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USS BELKNAP CG 26



USS *Belknap* DLG 26 was the second ship of the U. S. Navy to bear that name. She was named after RADM George Eugene Belknap, USN 1832-1903, and his son RADM Reginald Rowan Belknap, USN 1871-1959. *Belknap* was built at the Bath Iron Works and commissioned in November 1964.

Belknap initially operated in the Atlantic and Mediterranean operating areas. In 1967, *Belknap* deployed to the Pacific to operate with the Seventh Fleet off the coast of Vietnam. In 1968, she returned to the Atlantic operating area. *Belknap* was redesignated as CG 26 in 1975.

On 22 November 1975, while operating in the Ionian Sea, *Belknap* collided with USS *John F. Kennedy* CV-67. Seven crewman were killed and forty-seven injured. The ship was heavily damaged by fire and was eventually placed out of commission and towed to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for extensive repairs.

Belknap was recommissioned in May 1980. USS *Belknap* served as Sixth Fleet flagship during the mid-1980s. She was decommissioned in 1995 and was sunk as a target in 1998.



1980 USS *Belknap* on Delaware River prior to recommissioning.



1975 USS *Belknap* was severely damaged in a collision with USS *John F. Kennedy* CV-67 on 22 November.

1980 USS *Belknap* in dry dock at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard