

USS HENRY B. WILSON

DDG-7



Displacement	3,380 tons standard 4,500 tons full load
Length	437 feet
Beam	47 feet
Draft	22 feet
Range	4,500 n.miles at 20 knots 1,600 n.miles at 30 knots
Manning	20 officers + 340 en- listed

HENRY B. WILSON was built by Defoe Shipbuilding Company at Bay City, Michigan, the first ship of the "Charles F. Adams" Class of Guided Missile Destroyers to be launched. At the time of her commissioning she was the largest warship ever to be constructed on the Great Lakes. She was christened by Mrs. Patrick J. Hurley, daughter of Admiral Wilson, on April 22, 1959 in a spectacular side launching. Because of the unique circumstances under which she was built, the traditional champagne bottle was filled with water from the Great Lakes, the Saint Lawrence River and the Atlantic Ocean.

Since her commissioning on 17 December 1960 **HENRY B. WILSON** has participated in twenty-one cruises to the Western Pacific, with 1988-89 cruise being her last. She fired 50,000 rounds in several hundred fire missions against North Vietnamese and Viet Cong targets from 1965-1973. While on a 1975 cruise to the Western Pacific, the ship participated in the Cambodian and Vietnam evacuations and in the recovery of the **SS MAYAGUEZ** from Cambodia. As a result of her ability to perform well under pressure, **WILSON** has been awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E", National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. **HENRY B. WILSON** will be decommissioned on 1 October 1989, with almost twenty-nine years of **EXEMPLARY** service!