

(Reference On Name of Ship)

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Jack Druckemiller, Commanding
 (45-846) USNR

The Frank E Evans was named in honor of the late Brigadier General Frank E Evans, United States Marine Corps.

BGEN Evans was born in Franklin PA, November 19, 1876. In February, 1900, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corp and was retired 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. BGEN Evans participated in the Aisne-Marne Offensive (Chateau-Thierry) in June 1918 and in the St. Miliel Offensive in September 1918. From July 1919 until his transfer to the retired list in December 1940, BGEN Evans served in various capacities in the Marine Corps both in the United States and abroad. He died in the Naval Hospital, Pearl Harbor, on November 25, 1941. The Frank E Evans was sponsored by his widow.

Keel Laid April 21, 1944 and the ship was launched October 3, 1944. (LESS THAN SIX MONTHS). Built by Bethlehem Steel at Staten Island.

I realize that this might be a little more than you wanted, but thought you might be interested. My only problem is that I have lost the date of first commissioning, which took place at the US Navy Yard, New York. I have a nice 8x10 of the commissioning, which I have scanned, but have been unable to get it to attach.

From all the recent correspondence and emails that I have received, find that the Cornwells, Schreibers and one Druckemiller won't be able to attend. Only hope that Carl and Lois can make it.

7/30/03 Thanks Jack for the background on B.G. Frank E. Evans, as I recall his photo was once in the wardroom — I shall pass this on to the interested crew members — Elton Kehler