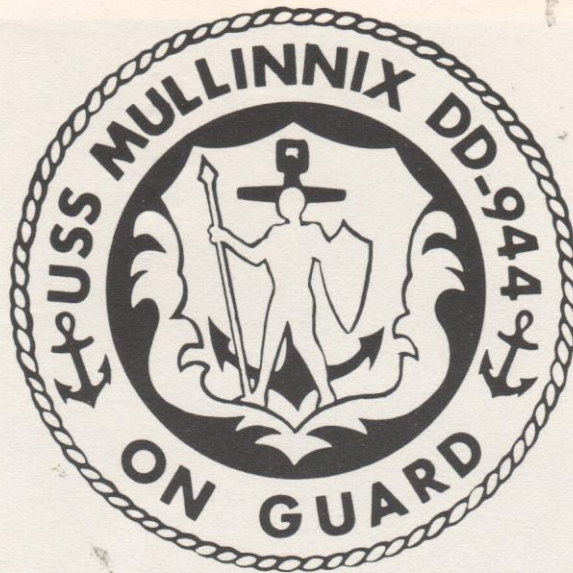




COMMISSIONED	7 MARCH 1958
DISPLACEMENT	3850 TONS
DIMENSIONS	(1) LENGTH O/A 418 FEET (2) BEAM 45 FEET
COMPLEMENT	255 (15 OFFICERS, 240MEN)



One of the most powerful striking weapons of the Fleet, USS MULLINNIX is a Forrest Sherman Class Destroyer. Equipped with automatic rapid fire guns, she has a fire power greater than any previous class of destroyer and has the latest in fire control devices and submarine detection equipment. Designed to provide anti-aircraft and anti-submarine protection to larger units, she is 418 feet long and has a 45 foot beam.

MULLINNIX was built by the Bethlehem Steel Company in Quincy, Massachusetts and is the first naval vessel to bear the name of one of America's most gifted "Air Admirals", a tribute to Rear Admiral Henry Matson MULLINNIX who died in action while serving aboard his flagship, the Escort Carrier, LISCOMBE BAY.

The keel was laid on 5th April 1956 and, almost one year later, Mrs. Kathryn MULLINNIX, widow of Admiral MULLINNIX, christened the ship by breaking the traditional bottle of champagne over her bow. On 7th March 1958 MULLINNIX was commissioned a part of the United States Navy and on this occasion Mrs. MULLINNIX presented the officers and crew with Admiral MULLINNIX's personal flag and sword, not only as a symbol of Naval tradition but also as a standard for the MULLINNIX to achieve and maintain.

MULLINNIX has steamed all over the globe, visited ports from Buenos Aires to Singapore and has been engaged in a multitude of different operations, from recovery of two man Gemini shot in 1965, to NATO Operations in the North Atlantic and two tours of active duty in the Western Pacific.

In the fall of 1971, MULLINNIX completed three weeks Refresher Training at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In December, she was back to Guantanamo Bay again to assist in the Johnny Express operations returning to Norfolk in January. February and March found MULLINNIX on a goodwill cruise to Central America and acting as Destroyer School Ship in Operation Springboard 1972. In April, with forty eight hours notice, the MULLINNIX deployed to Seventh Fleet operations, arriving off the coast of Vietnam in May.

MULLINNIX returned to her homeport of Norfolk, Virginia in October 1972 and commenced an extensive overhaul which was completed in August 1973.

