



## U.S.S. COGSWELL DD651 ASSOCIATION



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Capt. Francis  
Cogswell



*Bringing former  
shipmates together*



# WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to the U.S.S. Cogswell DD651 Association.

The association was formed in 1989 by the late R.A. “Shad” White who served aboard the Cogswell in 1953-1954. Shad held the first Cogswell reunion in Mesa, Arizona in October, 1990.

Since that time, there have been twenty-two additional reunions, the most recent on October 17-19, 2023 in Rapid City, SD. The twenty-fourth reunion is being held in the New Orleans, LA in October 2024. Planning for the October 2024 reunion is complete.

As a former shipmate, a spouse or a dependent of someone who served aboard the Cogswell, or if you are related in some way to the Cogswell namesakes, you are entitled and encouraged to join the Cogswell DD651 Association.

Membership dues are \$10 per year, with an optional opportunity to help the association to offset some of the fees required to locate additional members. The membership fee brings you semi-annual newsletters, the information on attending the Cogswell reunions, and most importantly, the opportunity to rekindle friendships that may have been made over 50 years ago.

We have over 3284 individuals identified as serving aboard the Cogswell sometime during 1943-1969. Of the 3284 names there are 1573 “located” shipmates. The search committee is continually driving the information super hi-way in an effort to find additional shipmates. Efforts are also underway to identify other shipmates who have served aboard the ship. We estimate the total number to be approximately 3500.

## ***CURRENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

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## HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. COGSWELL DD651

The USS Cogswell was a general-purpose Destroyer, built by the Bath Iron Works of Bath, Maine. She was commissioned in Boston, Massachusetts on 17 August 1943. The ship was named after Rear Admiral James K. Cogswell, a Spanish-American War hero, and his son Captain Francis Cogswell, who distinguished himself in combat during World War I.

It is noteworthy that on the day of commissioning, James Kelsey Cogswell III USNR was a member of ship's company "Plank owner" and served aboard throughout the war. He received a citation for his part in the demilitarization of Japan. James Kelsey Cogswell IV, a resident of Atlanta Georgia, was also identified as a great grandson of Rear Admiral Cogswell. Also noteworthy is that LTJG Harry Hull III a great grandson of Rear Admiral Cogswell and a nephew of Captain Cogswell was a member of ship's company on October 1, 1969 when the Cogswell was decommissioned. Because LTJG Hull was related to the ship's namesake, he received the last U.S. flag flown aboard the Cogswell. Harry Hull is also a member of the Cogswell Association and currently resides in Costa Rica.

Displacing a full load weight of about 2,900 tons, she was 376 feet long, with a beam of 39 feet. Her 60,000-horsepower propulsion system was capable of speeds in excess of 35 knots. Her missions included naval gunfire support, anti-submarine warfare, escort, convoy and rescue duties.

After commissioning the Cogswell underwent shake down training off Bermuda and then she steamed through the Panama Canal and joined the Pacific Fleet where she was to participate in many of the major naval campaigns for the remainder of World War II. In December 1943, she joined task force 58 for the assault on the Marshall Islands and was part of the initial assault force on Kwajalein Atoll. Following this, she participated in the strikes against Truk, Palua, Ponape, Yap and New Guinea. In June 1944, she supported the amphibious assaults in the Marianas against Guam, Saipan and Tinian.

From there the Cogswell moved to Iwo Jima, Chi Chi Jima as well as Mindanao and Luzon in the Philippines for air and surface strikes. In October 1944, the Cogswell was assigned to task force 38 providing support for strikes against Okinawa, Formosa, Indo China, Hong Kong and the Chinese mainland. Later she participated in raids against the Japanese home islands. She was also involved in sinking several Japanese war ships and she de-

stroyed several key installations on the Japanese homeland. The Cogswell was one of the first warships into Tokyo Bay and was present at the signing of the Japanese surrender.



She was decommissioned and placed in the fleet reserve in January 1946. She was brought back to active service on June 7, 1951. She made several deployments including a world cruise in 1953-54 participating in the Korean conflict as a part of Task Force 77. Since World War II, she has deployed 12 times as a unit of the Pacific Fleet. Four of these deployments were to support our nation's efforts in Vietnam. The ship returned from her last operations in December 1968 having provided naval gunfire to our forces in Vietnam as well as rescue Destroyer for carrier USS Constellation CVA 64 in the Gulf of Tonkin.



After her return state side, she operated out of San Diego fleet training schools and participated in major fleet exercises. In early August while preparing for her 13<sup>th</sup> deployment, the Cogswell was to be decommissioned and turned over to the Turkish Navy. On October 1, 1969, she was taken out of service and given to the Turks and she continued as the TCG IZMIT D-342. After several years with the Turks, she was scraped in 1981. It should also be noted that the Cogswell never was damaged by the enemy. She served her Country for 23 years. Over this period, it is believed that the crewmember's number over 3,500 men. The Association is continually searching for crewmember names. The Cogswell Association database currently holds the names of over 3200 of these crewmembers.

## ***SHIP MEDALS AND RIBBONS***

World War II Victory Medal	National Defense Service Medal
American Campaign Medal	Korean Service Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	Vietnam Service Medal
Navy Occupation Service Medal	Philippine Liberation Ribbon
China Service Medal	United Nation Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Taiwan)	
Navy Expeditionary Medal	
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal	

## ***COMMANDING OFFICERS***

CDR Harold T. Deuterman	Commissioned 17 August 1943
CDR Robert E. Lockwood	31 October 1944
LCDR Reuben N. Perley	7 April 1945
CDR Frederick L. Edwards	4 September 1946
Decommissioned 31 January 1946	Recommissioned 7 June 1951
CDR Russell S. Crenshaw Jr.	7 June 1951
CDR Emmett P. Bonner	10 October 1952
CDR Richard N. Billings	25 August 1954
CDR James R. Wilson	3 November 1954
CDR Fredrick C. Wyse Jr.	26 November 1955
CDR Robert Y. Gaines	31 October 1957
CDR James H. Moore Jr.	24 October 1959
CDR Charles Neal	5 August 1961
CDR James I. Moore	6 August 1963
CDR Orlie G. Baird	6 June 1964
CDR Joseph Baer	10 December 1965
CDR Fredrick W. Kraft	9 December 1967
CDR Philip H. Edmunds	28 July 1969

## ROLL OF HONOR

Caroline Atoll Jan '44  
Kwajalein Is. Jan '44  
Enubuj/Ennylabegan Is. Jan '44  
Eniwetok Feb '44  
Truk/Ponape Feb/Apr '44  
Holandia Apr '44  
New Guinea Apr '44  
Marianas Is. Jun '44  
Guam and Rota Jul '44  
Saipan Jul '44  
Woleai, Ulithi Yap Is. Jul '44  
Chichi Jima, Iwo Jima Aug '44  
Palau Is. Sep '44  
Mindanao, P.I. Sep '44  
Vesayas Is. Sep '44  
Luzon and Manila Bay Sep '44  
Samar and Leyte Is. Oct '44

Okinawa Oct '44  
Formosa Oct '44/Jan '45  
Cam Rahn Bay Jan '45  
Hong Kong Jan '45  
Radar Picket Okinawa Jun '45  
Tokyo Bay Aug '45  
Korea Sep '53/Feb '54  
Tachen Is. Evacuation Feb '55  
Formosa Patrol Feb '55  
Johnson Is. Nuclear Test Jul '59  
Vietnam Patrol May '62  
Cuban Crisis Oct'62  
Harbor Defense DaNang Nov'65  
Vietnam Operation Nov'65/Feb'66  
Vietnam Operation Nov'66/May'67  
Vietnam Operation Jun '68/Dec'68

## 2022 COGSWELL REUNION

The 24<sup>th</sup> USS Cogswell DD-651 Association national reunion is being is planned for New Orleans, LA, October 15-17,2024. Look for more information on the Cogswell Association web site.

<http://www.usscogswell.com>

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**  
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Highest rate/rank held on Cogswell \_\_\_\_\_  
Last rate/rank before discharge \_\_\_\_\_  
Years served aboard Cogswell 19\_\_ - 19\_\_ Svc. Num: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you find out about the Cogswell Association? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cogswell Association dues are \$10.00 per year and members are permitted to pay up to three years in advance.**

**Dues @\$10 per year @ \_\_\_\_\_ yrs = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Optional association donation \_\_\_\_\_**

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