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USNS ROBERT F. KENNEDY (T-AO 208)

Honoring A Lifetime Of Leadership

A Distinguished History

- Robert Francis Kennedy was born Nov. 20, 1925, in Suffolk County, Mass. He was the younger brother of John F. Kennedy, who became the 35th President of the United States in 1961.
- Known as “Bobby” Kennedy, he graduated from Milton Academy in Massachusetts and served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1944-1946. He graduated from Harvard University in 1948 and University of Virginia Law School in 1951.
- Putting his law degree to use in public service, Kennedy served as chief counsel for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (1954) and later for the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field (1957-1960).
- From January 1961 to September 1964, Kennedy served as Attorney General of the United States. He resigned Sept. 3, 1964, to become a candidate for the U.S. Senate. On Jan. 3, 1965, he was elected to the Senate and served as a Democrat from New York until his death.
- On June 5, 1968, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles, Calif., while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination. His ideals are honored by the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights. The U.S. Department of Justice building is named for his distinguished service, and in 2016, a U.S. fleet replenishment oiler was also named in his honor.



T-AO Quick Facts:

- Name:** *USNS Robert F. Kennedy (T-AO 208)*
- Class:** *John Lewis*
- Mission:** *Fleet replenishment oiler*
- Length:** *676 feet*
- Speed:** *20 knots*
- Crew:** *91 total*



“All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but we don’t. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging and filled with opportunity.”

- Robert F. Kennedy