) was commissioned in 1937 and served throughout the Pacific during World War II. Among her exploits were participation in the daring attack on Tokyo by Jimmy Doolittle's raiders in 1942, the attacks on Guadalcanal, Kwajalein, and Eniwetok in the South Pacific in 1943-44, the campaign to re-capture the Philippines in 1944, and operations at Okinawa, Guam, and Iwo Jima in 1945. DD-385 was decommissioned in the late 1945 after the end of hostilities in which she received four battle stars and the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation. Her ship's bell now rests aboard the present USS FANNING.

USS FANNING (FF-1076) was constructed at Todd Shipyard Corporation, Los Angeles Division. Her keel was laid 7 December 1968. The ship was launched 24 January 1969 and commissioned 23 July 1971. The ship's sponsor is Mrs. Robert H. Lathrop of Old Lyme, Conn., great-great-great granddaughter of Nathaniel Fanning.

As one of the newest additions to the Pacific Fleet, FANNING incorporates many innovations in shipbuilding and design. The most noticeable of these is her mast. This structure is a combined mast and smokestack, and is an identifying feature of this class of ship.

The various systems which make up the ship are the most modern available from the engineering plant to the electronics and communications system, to the various weapons systems, to the supply and provisioning system. These enable FANNING to meet any of a wide range of operational requirements.

Even with modern equipment a ship needs a skilled crew to man her. FANNING has just that. Her complement of 17 officers and 230 men include many technicians and specialists. All are highly trained and contribute to the teamwork so necessary for the operation of a naval ship.

USS FANNING is 438 feet long and displaces 4200 tons (full load). She has a beam of 46 feet 9 inches and a navigational draft of 25 feet 1 inch. A single five bladed propeller drives the ship through the water at speeds in excess of 27 knots.

The officers and men of USS FANNING (FF-1076) welcome you and hope that you will enjoy your visit.

COMMANDER NAVAL SURFACE FORCE

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

The Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (NAVSURFPAC) is commanded by a Vice Admiral with headquarters at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California.

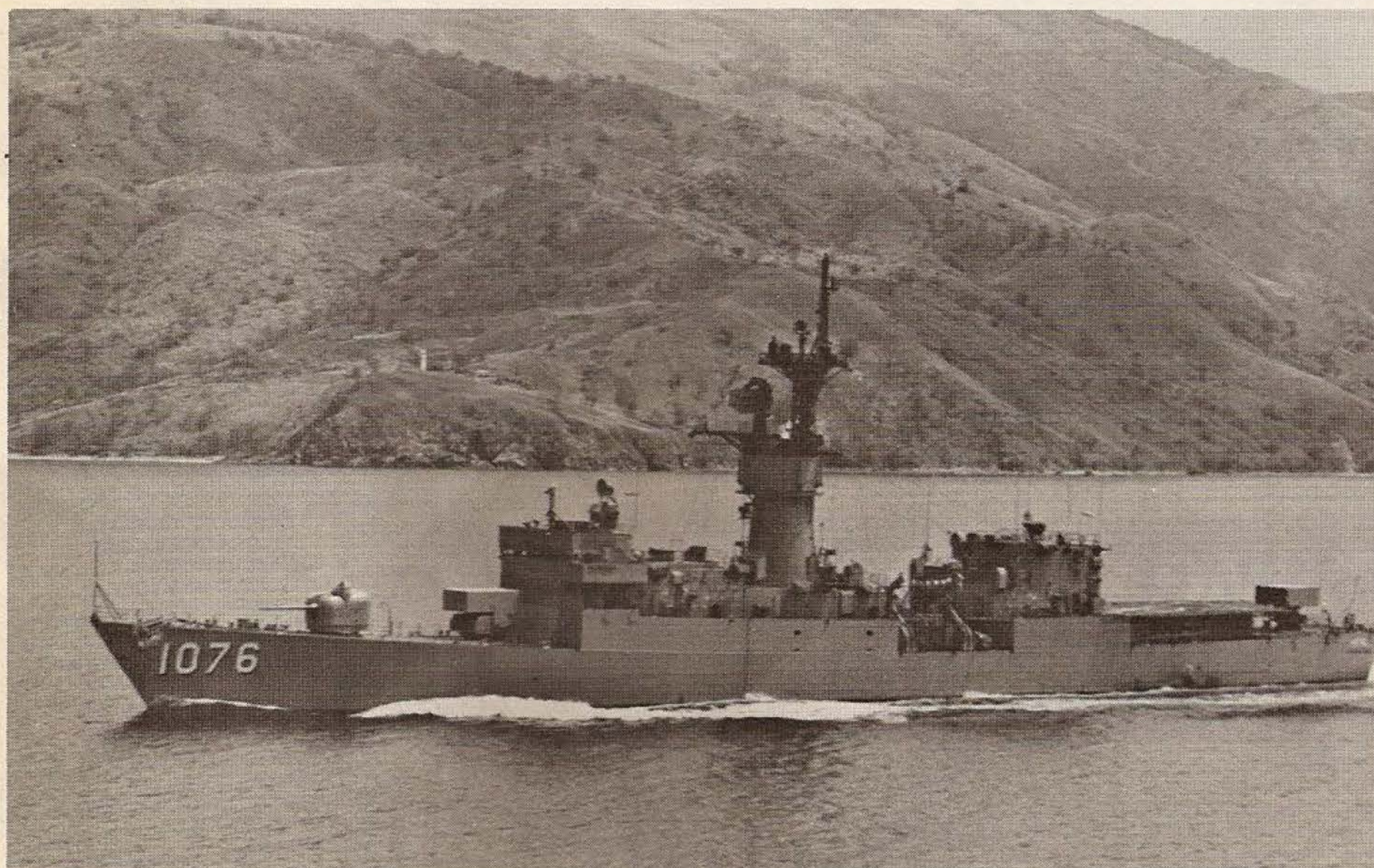
The primary mission of the Commander, Naval Surface Force, is to provide combat-ready ships and men to the Commanders, U.S. Third and Seventh Fleets. The Navy's area of responsibility in the Pacific encompasses about 85 million square miles.

The Commander is also responsible for the training, readiness, discipline and morale of his forces.

With the exception of the Submarine and Naval Air Forces, COMNAVSURFPAC commands all other surface ships in the Pacific Fleet.

While deployed, these ships and men may be engaged in anti-submarine warfare exercises, search and rescue missions, provide gunfire support, take part in fleet and amphibious exercises, or may visit other countries on good-will missions.

When in their homeports, ships' crews enjoy leave and liberty, conduct refresher training, make necessary repairs, perform routine upkeep of their ships and train new men for duty in today's Navy.



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