



USS DEALEY (DE-1006)

First of the Navy's new class of destroyer escorts

JOHN WILLIS, which was commissioned at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 21 February 1957, was one of three destroyer and destroyer escort type ships modified to handle the HUL helicopter on the fantail. Since that time, the WILLIS has conducted various operations with the HUL embarked. Results have proved the HUL to be an effective anti-submarine weapon, increasing the weapons delivery range of the WILLIS to match her detection and tracking capability.

The ship is named for John Harlan Willis, Pharmacist Mate First Class, who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for action against the enemy at Iwo Jima in 1945.

Commanding Officer is LCDR E. E. Cummings, USN. He was serving as a member of the Naval Reserve when released to inactive duty in 1942 to attend the Merchant Marine Academy from which he was graduated and returned to the Regular Navy as a commissioned officer. He assumed command of the JOHN WILLIS in May, 1958.

was commissioned on 22 April 1957 at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

Almost 14 years before, when Avery Van Voorhis, the naval officer for whom the ship is named, completed his last mission against the Japanese in the Solomons.



LCDR J. J. Doak, Jr.
USS VAN VOORHIS



USS CROMWELL (DE-1014)

Her crew has won two consecutive Battle Efficiency Plaques

U.S.S. VAN VOORHIS

The USS VAN VOORHIS (DE-1028)

Last summer the ship went through operational tests off Cuba and in late November became the Flagship of Commander Escort Squadron FOURTEEN.

Commanding Officer is LCDR J. J. Doak, Jr., USN, a 1944 graduate of the Naval Academy. He was named prospective Commanding Officer of the VAN VCCRHS in February,

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