

DEDICATION

**In Commemoration of
Five Decades of Commissioned Service
of the
USS SIERRA (AD 18)**

**This Program is Dedicated to
the Officers and Crew Who Stand Aboard Her Today,
And to All Who Have Sailed Her in the Past.**

**And
In Memory of Our Fallen Shipmates
Who Gallantly Made the Ultimate Sacrifice
In Defense of Their Nation.**

Decommissioning Program Prepared by

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USS SIERRA (AD 18) DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Official Party Arrives
Parade the Colors*
National Anthem*
MU3 Robin L. Patton, USN*

Invocation
Lieutenant D. Ann Erikson, CHC, USN*

*Welcome and Introduction of Distinguished Guests and Guest Speaker
Captain Franklin T. Dunn, USN
Commanding Officer, USS SIERRA (AD 18)*

*Remarks by the Guest Speaker
Rear Admiral Thomas D. Paulsen, USN
Deputy Director of Naval Training*

*Remarks by the Commanding Officer
Captain Franklin T. Dunn, USN*

*Reading of Congratulatory Messages
Rear Admiral James F. Amerault, USN
Senior SIERRAN on Active Duty*

*Reading of Decommissioning Order
Rear Admiral William E. Terry, USN
Commander, Combat Logistics Group TWO*

*Passing of the "Don't Tread On Me" flag to USS Yosemite (AD 19)
Remarks by
Lieutenant Commander Deborah L. Salfer, USN, Commanding Officer*

Debark the Crew

Retiring of Colors and Striking of Commissioning Pennant
Master Gunnery Sergeant Johannes Rasmussen, USMC, Ret.
Commissioning and Decommissioning Bugler*

Closing of Deck Log and Securing the Watch

Commanding Officer Departs the Ship

Benediction
Lieutenant Commander Philip E. Sumrall, CHC, USNR*

*Official Party Departs**

**Guests please stand*

Guests are invited to a reception at "Steamers" Dining Facility following the ceremony