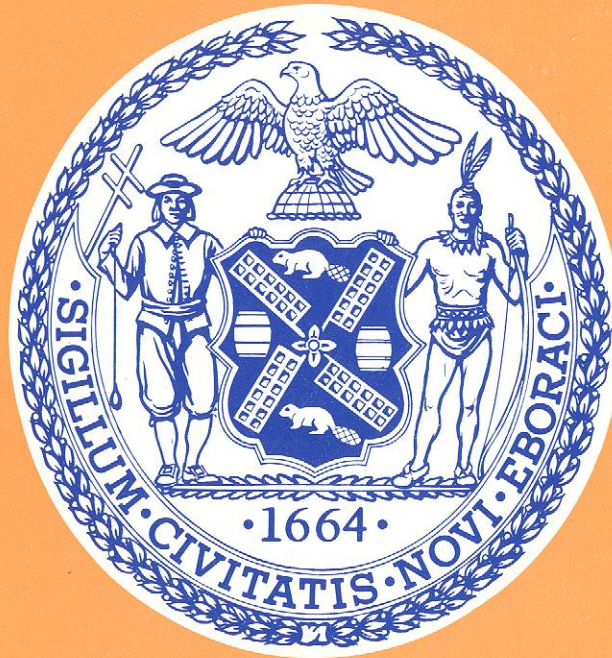


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"MILITARY FORCES ARE NOT A LUXURY BUT A NECESSITY. SO LONG AS WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH SOME NATIONS FEEL A COMPULSION TO DOMINATE, OR INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MAINTAIN THOSE LEVELS OF DEFENSE THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR SURVIVAL."

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. BUCKLEY
UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM NEW YORK

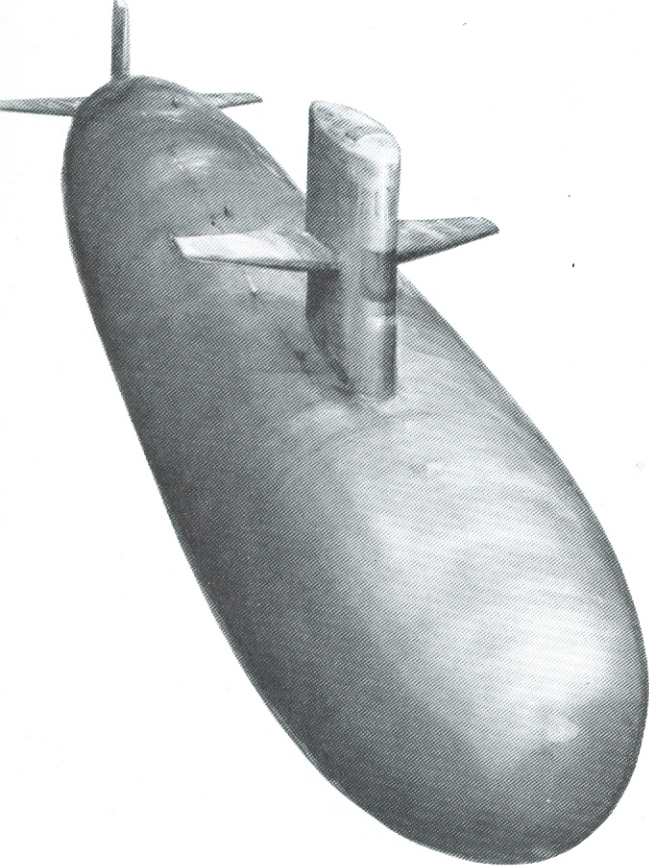




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THE NEW YORK CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES CLASS

Initiating of the keel of the NEW YORK CITY by Mrs. Ann Buckley marks the beginning of construction on the latest ship of the Navy's newest class of nuclear-powered attack submarines. The keel for the lead ship of the class, LOS ANGELES (SSN688), was laid January 8, 1972.

The LOS ANGELES Class has higher speed capability than its predecessors; it will also have the most advanced anti-submarine warfare capabilities. Underwater stealth, together with powerful weapon systems and sensors, will make ships of this class a deadly force against enemy submarines, as well as surface ships.

Approval to proceed with this important new class of high speed submarines resulted from investigations of the U.S. Submarine Program conducted five years ago by the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. In view of the urgent need for these high speed submarines, Congress not only accepted the recommendations of these committees that funds for procurement of long lead items for the LOS ANGELES be added to the budget for the 1969 shipbuilding program, but also added funds for submarines of this class to the 1970, 1971, and 1972 shipbuilding programs in addition to the funds proposed by the Department of Defense. The first 23 submarines of the class have been authorized by Congress and more are planned.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK



It is fitting that the first naval ship to be named in honor of the City of New York is a submarine. At the turn of the century New York Harbor was the site of the initial sea trials of USS HOLLAND, the Navy's first submarine. HOLLAND was built by Electric Boat whose offices were then located at 100 Broadway, New York City.

New York City was first settled by the Dutch as New Amsterdam in 1626. The city remained New Amsterdam until 1664 when it was seized by the English and renamed New York in honor of the Duke of York, brother of King Charles II of England. On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read to the American troops in the presence of George Washington near the City Hall. New York City became the first United States Capital under the Constitution (1789-1790). George Washington took the oath of office as the first President on the balcony of Federal Hall, Broad and Wall Streets. Until 1797 the city was also capital of New York State.

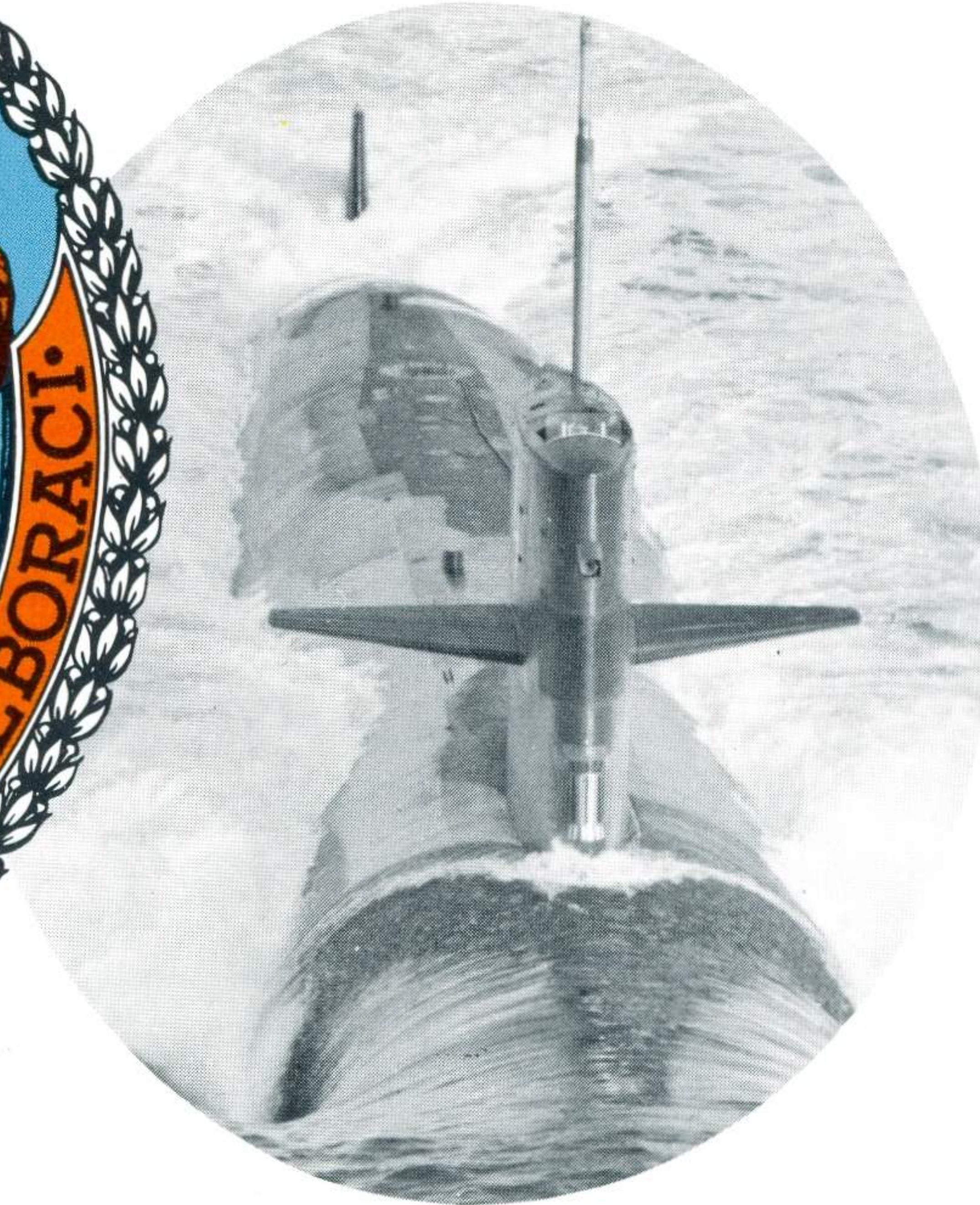
The founding of the Bank of New York in 1790 under Alexander Hamilton and the beginning of the Stock Exchange

established New York City as the nation's financial center. Because of a magnificent natural harbor, the city soon developed into the leading seaport and international trade center of the United States. The city grew rapidly in the 1800's; it became and still is the nation's largest city. New York flourished in other areas becoming a national leader in business, manufacturing, communications, service industries, fashion, and the arts.

New York City has many notable landmarks -- modern and historic. Among these are the New World Trade Center located in lower Manhattan, United Nations Headquarters bordering the East River, Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor, and Fraunces Tavern in lower Manhattan where Washington bade farewell to the officers of the Continental Army after the Revolution. With its cultural and educational resources, famous shops and restaurants, places of entertainment, striking architecture, colorful nationality neighborhoods, and rich historic background, New York is one of the great cities of the world.

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LAUNCHING OF THE
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NEW YORK CITY SSN696

JUNE 18, 1977

GROTON, CONNECTICUT

PROGRAM

National Anthem	United States Coast Guard Band
Invocation	LCDR Maurice C. Slattery (ChC), USN
Welcome and Introduction	Joseph D. Pierce General Manager, Electric Boat Division Vice President, General Dynamics
Remarks	David S. Lewis Chairman of the Board, General Dynamics
Introduction of Principal Speaker	The Honorable J. William Middendorf, II Under Secretary of the Navy
Address	The Honorable James L. Buckley United States Senator from New York
Introduction of Mrs. Ann Buckley	Admiral H. G. Rickover, USN Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program
Welding Initials on Keel	Mrs. Ann Buckley

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The Commander of the newly commissioned high speed nuclear powered attack submarine NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696), Commander James A. Ross, USN, stands on ship's brow after ceremonies held on March 3, 1979. (More in centerfold).

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