

The Lawrence spent practically the entire year in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard (NNSY), located in Portsmouth, VA. She underwent a comprehensive refit that included a complete replacement of all main machinery spaces. All four boilers were removed and rebuilt/replaced. All auxiliary gear was likewise redone. Operations underwent an extensive electronics upgrade to both CIC and Communications capabilities. The entire ship was taken down to bare metal, primed, and repainted from masthead to the keel. A "Tiger" team spent their time in the forward fire room chipping paint and red-leading the bilges under the boilers. Lawrence spent about 13 months in the yards and left in the spring of 1977