

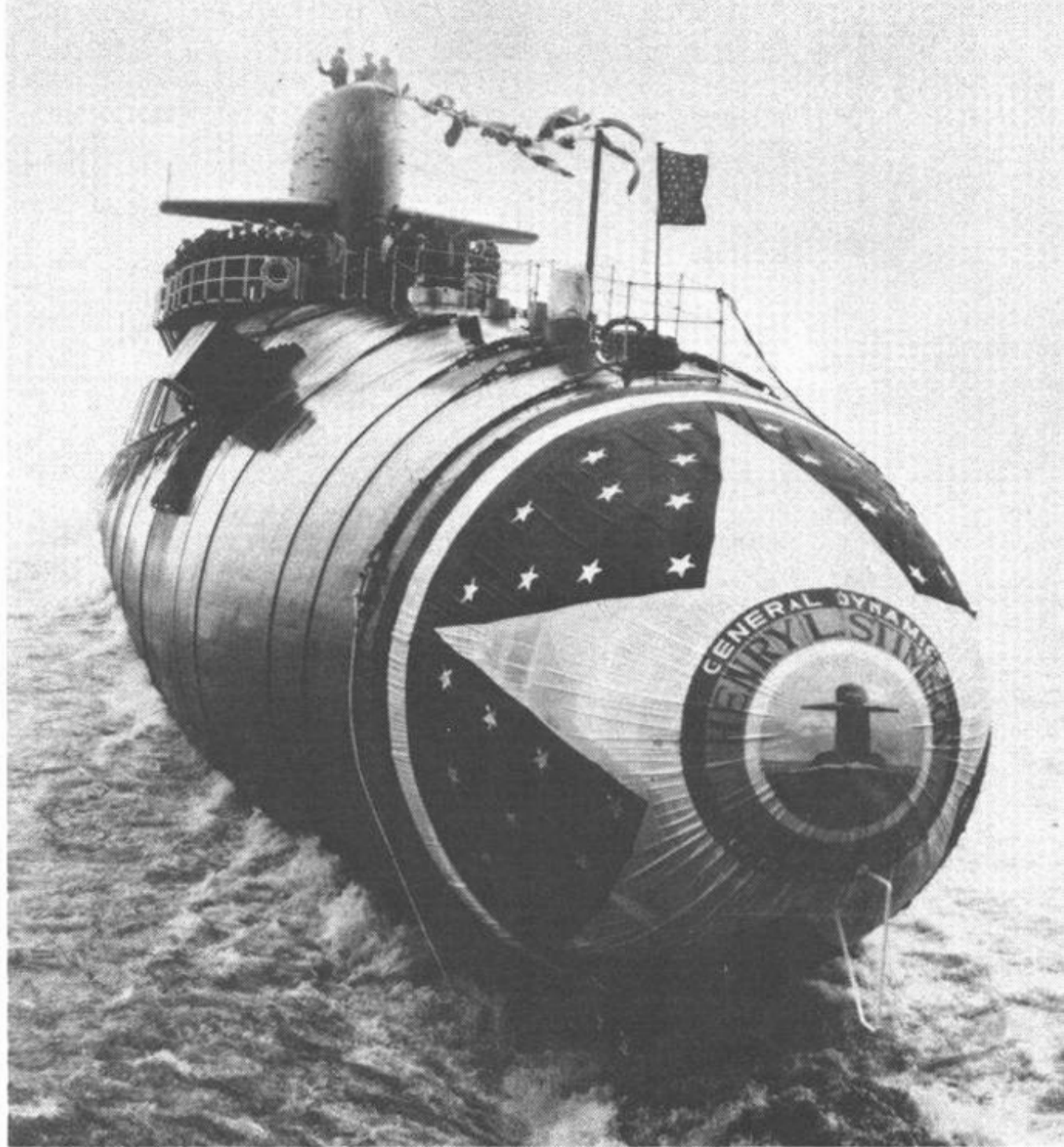
DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY

Following 27 years of proud service



**Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington**





★ Keel Laid 4 April 1964 ★

★ Launched 13 November, 1965 in Groton, Connecticut ★

★ Commissioned 20 August, 1966 ★

★ Conducted Seventy Six Strategic Deterrent Patrols ★



**FORMER
COMMANDING OFFICERS
USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655)**



BLUE CREW

FEB 65 - FEB 67 CAPT R. E. JORTBERG
 FEB 67 - JUN 70 CAPT D. P. HALL
 JUN 70 - OCT 71 CDR D. S. CRUDEN
 OCT 71 - AUG 74 CDR W. D. SMITH
 AUG 74 - MAY 78 CDR W. L. POWELL
 MAY 78 - OCT 81 CDR T. R. CONREY
 OCT 81 - NOV 84 CDR W. E. FITZPATRICK, JR.
 NOV 84 - APR 88 CDR G. E. KEEFE, JR.
 APR 88 - JUN 91 CDR M. E. FLENNIKEN
 JUN 91 - MAY 92 CDR S. D. JOHNSON

GOLD CREW

JAN 66 - FEB 71 CDR R. H. WEEKS
 FEB 71 - MAR 73 CDR W. O. SMITH
 MAR 73 - JUN 74 CDR S. G. CATOLA
 JUN 74 - SEP 77 CDR G. E. BELL
 SEP 77 - JUL 81 CAPT J. B. MUELLER
 JUL 81 - OCT 81 CDR W. E. FITZPATRICK, JR.
 AUG 84 - OCT 87 CDR M. J. SHOWERS
 OCT 87 - MAR 90 CDR R. E. PLUMMER
 MAR 90 - MAY 92 CDR R. L. TOWNER

COMBINED CREW

MAY 92 - MAY 93 CDR S. D. JOHNSON



USS HENRY L. STIMSON

Decommissioning Crew

— OFFICERS —

CDR SAMUEL D. JOHNSON, Commanding Officer
LCDR STEPHEN L. SZYSZKA, Executive Officer

LCDR THOMAS J. KEARNEY, Engineer Officer
LT LYNN E. SMITH, Navigator/Operations Officer
LTJG THOMAS M. ELLIOTT, Supply Officer
LT RANDY W. MALTERUD, Damage Control Assistant
LT DENTON L. SCHANTZ, Communications Officer
LT RICHARD C. GRANT, Assistant Weapons Officer

LT PETER R. WOLTERS, Tactical Officer
LT CHRISTOPHER F. PENNY, Main Propulsion Assistant
LT KENNETH J. DYER, Chemistry Radiological Controls Assistant
LTJG KURT W. EGLSEDER, Electrical Division Officer
LTJG DONALD L. MCGEE, Reactor Controls Assistant
LTJG ROBERT E. ROMMEL, Recreation Services Officer

— CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS —

STSC(SS) MICHAEL J. HAAKENSEN, Chief of the Boat

MMC(SS) EDWARD A. ALEXANDER
HMCS(SS) RAYMOND J. CAPAUL
EMC(SS) WILLIAM A. DALE
SKC(SS) ROBERT K. FEY, SR.
MMC(SS) GREGORY R. KELLEY

ETC(SS) STEPHEN C. SALES
ETC(SS) JAMES W. SHIRLEY
MMCS(SS) MICHAEL L. THOMAS
EMCS(SS) ROYAL C. WARD

— CREW —

MM1(SS) GARY J. ARMSTRONG
FTG1(SS) BERNARD E. BATTLE
SN(SS) ROY E. BECKETT
ET3(SS) RONALD D. BELDEN
STS2(SS) OLAN R. BISHOP II
SN(SS) PAUL A. BLATCHFORD, JR.
MM1(SS) TODD H. BRADLEY
ET2(SS) CHRISTIAN D. BREWER
MM1(SS) RICHARD D. BUHAY
MM1(SS) EDWIN R. CAMPBELL
MM3(SS) JAVIER CANTU
YN2(SS) JOSEPH CARDIN
FN(SS) ALAN L. CARAWAY
MM2(SS) JIMMY J. CAZES
MM2(SS) KENNETH R. COATES
STS2(SS) SCOTT A. COLON
MM1(SS) JEFFREY L. CRAMBLIT
ET2(SS) MARK L. CRUSE
MT3(SS) JAMES M. DAVIS
QM1(SS) MARK A. DELISLE

EM1(SS) JAMES M. DICKERSON
MM2(SS) GREGORY J. DOYLE
YN3(SS) DARREN J. DUBECKY
IC3(SS) DULESS A. DUET
ET2(SS) JOHN M. EASLER
EM2(SS) MARK C. EGHIGIAN
MM1(SS) RICHARD J. EICKLEMAN
FTB2(SS) PAUL W. ELLIS
SK1(SS) EDWIN J. FIGUEROA
MM3(SS) JONATHON B. FORLINES
ET1(SS) RODNEY J. FORRESTER
ET1(SS) WILLIAM J. FURLONG
MM1(SS) EDWARD J. GENTILE
YN1(SS) FRANK L. GREEN
FTB2(SS) KENNETH D. GREENE
MM2(SS) JOHN D. GRIZZARD
TM1(SS) EDWARD J. JENNINGS
MM1(SS) CHUCK A. JETTON
ET2(SS) AVIN E. JOHNSON III
MM3(SS) BILLY J. JOHNSON

TM3(SS) RONALD K. JOHNSON
MM3(SS) THOMAS C. KEININGHAM III
MM1(SS) ANDREW G. KUVENT
STS2(SS) BRIAN W. LAGUE
MM2(SS) BARRY G. LOBODY
EM1(SS) STEVEN L. MCCAULEY
FTB2(SS) KEVIN S. MCKINNIE
EM2(SS) CLIFFORD T. MELTON
ET2(SS) DANIEL L. MILLER
MM3(SS) MICHAEL W. MOORE, JR.
MM2(SS) DALE D. MORRISON
MM3(SS) JON E. MORRISON
MM2(SS) BRIAN T. NESBITT
IC1(SS) MARK J. NEUMANN
MM2(SS) MARK T. PETERS
MT1(SS) CHARLES R. PETERS III
EM1(SS) DAVID A. PHILLIPS
MT3(SS) CASEY J. RADER
EM2(SS) JAMES H. REEVES IV
MM2(SS) ALBERT REMBERT

FTB1(SS) DARYL A. REYNOLDS
SA(SS) RAYMOND B. ROMAN
ET2(SS) KEVIN M. SCOLES
ET3(SS) GREGORY S. SIKORA
MT3(SS) MICHAEL A. SKALA
SK3(SS) ERIC A. SMITH
MM2(SS) MICHAEL W. SMITH
EM3(SS) JEFFERY S. SOLLARS
SN(SS) MICHAEL L. STATON
STS1(SS) JAMES W. SWIGART
MM2(SS) RICHARD B. TINSLEY
TM1(SS) BRIAN TOMASCH
ET1(SS) BRIAN L. TUCKER
EM1(SS) WILLIAM L. WARP
STS2(SS) WILLIAM G. WELCH
RM2(SS) STEVEN M. WILD
MM2(SS) ERIC Q. WILLIAMS
RM2(SS) JEREMY R. WOODWARD
MM3(SS) DAVID P. WRIGHT
EM2(SS) ANDREW P. ZEPF
RM2(SS) KEVIN L. ZICK

The End of An Era

One ship leaves the Navy today

One ship of hundreds

Will feel the ocean one last time.

Yet she takes with her the knowledge

That she has served her nation and her men

As well as any ship could.

This one submarine which carries her name

The history of all such craft

That have ever flown our nation's flag.

The HENRY L. STIMSON is before us now,

Twenty-seven years serving with pride.

What was once a smooth hull and pristine lines,

The newest and the best of all.

Now shows scars from welder's torch;

From repairs and patches made of necessity.

No innocent youth, this ship,

She wears her age well, with pride,

For even at the end,

She is among the best.

1966 - 1993

SHIP'S HISTORY

In 1958 Congress authorized the construction of Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines. These Polaris missile launching platforms were the result of extensive and imaginative development in such fields as environmental control, nuclear engineering, inertial navigation, and solid propellant rocketry.

HENRY L. STIMSON is the thirty-seventh member of the Polaris/Poseidon fleet of forty-one nuclear powered Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines. Her keel was laid on April 4, 1964, at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on November 13, 1965, after being christened HENRY L. STIMSON by Mrs. Thomas Dodd, the wife of Connecticut's senior senator. HENRY L. STIMSON is the first ship of the fleet to be named in honor of the American attorney, soldier, diplomat and statesman. The crossed swords in the insignia of the USS HENRY L. STIMSON represent his belief that to keep peace you must be strong to resist aggression. On August 20, 1966 both crews successfully fired two A-3 Polaris missiles in the Atlantic Missile Test Range. After final sea trials and torpedo fire control systems testing, HENRY L. STIMSON began her first operational deterrent patrol in February 1967.

STIMSON received a Meritorious Unit Citation for meritorious service during the period from 19 August to 9 September 1970, while participating in an operation of great importance to the United States. Throughout the operation the STIMSON demonstrated conclusively the effectiveness and dependability of the Fleet Ballistic Missile System.

In November 1971, HENRY L. STIMSON commenced its first major overhaul period at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. Here HENRY L. STIMSON was converted to the more advanced and sophisticated Poseidon Weapons System. On completion of the Conversion Overhaul period in March 1973, two crews were once more reestablished on HENRY L. STIMSON.

In June 1973, both crews successfully completed their Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO). After Post Conversion Availability and final sea trials, HENRY L. STIMSON returned to perform as a major force in the prevention of nuclear war.

Starting in June 1973, HENRY L. STIMSON made 24 Poseidon patrols out of Rota, Spain until Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN moved to Kings Bay, Georgia in June 1979. Thereafter HENRY L. STIMSON made two patrols out of Charleston, South Carolina.

During the period from November 1979 to March 1980, STIMSON's weapon system was again up-graded to support the TRIDENT-I missile. Successful Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) by both crews after the ship conversion were climaxed by the launching of a TRIDENT C-4 missile. The ship deployed on her first TRIDENT-I strategic deterrent patrol in May 1980.

In May 1982, HENRY L. STIMSON began its second major overhaul at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. Two crews were reestablished on HENRY L. STIMSON on completion of the overhaul period in August 1984. Since completion of the post overhaul period, USS HENRY L. STIMSON has completed twenty-eight TRIDENT strategic deterrent patrols.

STIMSON received her SECOND Meritorious Unit Citation for meritorious service during the period 25 April to 6 August 1988, for her participation in LANTCOOPEX 1-88, the first SSBN remote-site, rapid re-deployment, continuity of operations exercise.

STIMSON combined crews in May 1992 as a precursor to inactivation and was decommissioned at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard on 5 May 1993.

The Last Watch
STIMSON'S FINAL PLAN OF THE DAY

SDO: LT SMITH	DCPO: MMC(SS) ALEXANDER	SECT LDR: MT1 PETERS
DATE: 05 MAY 1993	JULIAN DATE: 125	
SUNRISE: 0548	SUNSET: 2028	DUTY SECTION: 2

WEDNESDAY

UNIFORM OF THE DAY: SERVICE DRESS WHITES
COMSUBGRU NINE SAFE RIDE HOME: 396-6539

0600	Duty section reveille
0615	C/U ship/barge
0800	Liberty expires for all hands/muster on station
0810	Awards Ceremony - barge mess decks
0930	Crew muster on the west side of drydock #4 for Decommissioning Ceremony
1000	Decommissioning Ceremony
1030	Coffee and Doughnuts at the CPO Club (note 1)

1. All personnel must turn in their shipyard badge and pick up their service, medical, and pay records immediately after the ceremony at the CPO club. You will be unable to execute your orders without them.

2. **Captain's Farewell:**


"As we haul down USS HENRY L. STIMSON's colors for the last time, I want to thank each of you for your hard work and sacrifice. It is you who gave this mighty warship her life. While we are about to give custody of some 16,000,000 pounds of steel to the Shipyard Commander, nothing can diminish the outstanding reputation of the United States Ship HENRY L. STIMSON - a reputation that YOU earned for her.

"The pinnacle of every Naval officer's career is command of a ship. You have made my tour on USS HENRY L. STIMSON the most satisfying and rewarding of my career. Together, we went to sea 'on patrol' and made a significant contribution to winning the Cold War; we conquered the diversity of combining two crews, the hardships of a cross-country change of homeport, the arduous demands of reactor plant defueling and then, sadly, we prepared the ship for inactivation. Now, we go our own ways - until we meet again. Fair Winds and Following Seas."



S. D. JOHNSON, CDR, USN
Commanding Officer
USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655)

3. **CONTINUE TO BE THE BEST.**



S. L. SZYSZKA, LCDR, USN
Executive Officer
USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655)