

Change of Command



**USS JOHN MARSHALL
(SSBN 611)**

31 August 1974

THE CEREMONY



The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and personnel of the command the continuity of the authority of the command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The change of command of a naval unit is nearly unique in the world today; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY
Honors

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION
Captain J. K. Bontrager, CHC, USN

COMMANDER ROBERT H. FULLER, USN
Remarks and Reading of Orders

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER THOMAS H. BOND, USN
Reading of Orders
Relieving of Command and Remarks

GUEST SPEAKER
Remarks

BENEDICTION
Captain J. K. Bontrager, CHC, USN

DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY
Honors



COMMANDER ROBERT H. FULLER
UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Robert H. FULLER was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1958. Following commissioning he served in the USS STORMES (DD 780) from September 1958 to August 1961 and the USS MACDONOUGH (DLG-8) from September 1961 to June 1963. After a brief stay at the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California he entered submarine training at New London, Connecticut followed by Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, Maryland and the Nuclear Power Training Unit at West Milton, New York. Upon completion of this training he served in USS BARB (SSN 596) from June 1965 to June 1967 and USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN 641) (BLUE) from September 1967 to August 1970. After leaving BOLIVAR he attended the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama where he completed the Air Command and Staff course and concurrently received his Master of Business Administration degree from Auburn University.

Commander FULLER relieved as Commanding Officer USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611) (GOLD) on 22 March 1972 and on 10 March 1974 he assumed command of USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN 611) upon crew combination for shipyard overhaul.

Commander FULLER is married to the former Miss Jacqueline Marie Cunningham of Boston, Massachusetts. They reside with their three children; Terri, Jeff, and Drew in the New London area.



**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
THOMAS H. BOND
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Lieutenant Commander Thomas Henry BOND is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1959, and served aboard USS CONWAY (DDE 507) prior to attending Submarine and Nuclear Power Schools. Following prototype training Lieutenant Commander BOND served in USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) (BLUE) and then was Engineer Officer for the new construction crew of USS FLASHER (SSN 613). Subsequent to this tour Lieutenant Commander BOND was one of the initial members of the CINCPACFLT Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board going from there to duty in USS SNOOK (SSN 592). His Executive Officer tour was split between USS GURNARD (SSN 662) and USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN-635) (GOLD).

He has received the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star and four Meritorious Unit Commendations for service in previous tours.

Lieutenant Commander BOND is married to the former Nancy Koehn, also of Memphis, Tennessee. The BONDS have two sons and one daughter.

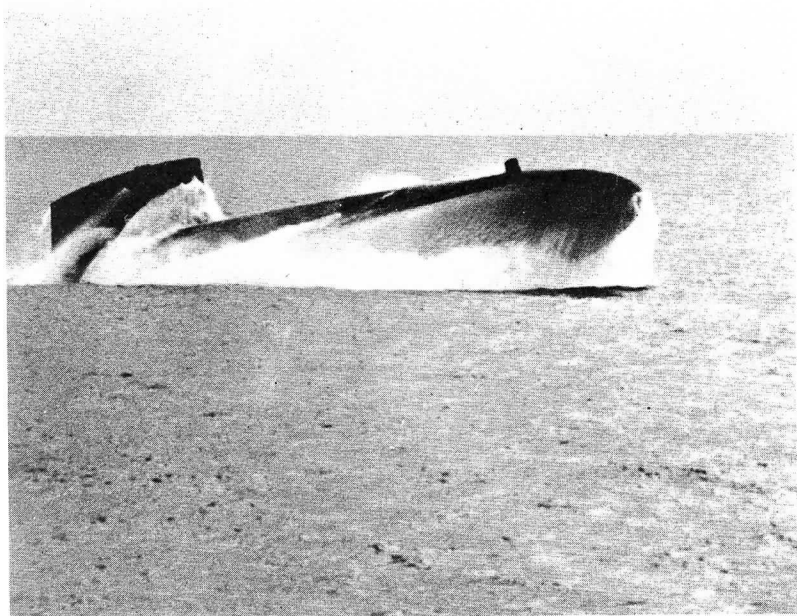
HISTORY OF
USS JOHN MARSHALL



USS JOHN MARSHALL was the ninth Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine to join the active fleet. Her keel was laid on 4 April 1960 at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. She was launched on 15 July 1961 and commissioned on 21 May 1962.

After completion of 17 Polaris deterrent patrols, JOHN MARSHALL returned to Newport News, Virginia for overhaul. Upon completion of overhaul in April 1968, she resumed her patrol schedule.

JOHN MARSHALL completed her thirty-ninth deterrent patrol in January of this year and is now attached to Submarine Group TWO.





USS JOHN MARSHALL is named for the fourth Chief Justice of the United States.

Chief Justice Marshall's court decisions shaped and determined the history of constitutional interpretation. He established the indisputable right of the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution as a living instrument of law. Perpetuating the spirit of the great Chief Justice, this ship has adopted a motto once used by him, VERITAS VINCIT, truth conquers.

The importance of the USS JOHN MARSHALL in the defense structure of this nation is clearly described in the words of then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, whose wife was the ship's sponsor, "JOHN MARSHALL, the man represents our history and heritage; JOHN MARSHALL, the ship our strength."

