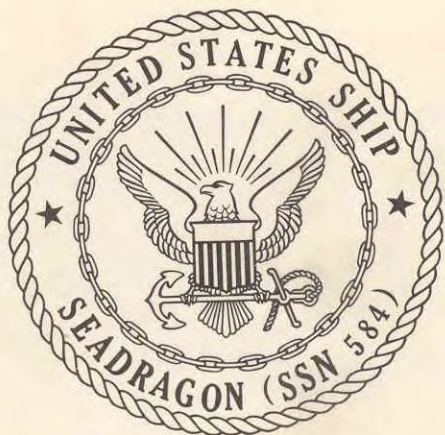


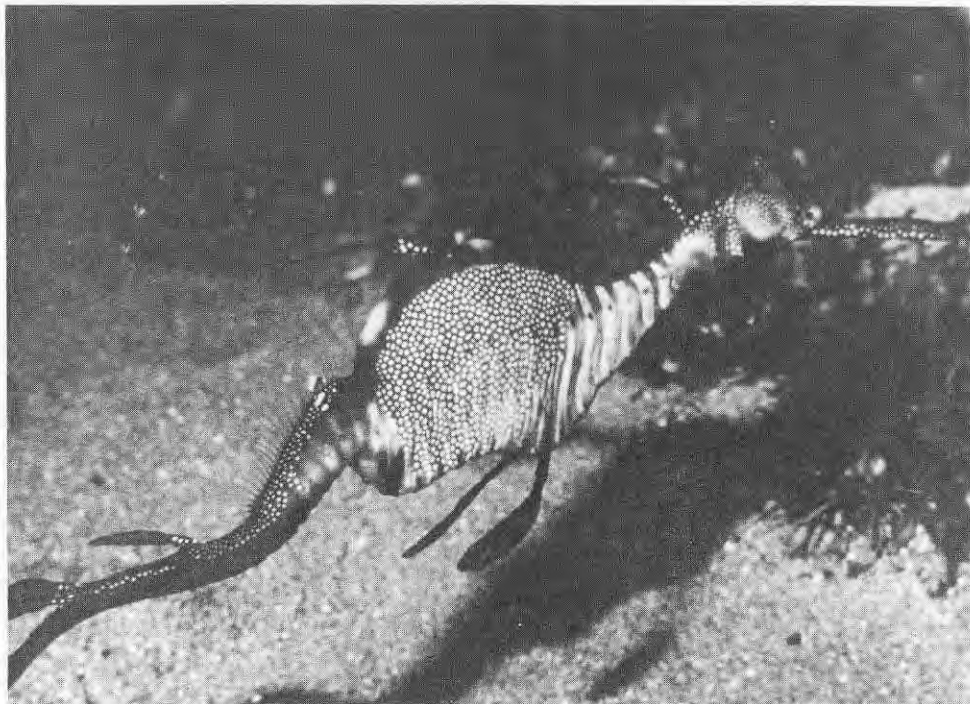
DECOMMISSIONING



USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584)

**05 DECEMBER 1959 TO 12 JUNE 1984
PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII**

SEADRAGON is named after a sea creature (Phyllopteryx Taeniolatus) in the family of fishes (Syngathidae, Order Solenichthyes) which are common in, and limited to, the waters of Southern Australia. It is the ornate member of this family, which also includes Pipefishes and Seahorses.





The first SEADRAGON (SS-194) was commissioned on 23 October 1939. On 10 December 1941, after only two days of WWII, SEADRAGON was damaged. Repairs were swift and, on 15 December, she left Manila Bay on her first war patrol off the coast of Indo-China. The rushed paint job to cover the damaged submarine began to peel off, leaving the red underprimer showing. This earned her the name "The Red Pirate of the China Coast" from Tokyo Rose. SEADRAGON continued the war effort in a gallant manner, completing twelve war patrols. Her last war patrol ended 22 January 1945 in Guam. USS SEADRAGON (SS-194) earned eleven battle stars and sank ten Japanese vessels, including the submarine I-4, which accounted for a total of 43,450 tons of enemy shipping. USS SEADRAGON (SS-194) was decommissioned on 29 October 1946 into the Atlantic Reserve Fleet until she was struck from the Naval Register on 30 April 1948.

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The USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584) was the U. S. Navy's sixth nuclear powered submarine launched and the fourth and final ship of the SKATE class, following SKATE, SWORDFISH, and SARGO. SEADRAGON is an attack submarine, designed primarily to attack and destroy enemy submarines and was originally fitted for operating under the polar ice cap. SEADRAGON was a pioneer of the submarine exploration of the North Polar region.

SEADRAGON's very first mission was to travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean by way of the North Pole. Realizing the dream of navigators for centuries, SEADRAGON made an historic transit of the fabled Northwest Passage on 21 August 1960 and then went on to reach the North Pole on 25 August, becoming the fourth ship in history to accomplish this feat. She then proceeded to the Pacific Ocean and her new home port in Pearl Harbor, completing the first East to West Polar trip. She was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for this remarkable voyage. Two years later, SEADRAGON returned to Arctic waters for a unique rendezvous with her sister ship, USS SKATE (SSN 578), at the North Pole on 2 August 1962.

On 27 October 1964, USS SEADRAGON became the first nuclear powered vessel to visit Hong Kong. This was followed shortly by an historic entry into Japanese waters and a port visit to Sasebo, Japan on 12 November 1964. Again, in the fall of 1966 and early 1967, SEADRAGON became the first SSN to visit Yokosuka, Japan. She was the first nuclear powered vessel the Japanese government permitted to enter her homewaters. This achievement has since often been compared with Commodore PERRY's first expedition to Japan in 1853 as an achievement in international diplomacy. SEADRAGON again set the standard by being the first SSN to visit Hobart, Tasmania, Australia in January 1983.

USS SEADRAGON entered the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on 01 October 1983 to commence an inactivation availability. The logo shown below was designed by the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard to commemorate the first nuclear submarine to be decommissioned here. The Hawaiian words "HELE IKAHIE HO'OMANA'O" translate to "GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN".



In twenty-four years of active service, SEADRAGON steamed over 200,000 miles, dove and surfaced 1800 times, made thirteen deployments to the Western Pacific, and conducted four under ice operations. The ship was overhauled three times, refueling at each overhaul. SEADRAGON was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. After decommissioning, she will be towed to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for storage at the Inactive Ship Facility.

PROGRAM

Selections by the Pacific Fleet Band

Arrival of Official Party
Honors

National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks by Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN
Captain Gerald D. HICKS, U. S. Navy

Remarks by Commanding Officer, USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584)
Commander John H. STEIN, Jr., U. S. Navy

Decommissioning and Relinquishing of Command

Crew Marches Off

Benediction

Departure of Official Party

Band Selections



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RM1(SS) Phillip I. YATES
RM2(SS) Robert VAZQUEZ

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QMSN(SS) Dion M. McCREARY

QM2(SS) William G. JONES, Jr

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LT Mark A. MILLER

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FTG2(SS) Raymond E. ASCHAUER
FTG2(SS) Michael CICATELLI

FTG1(SS) Bradley J. RITTERMAN
FTG2(SS) Martin T. ANDERSON
FTSN(SS) Kevin D. STENVALL

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STS2(SS) Jeffrey W. SIFFORD
STS2(SS) Lee J. CARUSA
STS3(SS) James L. DAVIS
STS3(SU) Steven M. LAFFOND

STS2(SS) Joseph R. SCHENCK
STS2(SS) Dominick L. RICCARDI
STS2(SS) Kevin P. MURPHY
STS3(SS) William R. NORRIS

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LT William M. BARNWELL, Supply Officer

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MS3(SS) Brian R. AYMER
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MS1(SS) Michael A. JOST
MS3(SS) Richard E. CAPELETY
MSSA(SU) Robert H. DESANTIS

STORES DIVISION

SK2(SS) Trinidad RODRIQUEZ, Jr.
SK3(SS) Robert E. MITROWSKI

SK2(SS) Randy L. MEYER

SYMBOLISM OF THE SEADRAGON INSIGNIA

The Red Dragon is an allusion to the USS SEADRAGON of World War II which sailed from the Philippines in a coat of red primer and, due to the success of her operations around the orient, was dubbed the "RED PIRATE OF THE CHINA COAST" by Tokyo Rose. The six-rayed sun held aloft by the dragon symbolizes the ship as the Navy's sixth nuclear powered submarine. The white field refers to the SEADRAGON's special suitability for operating beneath the polar cap and her pioneer efforts in the exploration of the North Polar region.

In the crest, the trident rising from the polar ice cap denotes the award of the Navy Unit Commendation to the USS SEADRAGON for the first submerged transit of the Northwest Passage (East to West via the North Pole). The Japanese Imperial Chrysanthemum rising from behind the globe alludes to the submarine's goodwill visits to that country which resulted in opening Japanese ports to nuclear powered ships.



Builder: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
Keel laid.....June 20, 1956
Launched.....August 16, 1958
Commissioned.....December 5, 1959
Decommissioned.....June 12, 1984
Length.....267 feet
Displacement (submerged).....2850 tons
Inactivated: Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard



Commander STEIN was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and graduated from the Naval Academy in 1965. He completed nuclear power training in 1967, reporting to the commissioning crew of USS WHALE (SSN 638), serving as Communicator, Damage Control Assistant and Main Propulsion Assistant. He qualified in submarines and as Engineer Officer. During this tour, WHALE became the first single-propeller submarine to surface at the North Pole, and earned the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Battle Efficiency "E" on deployments in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea.

He reported in March 1971 to USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) as Engineer Officer, participating in two deterrent patrols and a refueling overhaul in that capacity.

In July 1975, Commander STEIN reported to the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Florida, serving as Instructor, Academic Officer, and Executive Officer and earning the degree Master of Science (Industrial and Systems Engineering).

Commander STEIN reported in November 1977 to USS TUNNY (SSN 682) as Executive Officer, participating in deployments in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans "around the world." During his tour, TUNNY earned the Navy Unit Commendation and Battle Efficiency "E" and was cited for excellence in retention.

On 25 September 1981, Commander STEIN assumed command of USS SEADRAGON (SSN 584) in ceremonies in Yokosuka, Japan. During his tour, SEADRAGON was awarded the Silver Anchor for retention and the Deck Seamanship Award. Upon completion of the inactivation of SEADRAGON, he will report for duty to the staff of the Chief of Naval Education and Training in Pensacola, Florida.

Commander STEIN is authorized to wear the Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Stars in lieu of second through fifth awards. He is married to the former Janice Laughlin of Baltimore, Maryland and has two sons.

