FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE
SSBN 620
USS JOHN ADAMS
The USS JOHN ADAMS has adopted as the ship's insignia the coat-of-arms used by JOHN ADAMS. This insignia contains the motto, "LIBERATUM AMICITIAM RETINEBIS ET FIDEN" which may be translated: "You will preserve freedom, friendship, and faith".
With almost unlimited cruising range and with endurance limited only by the crew, the FBM nuclear submarine is capable of extended submerged operations in the international waters of the world which comprise about 70 percent of the earth's surface. Free of the need to surface or extend a snorkel above the surface for continuous operation, FBM nuclear submarines remain hidden by an oceanic curtain, their locations unknown to any potential enemy.

"This hand, to tyrants ever sworn the foe,
For freedom only deals the deadly blow;
Then sheathes in calm repose the vengeful blade,
For gentle peace in freedom's hallowed shade."

JOHN Q. ADAMS
Length---------------------------------425 feet
Beam----------------------------------33 feet
Displacement surfaced-----------------about 7000 tons
Displacement submerged----------------about 8000 tons
Speed---------------------------------over 20 knots
Diving Depth----------------------------over 400 feet

USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN620) is the Navy's seventeenth nuclear-powered Poseidon submarine. It is named for John ADAMS, the second President of the United States, and his son, John Quincy ADAMS, the sixth President.

The ship began her waterborn career on January 12, 1963 when she was launched at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was placed in commission on May 12, 1964. She completed sixteen successful deterrent patrols while assigned to the Atlantic Fleet prior to entering Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, for overhaul and modernization in August, 1968. JOHN ADAMS completed overhaul in August 1969 and after an extensive shake down period returned to the line as a unit of the Pacific Fleet.

Upon completion of her thirty-second patrol, JOHN ADAMS entered Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire to commence overhaul/conversion to POSEIDON configuration. JOHN ADAMS completed this overhaul/conversion in a record time for this type of overhaul on April 15, 1976. In addition, JOHN ADAMS captured the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet "Golden Anchor" award for the highest first term and career retention in 1975.

Fast, silent, and virtually immune to surprise attack, JOHN ADAMS combines the almost unlimited endurance of nuclear power with the deterrent might of sixteen Poseidon missiles.

To take advantage of this endurance and might, JOHN ADAMS has two completed and equally trained crews (designated Blue and Gold), each of 140 officers and men. While one crew takes the ship on patrol, the other is in the homeport undergoing refresher training, taking leave, training new crew members, and in general, preparing to go back to sea.

OFFICERS OF USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN620)(GOLD)

Commanding Officer - CDR G. E. BRAINERD
Executive Officer - LCDR F. H. MALLEN

Navigator       LCDR T. L. BARKER
Engineer        LT R. R. GETZ
Weapons         LT E. J. CHAFFEE
Ass't Weapons   LT J. A. WERNER
Supply          LT D. C. JONES
MPA             LTJG J. J. HOWARD
DCA             LT P. F. TOMLINSON
E/IC            LTJG R. E. JOHNS
RC              LT W. G. KENNEDY
COMM            LT M. G. COOKSEY
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FTBC(SS) J. BLACKSHER
MMC(M(SS) F. HARDY
ETC(SS) W. MOORE

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FA(SU) K. JOLLY
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SK2(SU) T. KAINE
STS3(SS) G. KINCADE
SN(SS) C. KING

HM2(SS) D. KING
TM1(SS) J. KLEKOTKA, Jr.
PN3(SU) J. KOCH
MMFN(SU) P. KOENIG
MM3(SS) J. KOONCE
MM1(SS) L. LEE
RM3(SU) R. LEFFEL

MM2 G. LOCKHART
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ETN2(SS) G. LOWTHIAN
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FN(SU) J. MILLER

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IC1(SS) T. MYERS

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MM1(SS) W. ROOT
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RM1(SS) G. SAMPLES
MT3(SU) A. SCHUSTER
STS2 D. SETZER

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MSSN(SU) D. SIPOVICZ
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TMSN(SU) B. TERPSTRA

ET1(SS) D. TESS
EM1 J. TESSIER

MM1(SS) D. TIBBS
FBT1(SS) G. TOAY

SK1(SS) S. TOLENTINO

ETN3(SU) A. TROUTMAN

MM3(SU) S. TURKO
MM1(SS) C. TYNER

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RM2(SS) A. WAISANEN, Jr.
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STS3 J. WEST

MM3(SU) D. WHITTEMORE
ETN2(SS) P. WILCOX

QM3(SU) W. WILDE

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