

SEAL
USS WILLIAM P. LAWRENCE
DDG 110



BLAZON

SHIELD: Per chevron reversed Azure (Dark Blue) and Gules, a chevron reversed Argent surmounted with another split Argent (Grebe Gray), between in chief an anchor superimposed with an eagle rising Or, charged on the stock a mullet Or (Bronze) bearing another Purpure, all above three mullets, two and one Argent (Silver Gray) and in base a shackbolt conjoined on dexter and sinister by chain links, three and three of the last.

CREST: From a wreath Argent and Azure (Dark Blue), an AEGIS radar configuration Gules, in sinister an endorse of the first and a pallet of the second, surmounted by a torch enflamed Proper, overall two quill pens in saltire of the first.

MOTTO: A scroll Or edged and inscribed '**NEVER GIVE IN!**' Azure (Dark Blue).

SYMBOLISM

SHIELD: Dark blue is the color traditionally associated with the Navy, representing the sea. The dark gray split chevron on the white chevron alludes to **VADM Lawrence's** mission to lead a flak suppression section during a raid in North Vietnam. Upon taking enemy fire, his aircraft tail section separated, forcing him to eject, where he became a prisoner in Hanoi, illustrated by the shackbolt. The six chain links indicate the years spent as a prisoner of war. The anchor denotes naval strength. The golden eagle highlights **VADM Lawrence** as a man of courage to resist his captors, while suffering torture and beatings. The combination of the eagle and anchor symbolize the **VADM's** career as a Naval aviator, suggesting his service as a test pilot, becoming the first to fly twice the speed of sound and final candidate for the Mercury space program. The stars represent **VADM Lawrence's** strength of character, implying the award of **two Bronze stars** and **the Purple Heart**. The three silver stars represent the highest rank achieved, command of the **3rd Fleet** as well as the **three Silver Stars** awarded for exceptional heroism.

CREST: The Aegis shield emphasizes the modern weaponry and the **ARLEIGH BURKE** class to which the ship belongs. The shield reflects the colors of the Tennessee state flag, the birthplace of **VADM Lawrence**. The golden enflamed torch represents achievement and enlightenment when **VADM Lawrence** created **the Midshipmen honor concept**, as the President of his class at **United States Naval Academy** in 1950 and his remarkable performance as a scholar/athlete. The quills pens allude to knowledge, signifying his appointment as **Superintendent of the Naval Academy** and the poem which he mentally composed while in solitary confinement as a prisoner of war which was adopted as the Tennessee state poem in 1973.

SUPPORTERS: The officer swords honor the proud military heritage of the Lawrence family and their service to the United States of America.

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