

## Recommissioning - - -

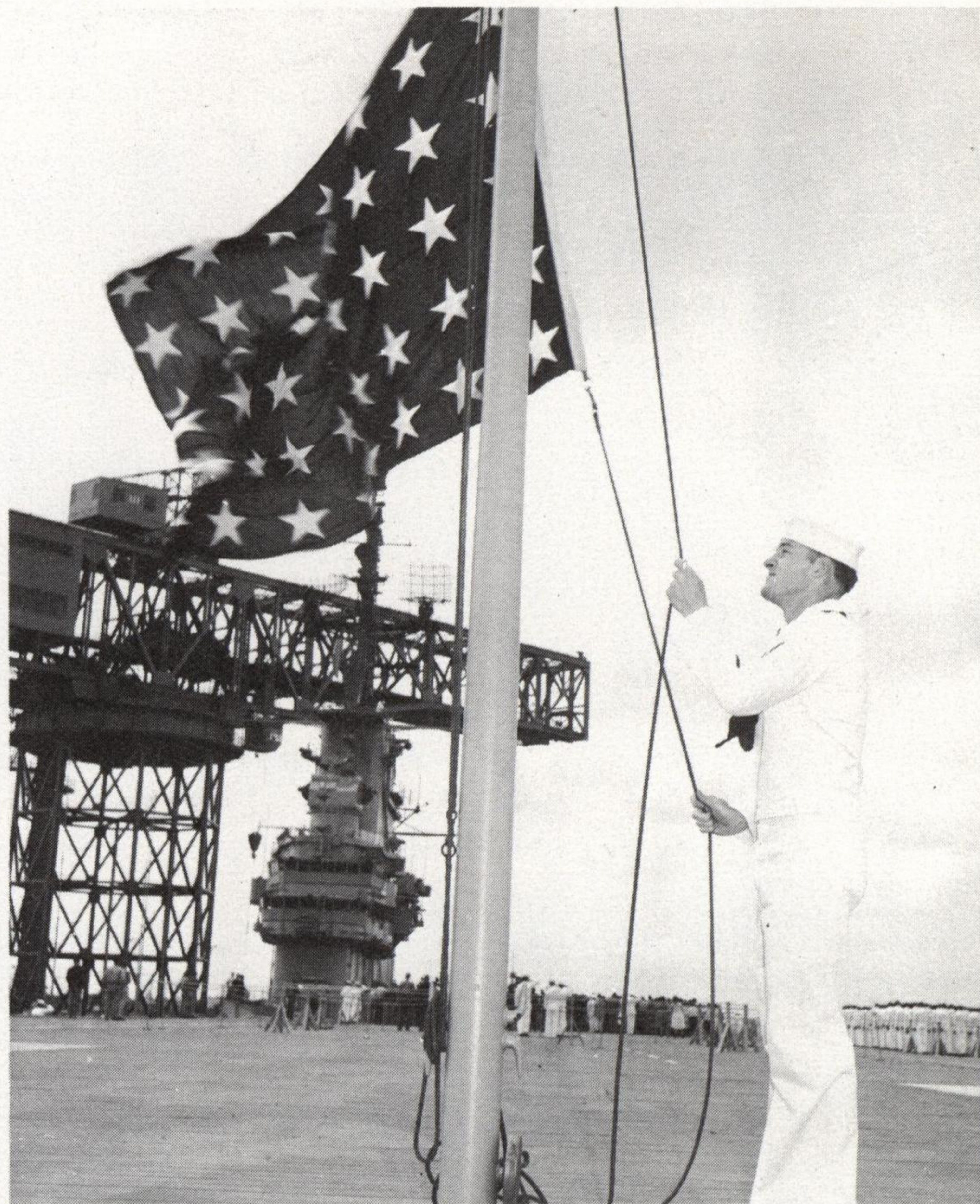
Militarily, 1954 was the year that the Hydrogen Bomb gained international prominence. Super carriers and nuclear submarines became fact instead of fiction. Nevertheless, behind these headlines came the inconspicuous rebirth of an old warrior, whose military importance would again be felt in the decade to follow.

"They glory in your proud rebirth,  
And pray you sail for peace, not wars.  
They would not rest if rust of earth,  
Corroding age, or action's dearth  
Should slowly eat your keelson bars.  
Remember, you inherit stars."

---Written by Joseph J. Frank,  
whose son, Silver Star Medalist  
LTJG Howard P. Frank, was killed  
in action aboard INTREPID, Nov. '44.

It was 1430 hours on June 18, 1954, at Portsmouth, Va., when USS INTREPID (CVA-11) was officially recommissioned in reserve by RADM Ingolf N. Kiland, USN. Accompanying INTREPID's new skipper, CAPT William T. Easton, and Executive Officer, CDR J.C. Kelly, was Mrs. John H. Hoover, who christened the ship in 1943. Ceremonies were conducted on the flight deck, with a reception on the hangar level.

In the months that followed INTREPID's newly selected crew busily prepared the ship for sea duty. And on 16 September she was moved to her permanent home port at the Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va. By October 15 INTREPID had relinquished her reserve status to take her place as an active unit of the Atlantic Fleet.



R.C. Gaines, QM2, raises the Union Jack for the first time during recommissioning ceremonies.

Mrs. John H. Hoover and CAPT William T. Easton, C.O., cut recommissioning cake.

