IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Observer	**Ship/Organization**
QMC Emanuele	USS FORT MCHENRY
QMC Watkins	USS BOXER

Cover Photo: The **USS SHREVEPORT (LPD-12)** is one of the *Austin* class of amphibious transport dock ships and was built at Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company of Seattle, Washington. She was named for Captain Henry Miller Shreve, a prominent steamboat captain who pioneered the development of trade on the Mississippi River and its tributaries and the Louisiana city which bears his name. The **SHREVEPORT** was designed to exploit the concept of "vertical envelopment" in amphibious warfare. Assault aircraft and landing craft from the "Super Gator" provided a formidable force on both sea and land. The ship's armament included two 25mm MK 38 machine guns, two Phalanx Close-in Weapons Systems (CIWS) and eight 50-cal. machine guns. Aircraft included two CH-46/CH-53 or four UH-1/AH-1, or two AV-8B Harriers. Assault craft were one LCU or one LCAC, or two LCM-8 or four LCM-6. Propulsion was provided by two Foster-Wheeler boilers and two De Laval steam turbines that provided 24,000 shaft horsepower and a speed of 21 knots. The **USS SHREVEPORT** was 570 feet long, had a beam of 100 feet, a draft of 23 feet, and displaced 17,000 tons fully loaded. She was crewed by 24 officers and 400 enlisted, accommodated 840 troops and 90 flag staff. After 37 years of service, the **USS SHREVEPORT** was decommissioned September 26, 2007 and towed to Philadelphia, PA.