



## Signet Escorts USS AMERICA on Maiden Voyage

PASCAGOULA, Mississippi July 11, 2014 – Signet Maritime Corporation provided ship-assistance for the USS AMERICA, which was on its maiden voyage to its homeport of San Diego, California. The USS AMERICA departed Pascagoula, Mississippi on July 11, 2014 and was escorted by the SIGNET CONSTELLATION, SIGNET RELIANCE, SIGNET VALIANT and SIGNET PURITAN.



*SIGNET CONSTELLATION and SIGNET RELIANCE escorting USS AMERICA to the Gulf of Mexico.*

USS AMERICA (LHA-6), is the fourth American warship to be named for the United States of America, and is the first of the American-class amphibious assault ships for the U.S. Navy. Her mission is to act as the flagship of an expeditionary strike group or amphibious ready group. The U.S. Navy awarded Ingalls Shipyard Division a \$2.4 billion contract for the detailed design and construction

of LHA-6 at the company's shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The production decision was made in January 2006 and construction of LHA-6 began in December 2008. In 2012, the vessel was launched on June 4, and christened on October 20.

Huntington Ingalls Industries specializes in building and managing nuclear and conventionally-powered ships for the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. Signet is honored to assist the U.S. Navy and Huntington Ingalls Industries on this project.

Captain G.C. “Cliff” Porter, General Manager, Pascagoula Division says “It was a great day for Ingalls, the City of Pascagoula, and Signet Maritime Corporation when the USS AMERICA departed for her homeport of San Diego, California. All hands at Signet Maritime were grateful to be a part of this monumental and historical event. We are proud to provide Ingalls with tug support for all new construction vessels in the Port of Pascagoula.”

The voyage with stops in Cartagena, Colombia; Rio De Janiero, Brazil; Valparaiso, Chile; and Callo, Peru, took 67 days, maintaining an average speed of 18 knots, and traveling a total of 13,289 nautical miles. The USS AMERICA arrived in San Diego on September 15, 2014.

For additional information regarding our crew’s accomplishments or Signet’s eight US and Dubai locations, please visit Signet Maritime Corporation’s website at [www.SignetMaritime.com](http://www.SignetMaritime.com).

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**About Signet Maritime:** Signet Maritime Corporation is a diverse global marine transportation and logistics company with concentration in the Americas, Africa and Middle East. Signet serves the offshore marine and energy sector with rig movements, harbor tugboat operations, petroleum transport, vessel bunkering, and barge transport services. The Company’s full service vessel shipyard, Signet Shipbuilding & Repair (SS&R), provides new construction, repair, maintenance and refurbishment for steel and aluminum marine vessels. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Signet maintains offices in Jacksonville, Florida, Pascagoula, Mississippi, Port Fourchon, Louisiana, Morgan City, Louisiana, Ingleside, Texas, Brownsville, Texas, and Dubai UAE. Signet is certified by the American Bureau of Shipping to ISO 9001:2008 and ISM, as well as STCW-95, MTSA.

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