

USNS *Lewis and Clark* (T-AKE 1)



**Launching Ceremony
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Lewis and Clark Facts

In October 2000, then-Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig announced his decision to name the Navy's new class of underway replenishment ships to honor legendary explorers.

The name of the new class and first ship of that class chosen was *Lewis and Clark* (T-AKE 1) to honor the two explorers who led a visionary project that was to become one of American history's greatest adventure stories. Interested in knowing more about the country west of the Mississippi, President Thomas Jefferson appointed Captain Meriwether Lewis to lead a small Army expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase and the land beyond to find a land route to the Pacific Ocean and to strengthen United States claims to the Oregon territory. Lewis chose his former Army comrade then-Lieutenant William Clark to be his co-leader of the group he called Corps of Discovery. The explorers were assigned to scout, survey, map lands, and make detailed reports on western geography, climate, plants and animals, and to study Indian customs and language. The explorers ascended the Missouri River to its source, crossed the Continental Divide, and followed the Clearwater, Snake and Columbia Rivers to the Columbia's mouth at the Pacific Ocean. On their return, Lewis and Clark separated to learn more about the country. Lewis struck off toward the Northeast to explore a branch of the Missouri River he named the Marias River, while Clark headed for the Yellowstone River.

Their well-documented expedition of two years and 6,000 miles opened vast new territories to the United States, allowing American settlers and traders to travel the routes they had blazed. In announcing his decision, Secretary Danzig said that, "The recent tragedy of the USS *Cole* reminds us not only of the precious cost but also of the essential value of our sons and daughters exploring uncharted waters. Lewis and Clark embodied the extraordinary courage of the journey and the reality that we cannot undertake any exploration alone — that trust and faith are necessary to truly get us safely through the frontier. This new class of ships and the men and women that serve on them will embody this spirit and ensure that our explorers have what they need to reach their destination."

Designed to operate independently for extended periods at sea while providing replenishment services to U.S. and NATO ships, the *Lewis and Clark* Class ships will directly contribute to the ability of the Navy to maintain a forward presence.

FOOTNOTE: *Each page in this program depicts part of the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Starting with the cover which has a portion of their map, the program then traces scenes of their journey from Missouri west through the prairies, over the mountains, down the Columbia River Gorge, and finally to the Pacific Ocean--blazing trails for America.*

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Launching Ceremony Program

Band

Grand Pacific Band

Presentation of Colors

San Diego High School JROTC

Invocation

The Reverend Sally Durand, The Stella Maris Seafarer's Center

Remarks

Dick Vortmann, President, NASSCO

Speakers

Rear Admiral Charles S. Hamilton II, USN, Program Executive Officer for Ships

Admiral Vern Clark, USN, Chief of Naval Operations

The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham, United States House of Representatives

Principal Speaker

The Honorable Jerry Lewis, United States House of Representatives

Chairman House Appropriations Committee

Sponsors

Mrs. Jane Lewis Sale Henley

Ms. Lisa Clark

Matrons of Honor

Mrs. Ann Meriwether Lewis Yauger

Mrs. Jody Travers Clark Small

Master of Ceremonies

Steve Clarey, Director, Marketing and Public Relations, NASSCO

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Mission

Deliver ammunition, provisions, stores, spare parts, potable water and petroleum products to strike groups and other naval forces, serving as a shuttle ship or station ship.

Principal Characteristics

Length Overall	(689 ft.) 210.0M	Design Speed	20 Knots
Length between Perpendiculars ...	(654.7 ft.) 199.55M	Draft, Design.....	(29.9 ft.) 9.12M
Beam, Molded.....	(105.6 ft.) 32.2M	Displacement at Design Draft.....	41,000 MT

Lewis and Clark

Under Construction



Photos by Ken Wright



Sponsor

Mrs. Jane Lewis Sale Henley

Jane Lewis Sale Henley was born in Welch, West Virginia--the third of six children. Jane is the fourth great grand-niece of Meriwether Lewis.

Jane holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Secondary Education from Duke University and worked as a professional teacher from 1959 through 1991.

Jane's parents were Virginians with ancestry dating back to the early 1600's. Meriwether Lewis' sister--Jane Meriwether Lewis Anderson--was Jane's great-great-great grandmother for whom she was named. Meriwether Lewis never married; the closest blood relatives to the explorer are descendants of his sister Jane and her half sister Mary Garland Moore.

Early on, Jane became involved in community affairs as a volunteer. She first took on social service concerns, then environmental activities and eventually politics, and is the President of the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center of Virginia. At age 40, she went back to teaching full time as a special education teacher.

Jane is married to R. Page Henley and they have three children--Elizabeth, Ann and Robert III--and six grandchildren. Since 1992, the greater portion of her life has been absorbed with Lewis and Clark trips and volunteer activities.



Matron of Honor

Mrs. Ann Meriwether Lewis Yauger

Ann Meriwether Lewis Yauger was born in Charleston, West Virginia, the second child of Page and Jane Henley, making her the fifth great grand-niece of Meriwether Lewis.

Ann graduated with honors from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia where she was the top English major and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. After college, Ann began a career in advertising.

Like Thomas Jefferson, Ann had never ventured west of the Mississippi until she was assigned to do so for work, which took her all over the most scenic parts of the American West for seven years. She fell in love with this new country she was discovering, and it stirred an appreciation for the amazing accomplishments of her esteemed ancestor, Uncle Meriwether.

Ann and her husband Steve have two children--Steven Hill Yauger, Jr. (Hill), and Page Meriwether. Like their mother, both children will grow to be proud of their relationship to one of our country's greatest explorers and his legacy of adventure, curiosity, loyalty and leadership.

Ms. Lisa Clark

Lisa Clark was born in Wayne, Michigan, to Peyton C. "Bud" and Beverly Clark. As a direct descendent of Captain William Clark, she is his great-great-great-great granddaughter. She is a dedicated member of the Clark family and has a very strong sense of pride in her family's ancestry.

Lisa studied Business and Social Science at Eastern Michigan University and is currently enjoying her 14th year as a specialist in residential real estate sales, where she is a multi-million dollar producer.

Lisa and her 8-year old son, Chase William Clark Clendening, currently reside in Garden City, Michigan. Lisa's only sibling, Peyton "Buddy" C. Clark III, resides in Brighton, Michigan with wife Kim and their children Rachel and William. William has the same shock of red hair as his famous ancestor.

Lisa assists her father on the details of his involvement with numerous Lewis and Clark Events, including his ongoing participation with the discovery expedition of St. Charles, Missouri.

Lisa was closely involved with a family project that restored the monument where William Clark is buried and helped her family raise enough funds to provide for perpetual care for many years to come.



Sponsor

Mrs. Jody Travers Clark Small

Jody Travers Clark Small was born in St. Louis, Missouri and is the third child of Lucille Travers Clark and Peyton Cooke Clark. Jody is directly descended from Captain William Clark as his great-great-great granddaughter.

Jody attended Marygrove College in Detroit and then graduated from Providence Hospital School of Nursing. Her nursing career began at Providence Hospital and extended into three states and five hospitals in a variety of positions. She returned to Providence Hospital and has remained there for the past twenty years in her current position with Invasive Radiology.

Married for thirty-five years to husband Deacon Vincent Robert Small, they have three adult sons and two cherished grandchildren. Eldest son James Robert and his wife Margo have a son. Second son Thomas Joseph has a daughter named Julia; the name she shares with her great-great-great-great-great grandmother Julia Hancock Clark. Youngest son Joseph Michael is a Specialist (SPC) in the Army and an Iraq War Veteran. Joe is stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas and is currently serving in Iraq for a second deployment.



Matron of Honor



Congressman Jerry Lewis

Jerry Lewis, a lifelong resident of San Bernardino County and 30-year owner of a life insurance business, has represented the 41st Congressional District of Southern California, including much of San Bernardino County and a portion of Riverside County, since 1978.

On January 6, 2005, Congressman Lewis was named Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding all federal programs. From 1999-2005, he was Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, the panel with jurisdiction over all national security matters including the entire \$416 billion Pentagon budget - nearly half of all funds appropriated by Congress. In this capacity, he was a forceful advocate of critical defense and aerospace jobs in California.

Congressman Lewis served as Chairman of the House GOP California delegation from 1996-2001, leading California Republicans on legislative issues of importance to the Golden State. Lewis was Co-Chair of the entire delegation and worked successfully to unify California Republicans and Democrats.

Jerry Lewis graduated from UCLA in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government. He continued his education with a fellowship in public affairs with the Coro Foundation in San Francisco. He and his wife Arlene reside in Redlands and have seven children.



Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham

Randy "Duke" Cunningham was born in Los Angeles, California. After earning his bachelor's degree and his Master's in Education from the University of Missouri, Cunningham began his career as an educator.

At the age of 25, Cunningham joined the U.S. Navy and became one of the most highly decorated pilots in the Vietnam War. As the first fighter ace of the war, Cunningham received the Navy Cross, two Silver Stars, fifteen Air Medals and the Purple Heart. He subsequently served as Commanding Officer of the elite Navy Adversary Squadron at the famed "Top Gun" program. Upon his retirement from the Navy in 1987, Cunningham translated a Master's in Business Administration into a successful business in San Diego.

In 2004, the people of California's 50th Congressional District elected Duke Cunningham to his eighth term in the House of Representatives and he retained his position on the powerful House Appropriations Committee. Through the pursuit of his legislative priorities, Congressman Cunningham continues to work for a stronger economy; quality education for our children; a strong and efficient national defense; and smart investment in medical research and innovation.

Duke and his wife Nancy, the Director of Administrative Support Services for the Encinitas Union School District, have three children -- Todd, April and Carrie.

Admiral Vern Clark

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, and raised in the Midwestern states of Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois, Admiral Clark graduated from Evangel College and earned a Master's Degree of Business Administration from the University of Arkansas. He completed Officer Candidate School and earned his commission in August 1968.

Admiral Clark has commanded USS *Grand Rapids* (PG 98), USS *McCloy* (FF 1038), USS *Spruance* (DD 963), the Atlantic Fleet's Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, Destroyer Squadron Seventeen, and Destroyer Squadron Five. After selection to flag rank, Admiral Clark commanded the *Carl Vinson* Battle Group/Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, the Second Fleet, and the United States Atlantic Fleet.

Ashore, Admiral Clark has served as Special Assistant to the Director of the Systems Analysis Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy CNO (Surface Warfare), and as the Administrative Aide to the Vice CNO. He served as Head of the Cruiser-Destroyer Combat Systems Requirements Section and Force Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer for the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; and he directed the Joint Staff's Crisis Action Team for *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm*. He has also served at the U.S. Transportation Command and on the Joint Staff as the Director of Operations (J3) and subsequently as the Director.

Admiral Clark became the 27th Chief of Naval Operations on July 21, 2000.



Rear Admiral Charles S. Hamilton II

Rear Admiral Charles S. Hamilton, a native of Amityville, New York, graduated from Duke University in May 1974 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and a commission in the Navy through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Candidate (NROTC) Program.

Rear Adm. Hamilton's sea tours include duty in USS *Hawkins* (DD 873); USS *Coontz* (DDG 40); USS *Callaghan* (DDG 994); USS *Fox* (CG 33); and as Commanding Officer USS *O'Brien* (DD 975).

Rear Adm. Hamilton's shore tours include Anti-Submarine Warfare Program Analyst and Administrative Assistant to Director, Program Resource Appraisal Division (OP-91); Head, AEGIS Destroyer Section (OP-355F) and Financial Coordinator, AEGIS Cruiser Destroyer Branch; and Military Staff Specialist for Naval Warfare in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology).

He has served as Program Manager for the Arsenal Ship, Deputy for Fleet in the Program Executive Office Theater Surface Combatants (PEO TSC-F), and Program Executive Officer for Surface Strike (PEO (S)). Here he managed the Zumwalt-class DD 21/DD (X) and numerous other programs, as well as the Littoral Combat Ship initiative.

Rear Adm. Hamilton became Deputy and then Program Executive Officer for Ships in April 2003. PEO Ships provides the Navy with a single, platform-focused organization responsible for the research, development, systems integration, construction, and lifecycle support of current and future surface combatant, amphibious and auxiliary ships.



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