

AMERICA'S HERITAGE

USS AMERICA (LHA 6) is the fourth ship named after our great country and represents the power, the ideas and the greatness of the United States of America.



In 1776, Congress ordered construction of a 74-gun ship of the line to be named AMERICA. A state-of-the-art naval weapon, she was the biggest ship built in North America at the time. However, before completion she was given to America's ally France in a grand gesture. Although popularly believed to be the first USS AMERICA, she was never commissioned as a U.S. Naval Ship.

The first AMERICA was initially built as a racing schooner and came into service during the Civil War, first for the Confederacy, and then captured and used as a blockader for the Union. She eventually became a training ship for the Naval Academy.



The second AMERICA started her life as SS Amerika, a German passenger liner. Seized by the United States at the onset of World War I, she was commissioned as USS AMERICA (ID 3006), a troop transport. During her war tenure she transported nearly 90,000 American service members to and from the war effort.



The last ship to bear the name was USS AMERICA (CV 66), a Kitty Hawk-class aircraft carrier commissioned in 1965. During her illustrious period of service, she distinguished herself in action off the coasts of Vietnam, Libya, Iraq, Haiti and Bosnia.



AMERICA'S MISSION

USS AMERICA is an aviation-centric amphibious assault ship that provides forward presence and power projection as an integral part of Joint, Interagency and Multinational Maritime Expeditionary Forces. It will support Marine aviation requirements, from small-scale contingency operations of an Expeditionary Strike Group, to forcible entry missions in major theater war.

AMERICA SAVES ECOLOGICALLY & ECONOMICALLY

AMERICA uses two modes of propulsion, the General Electric LM2500 + Gas Turbine engine and the Auxiliary Propulsion Motor (APM). The gas turbines can be used at all speeds to drive the ship in excess of 20 knots, but is least fuel efficient at speeds of 12 knots or less.

The Auxiliary Propulsion Motor (APM) allows us to travel at speeds up to 12 knots using electrical power provided by the ship which results in significant fuel savings.

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AMERICA'S STATISTICS

DIMENSIONS

Overall Length	844 ft.
Beam at Waterline	106 ft.
Beam at Flight Deck	118 ft.
Mean Draft at Projected Full Load	28 ft.
Displacement Projected Full Load	44, 971 LT

AVIATION FACILITIES

Land/Launch Spots	9
Aircraft Elevators	2
Maintenance	Organizational and Intermediate

MEDICAL FACILITIES

2 Operating Rooms, 3-Bed ICU, 23-Bed Ward and Bed Surge Capability

WEAPONS

- (2) NATO Sea Sparrow Missile Systems
- (2) Close-in Weapons Systems (CIWS)
- (2) Rolling Airframe Missile Systems
- (7) .50 Cal Guns
- Decoy Launching System
- Anti-Radar / Jamming System

MAXIMUM SPEED

Excess of 20 knots

FUEL

1,300,000 gallons

ACCOMMODATIONS

3,000 +

PROVISIONS (IN DAYS)

Ship-75, Troop-60



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