



USS JACKSON (LCS 6)

COMMANDER MICHAEL B. DAVIES

*United States Navy
Prospective Commanding Officer, Jackson (LCS 6)
Littoral Combat Ship - Crew 212*

Commander Mike Davies grew up in Brentwood, California and graduated from the United States Naval Academy with distinction in May 1995, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering. He holds a Master of Science degree in Technical Management from the Johns Hopkins University-Applied Physics Laboratory and completed his Joint Military Professional Education (JPME) Phase I through the Air Command and Staff College in 2007.

Commander Davies' sea duty assignments included tours in *USS Gettysburg (CG 64)* as Communications Officer and First Lieutenant where he deployed to the 6th and 5th Fleet regions; Reactor Electrical Division Officer in *USS Enterprise (CVN 65)* during an overseas deployment to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Fox; Operations Officer in *USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62)*, deploying to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) and during the ship's transition to the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) in 2004 for Ballistic Missile Defense development; Reactor Training Assistant and Assistant Reactor Officer



in *USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)*, again deploying to the Arabian Gulf in support of OIF/OEF; Executive Officer in *USS Mahan (DDG 72)* during an overseas deployment to the Horn of Africa in support of the Global War on Terrorism; and Executive Officer in *USS San Jacinto (CG 56)*.

Ashore, Commander Davies was a Professional Development Instructor and Executive Assistant to the Director, Leadership Ethics and Law at the United States Naval Academy; served as an inspector on the United States Fleet Forces Command Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB); and completed a 12-month joint assignment in Iraq with the Joint Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Defeat Organization - Field Team Iraq, conducting counter IED operations and assessments on technological initiatives.

Commander Davies' awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medals, and various unit and service awards.

KATHERINE HOLMES COCHRAN

Sponsor

Katherine Holmes Cochran was born in Jackson, Mississippi and grew up outside of Washington, D.C. She graduated from St. Agnes School for Girls in Alexandria, Virginia, where she participated in the Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented Search and received the Montgomery Award for the Humanities. She studied English and French at the University of Richmond, spending a semester abroad in Strasbourg, France.

Kate served as maid of honor when her mother, Rose Clayton Cochran, sponsored the *USS Barry (DDG 52)* in 1991. She



returned to Mississippi to work with the Mississippi Teacher Corps, teaching French at Brookhaven High School and earning a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Mississippi. After a year in Mexico teaching English at the American School of Tampico, she completed a Ph.D. in English at the University of Mississippi. She is currently an associate professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she directs the English Licensure Program, works with the South Mississippi Writing Project, and teaches courses in southern literature.

ELIZABETH KATHERINE COCHRAN

Maid of Honor



Elizabeth Katherine Cochran is the niece of the ship's sponsor Dr. Katherine Holmes Cochran. An energetic 7 year-old, Lizzie was in the first three year-old kindergarten class at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Jackson, Mississippi, and continues to attend school there in the first grade. She enjoys ballet, arts and crafts, and riding her bicycle, and attends Strong River Camp and Farm.

Lizzie is the daughter of Clayton and Clara Cochran of Madison, Mississippi, and the granddaughter of Senator and Mrs. Thad Cochran and Dr. and Mrs. Max H. McDaniel.

VALERIE HUTCHINS

Flower Girl



The Jackson (LCS 6) Flower Girl is 9-year-old Valerie Hutchins. Valerie is the daughter of Viktoriya Hutchins. Viktoriya is a contract administrator who has been with Austal since May 2010.

Valerie is in the 4th grade at O'Rourke Elementary School in Mobile, Alabama. Her hobbies include ping pong, soccer, skating, and riding her bike.



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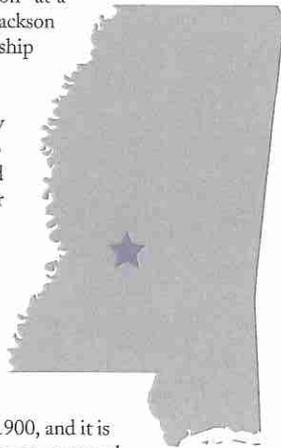
Then and Now

Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus officially named LCS 6 “Jackson” at a ceremony at Austal USA on March 24, 2011. The selection of Jackson honors the great state capitol Jackson, Mississippi. This is the first ship to bear the city’s name.

Located on the west bank of the Pearl River, an area originally known as LeFleur’s Bluff, Jackson, Mississippi, was designated to be the permanent seat of government for the state in 1861 - named in honor of Major General Andrew Jackson who would later become the seventh president of the United States.

The city has a total area of 106.8 square miles. Jackson’s growth in the 1800s was slow and sometimes painful. During the Civil War, the town was ravaged and burned three times by Union troops. Surprisingly, the City Hall was spared the torch.

Although less than 8,000 people lived in the Jackson area at the turn of the century, its population began accelerating rapidly after 1900, and it is now one of the dynamic growth areas of the Sunbelt. Jackson is home to several major industries. These include electrical equipment and machinery, processed food, and primary and fabricated metal products. The surrounding area supports



agricultural development of livestock, soybeans, cotton, and poultry. In 1990, the population of the Metropolitan area rose to 395,396. It is a major distribution center with a prime location equal distance between Memphis and New Orleans, north-south, and between Dallas and Atlanta, east-west.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Eudora Welty was born in Jackson in 1909, lived most of her life in the Belhaven section of the city, and died there in 2001. Her memoir of development as a writer, *One Writer’s Beginnings* (1984), presented a picture of the city in the early twentieth century. The main Jackson Public Library was named in her honor.

Since 1968, Jackson has been the home of Malaco Records, one of the leading record companies for gospel, blues and soul music in the United States. In January 1973, Paul Simon recorded the songs “Learn How To Fall” and “Take Me To the Mardi Gras” in Jackson at the Malaco Recording Studios. Many well-known Southern artists recorded on the album including the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, Carson Whitsett, the Onward Brass Band from New Orleans, and others. The label has recorded many leading soul and blues artists.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS

Jackson (LCS 6)

LENGTH | 419 ft

BEAM | 104 ft

DRAFT | 14.4 ft

SPRINT SPEED | 40+ kts

ACCOMMODATIONS | 76

ENDURANCE | 3500 NM @ 18 kts



KEEL LAYING | *October 2012*

Keel authentication for Jackson (LCS 6) took place at Austal in October 2012. The Authenticator, Dr. Katherine Holmes Cochran, was assisted by J.B. Craig III (pictured right) who is an “A” Class welder and has been part of the Austal team since November of 2011.

COAT OF ARMS

On a dark blue elongated reversed pentagon shape, illustrating a green map representation of Mississippi, superimposed with a white cross throughout bearing in the center a blue disc edged and charged with a star, all yellow, surmounted below and upon the map and cross, two dueling pistols Proper, diagonally crossed at the barrels, pointed upward; all within a silver border.

Resting at the top of the pentagon, dark blue stylized ocean waves edged white behind a U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer's cutlass and a U.S. Navy Officer's sword Proper, crossed at blades, points downward. Overall the prow of USS JACKSON Proper, displaying the United States flag, plowing through ocean waves. The ends of the waves' position at the top and the pentagon base resting on a yellow bi-parted scroll, inscribed in Latin "VICTORIBUS SPOLIA," which translates to "To the Victors, the Spoils" in dark blue. All surmounting a white oval, edged with a gold roped border and bearing the name "USS JACKSON" at top and "LCS 6" at base, in dark blue letters.

SYMBOLISM

Dark blue and gold are the colors traditionally associated with the Navy, representing the sea and excellence. The elongated pentagon shape denotes protection to the nation. Green refers to hope for all MIA and POWs. The landmass represents the State of Mississippi and displays the cross, disc and star of the flag of its capital city, Jackson. Jackson Mississippi, the namesake of LCS 6, was named for Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States. The dueling pistols allude to the historic duel between President Andrew Jackson and Charles Dickinson and illustrate the rapid firepower capability of the ship. The silver border signifies the magnification of the ship's network, agility and stealthy surface combatant capability to defeat anti-access and asymmetric threats in the littorals.

The crossed Navy Chief Petty Officer's cutlass and Navy Officer's sword represent cooperation and teamwork among the crew. The ship image symbolizes USS JACKSON as it plows through the waves, denoting its speed, flexible mission, modular space and shallow draft.

The motto, "VICTORIBUS SPOLIA," translated as "To the Victors, the Spoils," is a term derived during the Presidency of Andrew Jackson, reforming the government system to support his goals for the nation.

SEAL: The coat of arms as blazoned in full color on a light blue oval, signifying the Pearl River in Jackson, Mississippi, edged dark blue surmounting a white oval, edged with a gold roped border and bearing the name "USS JACKSON" at top and "LCS 6" at base, in dark blue letters.



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DR. KATHERINE HOLMES COCHRAN