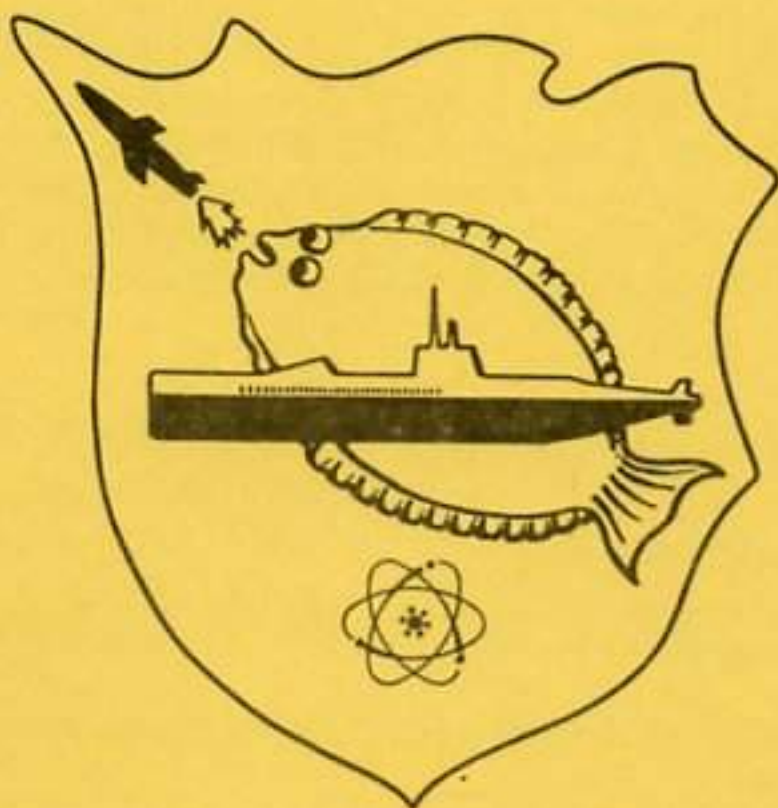

Commissioning Program

U. S. S. HALIBUT

SSG(N)587



MONDAY, 4 JANUARY 1960

MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

The U. S. S. Halibut SSG(N) 587, being commissioned today, is the first submarine to marry the endurance and power of a nuclear powered propulsion plant with the offensive capabilities of guided missiles. This fact makes the Halibut one of the great deterrents to any aggressive moves on the part of the Communist bloc. In addition to her missile capacity the Halibut is also provided with a potent torpedo battery thus enabling her to carry out the historical mission of submarines. Her keel was laid on 11 April 1957 and she was launched on 9 January 1959. She is 350 feet long, displaces 4900 tons and can steam around the world without refueling. She carries a crew of more than 100 officers and men.

The submarine being launched today is the second United States Submarine to bear the name Halibut. The first Halibut was commissioned 10 April 1942 and completed a total of ten successful war patrols in World War II, sinking enemy vessels totalling 45,257 tons. As a result of battle damage received in Luzon Strait during November 1944, Halibut returned to the States. Damage was too extensive to justify repair and she was placed out of commission in July 1945 and scrapped in 1947.

THE COMMISSIONING PARTY...

Mrs. Chet Holifield, Sponsor

Vice Admiral Ruthven E. Libby, U. S. N., Commander First Fleet

Rear Admiral George L. Russell, U. S. N., Commandant Twelfth Naval District

Rear Admiral William E. Ferrall, U. S. N., Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet

Rear Admiral Leroy V. Honsinger, Shipyard Commander, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California

Captain Karl R. Wheland, U. S. N., Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet Administration, Mare Island, California

HALIBUT COMMISSIONING

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



At 1400 commissioning party arrives on board.

Captain Wheland opens commissioning ceremony and introduces official party.

Remarks by Rear Admiral Russell.

Remarks by Rear Admiral Honsinger.

Rear Admiral Ferrall, Principal Speaker, delivers commissioning address.

Rear Admiral Russell reads commissioning directive and orders the ship placed in commission.

Chaplain Buckingham pronounces commissioning prayer.

National Anthem. Commission pennant is broken.

Lieutenant Commander Dedrick reads orders and assumes command.

Flag of Vice Admiral Libby is broken. Band plays Ruffles and Flourishes followed by Admiral's March.

Father Connolly pronounces benediction.

Pipe down from commissioning ceremony.

Side honors on departure.

HALIBUT SHIP'S COMPANY

COMMANDING OFFICER

LCDR Walter DEDRICK, USN

OFFICERS

LCDR Paul J. EARLY, USN, Executive Officer
LCDR John T. RIGSBEE, USN, Engineer Officer
LT Joseph A. FITZPATRICK, USN, Machinery Division Officer
LT Edward T. SCOTT, USN, Electrical Division Officer
LT Charles R. BARON, USN, Gunnery and Missile Officer
LT Howard J. LARSON, USN, Supply Officer
LT Louis M. FEAD, USN, Guidance Officer
LT Darrell D. BOYLE, USN, Communications Officer
LT Billy M. EPPLER, USN, First Lieutenant
CDR John H. SCHULTE, MC, USN, Medical Officer
ELEC W-1 Raymond RICHARD, USN, Assistant Electrical Div. Off.

CREW

ALAIMO, John J., EM1(SS)
ALLEN, Temple L., EM1(SS)
ALSETH, Gordon E., SO1(SS)
ANDERSON, Bruce O., RM2(SS)
BARTLETT, Larry N., RM3(SS)
BIENKOWSKI, Chester C., ENCA(SS)
BOLDT, Louis R., FT1(PI)
BONIFACIO, Eusebio P., SD2(SS)
BRIDGE, John M., EN2(SS)
BURCH, Wesley P., ENCA(SS)
BURKHEAD, William S., EN3(SS)
BURN, Don R., EN1(PI)(SS)
BURTON, Lynn M., HMC(SS)
BYDAIRK, Walter J., ETC(SS)
BYRNE, John E., ETS3(SS)
CALENTINE, Charles E., IC2(SS)
CARPENTER, William F., GSSN
CARTER, William A., SD1(SS)
CHANDLER, Theodore C., FT2(SS)
CONIBEAR, Robert L., EM1(PI)(SS)
CONLOGUE, Earl F., MM1(SS)
COSTA, Louis (n), IC2(SS)
CRONAN, Patrick L., HM1(SS)
DAVID, John S., ICCS(SS)
DICKIESON, James W., QM1(SS)
DICKINSON, Norman R., MMCA(SS)
DORN, Gary P., GS1(SS)
DOUTHETT, David K., YNC(SS)
DYER, Robert E., EMCM(SS)
DRAPER, James W., EN2(SS)
ELSE, Kenneth W., ETR3(PI)(SS)
ENTLER, Frank A. Jr., QMCA(SS)
FARMER, Donald B., SA(SG), USNR
FINDERS, Glenn F., IC2
FLORES, A. A., SD3(SS)
FOX, Chris L., SA(SG), USNR
FRISBIE, William C., EMC(SS)
GALLANT, Ronald (n), FT2(SS)
GANT, R. W., NWSN
GARLINGTON, Donald H., SOSSN(SS)
GRAVES, Dunne T., ICCA(SS)
GRIFFITH, Walter L., GSCA(SS)
HALL, Dennis (n), IC1(SS)
HAMMITT, James S., EM1(SS)
HANLON, Charles W., ET2(SS)
HARDY, William R., GSSN
HASSE, Alfred F., SOS2(SS)
HAWVER, Jack H., TM1(SS)
HENSON, Frank N., HM1(SS)
HOWARD, David L., ET2(SS)
HOOK, Robert E., RMC(SS)
HURLEY, Robert F. Jr., MM2(PI)(SS)
JENNINGS, George E., FTASN(SS)
JONES, Odis L., CS1(SS)
JOY, Edward J., RM1(SS)
KEITH, James W., TM3(SS)
LA BAU, Kenneth R., EM2
LACY, James C., TM1(SS)
LUCAS, Donald M., EN1(PI)(SS)
MARSH, William H., ETR2(SS), USNR
McROBERTS, Eugene (n), EN1(SS)
MERRIWEATHER, Eddie B., EN1(PI)(SS)
MILLER, George D., EN1(PI)(SS)
PARKS, Stephen D. Jr., SN(SS)
PAYNE, Gary S., ETN3(SS)
PEARSON, Thomas G., SA
PELLETIER, Ralph D., GSSN(SS)
PICK, Samuel M., IC1(SS)
PING, James C. Jr., ETR3
PODDIG, George F., QM2(SS)
POPE, James W., SOS3(SS)
PORTER, Billy M., IC1(SS)
PURKHISER, David P., GS1(SS)
REYNAUD, Ernest L., TMC(SS)
RODRIGUEZ, Anthony M., FN(SS)
SANDLIN, John P., EN1(PI)(SS)
SANDSON, Maurice (n), QM2(SS)
SEUSY, James H., GS2(PI)(SS)
SCHORR, Leroy W., FN(SS)
SMARK, Thomas (n), ET1(SS)
SPELTZ, John R., SA
STEVENS, Warren R., GSSN
STEWART, Clint F. Jr., SKCS(SS)
SWANNER, Charles J., ET1(SS)
TAGUE, Earl M., SOS3(SS)
TAITANO, Antonio C., SDC(SS)
TAYLOR, Franklyn S., YN3(SS)
TEMPLETON, Samuel M., EM2(SS)
THOMAS, Arthur Louis Jr., CS3(SS)
THOMAS, James C., EN1(SS)
TRAFTON, Phillip S., EM1(SS)
TRAVERS, Joseph E. Jr., GS2(SS)
TURNER, Raymond L., TM3(SS)
TURNER, Thomas R., EN1(PI)(SS)
VALPOON, Louis K. Jr., EN3(SS)
VIGIL, Roger W., GS3(SS)
WATRAS, Victor J., ET1(SS)
WHETSTON, Guy M., EM1(PI)(SS)
WILLIAMS, William G., TM2(SS)
WILLIS, Wilbur J., EM1(SS)
WILLOUGHBY, Harvey (n), EN1(SS)
WORK, Samuel B. Jr., NWCA(SS)
WRAY, Donald M., EN1(PI)(SS)