

# UNITED STATES SHIP MARIANO G. VALLEJO

SSBN 658



*"THE BEAR"*



## DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY



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***KEEL LAID* 7 JULY 1964**

***LAUNCHED* 23 OCTOBER 1965**

***COMMISSIONED* 16 DECEMBER 1966**





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# USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658)

## *THE SHIP*

MARIANO G. VALLEJO 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 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.

USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO 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 with the principal address given by Rear Admiral John G. Maurer, Commander Submarine Force Pacific. VALLEJO completed 20 successful Polaris deterrent patrols in both the Atlantic and Pacific and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service as a member of Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN (Pacific Fleet) during the period July 1968 to October 1970.

VALLEJO was converted to carry Poseidon missiles during overhaul at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydocking Company, which was completed on 26 December 1973. VALLEJO was awarded a second Meritorious Unit Commendation for service as a member of Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN (Atlantic Fleet) in 1974. In the fall of 1979, she became the second ship to be converted to a new Trident-I Strategic Missile Weapon system at Cape Canaveral, Florida. VALLEJO received the Battle Efficiency "E" award and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Outstanding Performance Award for 1979.

VALLEJO returned to overhaul in January 1983 at Charleston Naval Shipyard, Charleston, South Carolina, and upon completion in July 1984, was assigned to Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN operating out of Kings Bay, Georgia. VALLEJO was honored in April 1987 for completing the nation's 2500TH SSBN Strategic Deterrent Patrol. VALLEJO was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" in 1987 and again in 1989.

On 18 April 1994, VALLEJO combined crews after completing her 83rd and last Polaris/Poseidon deterrent patrol. During the remainder of her life as a warship, VALLEJO carried out many of the same missions assigned to fast attack submarines which included three operations in the Atlantic Ocean and a special CNO operation in the Pacific.

In August 1994, VALLEJO departed Charleston, crossed through the Panama Canal and commenced deactivation at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington.



