



*The Re-Commissioning*

*of the*

**U. S. S. MAZAMA (AE-9)**

**November 27, 1961**



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# U. S. S. MAZAMA (AE-9)

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## SETTING OF THE WATCH

U. S. S. MAUNA LOA

Lieut. Cdr. H. MAHLON WAGNER, USN, *Executive Officer*

U. S. S. MAZAMA

Lieut. Cdr. MICHAEL GAYDOS, USN, *Executive Officer*

## REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Captain HARLAN G. KIRKPATRICK

*Commander Philadelphia Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet*

## ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Vice Admiral CHARLES WELLBORN JR., USN

*Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier*

*Commander Atlantic Reserve Fleet*

## REMARKS BY COMMANDING OFFICERS

Captain VERNON P. O'NEIL, USN, U. S. S. MAUNA LOA

Captain JOHN R. HANKEY, USN, U. S. S. MAZAMA

## BENEDICTION

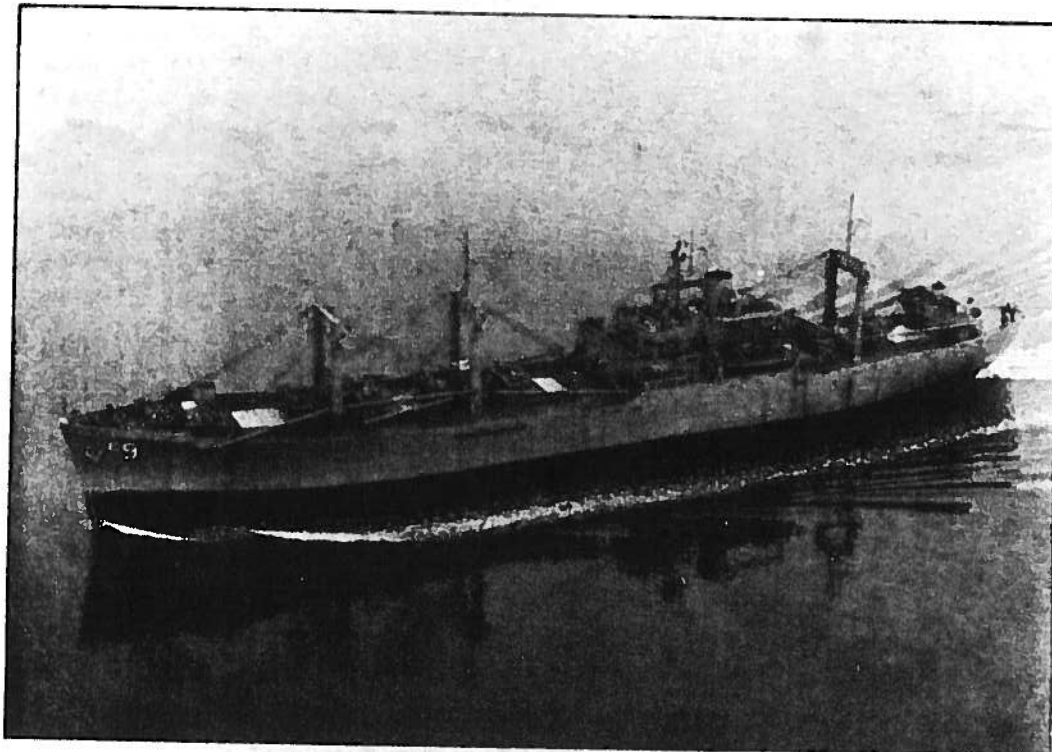
Captain FRANCIS T. O'LEARY, CHC, USN

## BAND SELECTIONS

*Fourth Naval District Band*

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## U. S. S. MAZAMA (AE-9) AMMUNITION SHIP



**MAZAMA** is a Lassen Class Ammunition Ship, built as an ammunition ship using C-2 hull plans. This vessel differs from earlier ships of her class in that these earlier ships (AE's 3,4,5 and 6) were first built as C-2 cargo vessels for the Maritime Commission and were later converted to ammunition ships.

She has a length of approximately 460 feet and a beam of about 60 feet. Her displacement is in excess of 9000 tons. The ship has a single, right hand screw, powered by two Norberg Diesel engines with a single reduction gear and is capable of a sustained speed of about 13 knots.

The primary mission of **MAZAMA** is the receipt and delivery of ammunition. To fulfill this mission the ship is equipped with twelve 10-ton booms which gives her the capability of transferring and receiving ammunition at sea or in port; thus becoming an integral link in the active fleet whose success lies in the mobility and versatility of our forces at sea.

## U. S. S. MAZAMA (AE-9)

The U. S. S. MAZAMA was built by the Tampa Shipbuilding Company at Tampa, Florida. Her keel was laid on 14 April 1942 and she was launched on 15 August 1943. The ship was named after Mount Mazama, a former volcano which is now the site of Crater Lake, Oregon.

MAZAMA joined the fleet on 10 March 1944 when she was accepted by the Navy and placed in full commission at Tampa, Florida. After a shakedown in Chesapeake Bay, the ship made ready for sea at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Taking on her cargo of ammunition at Boston, the ship sailed on 6 May 1944 bound for the Pacific.

MAZAMA participated in the invasion of Saipan, sometimes referred to as the "Marianas Turkey Shoot", the invasion of Leyte Gulf, and was a part of the logistics group which remained at sea off Japan during the signing of the surrender document, standing ready for any last-ditch Japanese opposition.

Of interest is the following event which happened on 12 January 1945. While anchored at the fleet anchorage at Ulithi, a suspicious object was sighted some 2000 yards off the starboard quarter. It was shortly identified as a periscope. Before anything could be done, however, a torpedo struck the portside abreast the number one hold, which rapidly flooded. Seven men were blown overboard by the explosion, but were subsequently rescued. All the Ship's pumps went to work immediately, but could make no headway against the flooding, and so the ship got underway for the central portion of the anchorage to avoid a possible second attack, picking out a spot on Potangeras Island to beach if help did not arrive in time. Within a few minutes the tug TATARRAY, the first of eleven to come to her assistance, was standing by. With their aid, the ship was lightened, flooding boundaries established, and ballast pumped over so that the ship stopped settling. With the flooding stopped, the ship's crew concentrated on discharging the ammunition still serviceable. The next day repair parties began to caulk and plug the open seams, and after repair work was completed she was able to get underway on 6 March for Saipan.

U. S. S. MAZAMA earned two Battle Stars on the Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Medal for participating in the following operations:

1 Star - Capture and occupation of Saipan - 21-23 June 1944

1 Star - THIRD Fleet operations against Japan - 15 August 1945

She also earned the Navy Occupation Service Medal, Asia, for the period from 2 to 10 September 1945.

The ship was placed out of commission in reserve as part of the Pacific Reserve Fleet at San Diego, California, under a directive of January 1947. She was recommissioned on 24 April 1952. She was deployed in the Mediterranean with the SIXTH Fleet and was part of the logistic force during the Suez Crisis. She was placed out of commission again in June 1957 at Orange, Texas.

MAZAMA was selected for reactivation on 31 July 1961 and arrived at Sun Shipbuilding Corp. Chester, Pa., 11 September 1961.

# U. S. S. MAZAMA (AE-9)

## ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND CREW



### OFFICERS

**CAPTAIN JOHN R. HANKEY**  
*Commanding Officer*

**LCDR MICHAEL GAYDOS, USN**  
*Executive Officer*

Lt. DAVID O. LAVALLEE, USN ..... *First Lieutenant*  
 Lt. (jg) PETER C. BOL, USNR ..... *Engineering Officer*  
 Lt. (jg) GORDON H. SIMMS, USN ..... *Assistant First Lieutenant*  
 Lt. (jg) ALAN D. SELLS, (sc) USN ..... *Supply Officer*  
 Lt. (jg) CLARENCE R. HUDSON, USNR ..... *Operations Officer*  
 Lt. (jg) WARREN SMITH, (sc) USNR ..... *Disbursing Officer*  
 Ens. EDWARD J. BOOTH, USNR ..... *Communications Officer*  
 Ens. HARRY A. DAVIDSON, USN ..... *Special Weapons Officer*  
 Ens. MICHAEL J. MCSHEA, USN ..... *Damage Control Assistant*  
 Ens. JON T. RIETZKE, USN ..... *Gunnery Officer*  
 Ens. JOHN R. DONALDSON, USNR ..... *Navigator*  
 Ens. J. W. HENKEL, USNR ..... *CIC Officer*  
 Chsurordtech EDWARD A. KOPCHINSKY, USN ..... *Ship's Gunner*  
 Chmach EDGAR A. SCHARDEIN, USN ..... *Main Propulsion Assistant*



ACOSTA, ROY U. ....SMCA	BENOIT, ROLAND N. ....SFM2
ALLEN, JAMES M. ....SN	BISANZ, GLENN L. ....FN
AKEY, CHARLES R. ....EN3	BLAKE, BILLIE (N) JR. ....SA
ALLRED, WESLEY W. ....SA	BLATT, GERALD F. ....FN
ARMSTRONG, JOSEPH B. ....SA	BURKE, WILLIAM E. ....SKSN
ARMSTRONG, LEONARD J. ....SA	BUSSEY, JAMES C. ....ET3
ATCHISON RICHARD L. ....EM3	BUTLER, J. W. ....SF1
ATTENELLO, FRANCIS (N) ....FA	CAIRO, SALVATORE P. ....SA
AUSTIN, BRUCE D. ....EN3	CARR, CAMERON "C" ....SN
BAIRD, DELMAN N. ....GM2	CHESTER, JOHN R. ....SA
BEBB, DEAN A. ....ENFN	CHESSON, GILBERT ....SA
BENAR, GEORGE P. ....BM2	CHYLE, JOHN R. JR. ....YN3

CREW

CLUKEY, MICHAEL C. ....	SA	HARGRAVE, PAUL H. ....	SN
COCKRUM, CLINTON A. ....	BM1	HARRISON, DELBERT T. ....	HMCA
CONAWAY, FRED W. JR. ....	RMSN	HASKINS, WILLIAM A. ....	EN3
CONNOLLY, WILLIAM T. ....	SN	HERNANDEZ, VICTOR C. ....	SN
COOK, RODNEY R. ....	GM3	HICKS, JAMES W. ....	IC2
CORBIN, CARL E. ....	PC3	HICKSON, BOBBY J. ....	RMSN
COUNTRYMAN, TERRY L. ....	SA	HINSON, HERBERT H. ....	SH1
COX, ARTHUR L. ....	SN	HISSONG, WILLIAM E. ....	GMCA-P1
CRADDOCK, CHARLES C. ....	SH3	HOLDER, CLAUDE E. ....	BM3
CRAIG, HENRY L. ....	FN	HOUSEHOLDER, WALTON J. ....	GMSN
CRISCO, MARIAN M. ....	YN1	HUNTER, GEORGE S. ....	EN3
CROCKETT, DAVID T. ....	SN	HUTTON, ORVILLE W. ....	SA
CRONIN, DANIEL (N) ....	RM3	JOHNSON, AVON (N) ....	TA
CUMMINS, JESSE W. ....	SKSA	JONES MURL R. ....	EN1 (SS)
DAVIS, DON L. ....	SA	KAUTZI, PETER M. ....	CS2
DAVIS, THOMAS E. ....	SK1	KEARLEY, CHARLES H. ....	CS2
DEOM, CHARLES N. ....	SH2	KELI, WILLIAM J. ....	GM3
DERHAMMER, GERALD R. ....	SA	KELLEY, WILLIAM J. ....	SN
DERIEG CHARLES J. ....	SA	KLAUSE, JOHN M. ....	FA
DINKINS, CHARLES L. ....	FN	KLEIN, MICHAEL J. ....	SA
DOMANSKI, GARY (N) ....	SA	KROMREY, EUGENE A. ....	SN
DUBOSE, PERCY (N) ....	TN	KRUGER, EDMUND J. ....	RM1-P1
EDGE, BOBBY G. ....	SN	LANDINO, FRANK S. ....	SN
EICHER, CARL J. ....	SA	LAPOINT, NELSON (N) JR. ....	SA
EOFF, MELVIN J. ....	SA	LAY, CARLEY (N) ....	SA
EPTING, JAMES F., JR. ....	EMC	LATKA, VINCENT J. ....	SN
EVANS, HOWARD J. ....	FN	LEMEK, JOHN P. ....	SA
FERDERER, ELMER W. ....	EN1 (SS)	LIEN, HAROLD J. ....	MM3 (SS)
FERRELL, CONLIN P. ....	SN	LUCKEY, MICHAEL L. ....	SN
FESSLER, ROBERT A. ....	FA	MAHER, JAMES E. ....	FT2
FLANAGAN, HERBERT L. III ....	SN	MARSH, ALVIN H. ....	BM3
FORD, JOHN L. JR. ....	SN	MARTIN, GEORGE E. ....	SN
FOSTER, WILLIAM D. ....	SA	MASSENGALE, WARREN T. ....	SA
FRANKLIN, LEONIST (N) ....	EN3	MCKEE, JOHN M. ....	SN
FREEMAN, CLARENCE F. ....	SFP3	MCKENZIE, THOMAS G. ....	SN
FROST, EUGENE R. ....	SN	MCKINLEY, DAVID (N) ....	FN
FUHRMAN, ALLEN P. ....	EN3	MCNAMARA, DENNIS J. ....	CS1
GALE, LARRY M. ....	SA	MESSIER, JOSEPH W. ....	RM3
GALLER, ROBERT S. ....	SN	MEZOFF T. J. ....	CS3
GARCEAU, GENE D. ....	SN	MINIX, CLINTON P. ....	BT2
GARDNER, HAROLD R. ....	SA	MONTGOMERY, CLIFFORD R. ....	SA
GATTO, LEWIS J. ....	FA	MOORE, STANLEY W. JR. ....	FA
GINTER, EDWARD A. ....	SN	MORGAN, WALTER L. ....	EN2
GRAHL, THEODORE R. ....	QM2	MORRIS, GEORGE L. ....	DC1
GRISE, GEORGE C. ....	FA	MORRIS, MICHAEL W. ....	SA
HALONEN, HARVEY B. ....	ETNSN	MOX, EDWARD G. ....	MM3
HANDY, RICHARD C. ....	MR1	MYERS, ROBERT L. ....	SN
HARDIN, THOMAS E. ....	SN	O'BRIEN, GEORGE V. ....	FA

CREW

O'CONNOR, FRANK X. JR. ....EM3	ST. GEORGE, ALRED (N) .....SN
ORR, CHARLES L. ....SN	STONEY, GEORGE R. ....SN
PALLADENO, PAUL F. ....SN	SURRETT, JAMES A. ....FN
PARKER, RONALD W. ....SN	TAYLOR, ARTHUR R. ....BMSN
POST, ZACHARY A. ....GMSN	THOMAS, LARRY L. ....FA
REDMOND, MARTIN G. ....HM3	THOMPSON, JERRY W. ....ICFN
RICH, KENNETH, R. ....BMSN	TKACSIK, JAMES (N) .....EN2
RITTER, VIRGIL J. ....BM1	TOR, TERRANCE P. ....RDSN
RICHARDSON, GEORGE A. ....RD2	TRACEY, JOHN E. JR. ....FA
ROBERTS, CLAUDE E .....BT3	TRAIL, JAMES T. ....SHSN
ROYCE, GEORGE E. ....ENC	<u>TRULL, JAMES C.</u> .....SA
RUNGE, WILLIAM H. ....SA	TRUMAN, PAUL D. ....FN
RYAN, ROBERT JAMES .....SN	TURNER, NORVAL G. ....SA
SALZMAN, GERALD J. ....EMFA	TURNER, STEPHEN R. ....ENFN
SANDY, J. R. ....FN	TWEED, SAMUEL B. ....BM2
SAUNDERS, CLARENCE L. ....YN3	TYREE, CHARLES N. ....RMSN
SEPARA, BERNARDO L. ....TN	VANN, PETER J. ....QMSN
SHACKLEY, RICHARD A. ....SA	VAN VELEN, EVERT (N) .....SN
SEVY, RICHARD H. ....SA	WALLACE, CHARLES E. ....SA
SEWELL, JOE H. ....SN	WARD, JACK H. ....SN
SHADOWENS, JOE L. ....SM3	WARNER, ROGER A. ....ENC
SILFVEN, PETER J. ....FN	WATERS, RALPH L. ....SA
SMITH, HERMAN C. ....SN	WEIDOKAL, THOMAS R. ....FA
SPADE, LARRY E. ....BMSN	WRIGHT, CHARLES L. ....SD2
SPINNATO, SALVATORE J. ....FA	YEARY, JAMES R. ....SK2
STEVENS, HARRY N. ....SA	YOUNG, ELMER J. ....SA
STEWART, RAYMOND P. JR. ....PN3	YOUNG, OTIS (N) .....SD3

## Commanding Officer



CAPTAIN JOHN ROBERT HANKEY was born in Boston, Mass., June 12, 1917. After attending Boston schools he was graduated from Boston College in the class of 1941. He was commissioned an Ensign, USNR, in September 1941 upon completing Midshipmen's School on board the U. S. S. PRAIRIE STATE. CAPTAIN HANKEY served at sea throughout World War II in the carriers U. S. S. RANGER (CV-4) and U. S. S. RANDOLPH (CV-15). Aboard these ships he participated in the landings in North Africa and raids on German-occupied Norway; then later, in the Pacific theater, in the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Following the war, CAPTAIN HANKEY attended General Line School and the Naval Intelligence curriculum of the Naval Postgraduate School. In 1946 he was appointed a Lieutenant Commander in the Regular Navy. After a tour as Assistant Naval Attache in Helsinki, Finland, he served on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, as Executive Officer of the U. S. S. HOLDER (DDE-819) and the U. S. S. SHENANDOAH (AD-26), as Assistant Director of the Naval Intelligence School, and as Commanding Officer of the U. S. S. GEARING (DD-710). His most recent duty was as District Intelligence Officer of the SIXTH Naval District. CAPTAIN HANKEY is married to the former Anne E. Devlin of Boston and the couple have three children, John Jr. 17, Lee Anne, 15, and Francis, 7.



## Executive Officer



LCDR MICHAEL GAYDOS JR. was born on 27 November 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gaydos Sr. of 464 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, Pennsylvania. He was educated at Leetsdale High School and Princeton University and received his commission in June 1947.

During his Naval career the Executive Officer has served aboard Cruisers, Landing Ship Docks, Destroyers, Destroyer Escorts, and Minesweepers, most recently as the Commanding Officer of the Minesweeper U. S. S. AFFRAY (MSO-511) out of Charleston, South Carolina.

He is married to the former Georgette Knickerbocker of Peekskill, New York. They have one child, Michael III, age 4.