

USS Shiloh decommissions after 34 years of dedicated service



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM – The Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh (CG 67) was honored in its homeport of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam with a formal decommissioning ceremony, marking 34 years of continued service at sea and a revered naval legacy.

The event brought together current and former crew members, family, friends and Navy leadership to recognize the ship's longstanding contribution to maritime security and the Sailors who served, for Shiloh's three decades of service.

Commissioned on July 18, 1992, USS Shiloh was built by Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine and was the 21st ship of the Ticonderoga class. It was named after the Battle of Shiloh,

which marked a Union victory in the year 1862 during the American Civil War.

During the ceremony, the Commanding Officer U.S. Navy Capt. Bryan Geisert reflected on the ship's contribution to national security, its enduring legacy and the generations of Sailors who served aboard. "It's been the honor of my lifetime to serve along your side, and you fired me up every day!" Geisert said to the crew. "Thank you for your service, dedication, and all the hard work."

During her service, Shiloh supported combat operations, humanitarian assistance, and maritime security missions across the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

The Shiloh was among the first cruisers to launch Tomahawk land attack missiles into Iraq during Operation Desert Strike in 1996 and again during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2002.

In early 2005, Shiloh deployed in support of Operation Unified Assistance, to provide humanitarian assistance to communities affected by the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami off the coast of Aceh, Indonesia.

After arriving in Yokosuka, Japan, in August 2006, Shiloh spent 17 years as a forward-deployed naval ship. During that time, the cruiser conducted numerous patrols and multinational exercises supporting maritime security, regional stability, and a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Sharif Calfee, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea, and Shiloh's 17th commanding officer, was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Calfee spoke about the ship's legacy and accomplishments, saying that everything the ship did was intentional and a direct result of its crew.

"The greatness of the ship was achieved by and delivered by three decades of Sailors who embraced the ship's name and heritage, and handed them off to everyone in the next

generation,” said Calfee. “We truly made the magic happen on the deckplates, every day.”

For the Sailors who served aboard Shiloh, the vessel was more than just a warship; it was a place where careers began, leadership was developed and lifelong friendships were formed. Across deployments, maintenance periods and long hours at sea, generations of Sailors relied on one another to operate and maintain the ship’s combat systems, navigate safely and meet every mission. Their professionalism, resilience and commitment to the mission ensured Shiloh remained operationally capable.

During the ceremony, the crew observed time-honored Navy traditions as the national ensign, commissioning pennant and ship’s colors were lowered for the final time. The ceremony marked the conclusion of Shiloh’s commissioned service while honoring the Sailors, civilians, families and partners whose dedication enabled the ship’s continued success at sea.

Although Shiloh will no longer sail as a commissioned warship, her legacy will remain with the thousands of Sailors who served aboard and the allies she supported throughout 34 years of commissioned service.

Shiloh will be inactivated and transferred to the Naval Inactive Ships Maintenance Facility in Bremerton, Washington. There, the cruiser will enter Logistic Support Asset status, preserving the ship as the Navy completes the next phase of its service life.

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