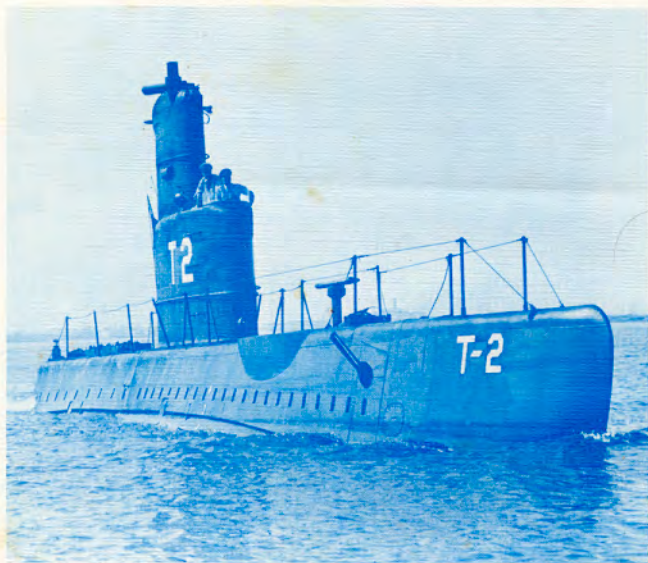


U.S.S. MARLIN (SST-2)



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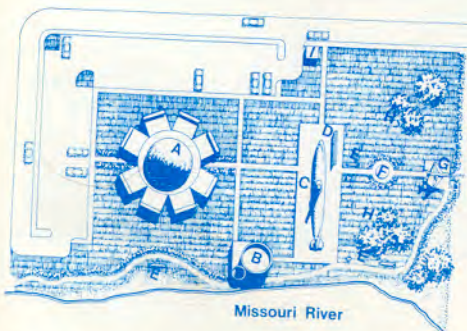
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We hope your visit to **FREEDOM PARK** has been enjoyable. When the park is completed, we will have on display items of Cultural and Historical interest, as well as the U.S.S. Hazard and U.S.S. Marlin. The parkways, picnic areas, and Planetarium Museum Building will be a tribute to the Heritage of Omaha.

Freedom Park is not tax supported. It is a non-profit organization, dedicated to returning to Omaha the great heritage of the past.

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Facts About Our Ship

MARLIN is approximately 131 feet in length with a beam of 13½ feet and is equipped for surface, submerged, and snorkel operations. Accommodations are provided for 2 officers and 16 enlisted men.

The torpedo room is the forward compartment containing the torpedo tube, the torpedoes ready for firing, the forward escape trunk, the torpedo loading hatch, the signal gun for firing emergency and exercise pyrotechnics, and berths and lockers for the crew.

The forward quarters contains the crew's messing facilities and includes the food stowage, galley and scullery, a head and washroom (with shower), and lockers for the crew. Below the forward quarters is the forward main storage battery.

The control room is the steering and diving control center, the fire control center, and the conning station submerged. Included herein are the periscope, radar and sonar equipment, trimming and stability controls, and hull opening indicators.

The after quarters contains the radio room, office supplies and administrative facilities, and berths and lockers for two officers. Below this compartment is the after main storage battery.

In the machinery space is the maneuvering control station for the main propulsion equipment. Located herein are the diesel engines, main generators, main motors, propulsion shaft, distilling plant, main hydraulic system, air compressors and motor-generators for the electrical systems.

The ballast tanks and fuel tanks are located outside the compartments described above. The superstructure, which is the only part of the submarine usually visible to the observer, contains the bridge conning station, masts, piping and stowage lockers enclosed in a streamlined fairwater external to the pressure hull.

Ship's History

The keel of the *USS MARLIN (SST2)* was laid on 1 May 1952 at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Connecticut. *MARLIN* was launched on 14 October 1953 with Mrs William R. DeLoach as sponsor and was placed in service on 29 November of that year. After fitting out, completion of builders trials and a short shakedown period, *MARLIN* departed New London in January 1954 and proceeded to her present home port of Key West, Florida.

USS MARLIN (SST2) and her sister ship, *USS MACKEREL (SST1)*, are the smallest operational submarines built for the Navy since 1911. It is interesting to note that their general hull design is quite similar to that of the *USS HOLLAND*, the first submarine accepted by the U. S. Navy.

Designed and classed as a target submarine, *MARLIN's* mission is to act as target for our anti-submarine forces. Her operations consist primarily of rendering target services to Fleet Sonar School, Key West and anti-submarine units (both surface and air) in the Key West and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba operating areas. *MARLIN*, however, encompasses the most modern operating equipment and machinery and is equipped to fire torpedoes. She is also, despite her small size, capable of performing successfully many of the missions common to submarine warfare.

While home-ported in Key West, *MARLIN* has been fortunate enough to visit Caribbean ports and many of the sea port cities of the southeastern United States.

MARLIN has been deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for services to the Fleet Training Group on five occasions (in 1956, 1958, 1959, 1962 and 1972).

In the past, *MARLIN* has participated in the Gasparilla Festival in Tampa, Florida; a television production on the National Broadcasting Corporation's "Today Show" (*MARLIN's* part consisted of submerging several times in the Key West Naval Basin and snorkeling past the cameras); The Festival of States and many other fine activities. All this has contributed to *MARLIN's* reputation as a good-will ambassador.

One of *MARLIN's* collateral duties is to provide training to officers qualifying on fleet ballistic missile submarines; and, as her maneuvering characteristics resemble those of an FBM, she is well-qualified for the job. Many junior officers have received a basic working knowledge of submarine shiphandling on *MARLIN*. Anchoring, mooring, diving and navigating the ship are but a few of the rigorous tests a submarine officer must meet before he may be designated "Qualified in Submarines." *MARLIN* is proud to help these men on their way to becoming the most respected men in the fleet - qualified submariners.