



*The Commanding Officer,
Officers and Crew
request the honor of your presence
at the commissioning of
UNITED STATES SHIP HARVEY C. BARNUM JR. (DDG 124)
Naval Station Norfolk
Norfolk, Virginia
on Saturday, the eleventh of April
two thousand and twenty-six
at ten o'clock*

*This invitation is non-transferable and is
not an official guest ticket.*

*Military Participants: Full Dress White
Military Guests: Summer White
Civilian Guests: Informal*

USS HARVEY C. BARNUM JR. (DDG 124)

Ceremony Viewing and General Information



*If you are unable to attend the ceremony,
the event will be livestreamed and can be viewed online:*

www.dvidshub.net/webcast/37421

*The online viewing link for the ceremony will open on
Saturday, April 11, 2026,
9:55 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time*

*Please check the Commissioning Committee website for ceremony viewing
updates, as well as for general information:*

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Commander Benjamin R. Cantu, USN
will assume command of
USS HARVEY C. BARNUM JR. (DDG 124)



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The ship's mailing address will be:

USS HARVEY C. BARNUM JR. (DDG 124)

Unit 100101

FPO, AE 09591-0100 USA



USS HARVEY C. BARNUM JR. (DDG 124)

Ship's Sponsor

Ms. Martha E. Hill

Matron of Honor

Ms. Lisa Michele Hill-Godin

Maids of Honor

Ms. Jessica Godin-Cenzalli

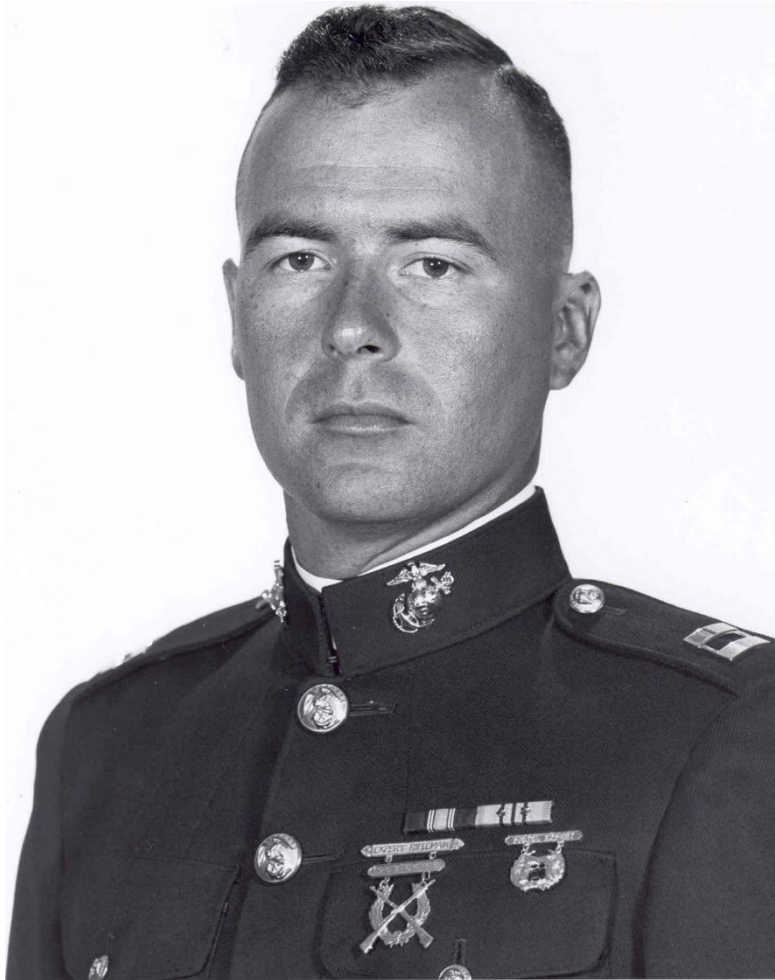
Ms. Hope Elizabeth Hill

Ms. Mackenzie Elizabeth Godin



Medal of Honor Recipient

Colonel Harvey C. “Barney” Barnum, Jr.



The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

COLONEL HARVEY CURTISS “BARNEY” BARNUM JR
UNITED STATES MARINE CORP

for service set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. When the company was suddenly pinned down by a hail of extremely accurate enemy fire and was quickly separated from the remainder of the battalion by over 500 meters of open and fire-swept ground and casualties mounted rapidly, Lt. Barnum quickly made a hazardous reconnaissance of the area, seeking targets for his artillery. Finding the rifle company commander mortally wounded and the radio operator killed, he, with complete disregard for his safety, gave aid to the dying commander, then removed the radio from the dead operator and strapped it to himself. He immediately assumed command of the rifle company, and moving at once into the midst of the heavy fire, rallying and giving encouragement to all units, reorganizing them to replace the loss of key personnel and lead their attack on enemy positions from which deadly fire continued to come. His sound and swift decisions and his obvious calm served to stabilize the badly decimated units and his gallant example as he stood exposed repeatedly to point out targets served as an inspiration to all. Provided with two armed helicopters, he moved fearlessly through enemy fire to control the air attacks against the firmly entrenched enemy while skillfully directing one platoon in a successful counterattack on the key enemy positions. Having thus cleared a small area, he requested and directed the landing of two transport helicopters for the evacuation of the dead and wounded. He then assisted in the mopping-up and final seizure of the battalion's objective. His gallant initiative and heroic conduct reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.





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