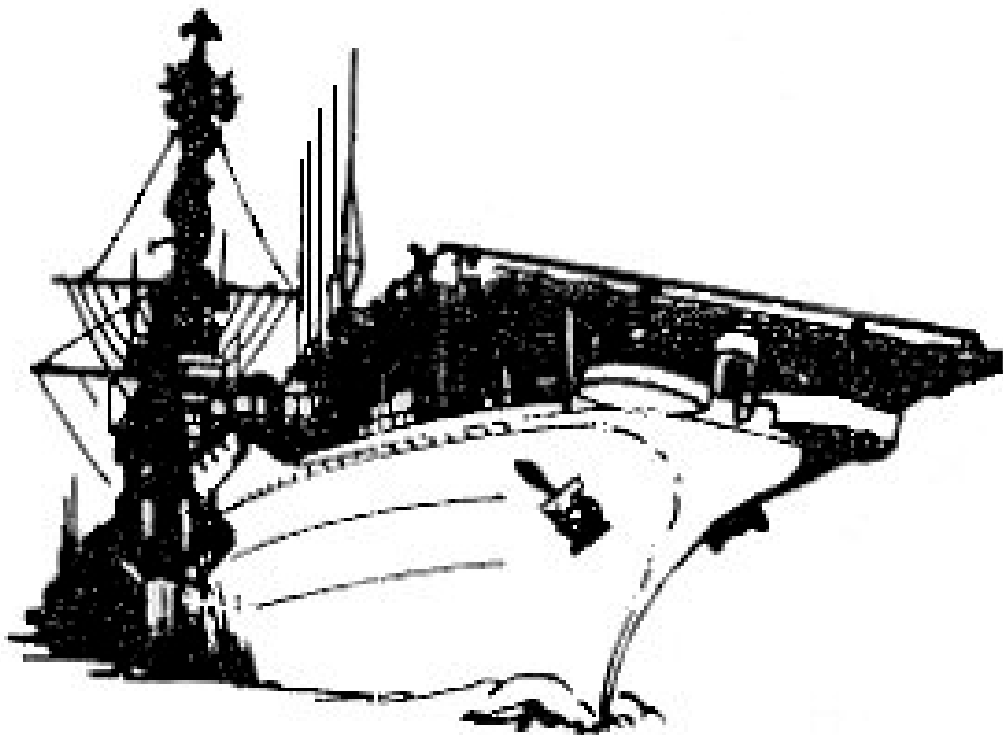


# U.S.S. HORNET



## CVA 12

Friday, 11 September 1953

RECOMMISSIONING

*Figure 1 U.S.S. Hornet (CVA-12) Recommissioning 09/11/1953*

# U.S.S. Hornet (CVA-12) Recommissioning Ceremony

Friday, 11 September

Mrs. Annie Reid Knox

Sponsor for the Seventh and Eighth Hornet

Mrs. Rawleigh Warner

Matron of Honor for the Seventh and Eighth Hornet

Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey, United States Navy

Admiral Robert B. Carney, United States Navy

Chief of Naval Operations

Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, United States Navy

Commander in Chief, Atlantic and U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Vice Admiral John J. Ballentine, United States Navy

Commander, Air Force, United States Atlantic Fleet

Vice Admiral Laurance T. DuBose, United States Navy

Commander Eastern Sea Frontier

Rear Admiral Roy T. Cowdrey, United States Navy

Commander, New York Naval Shipyard

Rear Admiral Austin K. Doyle, United States Navy

Commander, Caribbean Sea Frontier

Commandant, Tenth Naval District

(Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Hornet, 1944-1945)

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, United States Navy

Commandant, Third Naval District

Rear Admiral Edward B. Harp, CHC, United States Navy

Chief of Chaplains

Honorable John Cashmore

President, Borough of Brooklyn,

Captain Milton A. Nation, United States Navy

Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Hornet (CVA-12)

# Recommissioning Ceremony

Invocation by Chaplain Harp, Chief of Chaplains

Commandant, Third Naval District orders the U.S. S. Hornet placed in commission

National Anthem and hoisting of the Colors

The Captain reads his orders

Rendering of Honors

Setting the First Watch

Address by Admiral Robert B. Carney USN

Address by the Commanding officer. U.S.S Hornet

Benediction by Ship's Chaplain

Conclusion of ceremony and dismissal of crew

Reception on board

## Department Heads

Commander W. F. Bringle, United States Navy  
Executive Officer

Commander D. M. Szabo, United States Navy  
Operations Officer

Commander R. W. Phillips, United States Navy  
Air Officer

Commander W. H. Withrow, United States Navy  
Navigator

Commander C. F. Palmer, SC, United States Navy  
Supply Officer

Commander W. S. Lummis, MC, United States Navy  
Medical Officer

Commander L. J. Rhen, DC, United States Navy  
Dental Officer

Commander J. Mercer, United States, Navy  
Engineering Officer

Commander J. J. McGowan, CHC, United States Navy  
Senior Chaplain

Lieut. Commander B. E. Edwards, United States Navy  
Gunnery Officer

## Mission

As an attack aircraft carrier of the United States Navy the U.S.S. Hornet provides mobile base facilities for the effective employment of the military potential of embarked aircraft squadrons and detachments.

## Ship's Data

<b>Crew</b>	<b>2700 (Air Group included)</b>
<b>Officers</b>	210 (Air Group included)
<b>Length (extreme)</b>	898 ft.
<b>Breadth (extreme)</b>	151 ft.
<b>Draft (full load)</b>	29 ft.
<b>Displacement</b>	32,000 tons
<b>Height</b>	190 ft.
<b>Flight Deck Length</b>	190 ft.
<b>Speed</b>	over 30 knots
<b>Horsepower</b>	150,000
<b>Armament</b>	8 single 5 in. .38 28 rapid fire 3 in. .50
<b>Aircraft</b>	About 80

## Historical Sketch

The USS Hornet, eighth ship of her name in the United States Navy, has been bequeathed a glorious heritage and worthy traditions by her illustrious predecessors.

The first Hornet was a ten-gun sloop engaged in the hazardous duty of guarding the Delaware Capes in 1777.

The second Hornet, also a ten-gun sloop served with Commodore Rodgers' Squadron during the Tripolitan War in the Mediterranean.

The third Hornet was a brig-rigged sloop of war. She fought in the War of 1812 under command of James Lawrence, who gave the Navy the famous motto 'Don't give up the ship'. The Hornet successfully blockaded Bahia Harbor, captured the 'Resolution', sank the 'Peacock', overwhelmed the 'Penguin', and escaped capture by the 'Cornwallis'.

The fourth Hornet was a five-gun schooner used as a dispatch vessel between 1813 and 1820.

The fifth Hornet, and the first steam-propelled namesake, was an iron, side-wheeled steamer. She saw action during the Civil War, and later was ordered to duty in Cuban waters.

The sixth vessel, a converted yacht, was a dispatch vessel in the Spanish-American War. Her record of operations on the coast of Cuba upheld and added to the highest tradition of the service.

The seventh Hornet, first aircraft carrier to bear the name, was the famous 'Shangri-La' from which General Doolittle's planes were launched to make their raid on Tokyo. Commissioned on 20 October, 1941, the Hornet's

life of one year and five days proved a glorious one. She participated in the Battle of Midway (3 June, 1942 - 6 June 1942) during which her Torpedo Squadron Eight gallantly lost every plane in a daring attack, without protection, on the enemy. Only one man survived. Later the Hornet supported the occupation of Guadalcanal. She was lost as a result of enemy action during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands on 26 October, 1942.

The eighth, and present Hornet was launched on 30 August, 1943, ten months after the seventh Hornet had been sunk. Originally to have been named the KEARSARGE, CV-12 was commissioned the Hornet on 29 November, 1943 to keep the name of the famous 'Fighting Lady' in the fleet. Arriving at Pearl Harbor 4 March she became part of Task Force 58. Earning the Presidential Unit citation, she also received seven battle stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal from March, 1944 to January, 1945. The Hornet participated in raids Paa, Yap Truk, the Capture and occupation of Saipan, and the battle of the Philippine Sea. After several more campaigns, including the Leyte Operation, the Battle of Surigao Strait, Northern Luzon and Formosa attacks, she served as a troop transport from 1945 until June of 1946, at which time she was decommissioned.

Today, the eighth Hornet, now known as CVA-12, will be recommissioned, to once again take her place in the fleet of the United States Navy.

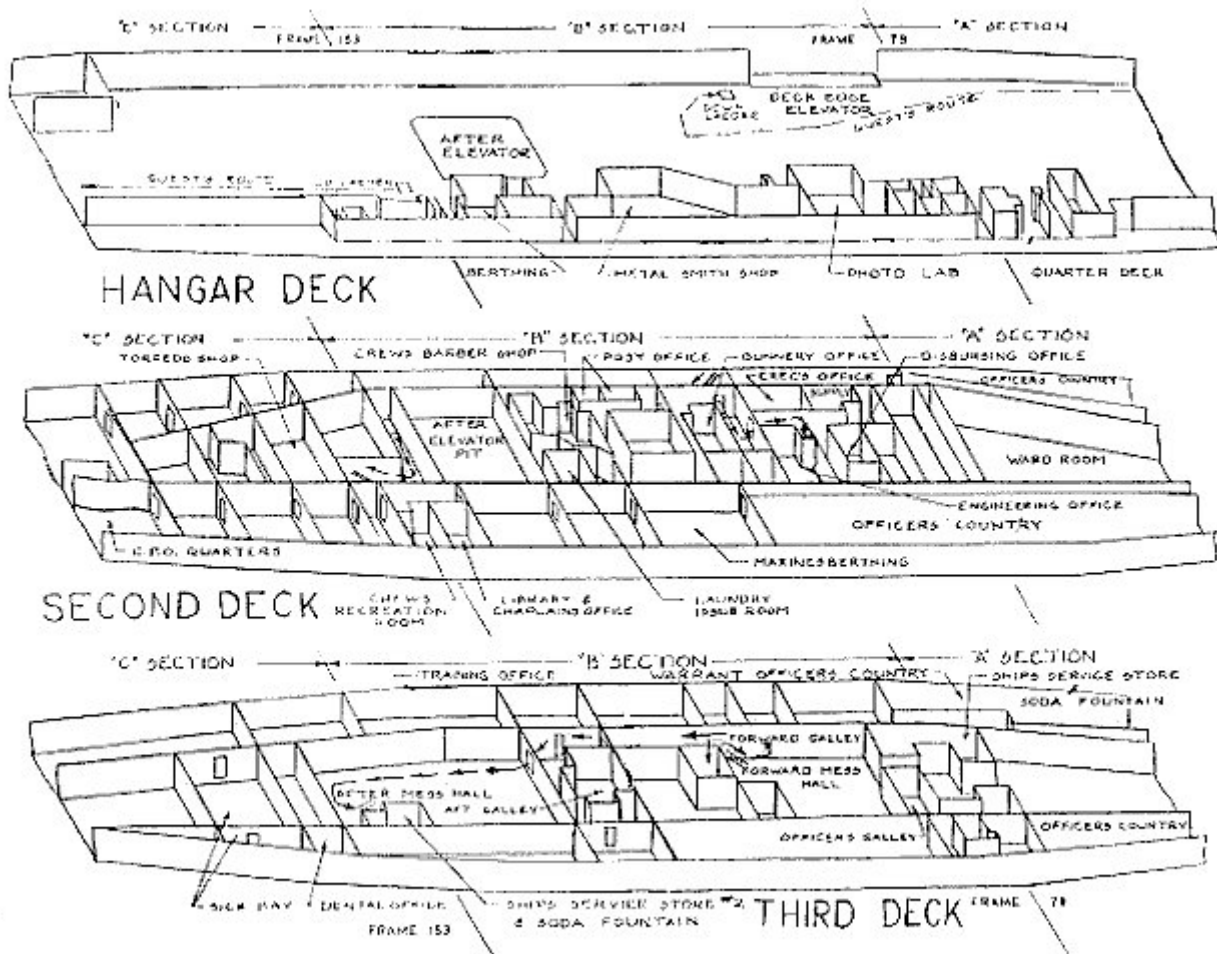


Figure 2 Deck Outline

## General Information

**Messing** - The crew will be messed in four group assemblies from four food stations as follows:

GROUP ASSEMBLY #1: Fwd. Galley Stb. Side: Operations, Navigation, Medical, Dental, Supply, and Administrative Departments.

GROUP ASSEMBLY #2: Fwd. Galley Port Side: Gunnery Department.

**Group Assembly #3:** Aft Galley Stb. Side: Air Department.

**Group Assembly #4:** Aft Galley Port Side: Engineering Department.

Mess line will form as directed by the MAA force. First Class P.O.s will fall in at Mess Hall B-301L, designated first class P.O. mess.

Watch standers will eat early at Group Assembly #3.

**Laundry** - There will be once a week service for all hands. Mess cooks will have tri-weekly service. There is no charge.

**Barber Shop (Crew)** - The Crew's Barber Shop is located just aft of the Post Office on the 2nd. deck. Eight Chairs are available for daily service.

**Tailor Shop** - The Tailor Shop is located adjacent to the Cobbler Shop on the 4th deck. Services such as minor alterations and pressing will be made. No charge is made for these services and no tipping is allowed.

**Cobbler Shop** - The Cobbler Shop is located below the forward Mess Hall on the 4th deck. Labor is free but leather and rubber heels must be purchased in the ship's store.

**Soda Fountain** - The ship has two soda fountains. Located on the 3rd deck by Frames 79 and 142. Soft drinks and ice cream will be sold throughout the week from 1300 to 1600, and from 1800 to 1900.

**Ship's Stores**- The Ship's Stores (142) offers toilet articles, tobacco, candy, foreign merchandise (when resale permitted), jewelry, and luxury items. Merchandise is sold at a minimum of profit. The privilege of purchasing at almost cost price is one which you will want to protect therefore purchases must be limited to items required for your own needs and Bonafide gifts. Profits derived from all store sales go to the ship's Recreation Fund and are used for your welfare and recreation on the recommendation of the Enlisted Recreation Council and with the approval of the Commanding Officer.

**Telephone And Telegraph** - Telephone calls may be made at sea when the ship-to-shore radio telephone service is established. In port, local facilities must be used.

Telegrams may be sent from the ship's communications Office when underway or in foreign ports. Telegrams will be received at the ship's Communications Office at sea.

**Mail** - The Post Office is located on the 2nd deck amid ships, on the port side. Stamps and money orders may be purchased there during the week. Letter drops will be located throughout the ship for general mailing purposes.

**Smoking** - Smoking restrictions are necessary because of the large quantities of inflammable material carried aboard. It is never permitted on the Flight Deck, Hanger Deck, or in ammunition storage spaces, and may be prohibited elsewhere at certain hours by special announcements made over the ship's loud speaker system.

**Athletics** - To play hard is as important for the crew of a fighting ship as to 'work hard'. Facilities for varied athletics will be provided by the Athletic Gear Locker. We hope to provide wrestling, judo, boxing, baseball, softball, golf, touch football, basketball, and other body and morale building pastimes.

**Locating Ship's Facilities** - Finding your way around the ship will be much easier if you will remember the system used to identify the various spaces. The ship as a whole is divided into three sections: Forward, Amidships, and Aft, and these are designated A, B, and C, respectively. Frame 79 is the dividing line between the A, and B, sections; Frame 153 between the B and C sections. The decks of the ship are numbered from the Hangar Deck downward: 1,2,3, etc. Compartments are numbered in sequence, starting at the bow of the ship, with the even numbers always on the port side. A further designation is made according to the use made of the compartment, as L for living, E for engineering, etc. If a compartment is subdivided a number will appear with this letter, as 3L, 2E, etc. To illustrate, a compartment might be designated as 'B-316-L' in which case the B indicates that the compartment in the Amidships section, 3 indicates that it is on the Third Deck, the 16 indicates that it is on the Port Side and is the sixteenth compartment aft of Bulkhead #79 on that deck and the L indicates it is used as a living space.

## Ship's Facilities

PLACE	LOCATION	HOURS OPEN
<b>Wardroom</b>	Second Deck Comp. A-210-L	Breakfast 0630-0800 Sundays & Holidays 0730-0900 Luncheon 1130 oncoming watch officers 1200 all other officers Dinner 1730 Ens. JG's and on-coming watch; 1830 Lt's and above.
<b>Barber Shop</b>	Second Deck Frame 121 Amidships	Monday thru Friday - 0800-1130, 1300-1600 Saturday 0800-1130
<b>Ship's Store No. 1</b>	Forward Mess Hall Frame 67	Monday thru Friday 0900-1100, 1300-1530
<b>Ship's Store No.2</b>	After Mess Hall Frame 143	Monday thru Friday 0900-1100, 1300-1530
<b>Soda Fountain</b>	Third Deck- No. 1 Frame 79 No. 2-Frame 142	Monday thru Sunday 1300-1600, 1800-1900
<b>Post Office</b>	Second Deck Port Side Amidships	Monday thru Friday 0815-1130, 1300-1500 Saturday 0815-1530 at sea only
<b>Athletic Gear Locker</b>	Fourth Deck Amidships near Cobbler Shop	Monday thru Friday 1600-1830 Saturday & Sunday 1300-1800
<b>Library</b>	Second Deck Starboard Side across from After Elev.	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 1300-2000 Friday 1630-2000 Saturday & Sunday 1300-1800
<b>Cobbler Shop</b>	Fourth Deck below Forward Mess Hall	Monday thru Friday 0800-1130, 1300-1600 Saturday 0800-1300
<b>Sick Bay</b>	Third Deck Frame 168 Stbd.	Monday thru Sunday 0830 throughout day

## The Hornet Club

The Hornet Club consists of approximately 1506 people, all former members of the crew of the U.S.S. Hornet. So proud are these people of their own 'Fighting Lady' and so devoted are they to one another that they perpetuate the life of the Hornet by their own organization in civilian life. These devoted shipmates, who wrote thus far the history of the hornet with their own sweat and blood and devotion, meet annually and elect officers and thus enable the life of the Hornet to continue.

Today we are honored by the presence of many members of the Hornet Club. We look forward to assuming the responsibility that is ours in maintaining the enviable record that they have so preeminently established.

## Hornet Scoreboard

Seven battle stars

Presidential Unit Citation

688 Planes shot down

742 Planes destroyed on the ground

One Cruiser sunk

One Carrier sunk

Ten Destroyers sunk

42 Cargo Ships sunk

## U.S.S. Hornet

<b>Built by</b>	<b>Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co.</b>
<b>Keel laid</b>	19 October 1942
<b>Launched</b>	30 August 1943
<b>Commissioned</b>	29 November 1943
<b>Decommissioned</b>	June 1946
<b>Modernization commenced</b>	July 1951
<b>Recommissioned</b>	11 September 1953

Modernization by New York Naval Shipyard Brooklyn, New York

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