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# COMMISSIONING CEREMONY



U. S. S. CONY DDE 508

**Boston Naval Shipyard, Boston, Mass.**

*17 November 1949*

## A NAVAL COMMISSIONING

The commissioning ceremony marks the transition from construction to active service as a unit of the United States Fleet. At the moment of hoisting the Commission Pennant, the U. S. S. CONY becomes the responsibility of her Commanding Officer—who, together with her officers and crew, then has the duty of making and keeping her constantly ready for any service demanded by our country in peace or in war.

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# U. S. S. CONY



Built By

Bath Iron Works Corporation

Bath, Maine

Keel Laid—24 December 1941

Launched—30 August 1942

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COMMISSIONED AS DD 508

30 October 1942

Boston, Massachusetts

SPONSOR

MRS. WILLIAM R. SLEIGHT

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RECOMMISSIONED AS DDE 508

17 November 1949

Boston, Massachusetts

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REAR ADMIRAL HEWLETT THEBAUD, USN  
*Commandant of the First Naval District*



CAPTAIN R. M. WATT, JR., USN  
*Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard*



COMMANDER J. A. DODSON, JR., USN  
*Commanding Officer, U. S. S. CONY*

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COMMISSIONING CEREMONY



Band Selections.

Invocation

Captain R. M. Watt, Jr., USN, reads order to commission USS CONY.

Ship is placed in commission. Ensign, Jack, and Commission Pennant are hoisted as Band plays the National Anthem.

Commanding Officer assumes command.

Commanding Officer orders the Executive Officer to set the Watch.

Address by the Honorable John F. Kennedy.

Address by the Commanding Officer.

First Watch set.

Benediction.

Band Selections.

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**JOSEPH S. CONY**

Acting Master, U. S. N.

The CONY is named in honor of Joseph S. Cony, Acting Master, United States Navy. He was born in Eastport, Maine, in 1834, appointed Acting Ensign 3 November 1862, Acting Master 7 September 1863.

He was first attached to the U. S. S. WESTERN WORLD and commanded several small boat expeditions along the Carolina coast.

On 22 August 1863, while Executive Officer of the U. S. S. SHOKOKON, he commanded a boat expedition of six men which surprised a much larger enemy encampment at New Topsail Inlet, near Wilmington, N. C., captured ten men, an army howitzer, eighteen horses, and destroyed the blockade running schooner ALEXANDER COOPER and extensive salt works. For this accomplishment Joseph S. Cony was promoted to Acting Master.

In April 1864, while attached to the BRITANNICA he received the thanks of Major General Peck for his cooperation with the landing expedition at Bogue Inlet. During his cruise in this vessel he participated in the first attack on Fort Fisher. At the time of the second attack he was attached to the U. S. S. FORT JACKSON and was one of the volunteers in the Navy assault party which assisted in carrying the fort.

Mr. Cony was appointed Lieutenant in the regular navy in 1866, but at that time he was master of a merchant vessel at sea. Before he could accept this appointment, he went down with his ship off Cape Hatteras on 10 February 1867.

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The United States Ship

**CONY**

(DDE-508)

Built by the Bath Iron Works Corporation, Bath, Maine, the U. S. S. CONY was first commissioned in Boston, Massachusetts, on 30 October 1942.

The CONY left Boston in December 1942 for the South Pacific area where she fought until the end of World War II. During her time in the Pacific, she participated in the following campaigns: Solomon Islands, New Georgia, Vella LaVella, Treasury-Bougainville, Marianas, and the amphibious assault and occupation of the Palau Islands.

While in the South Pacific during the initial landing on 15 August 1943 at Babakoma, Vella LaVella, the CONY acted as the Flagship for the late Rear Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, USN, Commander Third Amphibious Force.

On 1 January 1947, she was inactivated and was assigned to the U. S. Atlantic Reserve Fleet. The CONY is one of a group of ships now being converted and recommissioned as Destroyer Escorts for specialized anti-submarine service.

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## SHIP'S OFFICERS

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JOSEPH A. DODSON, Jr.  
Commander, United States Navy  
Commanding Officer

JOHN B. MUTTY  
Lieutenant Commander, United States Navy  
Executive Officer

LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN C. NORTHRUP, U. S. NAVY  
Operations Officer

LIEUTENANT RUFUS M. HOOD, U. S. NAVY  
Engineer Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) HERBERT A. BEHRE, U. S. NAVY  
Anti-Submarine Warfare Control Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) GERARD L. NELSON, U.S. NAVY  
Communication Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) ANDREW D. WHITEHEAD, U. S. NAVY  
Electronics Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) ROBERT O. CLARK, U. S. NAVY  
Gunnery Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) HAROLD R. OUTTEN, Jr., U. S. NAVY  
Damage Control Assistant

ENSIGN ROBERT D. DUNCAN, U. S. NAVY  
Air Defense Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) WYLY A. MOORE, U. S. NAVY  
Supply Officer

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CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

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Chief Gunner's Mate

ROGER M. LAWS  
Chief Boatswain's Mate

GEORGE W. BOLLIN, Jr.  
Chief Yeoman

S. J. MEINHART  
Chief Torpedoman's Mate

HARRY CHRISTENSEN  
Chief Fire Controlman

JEREMIAH MOHALLEY  
Chief Quartermaster

WILLIAM H. DOGAN  
Chief Machinist's Mate

L. E. ROBINSON  
Chief Fire Control Technician

CHARLES EDMONDSON  
Chief Electrician's Mate

JAMES E. THOMAS  
Chief Radioman

CLAIR B. HOOD  
Chief Machinist's Mate

WALTER TILLMAN  
Chief Commissaryman

GEORGE HUCUL  
Chief BoILERman

WILLIAM WARRINER  
Chief Hospital Corpsman

CHARLES INGALLS  
Chief I. C. Electrician's Mate

EDWARD WILKINS  
Chief Electronics Technician



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