Decommissioning Ceremony

on board

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

28 FEBRUARY 1981
Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, is best known for his political achievements, his Spanish American War campaign as a "Rough Rider," and for his vigorous endorsement of the outdoor life.

Theodore Roosevelt also exerted a profound and beneficial influence on the development of our modern concepts of applied sea power. It is a very distinct honor for a United States Ship to be named after this gifted and farsighted patriot.

Of all the great men who have been active on our public scene, Theodore Roosevelt would have been among the first to comprehend the unique capability that the Polaris force confers on the United States; it is very much in line with his famous advice to "speak softly and carry a big stick." The silent Polaris fleet carries a very big stick indeed.

The ship's colorful insignia shows President Theodore Roosevelt holding a Polaris submarine in his hands. This insignia was designed by Commander W. E. Sims, the ship's first commanding officer.
HISTORY OF USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600), the world's third Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, was built at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. Laid down initially as an attack submarine, the hull was lengthened during construction to accommodate sixteen Polaris tubes and their support systems. The ship was launched on 3 October 1959 by Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of the ship's namesake, and was commissioned on 13 February 1961. CDR W. E. SIMS, USN and CDR O. H. PERRY, USN took command of the first Blue and Gold crews, respectively.

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT departed Mare Island for Cape Kennedy, enroute becoming the first ballistic missile submarine to transit the Panama Canal. She fired her first Polaris missile on the Atlantic Missile Range on 20 March 1961, and on 19 July of that year departed on her first strategic deterrent patrol. Between July 1961 and June 1965 USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT conducted seventeen successful patrols, operating out of the refit site at Holy Loch, Scotland.
Band Selections

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Official Party Arrives

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The National Anthem

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Invocation

Commander Roy O. Swift, CHC, USN

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Introduction of Guest Speaker

Rear Admiral F. Warren Kelley, USN
Commander Submarine Group FIVE

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Remarks

Vice Admiral John G. Williams, Jr., USN
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare
Remarks and Reading of Orders
Commander John J. Hyland, III, USN
Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602)
Commander Philip G. Klintworth, USN
Commanding Officer, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

Hauling Down of the Colors
and Commission Pennant

Secure the Watch
Transfer of Custody

Benediction

Crews Parade Off
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)
Wardroom

CDR Philip G. Klintworth, USN
Commanding Officer

LCDR William A. Evans, IV, USN
Executive Officer

LCDR Larry W. Cook, USN
Engineer

LT Kevin P. Sheehan, USN
Navigator

LT Walter N. Flippin, USN
Main Propulsion Assistant

LT John E. Hevlow, USN
Damage Control Assistant

LT David J. Applegate, USN
Reactor Controls Assistant

LT Robert A. Love, USN
Engineering Assistant

LT David L. Rice, USNR
Assistant Weapons Officer

LT Robert C. Sanderson, Jr., USN
Assistant Weapons Officer

LTJG Charles A. Layne, USNR
Communications Officer

LTJG Thomas M. McMahon, USN
Electrical Assistant

Chief Petty Officers
FTCS(SS) Robert L. Toll, USN
Chief of the Boat

ETC(SS) Henry H. Germer, Jr., USN
EMC(SS) Jeffrey B. Kelly, USN
MMC(SS) Dewayne R. Talley, USN

HMC(SS) Roger B. Hedges, USN
RMC(SS) Juan S. Sannicolas, USN
ETC(SS) Joel E. Siler, USN
DECOMMISSIONING CREW

YN1(SS) Dennis E. Barrington
RM2(SS) Reuben N. Bazan
IC2(SS) Peter J. Bendorf
FTB3(SS) David E. Benefiel
IC2(SS) James M. Berbells
MM1(SS) Robert L. Brown
MT2(SS) Nicholas F. Cassoni
YNSN(SS) Robert J. Cox
DK3(SS) Jose C. Crespo
MM2(SS) Scott J. Dabell
MM1(SS) David W. Davidson
MM1(SS) Robert L. Detweiler
MM1(SS) James J. Dillon
MM3(SS) Juan M. Galvan
MM1(SS) James M. Grassi
IC2 Timothy S. Haller
IC3(SS) Darrell R. Heim
IC3(SS) Jody J. Hopponen
STS2(SS) Daniel W. Hulet
ET2(SS) William C. Hyland
MM1(SS) Gar W. Johnson
ET1(SS) Terry W. Johnson
MT3(SS) Robert A. Keck
YN2(SS) Mark J. Lunsford
MM3(SS) Robin T. Mahoney
MM2(SS) Duane E. Martin
MM2(SS) James M. Martin
MM3(SS) Charles M. McConaughay
MM1(SS) Lee R. McMullen
EM1(SS) Billy D. Meyers
EM2(SS) Roy G. Miller
EM2(SS) Michael R. Ney
ET3 Juan M. Perla
MM3(SS) Edward A. Rivard
SKSN(SS) Randy R. Rogers
MM2 David G. Shoemaker
MM1(SS) Daniel E. Smith
SK1(SS) Rogato C. Soriano
QM2(SS) William R. Spencer
EM2(SS) Ronald J. Squiers
STS3(SS) Jay E. Stark
MM2(SS) Henry J. Stone
FTG1(SS) Donald D. Stoneberger
MM2 Randy W. Stutler
F1B1(SS) Edward W. Talbert
SN(SS) Lloyd R. Tarver, Jr.
EM1(SS) Earl R. Trail
STS1(SS) Eduardo Villarreal
MT2(SS) Calvin L. Webster
ET1(SS) Curtis A. Wetter
ET2(SS) David G. Wilson
MM1(SS) Jimmey J. Wilson
ET1(SS) Roy L. Wiltse
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
SSBN 600

Length: 382 feet
Beam: 33 feet
Number of Dives: 611
Total Nautical Miles Steamed: 433,735
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

COMMANDING OFFICERS

BLUE CREW

CDR W. E. Sims, USN
February 1961 - May 1963

CDR F. W. Graham, USN
May 1963 - June 1965

CDR H. Bucknell, USN
June 1965 - June 1967

CDR A. B. Crabtree, USN
June 1967 - July 1969

CDR D. T. Lewis, USN
July 1969 - November 1973

CDR C. H. Otto, USN
November 1973 - June 1977

CDR P. G. Klintworth, USN
June 1977 - February 1981

GOLD CREW

CDR O. H. Perry, USN
February 1961 - June 1963

CDR H. Bucknell, USN
June 1963 - January 1967

CDR D. S. Boyd, USN
January 1967 - July 1969

CDR F. L. Wadsworth, USN
July 1969 - April 1971

CDR P. E. Burcher, USN
April 1974 - September 1976

CDR E. D. Hux, USN
September 1976 - September 1978

CDR H. A. Oliver, USN
September 1978 - November 1978