

COMMANDING OFFICER'S GREETING

"We are Destroyermen. When the going get too tough for everyone else, it's just getting right for us."

— ADMIRAL ARLEIGH BURKE, *Chief of Naval Operations*

Welcome Aboard USS TAYLOR



This is indeed a happy day in the life of USS TAYLOR, and a day the entire ship's company have looked forward to for many, many months. This is the day we destroyermen get a chance to show our families and friends a part of our lives that heretofore we have only been able to tell about in conversations.

With exceptions on a few spaces, the entire ship is open for you to see and we will perform certain drills and exercises that are typical of our daily routine. We are going to demonstrate all our guns, radar, laundry, galley, coke machine, and hundreds of other things that go to make a modern man-of-war, a city within itself. Before the day is over we hope you will be familiar with all the machinery, equipment, and gadgets your husbands, fathers, and friends talk about.

But more important than showing you our gear, we want to show you how we Navy men live; how we work, play, eat, sleep, and occupy ourselves at sea. We hope to show you why we are proud of TAYLOR, and why each one of us is proud of the job he does to make this the finest destroyer in the Fleet.

When you see the stamina, the strength, the technical knowledge, the devotion to duty, and the high professional skill the men in your lives will demonstrate in taking this wonderful ship to sea today, we know you will better understand why we have chosen the Navy for a career and why we love this Navy life.

From the entire ship's company of USS TAYLOR, we welcome you aboard.
LET'S ALL GO TO SEA.

C. E. NELSON
Commander, USN

TAYLOR's name in the United States Navy dates back to World War I, when the first TAYLOR was commissioned in memory of Rear Admiral Henry Clay TAYLOR. The present TAYLOR, the second ship to bear that name, is named in honor of Rear Admiral William Rogers TAYLOR, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars.

TAYLOR was commissioned in 1942 in Boston, Massachusetts, and after a short tour in the Atlantic set sail for the South Pacific area in time to participate in the battle for Guadalcanal, her first thrust in the Pacific. By the end of the war, TAYLOR had earned 16 Battle Stars and the Asiatic Pacific Area Service Medal. Decommissioned in 1946, she was recommissioned again in 1951 at the start of the Korean War. At the present time USS TAYLOR is authorized to display the following ribbons:

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| Navy Unit Commendation | Victory American |
| China Service | Philippine |
| United Nations | Asiatic Pacific |
| Occupation | American Theater |
| Korean Service | European |
| | American Defense |

USS TAYLOR is a 2100 ton destroyer of the converted FLETCHER class, now commonly called an escort destroyer. She is a Hunter Killer destroyer, having received extensive modifications to combat submarines with the latest equipment and armament in the fleet.

USS TAYLOR is 376.5 feet long, 39.5 feet wide, has a draft of 17 feet, and propulsion power of 60,000 horsepower for a top speed of 34 knots (37.4 miles per hour). At maximum speed, fuel consumption for one hour is 6700 gallons of fuel oil. At 17 knots, half of maximum speed, fuel consumption is only 735 gallons per hour. Fresh water consumption averages 21 gallons per man per day, 5,481 gallons a day total. While at sea all fresh water is made from salt water.

A sailor requires a considerable quantity of food. TAYLOR's Officers and men consume 62 pounds of bread a day, 1000 pounds of assorted meat a week, 900 pounds of potatoes a week, 300 gallons of milk a week, and the ever present coffee averages 100 pounds per week, in addition to 135 dozen eggs a week.

We believe TAYLOR is the finest ship in the US Navy. She has established many outstanding records, including Squadron Efficiency E, located on wings of the bridge; Red Engineering E, on the after stack; and the White Gunnery E's on the gun mounts.

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