

LAUNCHING PROGRAM

STONEWALL JACKSON

SSBN 634

NOVEMBER 30, 1963



FIVE POLARIS STARS FOR THIS SHIPYARD'S RECORD



Mare Island's Fifth Polaris Submarine

THE SPONSOR

Miss Julia Christian McAfee, 16, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, is the Great Great Granddaughter of the late General T. J. "Stonewall" Jackson. She resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Byington McAfee and her two brothers, James Jr. and Preston. Her grandmother, Mrs. Randolph Preston, of Highpoint, N.C., the only living grandchild of Stonewall Jackson, is her Matron of Honor. Julie, like her mother and grandmother, was named for the only child of General Jackson.

SPEAKERS

The Honorable Robert L. Leggett, Representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional District, is a native Californian and a graduate of the University of California in 1947, with a degree in Political Science. In 1950 he received his Law degree from Boalt Hall, University of California, and was a practicing attorney in Vallejo and California State Assemblyman until his election to Congress in January 1963.

Rear Admiral William Alden Brockett, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, Navy Department, a native of Connecticut and a direct descendant of Priscilla Alden, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1934, and received his Master of Science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1943. In his early career, he had duty at sea in battleships and cruisers, and in river gunboats of the Yangtze Patrol in China. He assumed his present duties on 29 April 1963. Previous to this, he was Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Ships for Design, Shipbuilding and Fleet Maintenance. Other shore duties include assignments as Commander, Boston Naval Shipyard, and Production Officer at Long Beach Naval Shipyard.

THE SHIP

With the launching of the STONEWALL JACKSON, the Navy has its 52nd nuclear-powered submarine and 26th Polaris submarine. It is Mare Island's tenth A-sub and its fifth Polaris submarine.

This submarine is named for Lieutenant General Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson (1824-1863), perhaps the most famous Confederate General in the war between the States. Born in Clarksburg, Virginia, orphaned early, he earned a West Point appointment. General Jackson acquired the soubriquet of "Stonewall" at the first Battle of Bull Run. As reported after the battle, he and his brigade of Virginians stood, when assaulted, "like a stone wall." The nickname was never to leave him. He was accidentally shot by his own men during the battle of Chancellorsville in the spring of 1863. He died a few days later in Guinea, Virginia. At his bedside were his wife, and his only daughter, Julia, whose name is borne by her great great granddaughter, our Sponsor of the great Polaris Submarine (SSBN 634) — the STONEWALL JACKSON.

RADM EDWARD J. FAHY, USN, SHIPYARD COMMANDER

CAPT NORBERT FRANKENBERGER, USN, PRODUCTION OFFICER
AND LAUNCHING OFFICER FOR STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN 634)

CEREMONY

Sponsor's Party arrives on Building Ways — 11:15.

IN MEMORIAM - - PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Prayer - - LCDR Joseph D. O'Leary (CHC), USNR

The Navy Hymn.

Rear Admiral Edward J. Fahy, USN, — Introductions and remarks.

The Honorable Robert L. Leggett, Congressman from California, Fourth District.

Rear Admiral William A. Brockett, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Ships.

Prayer — LCDR Willis P. Ude (CHC), USN.

National Anthem — Twelfth Naval District Band.

Production Officer orders "Clear Building Ways."

Three long blasts on siren.

FINAL PROCEDURES

Production Officer reports "Ready in all respects for launching" to Shipyard Commander.

"Ready" buzzer signal from Launching Officer to Assistant Launching Officer.

Start 40-second count-down. Sponsor and Shipyard Commander in position at bow.
"Stand-by" buzzer: Signal from Assistant Launching Officer to Launching Officer.

Ten seconds until Launch. Sponsor has bottle in hand.

Mr. Thornton C. Bunch, Master Mechanic Hull Structural Group, releases trigger and launches STONEWALL JACKSON.

Sponsor breaks bottle on bow. "In the name of the United States of America, I christen thee STONEWALL JACKSON."

During the period of national mourning for the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, all honors, ceremonies and official entertainment at all levels are cancelled.

THE PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICERS

The Prospective Commanding Officers are Commander John H. Nicholson, USN (Blue Crew) of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Lieutenant Commander Richard A. Frost, USN (Gold Crew) of Brooklyn, New York. Both are graduates of the Naval Academy, CDR Nicholson with the class of 1946 and LCDR Frost with the class of 1949.

CDR Nicholson's submarine service includes duty aboard the TIRU after which he was one of the first two officers selected for nuclear power training. He served aboard the NAUTILUS as Engineer Officer, Navigator and Executive Officer, for which he received a Submarine Force Commander commendation. He next served as Executive Officer and Navigator of SKATE and participated in a 1958 Arctic cruise. He was awarded the Secretary of the Navy Commendation Medal for performance during this cruise. He has had Command of the PICKEREL, and in 1959 commanded the SARGO (first Mare Island-built nuclear submarine). Under his command SARGO made a highly successful Arctic cruise in 1960. For that cruise SARGO was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and CDR Nicholson was awarded the Legion of Merit.

LCDR Frost's submarine service includes duty aboard the COD, Navigator aboard the ANGLER and SEAWOLF, Executive Officer of the BASHAW and Commanding Officer of the TRIGGER. He is at present with the U. S. Naval Guided Missile School, Dam Neck, Virginia, and will report to the STONEWALL JACKSON early next year.

THE SHIPYARD

Mare Island Naval Shipyard was founded by Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, USN, on September 16, 1854. The STONEWALL JACKSON is our 504th launching beginning with the wooden gunboat SAGINAW in 1859, and is the 37th submarine to be built in this 109-year old shipyard.

HONORARY KEEL LAYERS

The first circular hull section of the STONEWALL JACKSON was authenticated on July 4, 1962 by Rear Admiral Edward J. Fahy, USN, Shipyard Commander. The Honorary keel layers on that occasion were:

Paul F. Minasian, Master Mechanic, Electric-Electronic Group

Donald L. Hughes, Master Mechanic, Hull Outfitting Group

E. Scott Tilley, Assistant Comptroller

Edwin S. Harvego, Job Planning Supervisor.

TRIGGERMAN

The ship is released for launching by a trigger device located under the submarine. The Triggerman selected for launching the STONEWALL JACKSON is Thornton C. Bunch, Master Mechanic, Hull Structural Group.