

**COMMISSIONING
OF
UNITED STATES SHIP
MULLINNIX
(DD 944)**



**BOSTON NAVAL SHIPYARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
7 MARCH 1958**



U. S. S. MULLINNIX

{DD 944}



Built by
Bethlehem Steel Company
Quincy, Mass.



Keel Laid – 5 April 1956
Launched – 18 March 1957
Commissioned – 7 March 1958



SPONSOR

Mrs. Kathryn F. Mullinnix
wife of the late
Rear Admiral Henry Maston Mullinnix, USN





COMMISSIONING
OF A
NAVAL WARSHIP

The commissioning ceremony marks the initiation of service of a ship of the Operating Forces of the United States Navy. At the moment of breaking her commission pennant, U. S. S. MULLINNIX (DD 944) becomes the responsibility of her Commanding Officer, Commander Clyde B. Anderson, USN, who, together with the ship's company, then has the duty of making and keeping her constantly ready for any service demanded by our country in peace or war.



REAR ADMIRAL
HENRY MASTON MULLINNIX
UNITED STATES NAVY

REAR ADMIRAL HENRY MASTON MULLINIX, USN

Rear Admiral H. M. Mullinnix USN, born July 4, 1892 in Spencer, Indiana, was graduated from the grammar and high schools of Attica, Indiana, and attended Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, for one year as a member of the Class of 1915, before his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy from his native state in 1912. He was graduated from the Academy and commissioned Ensign in June 1916, standing first in his class. During World War I he was given temporary promotions to the ranks of Lieutenant (junior grade) and Lieutenant in 1917, being commissioned in those ranks in 1919 and 1920 respectively. Subsequently he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander on July 1, 1926; to Commander on June 30, 1936; to Captain on July 1, 1941; and to Rear Admiral on August 6, 1943, ranking from November 13, 1942.

After graduating from the Academy in 1916, Rear Admiral Mullinnix reported to the destroyer USS BALCH. BALCH joined the United States Destroyer Force based in Queenstown, Ireland, in November 1917, and during the remainder of World War I was employed in patrol and escort duty in the war zone.

Rear Admiral Mullinnix returned to the United States in September 1918. After duty in connection with fitting out USS GRIDLEY at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, California, he served as Engineer Officer of that destroyer from her commissioning on August 27, 1918 until March 1920, when he was transferred to duty in connection with fitting out USS BROOKS at the New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, New Jersey, serving as Engineer Officer from her commissioning on August 24, 1920 until May 13, 1921.

In 1921-23, Rear Admiral Mullinnix completed a postgraduate course of instruction in aeronautical engineering at the Postgraduate School, Annapolis, Maryland, and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, receiving the degree of Master of Science in June 1923. He then took flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida, being designated as a naval aviator on January 11, 1924.

After duty in the Engine Section of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department, Washington, D. C. from June 1924 until September 1927, Rear Admiral Mullinnix reported for duty in connection with fitting out USS SARATOGA (CV 3), and served aboard her from commissioning on November 16, 1927 until June 27, 1929, first as Assembly Repair Officer and later as Assistant Air Officer. During the following year he commanded Bombing Squadron Two, Aircraft Squadrons, Battle Fleet, which was based on SARATOGA. From June 1930 until June 1932 he served on the staff of the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, and after a year's duty on the Staff of the Commander, Aircraft, Scouting Force, was Navigator of USS WRIGHT for a year, and was Executive Officer of the Fleet Air Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H. from June 1934 until May 1937, when he returned to USS WRIGHT for duty as Executive Officer until June 1938. During the following year he served as Aviation Officer on the Staff of the Commander, Battle Force, and for a year thereafter he was Executive Officer of the Naval Air Station, San Diego, California. On November 1, 1940 he reported at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, Camden, New Jersey, for duty in connection with fitting out USS ALBEMARLE, seaplane tender. He commanded ALBEMARLE from her commissioning on December 20, 1940 until March 4, 1941.

Rear Admiral Mullinnix commanded Patrol Wing, Support Force (later redesignated Patrol Wing Seven) from March 3, 1941 to March 21, 1942, and for services in this command, was awarded the Letter of Commendation by the Secretary of the Navy, with authorization to wear the Commendation Ribbon.

He served as Air Officer, Eastern Sea Frontier from March 1942 until March 1943. For his achievements during this period, he was awarded the Letter of Commendation by the War Department.

Returning to sea duty, Rear Admiral Mullinnix (in the rank of Captain) commanded the aircraft carrier USS SARATOGA from April 7, 1943 until August 22, 1943, when he was transferred to duty as Commander of a Carrier Division with the rank of Rear Admiral.

Rear Admiral Mullinnix was aboard USS LISCOMBE BAY as Task Force Commander when she was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine off Makin Island in the Gilbert Islands area on November 24, 1943. He was reported missing in action following that catastrophe and was officially declared dead a year later. For his services in November 1943, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, with the following citation:

LEGION OF MERIT

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the Government of the United States as Commander of a Carrier Air Support Group prior to and during the amphibious invasion of Japanese-held Makin Atoll, Gilbert Islands from November 1 to 24, 1943. Displaying outstanding initiative and superior executive ability, Rear Admiral Mullinnix skillfully conducted anti-submarine and combat air patrols supporting our landing operations on this strongly defended island, and through his brilliant leadership, enabled escort carriers to carry out a well coordinated, aggressive attack against the enemy. Rear Admiral Mullinnix's tireless efforts, meticulous attention to detail and loyal devotion to the accomplishment of an extremely difficult and hazardous mission contributed materially to our subsequent capture of this strategic area."

Rear Admiral Mullinnix was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

In addition to the Legion of Merit, the Commendation Ribbon and the Purple Heart Medal, Rear Admiral Mullinnix held the Victory Medal with Destroyer Clasp, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

An airfield on Buota Island, Tarawa, in the Gilbert Islands, was named Mullinnix Field in his honor.

Rear Admiral Mullinnix's brother, Rear Admiral Allen Prather Mullinnix, USN, RET., was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1920 in June 1919 and served continuously in the U. S. Navy until his retirement.

Rear Admiral Mullinnix is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kathryn F. Mullinnix, who resides in Stockton, California. Mrs. Mullinnix served as sponsor for the destroyer named in honor of her husband, USS MULLINNIX (DD 944), and christened the ship with her husband's name on 18 March 1957.



Mrs. H. M. Mullinnix
Wife of Admiral Mullinnix
Sponsor

Rear Admiral H. Crommelin, USN
Commander, U. S. Naval Base
Newport, R. I.



Rear Admiral
J. A. Snackenberg, USN
Commandant, First Naval District



Rear Admiral
W. E. Howard, Jr., USN
Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard

U. S. S. MULLINIX

Commissioning

Band Selections
Boston Naval Base Band



Invocation
Captain R. E. Bishop, CHC, USN
Chaplain, First Naval District



Introduction of Distinguished Guests
Rear Admiral W. E. Howard, Jr., USN
Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard



Introduction of
Rear Admiral J. A. Snackenberg, USN
Commandant, First Naval District
Rear Admiral W. E. Howard, Jr., USN



Remarks and Introduction of
Rear Admiral H. Crommelin, USN
Commander, U. S. Naval Base, Newport, R. I.
Rear Admiral J. A. Snackenberg, USN



Address
Rear Admiral H. Crommelin, USN



Reading of Navy Department Orders to Commission
MULLINNIX (DD 944)
Rear Admiral W. E. Howard, Jr., USN

NIX (DD 944)

Ceremonies

Ensign, Jack and Commission Pennant are hoisted as the band plays the National Anthem. The ship is now in commission.



Reading of Commanding Officer's Orders
Commander C. B. Anderson, USN



Commanding Officer assumes command



First Watch is set by Executive Officer
Lieutenant Commander J. T. Murray, USN



Commanding Officer gives order for the personal flag of Commandant, First Naval District to be broken at the truck. Ruffles and Flourishes. Admiral's March



Remarks
Commander C. B. Anderson, USN
Commanding Officer



Benediction
Commander J. K. Wheaton, CHC, USN
Chaplain, U. S. Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Masss.



Band Selections
Boston Naval Base Band

COMMANDER CLYDE B. ANDERSON, U. S. NAVY
COMMANDING U. S. S. MULLINNIX (DD 944)



Commander Clyde B. Anderson, USN was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1942. At this time, upon being commissioned Ensign, he was assigned to U. S. S. LUDLOW, a destroyer attached to the U. S. Atlantic Fleet. While in LUDLOW he served in various capacities; as sonar officer, torpedo officer, assistant gunnery officer, assistant navigator, and as senior watch officer. Prior to his detachment in 1945, LUDLOW participated in the initial assault in North Africa; landings in Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio; invasion of Southern France; and the sinking of

the German Submarine U-960.

In July of 1945, Commander Anderson was ordered to the West Coast Sound School as a student in the prospective executive officer course. Upon graduation, he served with Destroyer Force, Pacific, first as Executive Officer of U. S. S. NORMAN SCOTT (DD 690) during the fall of 1945, and later as Executive Officer of U. S. S. BORIE (DD 704) until July 1947.

Following a short tour of duty with Commander, Transport Division TWENTY ONE , he reported to Sandia Base, New Mexico serving in Navy Special Weapons Unit 471, and on the staff of the 8460th Special Weapons Group until December 1951. Commander Anderson was then ordered to U. S. S. HELENA (CA 75) as navigator.

While in HELENA, he served also as Tactical Officer, and aided in planning many successful engagements with the enemies of the United Nations. Returning from Korea following the cessation of hostilities, HELENA carried President-Elect Eisenhower home from his trip to the stricken Republic of South Korea. From HELENA, Commander Anderson next was assigned to the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D. C. for two years, to serve as Project Officer, until January 1955. Upon completion of this duty he attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia.

In August 1955, Commander Anderson reported to U. S. S. NEW JERSEY (BB 62) as Operations Officer. Leaving NEW JERSEY in September 1956, he assumed command of U. S. S. HAYNSWORTH on 27 October 1956. Leaving HAYNSWORTH in December 1957, Commander Anderson was ordered as Prospective Commanding Officer of U. S. S. MULLINNIX (DD 944).

Commander Anderson is married to the former Margaret Paul of Sydney, Nova Scotia, Newport, and New York. They have two children, Heather Dale and David Clyde, and at the present time, reside at Hingham, Massachusetts.



U. S. S. MULLINNIX (DD 944)

OFFICERS



COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander CLYDE B. ANDERSON, USN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander JOHN T. MURRAY, USN

OPERATIONS

LT E. J. NOBLET, USN Operations Officer
LTJG A. SALZFASS, USN Communications Officer
ENS E. V. VERBEKE, USNR CIC Officer
ENS J. J. O'CONNELL, Jr., USNR. Electronics M't'l Officer

GUNNERY

LTJG F. S. UNDERWOOD, USN Gunnery Officer
LTJG J. B. CARTER, USN ASW Officer
LTJG J. A. SEARS, Jr., USNR First Lieutenant
ENS E. A. BREWTON, USN Second Division Officer

ENGINEERING

LTJG J. L. JONES, USN Engineer Officer
ENS R. L. CURRY, USN Damage Control Asst.

SUPPLY

LT T. L. SCHANZ, SC, USN Supply Officer
ENS A. S. BROWN, SC, USNR Disbursing Officer

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CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS



Chief Gunner's Mate C. H. BAILEY, Jr., USN

Chief Machinist's Mate G. BAKAYSA, USN

Chief Electronics Technician E. B. BANKS, USN

Chief Electrician's Mate P. CIAMPI, USN

Chief Torpedoman's Mate J. R. DE CELLES, USN

Chief Signalman R. G. DICKINSON, USN

Chief Boatswain's Mate H. L. EDMONDS, USN

Chief Boilerman J. K. GEMBERLING, USN

Chief Fire Control Technician R. E. HUFFMAN, USN

Chief Teleman D. L. KOLACZYK, USN

Chief Commissaryman H. T. KUNKLE, USN

Chief Machinist's Mate C. J. MATZ, USNR

Chief Yeoman A. F. POHL, USN

Chief Sonarman T. R. RHODES, USN

Chief Machinist's Mate G. A. ROARTY, USN

Chief Hospital Corpsman H. M. SUMMERS, USN

Chief Boilerman O. C. WIDNER Jr., USN

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GUNNERY DEPARTMENT



First Division

ADAMS, J. A., SN	LEWIS, B. A., BM3
ASHENHART, E. D., GM1	LONG, D. P., SA
BAGLEY, R. N., SA	MANGAN, A. P., SA
BORGES, A. R., SN	MC DONALD, B. J., GM2
BORTON, W. B., SA	MILLS, R. C., BM2
BROWN, M. B., SN	OTTINO, J. R., SA
CARBONE, R., SN	ROBERTSON, N. K., SN
CHAMP, J. S. JR., SN	ROBINSON, S. D., SN
COLLINS, N., GM3	SILLS, J. D., SA
COWAN, W. L., SA	SILVANO, J., SN
DAVIS, T. F. JR., GM2	SKINNER, F. J., SN
DOWNES, W. W., SN	STYLES, J. R., GM3
ELLIS, E. R., SA	TOOMBS, E. H., SA
GAGNE, G. P., SA	TOUCHTON, U., SN
GILL, D. J., BM1	WATSON, D. V., SA
KIRKWOOD, D. R., SA	ZOFREA, W. G., SA

Second Division

ARTHUR, M. E. JR., SA	MC INTIRE, R. H., GM1
BLACK, J., SA	MC NAUGHTON, C. R., SN
BORCHARDT, J. C., SN	MONNIER, C. G., SN
BRADBURY, L. U., SA	NIPER, L. J., SN
CAMPBELL, W. L., SA	POSTELL, C. W., BM3
CARTER, H. W. JR., SN	RAY, R. T., BM2
CHOSA, D. G., SN	RISLEY, E. E., GM2
CLAYTON, K. F., SN	SADDORIS, R. E., GM2
COUTU, H. E., SN	SCHWEITZER, R., GM3
DOMINO, R. L., SN	STAFFORD, E. W., SN
GOLDSMITH, J. W., SN	STRICKLAND, O. A., GM3
GREENE, A. B. JR., SN	SWEENEY, R. J., GM1
HAWS, E. G., BM1	TUCKER, B. G., SA
HICKMAN, D. J., SA	WEBER, F. J., SA
JEFFREY, R. W., SA	WECKBACHER, A. F., SA
LAIGAIE, D. J., SA	

Fire Control Division

BURNETTE, E. JR., FTL3	LOWE, D. C., FTA3
DEVLIN, W. P., FT1	LUCIANO, L., SA
EVERETT, H. J., SA	MILLER, C. D., FN
FARNEY, D. N., FTA3	MILLOW, M. J. JR., FT2
FURNIA, D. J., SO3	POSTINGEL, R. R., TM3
FUTRELL, O. L., SA	PRICE, "C" "J", FT2
GARRETT, J. W., SO1	ROACH, R. E., SA
GREEN, J. R., SA	WILSON, J. E., SA
KEELING, J. C., TM1	WURTZBURGER, C. L. JR., FTA3
LINES, H. G., SO2	

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OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT



Combat Information Division

BEDSWORTH, W. E., RD3(SS)	JENNINGS, E. JR., ET1
BERRY, F. W., RD3	NICHOLAS, W. T., RD1
DALY, J. R., RDSN	PREJSNAR, J. T., RD3(SS)
FOLEY, A. J., SN	ROOT, R. W., SA
FORD, C. J., SA	SINGLETON, L. S., RD2
GAUGHAN, R. E., ET2	WEBER, C. F. III, SN
HANNAH, R. W. JR., SN	YOUNG, J. G., ETR3

Communications Division

ADAMS, C. D., YN3	MAY, J. L., YN1
AREY, T. W., SA	MINTON, R. L., SN
BARNES, J. H., SN	MOFFAT, R. J., SA
BRIETZKE, L. M., SA	PELKEY, R. W., SM1
BUSSEY, R., QM3	RUBIN, H., TE(RM)SN
BYRER, L. T., PN1	SCOTT, R. H. JR., RMSN
CONLEY, K. H., RMSN	SHORT, R. E., QM1
EMFINGER, A. N., SA	SOMMERS, C. M., SN
JONES, C. B., RM2	STATLAND, H. L., SA
LA PORTE, R. F., TE(RM)1	STOVER, K. J., SM3

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT



Supply Division

ALACHNOWICZ, E. A., CS2	GUTH, E. W., DK1
ANDERSON, A. R., SN	HINKLE, W. JR., SH3
BULKO, J. J., CS2	LONGINO, J. H., SD3
CALHOUN, J. V., SD2	LUKASIUK, S. C., SH2
CIPALA, W. E., SK1	MYERS, J. A., CS1
DIAZ, M. A., SN	PEASE, H. A., SN
FANTER, O. D., SA	PLEVEL, P. J., SA
FEELEY, W. T., SH1	RILEY, J. H., SD1
GERAGHTY, E. F., SK2	RISBY, E. J., TN
GIBBS, A. JR., SH3	SMART, R. G., CS2
GRIFFIN, L. O., SK3	

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



Machinery Division

ALTERIO, A. R., MM3	LUDOWITZ, H. J., BT2
AMADOR, R., FA	MALKAN, P. J., FN
BAIRD, R. F., FN	MC CAIN, J. K., BTFN
BALLY, M. E., BT3	MILES, M. L., BT1
BELL, A. J., BT1	MILLER, R. A., FN
BENAVIDES, A., MML3	MITCHELL, T. S., FA
BRANNON, J., BT3	MOORE, R. P., FN
BRODEUR, R., BT2	NISBETH, L. L., FN
BUDD, J. G., FA	PARKS, W. J., BT1
CALLAHAN, T. D., FN	PECORI, H. R., BT2
CARLSON, G. L., FN	PETTIS, F. H., BT3
COLLIER, G. M., FA	PROFFITT, E. JR., FA
CORNISH, E. J., FN	RODGERS, R. J., BT2
CRAPSEY, A. E., FA	ROGAN, D. J. JR., FN
DE MOSS, H. JR., FN	SCHEMPP, E. F., MM3
DURYEA, D. W., FN	SHATTO, R. L., MM2
GILLES, R. J., MM2	SIMPSON, R. N., MM3
GUY, W. T. JR., BT3	SMITH, R. H., FA
HAMLETT, O. E., MM2	SMITH, R. L., FN
HANKINS, H. P., MM1	TAGGART, W. N., MM2
HARRELL, C. L., FA	TAYLOR, T., MM3
HEBER, J. R., FN	THOUSAND, W. L., FN
HUNTLEY, I. F., FN	TURNER, I. J., BT3
JOHNSON, K. R., FN	WEBBERSON, F. H., BT2
KILLAM, H. D., MM1	WEST, J. H., MML1
LANE, C. A., BT3	WILLIAMSON, J. W., BT3
LEISURE, J. O., FA	WITMER, L. W. JR., FN

Repair Division

ARNOLD, R. F., FN	KNIGHT, T. R., EM2
BANKSTON, T. J., IC1	LA COMBE, A., FN
BELLEROSE, N. A., EM3	LEMMONS, R. C., EM3
CASTORANI, R. S., EM3	MC DONALD, D. D., IC2
CONLEN, C. J. JR., FP2	MILLER, C. H., EM2
DUNN, A. D., FN	MILLER, W. H. JR., EN1
HOLLEY, P., FN	MURPHY, W. P. JR., FN
HORTON, H. J., ME1	RHOTAN, "J" "P" IC3
HUTCHINSON, J. W., MM3	ROSECRANS, R. L., DC1
HUTCHINSON, R. C., FP3	TANSEY, L. S., MM1
KACHIGIAN, K., EM1	WILSON, R. D., MR3



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LAUNCHING of U. S. S. MULLINNIX
at Quincy, Massachusetts
18 March 1957