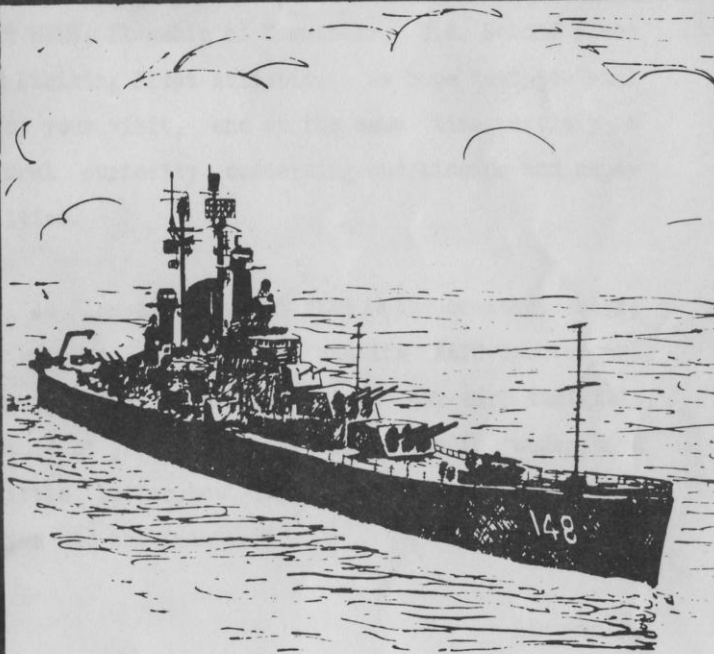


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COMMANDER

U.S. SECOND FLEET

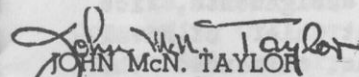
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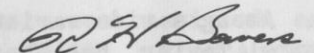
It is a pleasure to welcome you aboard USS NEWPORT NEWS, Flagship of Commander, U.S. Second Fleet and Striking Fleet Atlantic. We hope that you will enjoy your visit, and at the same time satisfy a natural curiosity concerning our mission and capabilities.

As Flagship, NEWPORT NEWS is the command center, the heart of Second Fleet and its NATO counterpart Striking Fleet Atlantic. It is our wish that this memento of your visit will enable you to understand a little better how this powerful ship serves our Nation and the Free World.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN McN. TAYLOR

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy  
Commander Second Fleet and  
Striking Fleet Atlantic



R. H. BOWERS  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer  
USS NEWPORT NEWS



Vice Admiral  
John McN. Taylor

Commander  
U. S. Second Fleet

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Vice Admiral Taylor graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1926. Promoted to flag rank in December 1954, he assumed command of U. S. Second Fleet and NATO's Striking Fleet Atlantic on September 8, 1961.

During World War II, Vice Admiral Taylor served mainly in the Pacific Theater beginning with the Solomon Islands. He later participated in the amphibious assaults which captured the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas, Iwo Jima and Okinawa while Gunnery Officer on the staff of Commander Amphibious Forces, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Among a wide variety of other assignments, Vice Admiral Taylor has been Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Naval Reserve), and has commanded the Cruiser Force, Atlantic Fleet. Immediately prior to his appointment by President Kennedy as Commander U.S. Second Fleet, Vice Admiral Taylor was Commander Amphibious Force, Atlantic Fleet.

Although officially residents of San Francisco, California, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Taylor presently reside in Norfolk, Virginia, homeport of the Fleet Flagship, USS NEWPORT NEWS.



Captain  
Richard H. Bowers

Commanding Officer  
USS Newport News

A graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1938, Captain Bowers has commanded USS NEWPORT NEWS since July 13, 1962.

Captain Bowers' background includes command of the USS SEA CAT from January to October 1945, the USS CARP from June 1949 to May 1950 and the position of Commander of Submarine Division THIRTY-THREE in 1953. He was subsequently assigned to head the Atomic Weapons Development Branch, Bureau of Ordnance and in January 1956, he assumed the duties of the Assistant Director of the Research and Development Division for Nuclear Applications.

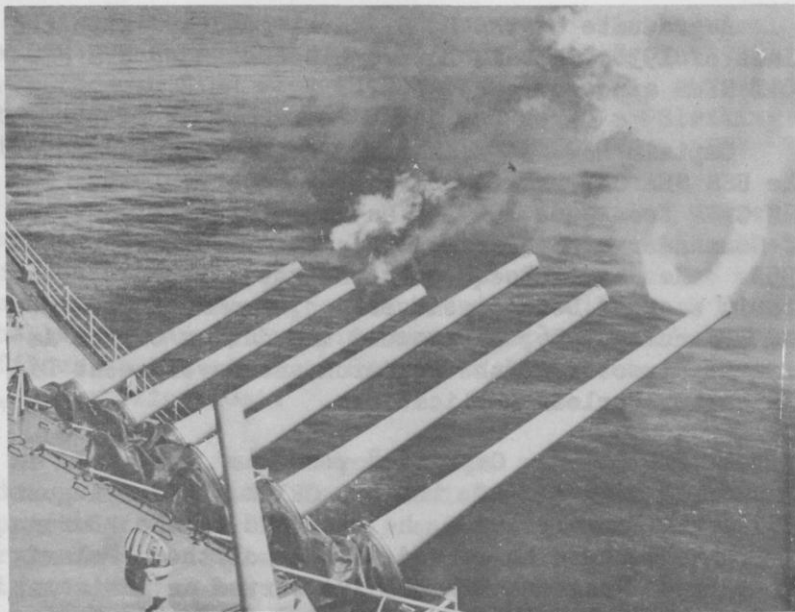
In July 1957, Captain Bowers was assigned as Commanding Officer of the USS ORION. From August 1958 until January 1960, he returned to the Bureau of Ordnance where he served as head of the Polaris Plans and Programs Branch. He served as Assistant head of the Submarine Readiness Branch in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations until August 1961 when he reported for instruction at the National War College, Washington, D. C.

Captain Bowers' home is Norfolk, Virginia.

Commissioned on January 29, 1949, NEWPORT NEWS is the U. S. Navy's, and the world's largest heavy cruiser. She is named in honor of the shipbuilding city in Virginia where she was constructed.

NEWPORT NEWS is 717 feet long and displaces 21,000 tons. Her maximum beam is 75 feet, six inches. She is manned by 1,500 officers and men.

The ship's main battery consists of nine fully automatic 8-inch 55-caliber guns mounted in three turrets. Use of case ammunition makes these guns the fastest firing major caliber guns in the world. With their long range and precise accuracy, they are capable of pinpoint bombardment in support of amphibious assault troops both at the beachhead and many miles inland.

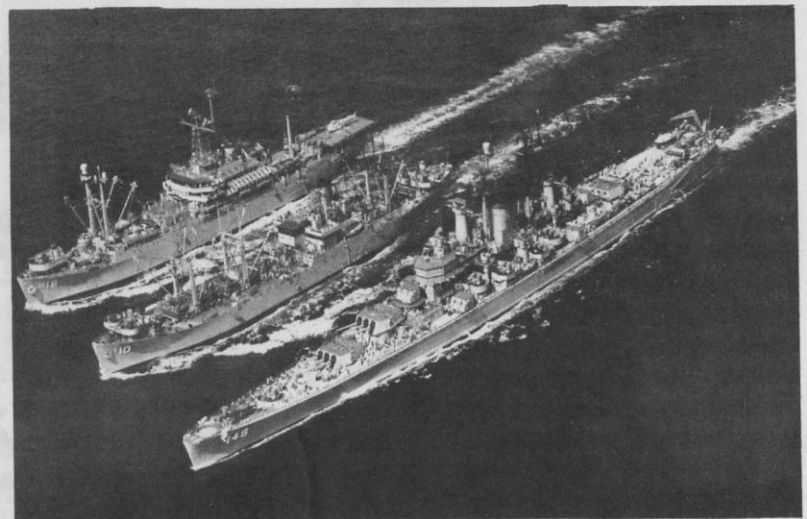


The secondary and anti-aircraft batteries are made up of 12 dual purpose 5-inch 38-caliber guns and 16 rapid fire 3-inch 50-caliber guns. These batteries provide lethal protection against enemy aircraft attempting a close range attack with conventional weapons.



Her 120,000 horsepower steam power plant, turning four propellers, is capable of driving her at speeds well in excess of 30 knots.

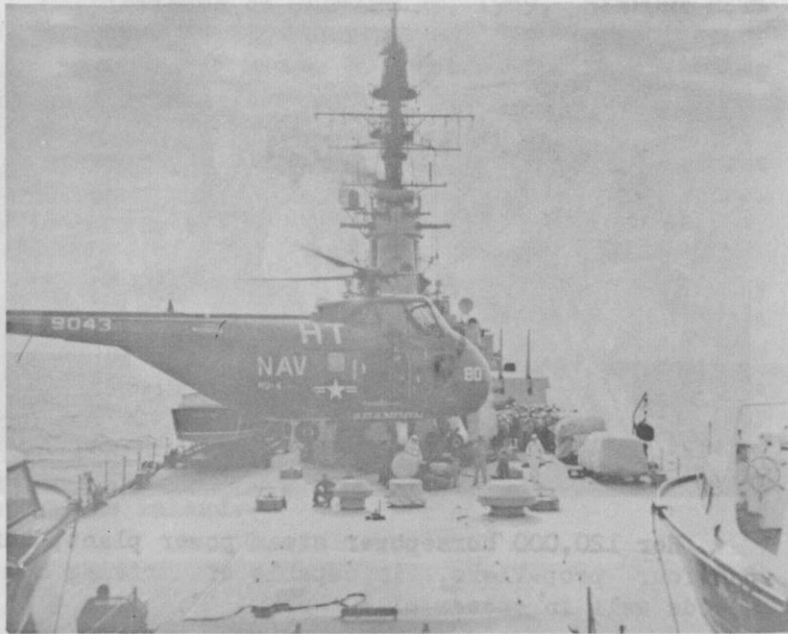
Virtually a city in itself, the completely air-conditioned NEWPORT NEWS can distill 60,000 gallons of fresh water daily, and is capable of generating enough electricity to light a city of 40,000 people.





## MISSION OF USS NEWPORT NEWS

The primary mission of USS NEWPORT NEWS is that of Flagship for Commander Second Fleet. To support this mission, NEWPORT NEWS underwent a limited conversion at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in 1962, the principal change being internal in the creation of and enlargement of the communications facilities. Commander Second Fleet, in addition to being able to send and receive the large volume of messages required to direct his own command, must be able to communicate with any Fleet or Area Commander in any part of the world.



### Rapid Intra-Fleet Courier Service

NEWPORT NEWS also carries her own helicopter which is launched and landed from the stern of the ship. The helicopter affords rapid means for the Fleet Commander to dispatch important plans and orders to his forces at sea.

The ship's facilities include a 28-bed hospital, dental clinic, machine shop, carpenter shop, metal shop, and refrigerated spaces which can hold vast quantities of frozen and chilled foods.

Supplies and provisions sufficient for many weeks steaming are carried on board, and with the support of mobile replenishment groups, she can remain at sea for months.

In addition the crew enjoys the convenience of a post office, barber shop, soda fountain, library, tailor shop, laundry, clothing store, and a ship's newspaper published daily at sea.



Underway replenishment enables NEWPORT NEWS to remain at sea for extended periods of time.



# Friendship Knows No Bounds



The second fleet was established in December 1945. Its primary role is that of preserving the peace. A secondary role is that of ambassador. NEWPORT NEWS has visited many countries on both shores of the Atlantic community and has made many friends.





## UNITED STATES SECOND FLEET

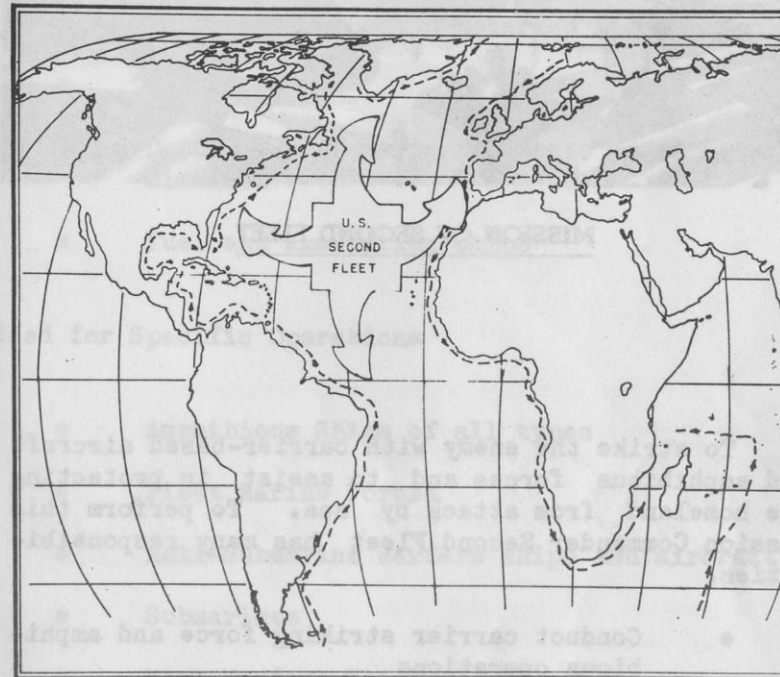
The Second Fleet was established in December 1945. As a major, offensive striking force of the United States Navy, Second Fleet has been delegated many tasks and responsibilities by the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

To perform these tasks, Second Fleet must be a balanced striking force, made up of a large number of various types of ships. The composition of Second Fleet reflects its wide range of duties as the major striking fleet in the North Atlantic.

Striking Fleet Atlantic, which is the NATO counterpart of the U.S. Second Fleet, includes naval units of other NATO nations as well as U. S. Second Fleet ships. Vice Admiral Taylor is commander of both Second Fleet and Striking Fleet Atlantic.

The heart of the Second Fleet are the attack aircraft carriers with their embarked air groups, supported by conventional and missile-armed cruisers and destroyers. This potent striking force is augmented, when appropriate to its mission, by Atlantic Fleet amphibious units with their embarked Fleet Marine troops and assault helicopters. Other forces which may be assigned to round out the full potential of the fleet include anti-submarine ships and aircraft, mine warfare units, and conventional and nuclear powered submarines. Hard working underway replenishment ships make the fleet self-sustaining at sea over extended periods of time.

## DOMAIN OF U. S. SECOND FLEET



The U.S. Atlantic Command area extends over 53,000,000 square miles. It includes the Atlantic Ocean, adjacent sea areas and a part of the Indian Ocean. This represents a portion of the earth's surface greater than the combined land masses of the world's largest three continents. Second Fleet is the major naval striking force in this area.





### MISSION OF SECOND FLEET

To strike the enemy with carrier-based aircraft and amphibious forces and to assist in protecting the homeland from attack by sea. To perform this mission Commander Second Fleet has many responsibilities.

- Conduct carrier striking force and amphibious operations
- Conduct limited or local warfare operations, when required
- Function as a principal advisor to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, for development and analysis of new operational principles and techniques
- Conduct fleet training exercises to test and evaluate improved fleet tactics and doctrine, and to train ships of different types to operate together as a Task Force or Fleet

### COMPOSITION OF SECOND FLEET

#### Continuously

- Attack Carriers and Embarked Aircraft
- Cruisers
- Destroyers and Frigates, some armed with missiles
- Fuel and ammunition ships

#### Added for Specific Operations

- Amphibious Ships of all types
- Fleet Marine Forces
- Anti-Submarine Warfare ships and aircraft
- Submarines
- Mine Warfare Ships
- Additional Logistics Ships, such as provisions and stores ships

Combined with "Second Fleet" to produce "Striking Fleet Atlantic"

- Aircraft Carriers of Allied Navies
- Naval Forces such as Submarines, Cruisers, Destroyers and Maritime Aircraft of NATO Countries

## TYPES OF EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY SECOND FLEET

Nuclear Strikes

Conventional Warfare Strikes

Amphibious Assaults

Anti-Submarine Warfare

Anti-Air Warfare

Anti-Raider

Other Surface Warfare Exercises

Replenishment-at-Sea

Electronics Warfare

All supporting and special operations needed throughout the full spectrum of Warfare, from a "show of force" to all-out, general war.

***Constant Vigilance***