USS Mariano G. Vallejo
SSBN 658

Change Of Command
KEEL LAID
7 JULY 1964

LAUNCHED
23 OCTOBER 1964

COMMISSIONED
16 DECEMBER 1966

COMPLETED
POSEIDON CONVERSION
27 DECEMBER 1973
Commander Henry J. SCHNEIDER lived in Merrick, New York, until completion of high school. He attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy from 1951 to 1953 and then entered the United States Naval Academy, graduating in the Class of 1957.

Following commissioning, he served in USS CANBERRA (CAG2) until December 1958 when he was assigned to Submarine School. He completed submarine qualification in USS CLAMAGORE (SS343) and in October 1960 commenced nuclear power training. After three patrols in USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN599) GOLD he commenced a two-year tour with the commissioning crew of USS TECUMSEH (SSBN628) BLUE. In 1965 he was assigned as Engineer of USS PLUNGER (SSN595) for two years, and then attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, where he received a degree in Operations Research. In February 1969 he was assigned as Executive Officer of USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSN611) GOLD and made four patrols.

He is married to the former Mary Jane Vogel of Baltimore, Maryland. They have three children, Henry Jr., Theresa and John, and they reside in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.
COMMANDER JAMES E. COLLINS, USN

Commander James E. COLLINS was born in Los Angeles, California, and lived in the Pasadena/San Marino, California area until graduation from South Pasadena High School in 1955. He then attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, graduating with distinction with the Class of 1959.

Following commissioning in June 1959 Commander COLLINS served in various weapons and operations department billets in USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD754) until he entered Naval Submarine School in April 1960. Successfully completing the six-month submarine school, he then completed Advanced Nuclear Power School at New London, Connecticut, followed by operational reactor prototype training at the SNW site, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Commander COLLINS completed six Polaris patrols in the first fleet ballistic missile submarine, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN598), serving in various engineering billets and as Operations Officer. His last patrol in the ship was as Engineer Officer. He then completed five additional patrols and conversion of the ship from the A-1 to the A-3 Polaris missile aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN602). From 1968 to 1970 he attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, and received a Masters Degree in Computer Science in June 1970. He then served as Executive Officer in USS WHALE (SSN638) during which time the ship was awarded two Meritorious Unit Commendations and the Battle Efficiency "E". Commander COLLINS assumed command of the USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN658) Gold on 17 December 1973.

Commander COLLINS is married to the former Bette MacGregor of Mystic, Connecticut. They have two children, Lisa Lynn and James MacGregor COLLINS, and reside in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

James E. Collins
COMMAND HISTORY

MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN668) was authorized to be built as the fortieth fleet ballistic missile submarine of the Polaris/Poseidon fleet. Her keel was laid on 7 July 1964 at ceremonies at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California and bears the initials of President Lyndon B. JOHNSON. Fifteen months later on 23 October 1965, she was launched and officially christened by Miss Patricia O. V. McGETTIGAN, the great-great granddaughter of General Mariano G. VALLEJO.

General VALLEJO was born on 7 July 1808 in the settlement of Monterey, California. In 1825 he was appointed Secretary to the Mexican governor of California. VALLEJO served as commander of the Presidio of San Francisco for several years and in 1836 was appointed Commandante General and Director of Colonization of the Northern Frontier, the highest military command in northern California. General VALLEJO enthusiastically supported peaceful annexation of California during the Bear Flag Revolt, and was a signer of the state constitution drafted in October 1849. General VALLEJO was subsequently elected a member of the first State Senate which convened in 1850.

General VALLEJO died quietly in his home in Sonoma, California on January 12, 1890 and was buried on a hill overlooking the town.

USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN668) was placed in service on 9 October 1966 and initial sea trials were successfully conducted on 6 November 1966. On 16 December 1966 Rear Admiral CLARK, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, commissioned the ship USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN668), with principal address given by Rear Admiral John G. MAURER, Commander Submarine Force, Pacific. Since that time VALLEJO has completed 20 successful Polaris deterrent patrols in both the Atlantic and Pacific. VALLEJO was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service as a member of Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN (Pacific Fleet) during the period 1 July 1968 to 1 October 1970.

The VALLEJO was converted to carry POSEIDON missiles during an overhaul period at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia which was completed on 27 December 1973. Both crews then completed a Demonstration and Shakedown Operation. The Blue Crew has just completed the first POSEIDON Patrol and the Gold Crew is currently preparing for the second POSEIDON Patrol which will be the 22nd FBM Deterrent Patrol.
PROGRAM

Arrival Honors
National Anthem
Invocation
Remarks by Commander Submarine Group SIX
Remarks and Reading of Orders
Reading of Orders and Remarks
Benediction

COMSIX Band
Chaplain C. D. KEMP
Rear Admiral A. L. KELLN
Commander H. J. SCHNEIDER
Commander J. E. COLLINS
Chaplain C. D. KEMP
# USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN658) GOLD CREW

**31 August 1974**

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**LCDR R. N. JOHANNES** EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO is the fortieth of a total of forty-one Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) nuclear powered submarines which make up the POLARIS/POSEIDON Fleet of the United States Navy. Free to remain completely submerged for months, with an unlimited cruising range, the ship can remain undetected by any potential enemy, ready to launch her solid propellant POSEIDON missile within minutes of receiving the command. Mobile, hidden, ready for instant action, USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO and her sister FBM's provide the United States with a powerful and credible deterrent to any enemy attack.

USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO has two complete, equally trained crews, referred to as the "Blue Crew" and the "Gold Crew". Each crew has about one hundred forty officers and men. In order to maximize patrol "on station" time, the crews are rotated at regular intervals. During the period that one crew has the ship on patrol, the other crew is at their home port undergoing refresher training, taking leave, and in general preparing to go back on patrol.

In order to answer the demands of the 1970's the VALLEJO has been converted to carry the POSEIDON missile. The increased capabilities of the POSEIDON missile coupled with the inherent survivability of the nuclear-powered submarine give every assurance that the Fleet Ballistic Missile System will continue to be a reliable and credible force for peace in the years ahead.