



USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD-754)

*Welcome Aboard*



## *This Is the Captain Speaking . . .*

I would personally like to extend to you a most hearty welcome aboard USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754). I certainly hope that your visit will be both interesting and enjoyable.

In my opinion, the Destroyer, and especially EVANS, is one of the finest and most versatile ships in our fleet. I'm sure it will be apparent to you after your visit why the Destroyer is called the "workhorse of the Fleet."

I speak for the entire crew of the "Fighter," when I say it is indeed an honor and a privilege to have you aboard as our guest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. S. McLemore".

A. S. McLEMORE

## *A Brief History of Our Ship*

One of the many ships built during World War II, USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) is a 2200 ton, short hull destroyer stemming from fast, light, heavily gunned ships conceived in the 19th century as "Torpedo Boat Destroyers." The ship's namesake is Brigadier General Frank E. Evans, USMC. General Evans, a much decorated fighting man, served in the Spanish-American War and World War I. He was awarded the Navy Cross and a Meritorious Service Citation for his action against the enemy at Belleau Wood.

Since she was commissioned 3 FEB 1945, the FRANK E. EVANS has had an illustrious history. Serving in World War II and extensively in the Korean War the EVANS, nicknamed "The Fighter," was decorated many times for her courageous actions.

Since the Korean War the EVANS has made numerous trips to the Far East as a member of the U. S. Seventh Fleet.

The "Fighter's" most recent cruise to the Western Pacific was a notable one. She saw a great deal of action off the coast of South Vietnam when she fired over 9,000 5"/.38 caliber rounds at enemy positions. The results were echoed by the Commanding Officer of the 1st Cavalry when he wrote, "Your gunnery was superb and your response time minimal. You and your officers can be proud of the part you played in the successful action."

FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) recently was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for Destroyer Squadron 23. She was also awarded the operations department efficiency "E" and the ASW "A."

The EVANS returned home in April 1968 after an eight month deployment. She commenced a four month overhaul in May, receiving many improvements in electronic equipment as well as rejuvenating machinery and other equipment.

The FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754), a member of Destroyer Squadron 23, commanded by Captain J. J. DOAK, USN, is homeported in Long Beach, California. The EVANS is also attached to CRUISER DESTROYER FORCE PACIFIC, commanded by Rear Admiral Mason FREEMAN, USN.

## *What the Fighter Can Do!*

The USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) is primarily an Anti-Submarine Warfare Destroyer. Therefore, in time of war, her primary mission will be to search out and destroy enemy submarines. Yet the EVANS is still capable of many more functions, such as, providing Naval Gunfire Support, providing Anti-Air Warfare support, participating in Electronic Warfare, and providing Search and Rescue assistance.

Listed below are some of the capabilities of the "Fighter" and associated equipment.

- ... She is capable of cruising 2100 miles without refueling.
- ... She can provide 45 days provisions for her crew of 18 Officers and 250 Enlisted men without replenishing.
- ... She can attain a maximum speed of over 30 knots.
- ... She has six 5"/.38 Cal. guns and can fire projectiles 9 miles.
- ... She has six Mark 32 torpedo tubes and carries modern ASW torpedos.
- ... She has Drone Anti-Submarine Helicopter (DASH) which can carry a payload of two torpedos 30 miles from the ship.
- ... She has sophisticated Electronics Equipment to support Fleet missions.
- ... She has powerful sound and ranging equipment (SONAR) to detect enemy submarines.