

**USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)**

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## 1970 HISTORY OF USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)

The USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12) was constructed by Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company of Seattle, Washington. On 27 December 1965 her keel was laid. She was christened and launched on 22 October 1966. Mrs. Andrew McB Jackson, the wife of Vice Admiral Jackson, sponsored the christening. The SHREVEPORT sat for two years without construction progress because of strikes.

The ship's dock trial took place on 24 September 1970. Builder's trials were held from 5-7 October 1970, and drydocking was accomplished from 7-9 October 1970. SHREVEPORT underwent acceptance trials from 2-6 November 1970 off the coast of Washington. The ship was given a pre-commissioning inspection on 23 November 1970 by Commandant THIRTEENTH Naval District representatives. The ship was delivered to the Navy cold plant on 4 December 1970 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Fitting out availability began 5 December 1970.

On 12 December 1970, SHREVEPORT was commissioned at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. Vice Admiral Luther C. Heinz, Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet was the ranking naval officer. Other distinguished guests included Rear Admiral William F. Petrovic, Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; Rear Admiral Patrick J. Hannifin, Commandant, THIRTEENTH Naval District; Archie M. Folden, President and General Manager of Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company, and three citizens from the City of Shreveport.

The Honorable L. Calhoun Allen, Jr., Mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana gave the commissioning address, after which the Ensign, Jack, and Commissioning Pennant were hoisted. Captain Pehr H. Pehrsson read his orders and assumed command of the ship. The entire crew, 28 officers and 430 enlisted, then formally manned the ship and set the first watch.

The ceremony concluded with the commanding officer's remarks and the first reenlistment on board, SF1 [REDACTED], USN.

SHREVEPORT is named after Captain Henry Miller Shreve, who pioneered the development of trade on the Mississippi River and its tributaries during the 1830's.