

## Decommissioning Ceremony

ON BOARD

U.S.S. HALIBUT (SSN 587)

30 JUNE 1976

MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA





ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED  
THIRTY-TWO DIVES

THIRTY-TWO REGULUS MISSILE  
TEST LAUNCHINGS



## HISTORY OF THE U.S.S. HALIBUT (SSN 587)

Two United States Submarines have carried the name, USS HALIBUT.

The first HALIBUT, commissioned in 1942 saw distinguished service during World War II.

The keel for the second HALIBUT (being decommissioned today) was laid on April 11th, 1957 at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and the ship was commissioned as a nuclear powered guided missile submarine (SSGN) on 4 January 1960. HALIBUT was the first nuclear submarine designed and built specifically to carry and launch guided missiles.

After commissioning, HALIBUT took her place in the guided missile submarine fleet. A Regulus missile fired on 25 March 1960 was the first missile successfully launched and guided from a nuclear powered vessel. Subsequently, HALIBUT's missions required seven deployments to the western Pacific and included the test launching of thirty-two Regulus missiles.

With the advent of the POLARIS missile, the Regulus missile program was ended and HALIBUT entered Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard in 1965 for a major overhaul and conversion.

The overhaul included removal of the Regulus capability and an extensive rearrangement of spaces. On 1 August 1965, HALIBUT was officially designated a nuclear attack submarine (SSN). The overhaul was completed in August 1966.

Following overhaul until early 1968, HALIBUT conducted local operations in the Pearl Harbor area.

On October 5, 1968, HALIBUT left Pearl Harbor for her new homeport at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California, to be converted to conduct operations in support of the deep submergence program's research and development effort. As part of this program she was involved in the original testing and evaluation of the Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) Mother Submarine concept.

HALIBUT completed this second overhaul at Mare Island in August 1970. From that date until November 1975, she operated locally and on several training deployments in the Pacific Ocean, as a unit of Submarine Development Group ONE which is commanded by Captain W. E. JOHNSON, USN.

On 1 November 1975 she commenced a pre-inactivation availability at Mare Island which culminates in her decommissioning and subsequent transfer to the Reserve Fleet today.

CAPTAIN CHARLES ROBERT LARSON  
UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain LARSON graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1958 and reported to Pensacola, Florida, to enter flight training. Upon completion, he reported to Attack Squadron 176 on board the aircraft carrier USS SHANGRILA (CVA 38) where he served until April 1963. Captain LARSON commenced nuclear power training in 1963 and upon completion reported to the USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN623), where he qualified in submarines. His next tours of duty were on USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN636) and USS BERGALL (SSN667). In 1968 Captain LARSON received a White House Fellowship and reported to Washington, D.C. where he served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. After his fellowship, he was selected as Naval Aide to the President and served at the White House from 1969 to 1971. In April 1971 Captain LARSON returned to sea duty as Executive Officer of USS SCULPIN (SSN590). In August 1973 he assumed duties as Commanding Officer, USS HALIBUT (SSN587).

Captain and Mrs. LARSON, the former Sally CRAIG, have three daughters, Sigrid, Erica and Kirsten.

Captain LARSON has orders to report to San Diego, California where he will relieve as Commander Submarine Development Group ONE.

**U.S.S. HALIBUT (SSN 587)**

**FORMER**

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

**COMMANDER W. DEDRICK**

**January 1960 - June 1961**

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER**

**W. R. COBEAN, SR.**

**June 1961 - November 1962**

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER**

**J. F. MANGOLD**

**November 1962 - November 1963**



**COMMANDER H. S. CLAY**

**November 1963 - April 1967**

**COMMANDER C. E. MOORE**

**April 1967 - November 1969**

**COMMANDER J. E. MCNISH**

**November 1969 - August 1973**

**CAPTAIN C. R. LARSON**

**August 1973 - June 1976**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BAND SELECTIONS



OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES



THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



INVOCATION

COMMANDER W. H. WHATLEY, CHC, USN

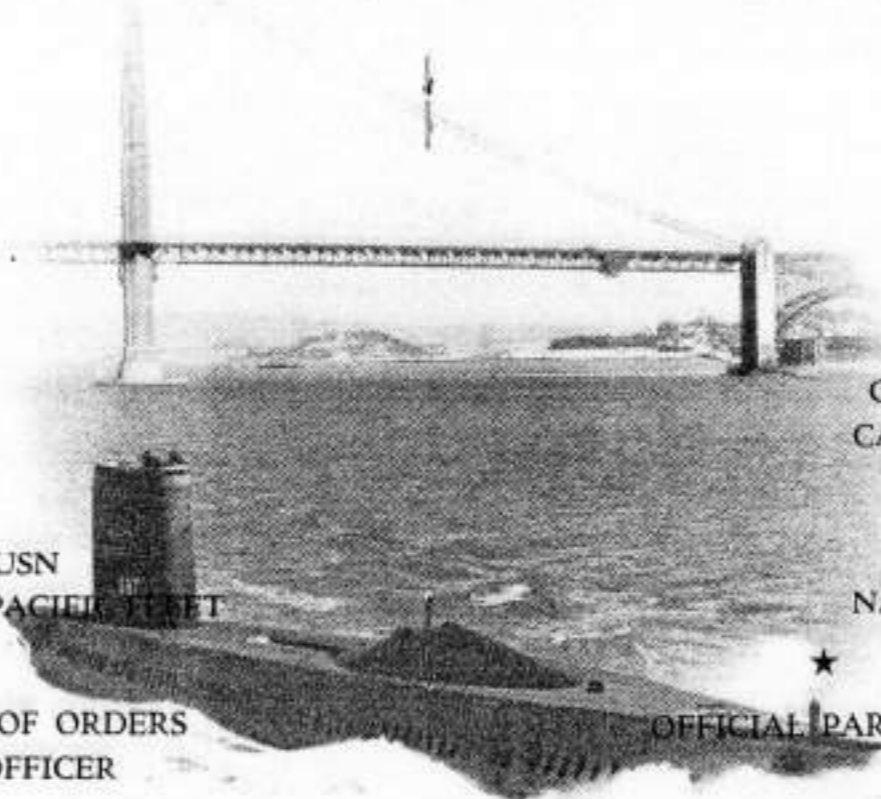


REMARKS

REAR ADMIRAL C. H. GRIFFITHS, USN  
COMMANDER, SUBMARINE FORCE, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET



REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS  
COMMANDING OFFICER



HAULING DOWN OF THE COLORS  
AND COMMISSIONING PENNANT



SECURE THE WATCH  
CREW PARADES OFF



CUSTODIAN ACCEPTS CUSTODY  
OF OCIR HALIBUT (ex — SSN587)  
CAPTAIN C. R. LARSON, USN



BENEDICTION  
NAVY HYMN



OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

# U.S.S. HALIBUT (SSN 587)

## WARDROOM

**CAPT C. R. LARSON, USN**  
Commanding Officer

**LCDR C. S. ARNEST, USN**  
Executive Officer

**LCDR R. B. HILL**  
Navigator

**LCDR T. J. DALEY, USN**  
Engineer Officer

**LT L. O. CASH, USN**  
Operations Officer

**LT R. E. KUHN, USN**  
Main Propulsion Assistant



**LT B. D. WELLINGTON, USN**  
Damage Control  
Assistant/Electrical Officer

**LTJG R. W. ENOS, USN**  
Assistant Navigator

**LTJG M. A. WHEELER, USN**  
Reactor Controls Officer

**LTJG M. F. REJCEK, USN**  
EMO/Sonar Officer

**LTJG B. L. VAN VLEET, USN**  
Weapons Officer/First Lieutenant

**CWO2 L. E. PLESHE, USN**  
Supply Officer

## CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

**FTGC(SS) R. D. BARRY, USN**  
**MMC(SS) D. C. BAYLESS, USN**  
**ETC(SS) J. D. CORBETT, USN**  
**YNCS(SS) J. R. CROCKETT, USN**



**HMC(SS) J. H. GIPSON, USN**  
**ICC(SS) J. R. LINDSEY, USN**  
**ETC(SS) M. "D" LOSHBAUGH, USN**  
**STCS(SS) A. F. LUSBY, USN**



## DECOMMISSIONING CREW

MM2(SS) M. B. BAKER  
MM2(SS) T. W. BARTHOLOMEW  
ETN2(SS) E. E. BATE  
ICFN(SS) J. C. BROWN  
RMSN(SU) J. R. BRUMM  
MM2(SS) D. H. BRUTON  
SK1(SS) W. P. BURGE  
SN(SS) R. L. BURT  
IC2(SS) S. M. CARLETON  
QM2(SS) M. P. CEFARATTI  
IC3(SS) R. W. CHILDRESS  
ETN2(SS) M. J. CONKLIN  
MM1(SS) M. H. DEROCHER  
MM2(SS) K. K. DERUSHA  
MM2(SS) J. "C" DETOUR  
MMFN(SU) M. D. DIXON  
MM3(SS) E. C. DORIE  
FN(SU) R. A. DURHAM

MM2 E. W. FITZPATRICK  
MMFN(SU) B. FORD  
EM2(SS) G. S. FUCHS  
ETR2(SS) C. W. GROVES  
IC2(SS) D. J. HANFORD  
SKSN(SU) S. L. HANNA  
MM1(SS) D. C. HANSON  
RM1(SS/AC) T. P. HENNINGER  
EM1(SS) S. N. HOFFMAN, JR.  
MM2 D. N. HOLLISTER  
MM1 J. W. HOLSOMBECK  
MM1(SS) W. L. HUDSON  
DS2(SS) J. A. HULSEY  
ETR2(SS) V. D. C. IBARRA  
TM2(SS) M. D. JELINEK  
MM1(SS) W. A. JOHNSTON  
MM2(SU) R. J. KOLLER  
MM1(SS) R. W. KRAEGER

EM1(SS) D. R. KUEHL  
MM2(SS) D. L. LAWLER  
PN3(SS) D. A. LEFEVRE  
ETRSN J. E. LISTER  
EM3(SS) M. C. LOCHHAAS  
FN(SU) D. J. LYNN, JR.  
MS3(SS) D. C. MARTIN  
FTG2(SS) C. W. MATSON, JR.  
ETR2(SS) J. F. McHAHON  
MM2(SS) R. J. MEINEKE  
MM1(SS) G. J. MUSGRAVE  
STS1(SS) L. T. NESMITH  
SN(SU) J. D. NEW, JR.  
STS2(SS) S. R. OBERMANN  
IC3(SS) D. M. O'DANIEL  
MM1(SS) R. R. OHNHAUS  
SK3(SU) T. C. OSTERGAARD  
MMFN(SS) A. T. PARENT

MM1(SS) F. L. PARSONS  
EM3(SS) B. J. PHILLIPS  
MM2(SS) H. K. POPE  
IC2(SS) E. A. PRESNELL  
ETR2(SS) M. A. PRICE  
TM3(SS) J. RIESSBECK, JR.  
MM2(SS) W. W. ROGERS  
MMFA(SU) C. H. RUSTAD, JR.  
TM2(SS) L. G. SANDERS  
ETR2 A. J. SCAIA  
FN(SU) R. A. TREZZA  
IC1(SS) P. J. VELASQUEZ  
SK1(SS) E. K. TUCKER  
EM1(SS) D. L. WATSON  
ET1(SS) T. L. WILSON  
MM1(SS) R. L. WYLAND  
EM2(SS) S. N. YTTRI  
IC1(SS) J. A. ZURN



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## AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

JUL 61 Pacific Submarine Force Unit Citation 17 JAN 61 - 9 APR 61  
OCT 61 Pacific Submarine Force Unit Citation 1 MAY 61 - JUN 61  
DEC 61 COMSUBPAC Fire Control Excellence Award JUL - DEC 61  
MAY 62 COMSUBPAC Unit Citation DEC 61 - MAR 62  
JUN 62 COMSUBPAC Fire Control Excellence JAN - JUN 62  
JUL 62 Battle Efficiency "E"  
MAR 63 Letter of Commendation from Commander Mare Island Naval Shipyard  
NOV 63 Missile "E" for missile launchings during 62

NOV 63 Letter of Commendation from Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
NOV 63 Fire Control Excellence Award for 1962  
AUG 64 Battle Efficiency "E"  
AUG 64 Missile Efficiency "E"  
AUG 64 Fire Control Efficiency "E"  
AUG 64 Letter of Commendation from COMSUBPAC  
MAY 68 Battle Efficiency "E"  
MAY 68 Fire Control Excellence Award

JUL 72 Battle Efficiency "E"

In her 16½ years of commissioned service, USS HALIBUT also received the following unit awards:

