

Origin of the name KAWISHIWI

Oilers of the U.S. Navy are named after rivers. Kawishiwi, the river for which this ship is named, is in the northwest corner of the State of Minnesota.

The river itself rises in a cluster of lakes in Lake County and flows through several small lakes and then forms two branches which join near White Iron Lake and flows North through Fall Lake to a chain of lakes on the Ontario line. The total length of the river is approximately 60 miles.

The territory the river traverses is part of the Superior National Forest and is mostly road-less. Much of the surrounding territory has been set aside for recreational purposes and remains much as the early French explorers, fur traders and missionaries with an abundance of wildlife and fish. It is one of the few places in the United States where moose can be found.

One of the many scenic treats offered to the canoeist on the Kawishiwi are the painted rocks, done by unknown Indian painters centuries ago.

The river is also used commercially for logging and hydroelectric power.

Chief Petty Officers

Torbich, G.Chief Boatswain's Mate
Gofus, J.G., Jr.Chief Quartermaster
Robinson, A.F.Chief Gunner's Mate
Kent, F.J.Chief Radioman
Gathright, T.E.Chief Machinist's Mate
McKenney, T.Chief Machinist's Mate
Stevenot A.Chief Machinist's Mate
Lindstrom, O.H.Chief Electrician's Mate
Bates, K.R.Chief Boilerman
Morton, E.A.Chief Metalsmith
Bloyd, D.A.Chief Storekeeper
Tucker, E.L.Chief Commissaryman
Wright, H.E.Chief Hospital Corpsman

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COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

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★ UNITED STATES SHIP ★
★ **KAWISHIWI** ★
★ (AO-146) ★
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6 JULY
1955

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★ PHILADELPHIA ★
★ NAVAL SHIPYARD ★
★ PHILADELPHIA, PA. ★
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**BUILT BY NEW YORK
SHIPBUILDING
CORPORATION
CAMDEN, NEW
JERSEY**

**KEEL LAID 5 OCTOBER
1953**

**LAUNCHED 11 DECEMBER
1954**

U.S.S. KAWISHIWI (AO-146) is the fourth of a new class of fleet oilers. She is 655 feet in length with a beam of 86 feet. She has equipment and devices specifically designed for the rapid transfer of petroleum products and cargo to the forces afloat operating at high speed or in bad weather. She is equipped to carry a cargo of 130,600 barrels of fuel oil, 48,700 barrels of aviation fuel and 8,000 barrels of diesel oil.

The defensive armament of the KAWISHIWI includes automatic loading rapid firing guns, together with the latest type of devices for their control. The latest developments in fire fighting equipment are installed. Her speed is considerable in excess of previous naval ships of her type.

U.S.S. KAWISHIWI
COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES



The order of the Navy Department
to Commission the ship.....The Commandant

The Commissioning

The National Anthem

The Hoisting of the National Ensign,
Jack and Commissioning Pennant,

The Breaking of Personal Flag

Invocation.....The Chaplain


Acceptance of Command.....The Commanding Officer

Set the Watch.....The Commanding Officer

Honorable HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
Member of Congress
Senator from State of Minnesota

Benediction.....The Chaplain

Pipe Down.....The Commanding Officer

	<p>Senator Humphrey was elected to the United States Senate in 1948 and is presently serving on the following Senate Committees. Committee on Foreign Relations, Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, Committee on Small Business, Member of President's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Member of Democratic Steering Committee in the Senate. In the field of foreign affairs he has been an active supporter and sponsor of the Point Four Program, Reciprocal Trade Policy, Mutual Security and North Atlantic Treaty, along with the Marshall Plan; Sponsor of Wheat for India and Wheat for Pakistan programs.</p>
<p>The Honorable Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) was born May 27, 1911 in Wallace, South Dakota. He is married and is the father of four children, a girl and three boys.</p>	

U.S.S. KAWISHIWI Personnel

Officers

COMMANDING OFFICER**Captain J.B. Swain, USN**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER**LCDR W.L. Cooper, Jr. USNR**

OPERATIONS

LT W.M. BAUER, USNOperations Officer and Navigator

LTJG R.L. McLeod, USNRCommunications Officer

DECK

LT W.H. Dougherty, USNR ...1st Lieutenant & Gunnery Officer

LTJG E.J. Agostini, USNRAssistant Gunnery Officer

ENS A.W. Hietala, USNRAssistant First Lieutenant

CWO T.F. Paine, USNShip's Boatswain

ENGINEERING

LCDR W.H. Smith, USNEngineer Officer

LTJG B.C. Neumann, USNRDamage Control Assistant

CWO J.W. Taylor, USNMain Propulsion Assistant

SUPPLY

LTJG F.A. Henneke, USNRSupply and Disbursing Officer

1st Class Petty Officers

Weaver, F.E.Boatswain's Mate First
Jones, E.L., Jr.Boatswain's Mate First
Baxter, J.J.Quartermaster First
Scott, T.W.Gunner's Mate First
Seco, E.M.Damage Controlman First
Peterson, A.J.Radioman First
Eitelbuss, J.Radarman First
Adams, R.A.Machinist's Mate First
Bryant, E.W.Machinist's Mate First
Barton, R.J.Machinist's Mate First
Diehl, T.S.Machinist's Mate First
McKee, E.F.Engineer First
Ferrell, J.D.Fire Control Technician First
Brady, B.E.Electronic Technician First
Demuro, P.J.Electrician's Mate First
Chaffin, H.L.Boilerman First
Perkins, M.O.Boilerman First
Gates, J.P.Pipefitter First
Vaughn, J.E.Yeoman First
Dolliver, R.F.Storekeeper First
Yates, R.H.Commissaryman First
Phair, A.G.Steward First

2nd Class Petty Officers

Byess, T.Boatswain's Mate Second
Cahill, E.J.Boatswain's Mate Second
Tosto, V.M.Boatswain's Mate Second
Lightfine, W.J.Quartermaster Second
Hartsfield, E.L.Radioman Second
Ellis, L.R.Radarman Second
Amberger, B.J.Machinist's Mate Second
Bradshaw, R.J.Machinist's Mate Second
Hance, F.W.Machinist's Mate Second
Novak, J.J.Electrician's Mate Second
Guffin, J.A.I.C. Electrician Second
Wabel, B.A.Personnelman Second
Madusky, R.E.Teleman Second
McCauley, R.A.Storekeeper Second
Williams, B.L.Disbursing Clerk Second
Novak, S.P.Commissaryman Second
Seyler, J.D.Commissaryman Second
Lloyd, J.D.Ship's Serviceman Second
Cooper, F.Steward Second

3rd Class Petty Officers

Blaker, J.A.Boatswain's Mate Third
Pierson, R.J.Boatswain's Mate Third
Kain, S.Quartermaster Third
Mesler, P.L.Quartermaster Third
Pellerin, W.A.Quartermaster Third
Roberson, C.M.Gunner's Mate Third
Thorton, L.E.Damage Controlman Third
Edney, G.G.Radioman Third
Holley, R.O.Radarman Third
King, W.G.Radarman Third
Brown, H.E.Machinist's Mate Third
Crane, R.H.Machinist's Mate Third
Gardner, V.M.Machinist's Mate Third
Goddard, R.D.Machinist's Mate Third
Hamlin, R.O.Machinist's Mate Third
Hooten, A.J.Machinist's Mate Third
McCutcheon, W.M.Machinist's Mate Third
Ross, K.C., Jr.Machinist's Mate Third
Sharkey, J.A.Machinist's Mate Third
Triber, J.S.Machinist's Mate Third
Warren, C.F.Engineman Third
Harbin, J.R.Fire Control Technician Third
Mahan, J.T.Fire Control Technician Third
Keating, R.V.Electronic Technician Third
Copeland, "L" "J"Electrician's Mate Third
Gray, J.T.Electrician's Mate Third
Jansen, R.F.Electrician's Mate Third
Curles, J.L.Boilerman Third
Leonard, R.M.Boilerman Third
Lyons, C.C.Boilerman Third
Hovey, D.E.Metalsmith Third
Raike, C.S.Metalsmith Third
Gibbs, E.D.Pipefitter Third
Lewandowski, R.S.Pipefitter Third
Nickerson, G.W.Yeoman Third
Groh, F.F.Personnelman Third
Armstrong, T.P.Storekeeper Third
St. Mary, L.G.Storekeeper Third
Dutton,Commissaryman Third
Lewis, R.Ship's Serviceman Third
Spoto, A.T.Ship's Serviceman Third
Sullivan, D.P., Jr.Ship's Serviceman Third
Shiver, H.G.Hospital Corpsman Third
Curtis, J.Steward Third

Seaman

Akers, C.M., Jr.
Alexander, L.G.
Backhale, E.R.
Bauer, J.E.
Benedict, L.J.
Benz, D.J.
Berkebile, L.K.
Billetts, F.D.
Blackner, A.M.
Bouwman, H.L.
Boyd, B.J.
Boyink, D.R.
Brown, G.A.
Brown, J.F.
Brown, K.R.
Brown, R.C.
Burkett, J.L.
Burnaugh, G.W.
Burroughs, L.C.
Butts, A.M., Jr.
Byer, B.
Cary, M.R.
Cavadel, G.C.
Chandler, H.R.
Chapman, G.W.
Ciotti, J.O.
Coady, J.A.
Collins, P.K.
Cone, R.E.
Cross, A.E., Jr.
Daniels, W.
Davis, D.F.
Davis, J.E.
Davis, R.E.

Demski, J.D.
Devault, J.A.
Doolan, H.J., Jr.
Dudding, J.
Durocher, G.A.
Elston, E.C., Jr.
Epperson, M.A., Jr.
Epstein, N.
Falco, R.A.
Forbes, E.J., Jr.
Franks, D.M., Jr.
Gardner, M.A., Jr.
Giarraffa, L.
Grindle, D.J.
Gunns, P.
Helman, W.M.
Hickey, R.M.
Holder, A.A.
Howard, H.E.
Hubert, G.S., Jr.
Jones, D.
Joseph, E.
Kaminsky, T.E.
Keaton, W.L.
Kemp, P.C.
Koss, G.R.
Laios, P.N.
Langkamp, M.A.
Largent, H.M.
Larkin, D.W.
Little, R.F.
Luther, C.F.
Mandeville, H.L. Jr.

Seaman

Mannon, P.E.
Martinez, L.A.
Matin, O.J.
McCollum, J.F., Jr.
McDaniel, A.R.
McKinnie, B.M.
McManus, J.E.
McNulty, R.F.
Merz, K.J.
Metzker, M.G.
Minsart, J.D.
Moller, W.L.
Montgomery, W.E.
Nank, J.S.
Nelson, W.A., Jr.
Neulieb, W.R.
Olzewski, S., Jr.
Owens, J.P.
Penniston, W.K.
Plum, C.R.
Poitras, R.G.
Porter, J.A.
Powell, F., Jr.
Powell, W.M.
Price, C.E.
Redinger, N.G.
Ritchie, L.A.
Robertson, J.M.
Robinson, P.A.
Robinson, R.L., Jr.
Roeder, J.A.
Rominiecki, F.
Ross, R.E.

Ruekert, W.H.
Ruschetti, J.P.
Salata, R.S.
Sanford, W.H.
Santelik, T.A.
Schmier, C.
Schmier, C.W.
Schultz, P.E.
Schultz, R.K.
Scranton, P.D.
Serenko, T.J.
Shafer, R.C.
Shelton, R.G.
Shupard, E.M.
Sibly, H.T.
Slatsky, W.
Smith, E.C.
Swanson, T.R.
Szalc, M.J., Jr.
Thompson, W., Jr.
Ursprung, L.J.
Vance, F.
Van Horn, W.B., Jr.
Ward, H.D.
Warner, R.J.
Watkins, T.E.L.
Weiss, H.E., Jr.
White, K. "R"
White, R.B.
White, R.E.
Wickert, T.R.
Wiggins, R.L.
Willis, W.W.
Wooten, T., Jr.