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PROCLAMATION USS ABBOT (DD 629)

Whereas, USS ABBOT (DD 629), a Fletcher-class destroyer in the service of the United States Navy. The second U.S. Navy ship named after Commodore Joel Abbot (1793-1855). ABBOT was laid down on 21 September 1942 at Bath, Maine by the Bath Iron Works, launched on 17 February 1943, sponsored by Mrs. Grace Abbot Fletcher, the granddaughter of Commodore Abbot, and commissioned at the Boston Navy Yard on 23 April 1943.

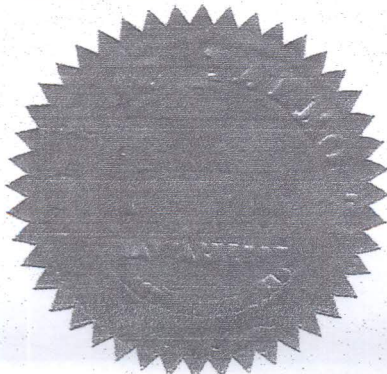
Whereas, the ABBOT served in the Pacific Fleet providing antiaircraft and antisubmarine protection and received 8 battle stars in World War II. ABBOT was placed out of commission on 21 May 1946 and was berthed at San Diego and recommissioned on 26 February 1951.

Whereas, on 5 May 1961, ABBOT briefly entered the race for space. Supporting the sub-orbital flight of Freedom 7, ABBOT was detailed to help recover the Mercury capsule after splash down, roughly 300 miles (480 km) east of Cape Canaveral, Florida. Further, ABBOT participated in operations enforcing the quarantine of Cuba established by President John F. Kennedy. ABBOT was the ship that stopped the Russian freighter carrying missiles on board from entering Cuba.

Whereas, ABBOT continued her role as a training platform for prospective destroyer officers until April 1964 at which time she departed Newport for Philadelphia for her last active duty assignment. At Philadelphia, she served as a Naval Reserve training ship for almost a year and as flagship for RESERVE DESTROYER SQUADRON 30. She was decommissioned on 26 March 1965 at Philadelphia and, for the next decade, was berthed with the PHILADELPHIA GROUP, ATLANTIC RESERVE FLEET.

Whereas, Yarmouth resident Ted Karras and the proud crew of ABBOT and families, which includes World War II and Korean War veterans, gather together in reunion in the Town of Yarmouth.

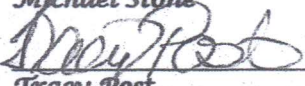
Therefore Be It Resolved, on this Eighth Day of September, Two Thousand and Eighteen, we, the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen, take this opportunity to recognize the service to our country by the crew of USS ABBOT (DD 629) and declare this day to be USS ABBOT Day in the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts.



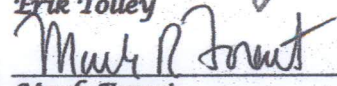
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