WELCOME

USS JAMES MONROE SSBN 622
Polaris
MONROE
Doctrine
Watchful Waiting

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The ship has two SINS, each checking on the other. Similar systems guided NAUTILUS and SKATE on their historic voyages beneath the polar ice in 1958, TRITON on her 84-day underwater cruise around the world, and more recently, SEADRAGON and SKATE in their rendezvous at the North Pole in the summer of 1962.

COMMUNICATIONS

Radio communications with submerged submarines have been possible for a number of years. The systems used have been devised with special care to protect the locations of the submarines and leave the advantage of concealment unimpaired. Recent tests have again demonstrated that the Navy’s worldwide communication system has the power and coverage necessary to exercise control of the always-submerged Fleet Ballistic missile submarines.

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Commander Robert A. Goodwin graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1970. Upon completion of Submarine School and Nuclear Propulsion Training at Mare Island, California and Arco, Idaho, Commander Goodwin reported to USS SKATE (SSN-578) in 1972. Following completion of the Submarine Officer’s Advanced Course in 1974, he was assigned to the new construction crew of USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690) as Weapons Officer.

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Commander Goodwin has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal and Meritorious Service Medal.

Commander Goodwin is married to the former Carol Ann Keithley of Maryville, Tennessee. They presently reside in Summerville, South Carolina.
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The propulsion plant of a nuclear powered ship is based upon use of a nuclear reactor to provide heat. The heat comes from the fissioning of nuclear fuel contained within the reactor. Since the fissioning process also produces radiation, shields are placed around the reactor so that the crew is protected.

The nuclear propulsion plant in this ship uses a pressurized water reactor design which has two basic systems: the primary system and the secondary system. The primary system circulates ordinary water and consists of the reactor, piping loops, pumps and steam generators. The heat produced in the reactor is transferred to the water under high pressure so it does not boil. The secondary water is pumped through the steam generators and back into the reactor for reheating.

In the secondary generators, the heat from the water in the primary system is transferred to the secondary system so that the water in the two systems does not intermix.

In the secondary system, the steam flows from the steam generators to drive the turbine generators, which supply the ship with electricity, and to the main propulsion turbines, which drive the propeller. After passing through the turbines, the steam is condensed into water which is fed back to the steam generators by the feed pumps. Thus, both the primary and secondary systems are closed systems where water is recirculated and reused.

There is no step in the generation of this power which requires the presence of air or oxygen. This allows the ship to operate completely independent from the Earth's atmosphere for extended periods of time.