

WELCOME ABOARD



U.S.S. HALFBEAK
(SS - 352)

The keel of USS HALFBEAK (SS352) was laid in 1944 at Electric Boat Company, Groton, Connecticut, but her commissioning was delayed until 1946 due to the end of World War II.

At the time of commissioning, HALFBEAK was a Fleet Boat - the type made famous in the Pacific during WWII. The mission of the Submarine Force changed from one of anti-shipping to one of Anti-Submarine Warfare in the late 1940's, and HALFBEAK was modified to accomplish this mission. An overhaul in 1949 gave HALFBEAK a snorkel, increased battery capacity and external streamlining for greater underwater speed and endurance. Small modifications were made in each succeeding overhaul until 1964 when her overhaul modernized and refined her ASW capabilities. An addition in 1964 was a large sail made of fiberglass.

Although HALFBEAK has always been homported in New London, Connecticut, she has been on several major deployments after commissioning. A post-commissioning shakedown cruise took her to the West Indies and South America as a member of Submarine Squadron EIGHT.

HALFBEAK was assigned to the Submarine Research and Development Group after her first conversion, and was sent on an extended cruise to European waters on a sonar evaluation project.

HALFBEAK was transferred to Submarine Squadron TEN in 1954 and shortly thereafter was deployed to the Mediterranean as a unit of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. September of 1956 found HALFBEAK crossing the Atlantic for a goodwill tour to Western Europe and the Middle East. This trip was interrupted by the Suez Crisis and HALFBEAK was called upon to operate with U.S. Forces in the Mediterranean until January 1957. The employment of the next few years involved NATO exercises and a scientific information gathering trip to the far North for the International Geophysical Year.

From 1960 to 1964 HALFBEAK was employed in NATO exercises and ice familiarization exercises on her extended deployments. In 1965 she completed another overhaul period, followed by extended deployments to the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas in 1966. In summer 1967 HALFBEAK was reassigned to Submarine Squadron EIGHT.

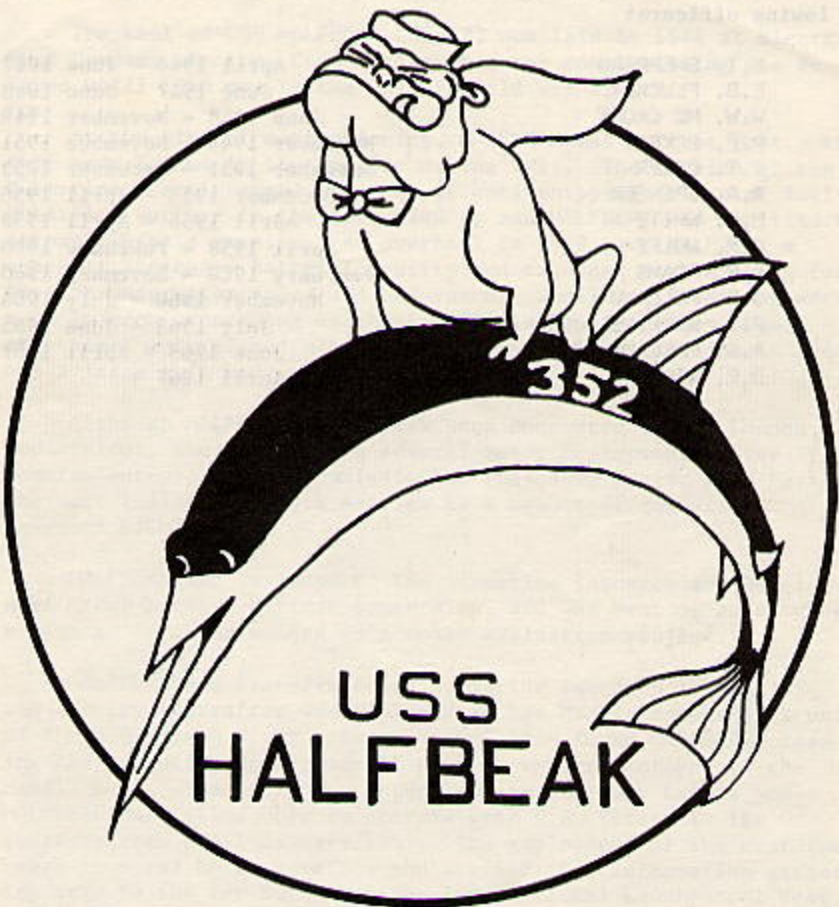
HALFBEAK has won the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for the last two consecutive years and at present holds the "E" for Submarine Division 102.

Since commissioning HALFBEAK has been commanded by the following officers:

E.T. SHEPPARD	April 1946 - June 1947
E.B. FLUCKEY	June 1947 - June 1948
W.W. MC CRORY	June 1948 - November 1949
P.F. ECKERT	November 1949 - November 1951
E.T. OSLER	November 1951 - December 1953
R.A. SPENSER	December 1953 - April 1956
E.C. WHITE	April 1956 - April 1958
G.M. WOLFE	April 1958 - February 1960
F.M. ADAMS	February 1960 - November 1960
J.P. HOLLAND	November 1960 - July 1963
F.T. WATKINS, JR.	July 1963 - June 1965
A.S. MOREAU, JR.	June 1965 - April 1967
D.M. SIMON	April 1967 -



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