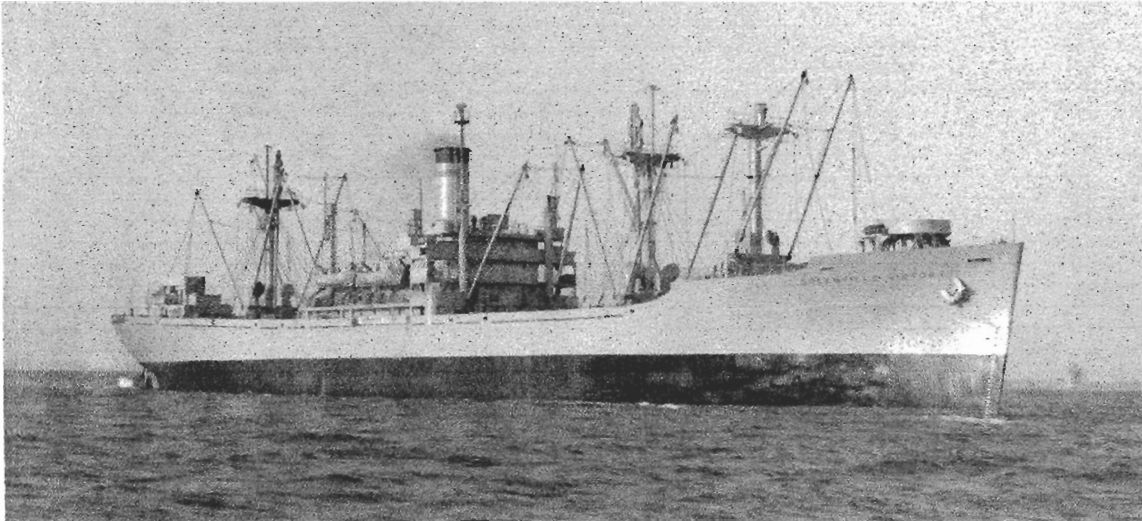


USS Las Vegas Victory AK-229



Las Vegas is a popular tourist city, and the county seat of Clark County, Nevada.

AK-229

Displacement: 4,480 t.

Length: 455'

Beam: 62'

Draft: 29'2"

Speed: 15.5 k.

Complement: 99

Armament: 1 5"/38 Dual Purpose Gun Mount; 1 3"/50 Dual Purpose Gun Mount; 8 20mm Machine Guns.

Propulsion: Steam Turbine, Single Screw, 8,500shp.

Class: Boulder Victory Class Cargo Ship.

Las Vegas Victory, a cargo ship, was Laid down as a Maritime Commission type (VC2-S-AP2) hull, under a Maritime Commission contract, at Permanente Metals Corp., Yard No.1, Richmond, CA; Launched in 1944; sponsored by Mrs. E. W. Cragin; Acquired by the US Navy, 25 October 1944 and commissioned USS Las Vegas Victory (AK-229), the same day, Lt. Comdr. William F. Lally in command.

After shakedown along the west coast. Las Vegas' Victory departed Astoria, Oreg., 26 November for the Pacific islands. Sailing via Eniwetok and Ulithi, the cargo ship arrived Rossol Passage, Palau Islands, 31 December, laden with 7,600 tons of vital ammunition.

From January to March 1945, Las Vegas Victory shuttled ammunition among the Caroline and Marshall Islands, and replenished the fighting ships as they moved closer to the Japanese homeland. Departing Ulithi 25 March, she sailed for the rendezvous with units heading for Okinawa. Making her way through submarine infested waters, the cargo ship arrived off Okinawa on the 31st, and replenished two escort carriers with ammunition.

On 1 April the invasion of Okinawa started the removal of the last barrier "on the road to Japan." Under constant attack by Japanese suicide pilots, Las Vegas Victory passed ammunition to battleships, carriers, destroyers, and LCTs until late May. Arriving San Pedro, Leyte, 10 June, she loaded more ammunition and sailed for Eniwetok 19 July.

Upon her arrival 1 week later, she was assigned to the Pacific Service Force. Las Vegas Victory supported American forces in the Pacific until 7 November when she departed Eniwetok for the United States. The cargo ship arrived Port Discovery, Wash., 19 November; sailed for San Francisco 15 February 1946; Decommissioned, 8 April 1946, at San Francisco, CA.; Transferred to the Maritime Commission, (date unknown), for lay up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, Puget Sound, WA.; Struck from the Naval Register, (date unknown); Final disposition, fate unknown.

Las Vegas Victory received one battle star for World War II service.