



USS Woodrow Wilson SSBN 624

THE SHIP



U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624) is a Lafayette Class fleet ballistic submarine. Her mission is the preservation of peace through deterrence. The "polaris submarine" provides a reliable and relatively invulnerable strategic force to counter any would-be aggressor. Her potent missile cargo contains the savage destructive force of all the bombs dropped by all nations during World War II. There is scarcely a point on the surface of the earth beyond the reach of her sixteen missiles.

To assure power reliability, U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON is equipped with the proven Westinghouse S5W nuclear reactor plant. She has built-in capability for prolonged submergence, deep dives and high submerged speeds.

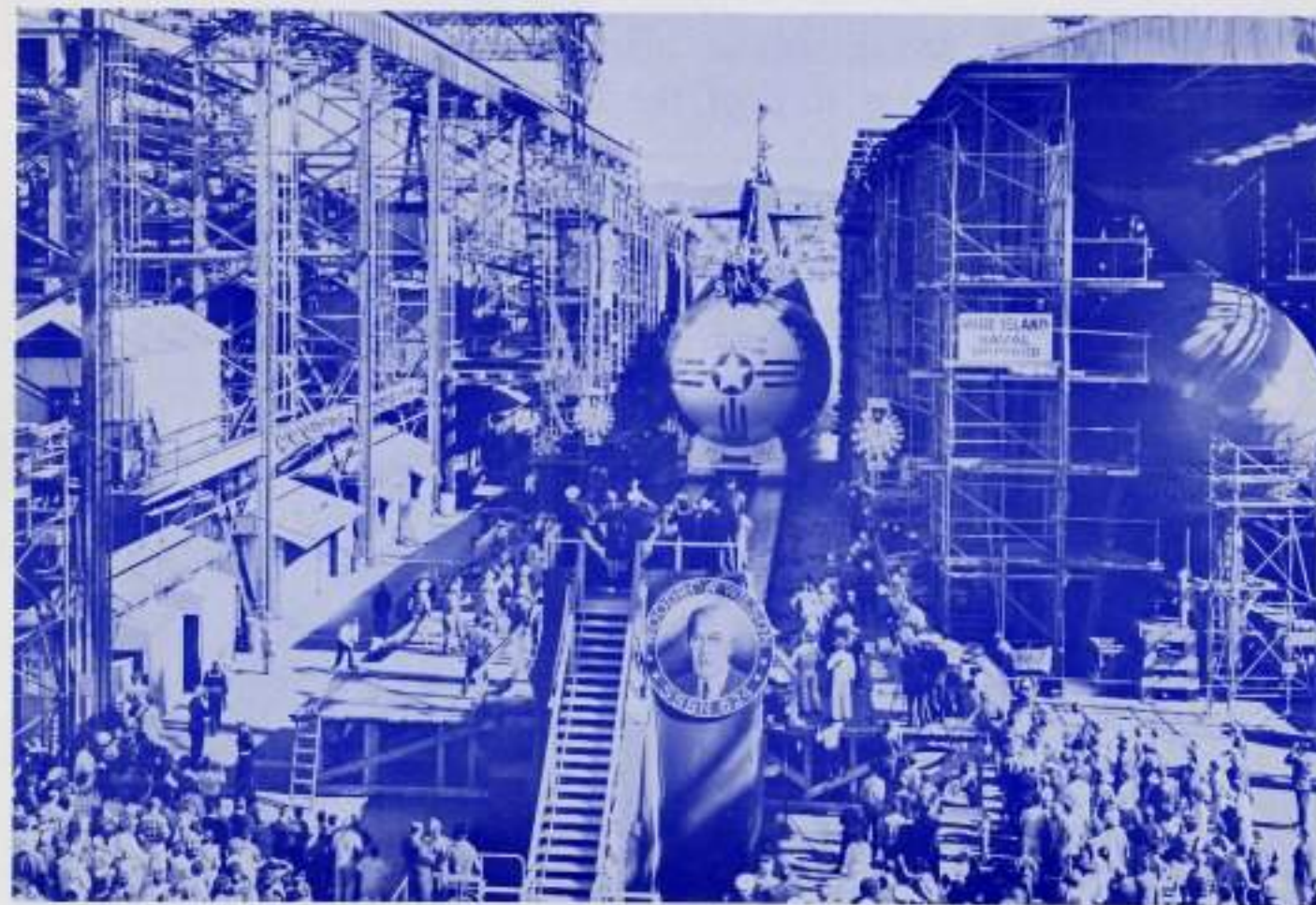
New concepts in habitability and air revitalization permit submergence for periods in excess of ninety days. Despite the proximity of a nuclear reactor, the stringent design criteria of the shielding reduces the radiation to a level such that, during a cruise lasting the life of the reactor, the average crew member will receive

less exposure than he would during a lifetime of X-rays, cosmic rays, and natural radioactivity in the sea, air, drinking water and ground. Radiation dose rates are only a fraction of the maximum allowed by the Bureau of Standards.

The philosophy of polaris and that of Woodrow Wilson are appropriately linked. This association was clarified by The Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., Dean of Washington Cathedral and grandson of President Wilson, when he delivered the dedicatory prayer at the launching of this ship. He said, "Polaris is a nuclear weapon of mass destruction. But ethically, the millionth A-bomb is no worse than the first. I decided that if Woodrow Wilson had lived today, the course of world history would have driven him to the polaris submarine. I think he would have approved putting his name on that ship. I gave the prayer."



The Ship's History and Heritage



U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624) is the first ship of the United States Navy to bear the name of the twenty-eighth president of the United States. Woodrow Wilson was a brilliant constitutional theorist, lawyer, teacher, university president, governor of New Jersey, and is considered foremost among our intellectual presidents. He was a man whose vision and dynamic leadership culminated in the attainment of significant domestic advances, and the capable execution of our national commitment in the first World War.

Original funding and assignment of SSBN 624 to Mare Island Naval Shipyard occurred on February 9, 1961, and her keel was laid on a sunny September day in that same year.

The U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON'S launching on February 22, 1963 marked Mare Island's 502nd launching and the yard's eighth nuclear powered submarine.

Her maiden voyage took place on 20 October 1963 and she was commissioned a ship of the line on 27 December 1963.

U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624) is under the command of Commander C. N. Mitchell, Jr. (Blue Crew) and Commander W. N. Dietzen, Jr. (Gold Crew).



Commissioning Ceremony



December 27, 1963

PROGRAM

ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY
Honors

INVOCATION

by
Chaplain J. D. O'Leary

INTRODUCTION OF

Rear Admiral E. J. Fahy, U. S. Navy
by
Commander C. N. Mitchell, U. S. Navy

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF

Rear Admiral E. E. Yeomans, U. S. Navy
by
Rear Admiral E. J. Fahy, U. S. Navy

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

by
Rear Admiral E. E. Yeomans, U. S. Navy

COMMISSIONING ADDRESS

by
The Honorable Earl Warren
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND AND SETTING OF THE WATCH

by
Commander C. N. Mitchell, U. S. Navy

BREAKING OF THE PERSONAL FLAG

of
Rear Admiral E. E. Yeomans, U. S. Navy

REMARKS BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

by
Commander C. N. Mitchell, U. S. Navy

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND OF THE GOLD CREW, REMARKS

by
Commander W. N. Dietzen, Jr., U. S. Navy

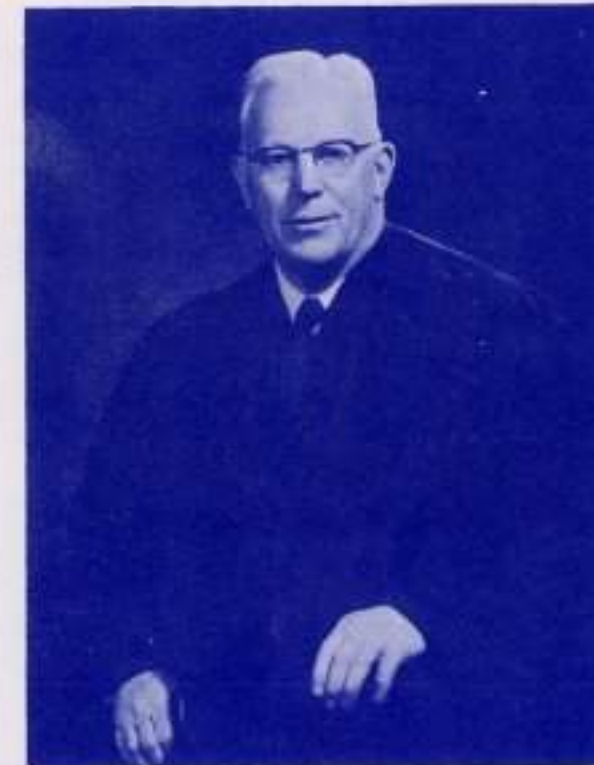
BENEDICTION

by
Chaplain C. H. Swift

THE NAVY HYMN

DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

THE SPEAKER



The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was born on March 19, 1891 in Los Angeles and was raised in Bakersfield, California; he was educated in the Kern County public schools and at the University of California, Berkeley (B. L., 1912; J.D., 1914). Upon discharge from the Army in 1918, he served successively as clerk for a state legislative committee (1919), Deputy City Attorney for Oakland (1919-20), Deputy District Attorney (1920-25) and District Attorney (1925-39) for Alameda County and Attorney General of California (1939-43). Mr. Warren was elected Governor of his native State of California for three terms (1943-53), receiving widespread bipartisan support. Only once, in 1948 when he was the Republican candidate for Vice-President, did he ever lose an election. He was named Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 1953 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In the years that he has held his present office, Chief Justice Warren has dealt with some of the most important decisions in the court's history. Notable among these were the unanimous decisions rendered in the school segregation cases. While basically supporting governmental legislation in the economic area, the Chief Justice has been particularly sensitive to governmental infringement in matters involving civil rights. He has been hailed as "a courageous leader seeking to adopt legal rules to modern conditions in the light of moral considerations."

THE COMMANDANT



Rear Admiral E. E. YEOMANS, Commander Western Sea Frontier and Twelfth Naval District, was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1924. A distinguished submariner, Rear Admiral YEOMANS served on board the USS R-3 in the Pacific Fleet in 1928. He subsequently commanded the USS S-17 and USS S-20.

During World War II, Rear Admiral YEOMANS commanded Submarine Division FIFTY THREE and later served as Planning Officer for the Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet.

Since World War II, Rear Admiral YEOMANS has served as Chief of Staff for Commander Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet and for Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet.

In December 1957, Rear Admiral YEOMANS assumed duty as Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School. Prior to his present duty, he was Commander Naval Forces, Japan.

Rear Admiral YEOMANS was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service as Strategic Planning Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, from May 1944 to September 1945, and the Bronze Star Medal for his service as Operations Officer of Task Force FORTY TWO from May 1942 to November 1942, and additional duty as Commander Submarine Division FIFTY THREE from June 1942 to February 1943.

COMMANDING OFFICER

(Blue Crew)



Commander C. N. MITCHELL, U.S. Navy was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1944 and was assigned to duty on the U.S.S. MELVIN (DD 680) in the Pacific. MELVIN was assigned to Task Forces 38 and 58 and participated in the Palau, Leyte Gulf, Lingayen Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions. Commander MITCHELL attended Submarine School in 1946 and upon graduation served on U.S.S. DOGFISH (SS 350) for three years. After tours of duty on the Staffs of Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT, Commander Submarine Division EIGHTY-ONE and in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, he was assigned as Executive Officer U.S.S. TROUT (SS 566). In April 1955, he assumed command of U.S.S. CHIVO (SS 341) at Key West, Florida. In 1957 he attended the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island and the following year was under instruction at Naval Reactors Branch, Atomic Energy Commission. He was assigned as Prospective Commanding Officer U.S.S. SCULPIN (SSN 590) in June 1959. Commander MITCHELL attended FBM Weapons and Navigation courses and reported to Mare Island Naval Shipyard in February 1963 as Prospective Commanding Officer (Blue) U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624).

Commander MITCHELL is married to the former Jane Brierly of Syracuse, New York. They have two daughters, Lynda and Barbara.

COMMANDING OFFICER

(Gold Crew)



Commander Walter N. DIETZEN, Jr., U.S. Navy from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1944 and from Submarine School in December 1944. First assigned to the U.S.S. TIRANTE (SS 420), he participated in two successful war patrols against the Japanese. Following a four year tour in U.S.S. RATON (SS 270) and two years duty at the Key West Sonar School, Commander DIETZEN became Executive Officer of the U.S.S. BAYA (SS 318). He attended the U.S. Naval War College in 1954 and became Commanding Officer of U.S.S. CUBERA (SS 347) in July 1955. In July 1957 Commander DIETZEN was ordered to Washington where he served in the Bureau of Naval Personnel and Division of Naval Reactors in the Bureau of Ships. He reported to U.S.S. SCAMP (SSN 588) in March 1960 at Mare Island and remained with that ship as Commanding Officer until reporting to Mare Island for WOODROW WILSON.

He is married to the former Ann Lauter of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have a daughter, Sharon, and a son, Nick.

USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN 624)

BLUE CREW ROSTER

OFFICERS

CDR C. N. MITCHELL

Commanding Officer

LCDR J. A. FARRELL III

Executive Officer

LCDR D. A. WILLIAMS

LT J. F. TATE

LT D. W. WALTER

LT J. D. APPLE, JR.

LT H. W. BISTRONG, MC

LT D. O. GRIFFITH

LT G. R. BLESSING

LT R. C. BASLEY, SC

LT R. K. ALEXANDER

LT C. B. FOWLER, JR.

LTJG R. E. BURDGE

CREW

Ralph K. CLEMMONS, QMC

Chief of the Boat

ADAM, Kenneth W., SO1
 ARMSTRONG, Ray L., MM2
 ARNOLD, Gerald E., TM1
 BAILEY, Robert B., Jr., SKSN
 BARNES, George L., MMC
 BELL, James V., FTM3
 BENNETT, Ray V., IC1
 BERNARD, Paul L., ETR2
 BRADLEY, James J., MM1
 BREWER, "J" C., TM3
 BULLOCK, James W., ETR2
 BUTCHER, Hadley D., EMCA
 BYARS, Richard D., ETCA
 CARLSON, Eric E., MM2
 CARROLL, David W., YNCM
 CATHER, Jean B., SOS2
 CHASE, Aubrey L., EM2
 CHERRY, Robert E., SOSN
 CLARK, James M., EN2
 COARSEY, John R., ET1
 COOPER, Clarence G., QM1
 CRABB, David E., FTCA
 DE VRIES, Richard E., ET1
 DEYCOUS, Dennis R., MT3
 DORSEY, Charles E., HMC5
 DUNNING, Clyde H., Jr., MT1
 EMERY, Richard W., TM1
 EVANS, John K., RCMC
 FERRER, Paul T., FTG2
 FILIUS, Daniel K., ETR2
 FRIIS, Jerome L., FTM2
 GARRETT, Johnny C., QM1
 GAY, Leonard (n), SD1
 GAY, Richard A., FA
 GENTRY, James H., EN3
 GEORGE, Howard F., IC2
 GEORGE, Thomas W., EN1
 GONYA, Paul (n), IC2
 GOSSEN, Ronald E., IC1
 HAAS, Robert R., TM1
 HARTZLER, Franklin R., ET1
 HENLEY, Lenard L., SDCA
 HOWE, Melvin E., RM1

HUNT, James H., FA
 JACKSON, Charles L., CSCA
 JENSEN, Larry G., TMSN
 JOHNSON, Ard L., EM1
 JOHNSON, Jimmy E., ETR2
 JOHNSON, John R., SK1
 JOHNSON, Robert M., MM2
 JUNKIN, Donald W., Jr., TM1
 KIDD, Ronald J., EM1
 KING, William B., FA
 KISLINGBURY, Wanye J., TM2
 KOEN, William T., MM2
 KOPECINSKI, Charles A., SOCA
 KUNZE, Richard F., EM2
 LARSEN, Henry S., EM1
 LEA, Garry L., FA
 LEA, Larry K., SA
 LEATHERWOOD, James D., EN2
 LEHMANN, Alvin L., QM1
 LEVECK, Theodore (n), SOS3
 LIDER, Carl L., MT2
 LINDSEY, Leonard J., CS2
 LOHR, Donald R., FTM3
 LONG, Francis E., MM1
 MACKEY, Carl L., MT1
 MANN, James R., EN1
 MARTIN, Ronald D., EN2
 MC GEE, Dennis A., EM2
 MC GRAW, Donald E., EN1
 MC KEE, Terroce F., SN
 MC MILLIN, Alfred E., MM2
 MERRIWEATHER, Eddie B.,
 MMCA
 MORAN, Thomas E., ET1
 MULLIS, Wendell H., FTM2
 NESTOR, Joseph (n), Jr., SO1
 NEWELL, Bobby E., SD3
 NEWMAN, James A., EM2
 NORDSTROM, Ray A., SN
 O'MALLEY, Gerald E., ETR2
 PASLEY, Randolph E., Jr., IC2
 PERRINE, Don C., RM1
 POWER, Richard M., TM3

PUTNAM, Clyde E., RMSM
 RAMSTAD, Lawrence M., MM2
 REEL, Charles J., EN1
 RICHARDSON, Arthur H., Jr.,
 FTM2
 ROBINSON, Forrest C., MMCA
 ROSEBERRY, William R., YN2
 RUDD, Mitchell P., ETR3
 SANDE, Marvin T., EN1
 SAVORY, John R., MM1
 SCHNELL, Eugene E., SN
 SCHUBERT, John F., MM3
 SHORT, William B., Jr., FA
 SHUMAN, Weldon J., ETR3
 SIEBERT, Arthur E., IC1
 SIMPSON, Gary L., ETR3
 SKILLE, Alan J., EN2
 SLACK, Melvin L., CS1
 SMARK, Thomas (n), ET1
 SMITH, Eugene (n), ENCA
 SMITH, Melvin W., SA
 SMITH, Roger A., TM3
 SNYDER, Roy L., ETR3
 SOLES, Franklin D., EN2
 SPIDE, Robert M., ETCA
 SPRINGER, Harold J., Jr., RM1
 STARK, Philip T., FA
 STOLL, Justin A., SN
 SWEETEN, Robert (n), QM1
 THOMPSON, Robert J., FN
 TRAMMELL, Gary M., MT2
 TUTTLE, Charles H., MT3
 VAN METRE, John W., Jr.,
 QM2
 VAUGHN, Charles R., MMFN
 WARDEN, Thomas D., ET1
 WAYMIRE, John C., MT2
 WELLS, Jin E., FN
 WILLIS, Charles L., EMCA
 YEAKEL, Glenn R., RM3
 ZOCH, John R., FTG1
 ZOOK, Royce D., MT2

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LT T. R. TRACY
LT L. S. SEVERANCE

LT R. C. LONNEGREN
LT M. N. AKERS
LT A. M. CHODOROW

LTJG W. E. ZIERDEN
LTJG R. J. NEMES
LTJG A. H. PAUOLE

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BECKWITH, Richard W., FN
BELIAKOFF, Lloyd J., EN3
BIZZELL, Bennie R., RMSN
BLACK, David R., ETR2
BLAIR, James L., FA
BLANKENSHIP, Wilber E., ET1
BLOUSE, Daniel L., MT3
BOTHWELL, Thomas D., QM2
BRANDT, Norman J., SA
BRANTLEY, James E., EM1
BRYANT, Jackson T., Jr., EM2
BYRUM, James R., FTM3
CARLSON, Owen D., SO1
CARTER, Charles J., ETR3
CHANDLER, Larry K., IC1
CHANDONNET, Charles J., Jr.,
CS2
CLEMENT, Pasley A., TM2
CONSALVO, Rocco R., SA
COX, Gary F., MM2
CRISSINGER, Joseph L., FTM2
CREEKMORE, Edwin W., SOCA
CROSS, Melvin L., TM3
CROUSE, Leon L., YN2
CROW, William C., SOS2
DARNELL, Leroy A., EM1
DAVIS, Richard C., ETR3
DERRICOTE, Dale A., TM3
DICK, Charles E., QMCA
DUNLAP, La Don E., SOSA
DUNTON, Daniel J., ETR3
EASTMAN, Dennis E., SN
ENGLAND, Larry D., RMSN
ESKEW, George M., TM1
ESPELETA, John J., EN1
FLANAGAN, Thelmer (n), SD1
FORT, Herbert M., MMCA
FREEMANTLE, Lawrence E.,
SOS3

GAWRYCH, Edward S., SN
GILMER, Walter J., Jr., MM2
GRAVELLE, James C., EN2
GROSS, Jerry L., MM1
GUTIERREZ, Joseph (n), Jr.,
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HATFIELD, James O., ET1
HAYES, James A., FTM2
HAYES, Larry L., ETR2
HENDERSON, Edward A., SK3
HERROLD, Frank M., SN
HILAND, Michael H., FTMSN
HOLLEMAN, Harold L., CSCA
HOYT, Howard R., ETR2
HULSE, Donald H., EM1
HYMAN, Charles J., FA
JOHNSON, Lorin W., MM2
JONES, William L., FTG1
JONKER, Bill W., ETCA
JUILLERAT, Licurgo E. F., ET1
KASHMANIAN, Edward (n),
ETR3
KELLER, Wayne M., FN
KIMBRELL, Jimmy L., ETR2
KNUDTZON, George N., FTG1
KORNEGAY, Donald R., RM1
KUKISH, Peter A., Jr., FN
LAMP, Ralph E., MT1
LANDRUM, Burns M., RM1
LENZ, Leonard L., IC2
LIBERI, Armand E., MT3
LUCERO, Max A., IC2
MAGUIRE, James G., SN
MAPLE, Joel T., RM1
MARTIN, Willis S., SM1
MELVIN, Wilber D., YN1
MENARD, Norman W., MM2
MIGET, James F., MM2
MILLS, Harry (n), SN
MINOR, David E., MT3
MOZINGO, Thomas P., IC2
MC DONALD, Gerald P., MT1

MC GLOTHLIN, David V.,
MMFN
MC KINLEY, Charles D., EM2
MC PETERS, Tommy L., TM2
OEHLSEN, Vernon L., IC1
OHLEMACHER, Richard C.,
FTM2
PARMELE, James L., RMCA
PARSONS, James F., ET1
PARTAIN, Ronald J., ETR2
PELCHER, Roy G., EMCA
PROCIDA, John C., MT2
PYLLI, Robert L., TM2
RAIMER, Merle E., TM1
REDDICK, Robert R., Jr., CS1
RIEGER, Chris E., Jr., SA
SCOTT, Carl E., MM2
SHELLEY, Calvin C., HMCA
SHUGART, Charles D., MM1
SMITH, Leland J., FA
SPENCER, Curtis R., SD1
STAHL, David E., ETR2
STENTZ, Robert G., MT2
STRACKBEIN, Edward M., SK1
SUDMAN, Gerald H., MM3
SULLIVAN, James A., EN1
SWANN, Carl E., MMCA
TATE, Richard R., Jr., MMFN
TURNER, Thomas R., MMCA
WAGNER, Jerry L., QM2
WAITE, Richard K., MT3
WARREN, Norman M., EMC
WEBSTER, William F., MM1
WEAVER, William H., SC2(SS)
WESTER, Gary L., EN1
WEYER, Lawrence C., QM1
WHITE, Francis J., Jr., ETR3
WILHELM, James R., IC2
WYHLIDKO, Richard C., MMCA
YOUNG, Kenneth R., MM1
ZIMMERMAN, Donald A., TM1



THE SPONSOR



Eleanor Axson Sayre, the gracious sponsor of the submarine named for her grandfather, former President Woodrow Wilson, is a celebrity in her own right. Miss Sayre is a well known art expert and an accepted authority on the works of the artist Goya.

As the daughter of a diplomat, Francis B. Sayre, she received her early schooling in Siam, France, England and Switzerland, as well as the United States. Miss Sayre is a graduate of Radcliffe College. She is currently an assistant curator on the staff of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

STATISTICS



Length	425 feet
Beam	33 feet
Displacement	
Surfaced	7500 tons
Submerged	8200 tons
Armament	
Forward	4 Torpedo Tubes
Amidship	16 Missile Tubes
Depth	In excess of 400 feet
Speed	In excess of 20 knots
Propulsion	Westinghouse S5W Nuclear Reactor
Naval Personnel Allowance	
Officer	13
Enlisted	124
Keel Laid	September 13, 1961
Launched	February 22, 1963
Maiden Voyage	October 20, 1963
Commissioned	December 27, 1963
Building Shipyard	Mare Island Naval Shipyard Vallejo, California

DEPARTMENTS



ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Officer is second in command and responsible to the Commanding Officer for the training and administration of the ship's personnel and the implementation of the Commanding Officer's policies. All department heads report to the Executive Officer for the resolution of administrative and personnel problems. The ship's office is charged with maintaining all the ship's official records, reports, and personnel service records.

ENGINEERING

The Engineering Department under the direction of the Engineer Officer is charged with the responsibility for all propulsion equipment, major piping associated with hull, and damage control equipment. As assistants to the Engineer Officer, the Main Propulsion, Electrical, Reactor Control and Auxiliary Division Officers perform vital duties. The Engineer Officer is responsible to the Commanding Officer for all aspects of operation of the ship's nuclear reactor and propulsion plant.

NAVIGATION — OPERATIONS

The Navigator is responsible to the Commanding Officer for the safe navigation of the ship and for precision navigation data used in the weapons sub-systems. He is also responsible for the operation, care and maintenance of the extremely complex ship's navigation equipment including the ship's inertial navigation system. The Operations Officer is responsible for the ship's operational planning and the conduct of operations. The Communication Officer, Sonar Officer and Electronics Material Officer report to the Operations Officer.

WEAPONS

The Weapons Officer is responsible to the Commanding Officer for the operation, care, maintenance and inspection of all weapons systems, fire control systems, missile launcher systems, missiles and torpedoes. The First Lieutenant reports to the Weapons Officer and is responsible for the preservation and cleanliness of the exterior of the ship and the operation, care and maintenance of ground tackle, mooring lines and related equipment.

MEDICAL

The Medical Officer is responsible to the Commanding Officer for the health and welfare of the crew. As consultant he advises the Commanding Officer and the Engineer Officer on radiological health and hazards and atmosphere control.

SUPPLY

The Supply Officer is responsible to the Commanding Officer for requisition and stowage of all spare parts and replacement items and for the preparation and service of food.
