

# Mariano G. Vallejo

SSBN 658



**KEEL**

*Laying*

**506<sup>TH</sup> SHIP**

*July 7* ★ **1964**

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**Mare Island**

**NAVAL SHIPYARD**



## SPEAKERS

Senor Almirante Manuel Zermeno Araico, Secretary of the Mexican Navy, is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Vera Cruz. During his long and illustrious career he has served in a number of posts and commands ashore and afloat including Naval Attache in Washington and Liaison Officer between the Mexican Region of the Pacific Headquarters and the Commander, Western Sea Frontier during World War II. Later he was Director of the Naval Academy on the Pacific at Mazatlan. Already a Rear Admiral, in 1946 he was named Chief of Staff of the Mexican Navy. In 1958 Admiral Araico was appointed Secretary of the Navy. He has worked enthusiastically and consistently for the close cooperation between the United States and Mexico in the mutual defense of the North American Continent. Among his many decorations are Officer of the Legion of Merit and Commander of the Legion of Merit from the United States.

The Honorable Edward R. Roybal, Representative in Congress from the Thirtieth Congressional District, has resided in California since 1922. He trained in business administration at the University of California in Los Angeles, and at Southwestern University in Los Angeles; served in the U. S. Army from 1944 to 1945; was a social worker and public health educator with the California Tuberculosis Association. He was a member of the Los Angeles City Council from 1949 - 1962 and was elected to the 88th Congress in November 1962.

The Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez, Representative in Congress from the Twentieth District, Bexar County, Texas, is a native Texan and attended the San Antonio College, University of Texas, and St. Mary's University School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1953; served 2 years on the San Antonio City Council; served as chief probation officer of Bexar County; worked for bilingual publications; elected to the State Senate in 1956 and reelected in 1960. He was elected to the 87th Congress on November 4, 1961, to fill the unexpired term of Paul J. Kilady and was reelected to the 88th Congress.

## THE SHIP

With the keel laying of the MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658), this will be the twelfth nuclear-powered and seventh Polaris submarine to be built at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

The LAFAYETTE Class Polaris submarines are 425 feet long, are torpedo-armed in addition to their 16 missile tubes, and displace in excess of 7,000 tons. They are equipped to accommodate all the three generations of Polaris missiles— A-1, A-2 and A-3.

This will be the 506th ship to be built in the 110-year history of the Shipyard.

RADM EDWARD J. FAHY, USN, SHIPYARD COMMANDER

E. W. MARTINEZ, MASTER MECHANIC SERVICE GROUP  
AND CHAIRMAN, KEEL LAYING COMMITTEE

## CEREMONY

1:30 p. m.

Parade — starting at Alden Park

Honors at Reviewing Stand

Parade continues

RADM Edward J. Fahy, USN — Introduction of dignitaries and Congressional members

RADM William A. Brockett, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Ships

The Honorable Edward R. Roybal, Congressman from California, Thirtieth District

Senor Almirante Manuel Zermeno Araico  
Secretary of the Navy, Mexico

The Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez, Congressman from Texas, Twentieth Congressional District

Prayer

Franciscan Friar — LT Edward J. Bobrek, USN

3:15 p. m.

President Lyndon B. Johnson presses button in White House to actuate keel laying

Anchors Aweigh — as Section moves down ways

Single gun salute and breaking of United States and Mexican Flags

National Anthems of the United States and Mexico

## GENERAL MARIANO G. VALLEJO

Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo was born in Monterey July 7, 1807, son of Don Ignacio Vallejo, a highly-respected citizen of New Spain, and Maria Antonia Lugo Vallejo. He was the eighth child of thirteen. It was his parents wish that he should know more about every activity of the Spanish of California than any other man and nothing was left undone to give him the best education the period afforded.

On January 8, 1824 Vallejo entered the military forces as a cadet, in the Monterey Company for the purpose of studying to become an officer in the army.

Mariano G. Vallejo was not only one of the most colorful figures, but one of the most prominent men brought forth during the turbulent pioneer days of California history. He served faithfully as an official, either in the military, diplomatic or political fields of three nations in California and was a citizen of four such countries all of which exercised dominion over California during the life of the General.

He was elected as a delegate to the first State Constitutional Convention in 1848, helped draw up the first Constitution and also became one of its first State Senators.

In 1832 General Vallejo was married to the former Francisca Benicia Carrillo and their home was in and near Sonoma. They were the parents of sixteen children and mention is made of several adopted ones.

General Vallejo's name has been mentioned in almost every book of history dealing with early California development. His name appears everywhere—streets, a city, steamers, people, and now a Polaris submarine (SSBN 658).

## HONORARY KEEL LAYERS

The Honorary Keel Layers on this Occasion are:

Oren A. Kern, Head of Shop 38

John C. Murphy, Industrial Relations Office

Philip A. Green, Deputy Chief Design Engineer

Ray P. Stroganoff, Chief Combat Systems Engineer