



THE UNITED STATES SHIP  
**FRANK E. EVANS**  
(DD-754)

Keel Laid April 21, 1944

Launched October 3, 1944



Built by  
**BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY**

SHIPBUILDING DIVISION

Staten Island

New York

# *Commissioning Program*

at the

## *U. S. Navy Yard, New York*

1. **Invocation.**
2. **Reading of Orders to commission the Frank E. Evans.**  
By direction of the Commandant, U. S. Navy Yard, New York.
3. **Commissioning:**
  - (a) The National Ensign is hoisted and saluted.
  - (b) The commission pennant and Union Jack are hoisted at the mainmast and jackstaff respectively.
4. **Assumption of Command by the Commanding Officer, Commander Harry Smith, U. S. Navy.**
5. **Setting the Watch.**
6. **Hoisting the personal flag of Rear Admiral F. A. Daubin, U. S. Navy.**
7. **Speakers:**
  - (a) Rear Admiral F. A. Daubin, U. S. Navy, Commandant, U. S. Navy Yard, New York.
  - (b) Commander Harry Smith, U. S. Navy, Commanding Officer, will read a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable James Forrestal.
  - (c) Mrs. Frank E. Evans, sponsor of the U. S. S. Frank E. Evans.
8. **"Pipe Down."**

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**T**HIS Frank E. Evans is named in honor of the late Brigadier General Frank E. Evans, United States Marine Corps.

Brigadier General Evans was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1876. In February, 1900, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and was retired as a Captain in 1905. In July, 1917, he was appointed a Major on the active list and sailed for France with the 6th Marines where he served with distinction in various staff assignments. Brigadier General Evans participated in the Aisne-Marne Offensive (Chateau-Thierry) in June, 1918, and in the St. Mihiel Offensive in September, 1918. He returned to the United States with the 2nd Division in March, 1919.

From July, 1919, until his transfer to the retired list in December, 1940, Brigadier General Evans served in various capacities in the Marine Corps both in the United States and abroad.

In recognition for his services in France, Brigadier General Evans was awarded the Meritorious Service Citation by General John J. Pershing, Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces. Some of his other awards include the Navy Cross while serving with the 6th Marines, the French Fourragere in 1918, the Purple Heart, the Victory Medal, and the Haitian Expeditionary Medal. In 1933, Brigadier General Evans received the French Legion of Honor Diploma from the French Government. He died at the Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, on November 25, 1941.

The Frank E. Evans has the distinction of having as sponsor Mrs. Frank E. Evans, wife of the late Brigadier General.

The Frank E. Evans is the first vessel of our Navy so named.

All guests are cordially invited to attend a buffet luncheon aboard ship immediately following the commissioning ceremonies. Guests of the sponsors and officers will be served in the Wardroom country; guests of Chief Petty Officers will be served in the Chief Petty Officers' quarters; guests of other members of the crew will be served in the forward crew's compartment.



The ship will be open for inspection after commissioning.



Bus transportation will be continuously available for guests between the Washington Avenue Gate and the ship.

