



# USS NEW YORK CITY

## SSN696



### NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE

KEEL LAID DECEMBER 15, 1973 AT GENERAL DYNAMICS' ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION

BY

**MRS. ANN BUCKLEY**

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**United States Senator from New York**



### VITAL STATISTICS

KEEL LAID.....	15 November 1973
LAUNCHED.....	18 June 1977
LENGTH.....	360 Feet
BEAM.....	33 Feet
DISPLACEMENT.....	6900 Tons
COMPLEMENT.....	115 Enlisted 12 Officers



# USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696)

## INACTIVATION

1 DECEMBER 1995

NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE  
PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII



## THE INACTIVATION CEREMONY

The inactivation ceremony marks the end of the service life of a ship as well as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment that the commissioning pennant was initially broken, on 03 March 1979, USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) became the responsibility of the Commanding Officer who, together with his crew, had the duty of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, whether we be at peace or war. When the commissioning pennant is struck for the last time, USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) will have completed her gallant service to our nation.

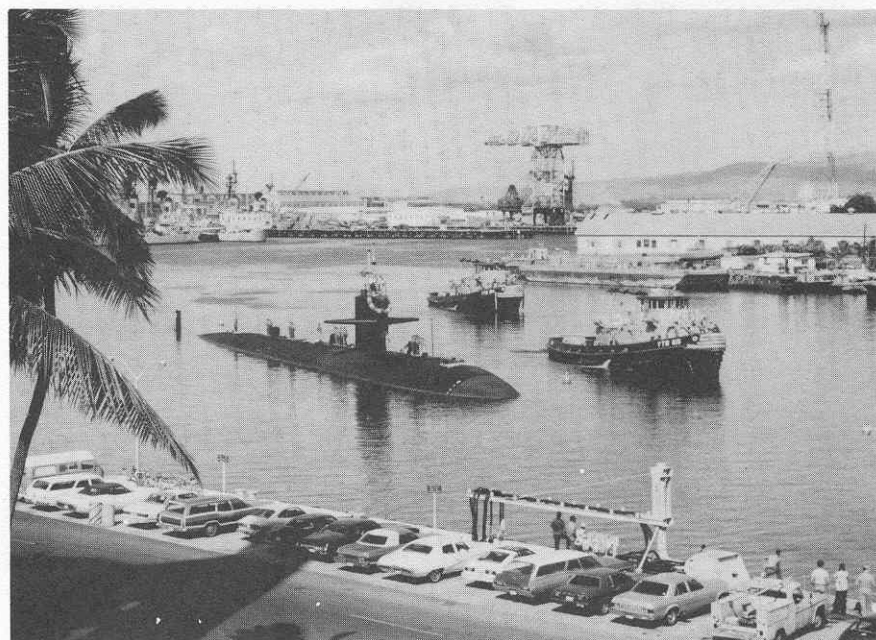


The commissioning pennant is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maartin Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize that he had swept the British from the Dungeness. The following year British Admiral William Blake hoisted a horsewhip to his masthead, indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow, commissioning pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive mark of a ship of war.

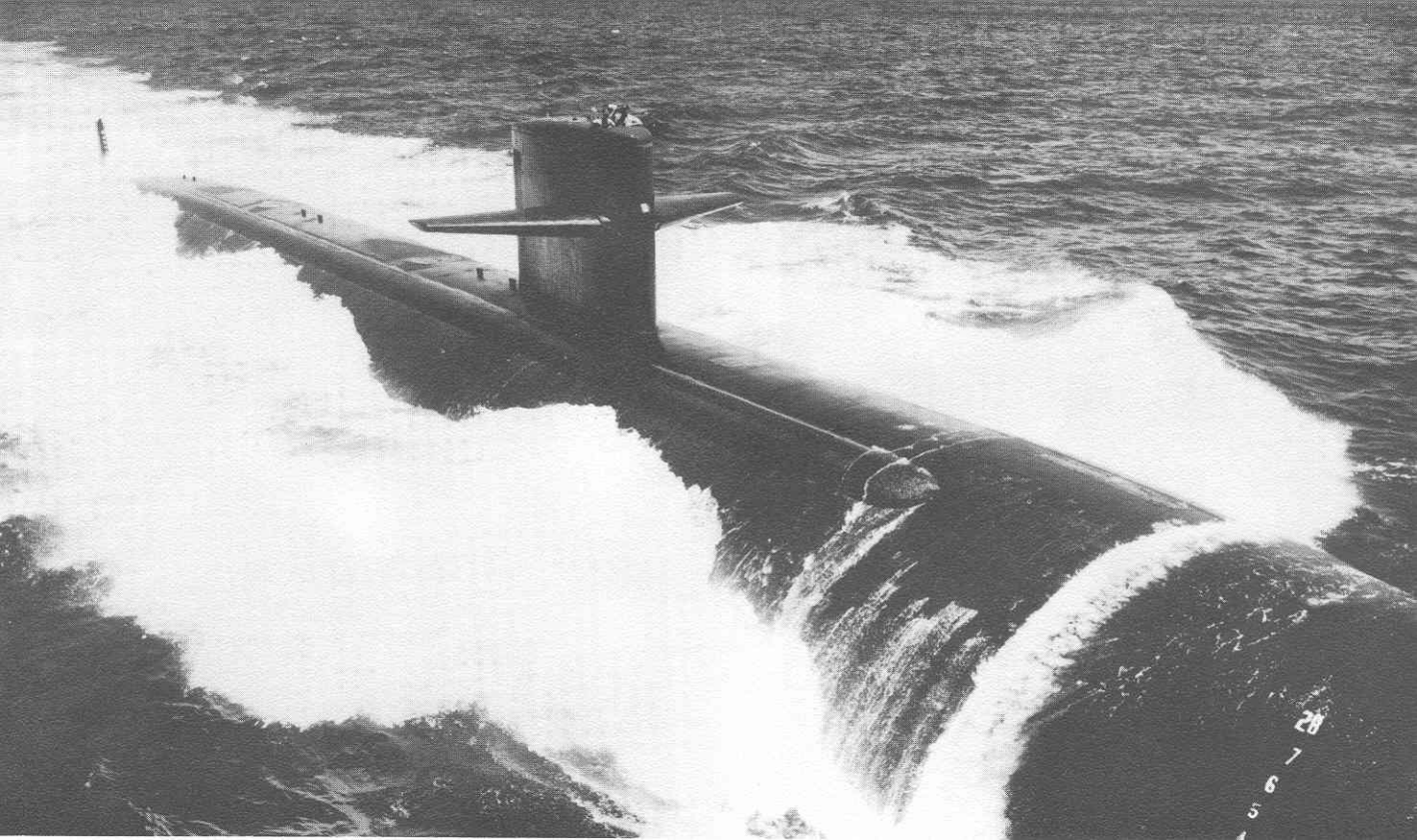




**LAUNCHING - 18 JUNE 1977**



**ARRIVAL PEARL HARBOR - 24 AUGUST 1979**



# **INACTIVATION PROGRAM**

## **ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

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## **INVOCATION**

Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Jerome A. Hinson, CHC, USN  
(Military Personnel Remain Covered)

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## **INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER**

Captain Bruce B. Engelhardt, USN  
Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN

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## **REMARKS**

Rear Admiral J. M. Barr, USN  
Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

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## **REMARKS**

Commander Gregory M. Vaughn, USN  
Commanding Officer, USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696)

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## **CEREMONIAL INACTIVATION**

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## **BENEDICTION**

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## **DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

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## **MUSIC**

CINCPACFLT Band





**REAR ADMIRAL JON MICHAEL BARR**  
**U. S. NAVY**  
**COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE,**  
**U. S. PACIFIC FLEET**

A native of New Jersey, Rear Admiral Barr graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1961. After graduation, he completed nuclear power training and attended Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

Rear Admiral Barr reported to USS SNOOK (SSN 592) in January 1963, serving in Operations, Engineering and Weapons Departments. Following duty on SNOOK, Rear Admiral Barr was an instructor for two years at the Naval Nuclear Power School, Mare Island, California.

In 1968, Rear Admiral Barr reported to USS TECUMSEH(SSBN 628) and served as Navigator and Operations Officer. In April 1972, he reported to USS BARB (SSN 596) as Executive Officer. Rear Admiral Barr assumed command of the Naval Nuclear Power School, Bainbridge, Maryland in 1974, and moved the school to Orlando, Florida in 1975.

Rear Admiral Barr took command of USS SCULPIN (SSN 590) in November 1977. In November 1979, he was assigned as prospective Commanding Officer of USS BOSTON (SSN 703), commissioned in January 1982. Rear Admiral Barr served as Commanding Officer of USS OHIO (SSBN 726) (BLUE) from February 1983 to August 1984. Following command of OHIO (BLUE), he served as Commander, Submarine Squadron 17, the Navy's only operational Trident submarine squadron, and commanded Submarine Group 9 as additional duty from July to September 1985.

From March 1986 to January 1988, Rear Admiral Barr served as Deputy Director of the Attack Submarine Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare). Following selection for flag rank in December 1987, he was assigned as Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center. In July 1989, he was named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application, Office of Defense Programs, U. S. Department of Energy. From July 1991 to July 1993, Rear Admiral Barr served as Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

Rear Admiral Barr assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet on 30 July 1993.

Rear Admiral Barr's awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Gold Star), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star) and several other personal and campaign awards.

Rear Admiral Barr is married to the former Marcia Elizabeth Redston of Upper Montclair, New Jersey. They have three daughters, Susan, Diana and Jillian, and three grandchildren, Lindsay, Julia and Drew.





**CAPTAIN BRUCE BIDWELL ENGELHARDT**  
**U. S. NAVY**  
**COMMANDER, SUBMARINE SQUADRON SEVEN**

Captain Bruce B. Engelhardt, from Apple Valley, California, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1972, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics.

Upon commissioning, Captain Engelhardt completed Nuclear Power Training and reported to the USS BERGALL (SSN 667). While serving in BERGALL he participated in multiple deployments to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea.

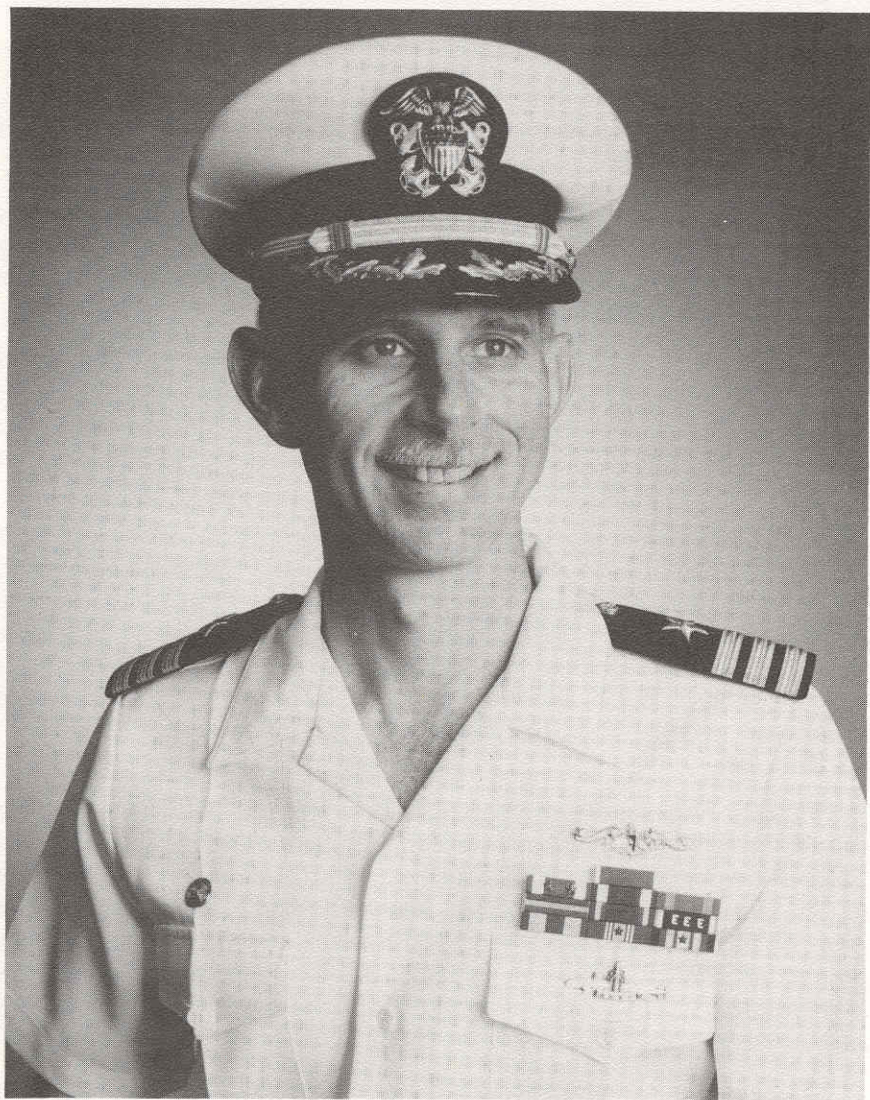
Following graduation from the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course, Captain Engelhardt completed a four year assignment as Engineer Officer in USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN 598) (GOLD) where he completed five strategic deterrent patrols. From 1983 to 1986, he served as Executive Officer of USS GUARDFISH (SSN 612).

Captain Engelhardt served as Commanding Officer of USS DRUM (SSN 677) from January 1989 to November 1991. Under his command, DRUM made two six-month deployments to the Western Pacific earning the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the U. S. Seventh Fleet Submarine Warfare Excellence Award for successful fleet operations. USS DRUM was awarded the Battle "E" for overall excellence in 1990 and 1991 by Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Engelhardt's shore assignments include: NROTC instructor at the University of Southern California, where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Systems Management; Staff Assistant for Submarines to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Head of the Combat Systems Section in the Attack Submarine Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and in the Navy Budget Office, first as Deputy Director of the Investment Division and then as Assistant Director to the Budget Officer.

Captain Engelhardt's personal awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards).

He is married to the former Connie Poston of Jacksonville, Florida. They have two daughters, Stacey and Sarah.



**COMMANDER GREGORY MARTIN VAUGHN**  
**U. S. NAVY**  
**COMMANDING OFFICER,**  
**USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696)**

Commander Vaughn was born in Fort Carson, Colorado, but calls Texas home. He attended the U. S. Naval Academy and graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics.

In August 1977, Commander Vaughn completed his initial nuclear power training in Mare Island, California, and Idaho Falls, Idaho. Following basic submarine training in Groton, Connecticut, he reported to USS POLLACK (SSN 603), homeported in San Diego, California.

Commander Vaughn served as Damage Control Assistant and Weapons Officer on POLLACK from December 1977 to June 1981. While assigned, the ship completed various fleet exercises, a deployment to the Western Pacific, and a sub-safe overhaul in Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

In July 1981, he attended the six month Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in Groton, prior to reporting as Engineer Officer in USS PARCHE (SSN 683), homeported in Mare Island. During his tour as Engineer, Commander Vaughn participated in two deployments and an intense short-duration overhaul as well as numerous restricted availabilities.

After completion of his tour on PARCHE in February 1985, Commander Vaughn reported to Washington D.C. for duty on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. He served eighteen months in the SSBN Security Program within the Strategic Submarine Division (OP-213). In August of 1986, Commander Vaughn's tour was cut short when he was selected for graduate studies in oceanographic engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. He conducted research in remotely operated underwater vehicles and earned post-graduate degrees in both mechanical and ocean engineering.

In November 1988, Commander Vaughn reported as Executive Officer in USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (GOLD), homeported in Bangor, Washington. After four patrol cycles, he received orders to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet as Flag Secretary. Commander Vaughn served as Flag Secretary from December 1990 until August 1992. He reported to USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) in May 1993 following completion of the prospective commanding officer training pipeline.

Commander Vaughn is authorized to wear the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal. His unit awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation and the Battle Efficiency E (three awards).

Commander Vaughn is married to the former Susan Schock of Long Lake, South Dakota, and resides in Mililani, Hawaii.





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SPONSOR	MRS. JAMES R. SCHLESINGER
SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS	
LENGTH	360 FEET
DISPLACEMENT	SURFACED 6090 TONS SUBMERGED 6927 TONS
HULL DIAMETER	33 FEET
DRAFT	32 FEET
SPEED	IN EXCESS OF 25 KNOTS
DIVING DEPTH	GREATER THAN 800 FT
COMPLEMENT	
OFFICERS	13
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS	14
E-6 AND BELOW	109
ARMAMENT	4 21-INCH TORPEDO TUBES - MK48/ADCAP TORPEDOES - HARPOON ANTI-SHIP CRUISE MISSILES - TOMAHAWK LAND ATTACK CRUISE MISSILES
ENDURANCE	LIMITED ONLY BY FOOD STORES. USUALLY 90 DAYS

## **THE ATTACK SUBMARINE USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696)**

The USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) is the first Navy ship to be named in honor of the city of New York and is the ninth ship of the Los Angeles class of nuclear powered attack submarines.

The ship's keel was laid on 15 December 1973 at General Dynamics Corporation, Electric Boat Division, Groton, Connecticut. USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) was launched on 18 June 1977 and commissioned on 3 March 1979.

USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) arrived in her homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 24 August 1979. She completed her Post Shakedown Availability on 23 July 1980.

Between 1981 and 1985 the ship conducted four Western Pacific deployments and participated in various fleet exercises. She was awarded her first two Meritorious Unit Commendations for excellence during this period.

From December 1985 to February 1988 the ship underwent an extensive overhaul and modernization period at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

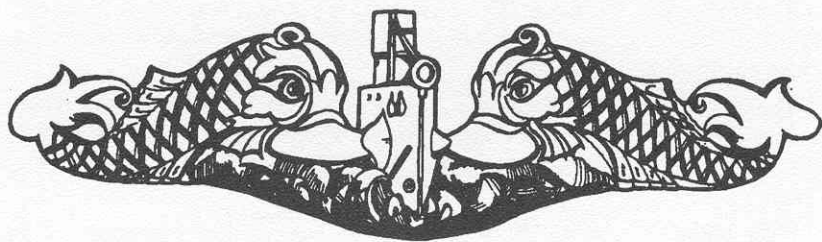
USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) returned as a fully operational submarine by deploying to the Northern Pacific during November and December 1988. She was awarded her third Meritorious Unit Commendation for deployed operations during a Western Pacific Deployment in 1989. The ship conducted her second Northern Pacific deployment in early 1990.

1991 was a challenging and rewarding year for USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696), returning twice to the Western Pacific for a total of eight months of deployed operations. While moored at Subic Bay Naval Station in June 1991, the ship experienced the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. The ship was again recognized for outstanding deployed operations by award of her fourth Meritorious Unit Commendation.

In March 1992, during an Eastern Pacific deployment, the ship had the distinction of being the first submarine to conduct acoustic trials on a new underwater acoustic range near Ketchikan, Alaska. In April 1993, the ship again deployed to the Eastern Pacific to participate in joint exercises with the Canadian Navy, while preparing for yet another extended deployment to the Western Pacific.

USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) completed her seventh Western Pacific deployment in April 1994 and conducted Eastern Pacific operations from June through August. She conducted an additional deployment to the Eastern Pacific from January to March of 1995 and her eighth Western Pacific deployment began the following month. NEW YORK CITY's final Western Pacific deployment which ended 29 September 1995, included port visits to Hong Kong, Thailand, and Singapore, and support for both the LINCOLN and INDEPENDENCE Battle Groups.

USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) is proud of her decorated and intensely operational history.



## The Submariner

Only a submariner realizes to what great extent an entire ship depends on him as an individual. To a landsman this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so!

A submarine at sea is a different world in herself, and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of submarines, the Navy must place responsibility and trust in the hands of those who take such ships to sea.

In each submarine there are men who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to each other. These men are ultimately responsible to themselves and each to the other for all aspects of operation of their submarine. They are the crew. They are the ship.

This is perhaps the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as a submariner that he can escape the grasp of responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small, nevertheless, it is the spur which has given the Navy its greatest mariners - the men of the Submarine Service.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the proud and time honored title of ... Submariner.

# CREW ROSTER

LCDR H. DAVID CLOPP  
Executive Officer

STSCM(SS) KENNETH W. ANDERSON  
Chief of the Boat

## MEDICAL

HM1(SU) C. M. Mullins

## SHIP'S OFFICE

YNC(SS) L. W. Greene  
YN3(SS) C. D. Holt

YN3(SS) S. M. Jimmerson  
YNSN(SU) R. S. Robertson

## SUPPLY/FOOD SERVICE

LT MARVIN P. RUSH, SC

## SUPPLY

SK1(SS) J. W. Brown  
SK3(SS) K. J. Melssen

SK3(SS) G. L. Morgan

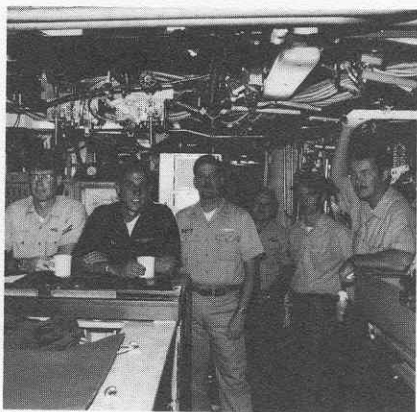
## FOOD SERVICE

MS1(SS) C. K. Matye  
MS3(SS) L. P. Aguilar  
MS3(SS) R. Villanueva

MS2(SS) D. A. Schultz  
MS3(SS) R. C. Hembree  
MSSN(SS) J. B. Benjamin







## **WEAPONS**

**LT THOMAS G. JOHNSON**  
**LT MICHAEL T. GERKEN**

## **FIRE CONTROL**

**FTC(SS) K. T. Good**  
**FT2(SS/DV) K. E. Ray**  
**FT3(SS) G. V. G. Maryott**

**FT1(SS) S. N. Patchin**  
**FT3(SS) D. S. Barrientes**

## **TORPEDO**

**TMC(SS) T. K. Tryon**  
**TM1(SS) S. "D" Elston**  
**TM3(SS) R. W. White**  
**TMSN(SS) B. M. Redford**

**TM1(SS) J. B. Shull**  
**TM3(SS) A. D. Young**  
**TMSN(SS) J. G. Precise**

## **SONAR**

**STSC(SS) W. F. Hogan**  
**STS1(SS) G. J. Randleman**  
**STS2(SS) R. E. Bennington**  
**STS2(SS/DV) T. L. West**  
**STS3(SS) J. D. Parker**  
**STSSN(SS) C. R. Barber**  
**STSSN(SS) J. P. Henry**

**STS1(SS) R. W. Faust**  
**STS2(SS) D. J. McKay**  
**STS2(SS) R. W. McCallister**  
**STS3(SS) J. R. Birk**  
**STS3(SS) J. E. Langford**  
**STSSN(SU) T. W. Edmondson**  
**STSSN(SS) A. Scott IV**

## **DECK**

**SN(SU) E. E. Albin III**

**SN(SU) J. L. White**

## NAVIGATION/OPERATIONS

LCDR EDWARD L. HASELL

## ELECTRONIC MATERIAL

ETC(SS) B. L. Sweeney  
ET2(SS) T. R. Arnold  
ET2(SS) W. J. Zach  
ET3(SS) P. M. McGough

ET1(SS) E. P. Myers  
ET2(SS) J. E. Starks  
ET3(SS) M. A. Gonzalez

## COMMUNICATIONS

RMC(SS) J. P. Peters  
RM2(SS) D. S. Dulaney  
RM3(SS) M. B. Garcia  
RM3(SS) R. E. Sommerfeld

RM1(SS) J. A. Randolph  
RM2(SS) L. T. Hendrixson III  
RM3(SS) J. D. Butko

## NAVIGATION

QMC(SS) D. K. Wise  
QM1(SS) R. W. Stewart III  
QMSN(SU) N. Collins

QM1(SS) J. R. Been  
QM3(SS) R. T. Hyde





## ENGINEERING

LCDR DAVID A. WELCH  
ETCS(SS) WILLIAM A. MUSSELWHITE

## AUXILIARY

LT JOHN E. MCGUNNIGLE  
MMC(SS) D. M. Rader  
MM1(SS) T. A. Kay  
MM2(SS) J. T. McLean  
MM2(SS) R. D. Sawyer  
MM3(SS) F. Alvarado  
MM3(SS) C. B. Hall  
MMFN(SS) S. A. Fennell

LT SCOTT A. HARRIS  
MM1(SS) G. J. Harth  
MM2(SS) M. E. Chase  
MM2(SS) A. Padilla  
MM2(SS) J. P. Taylor  
MM3(SS) E. D. Dykman  
MM3(SS) R. S. Harper

## ELECTRICAL

LT RANDOLPH J. TUPAS  
EM1(SS) K. D. Massey  
EM1(SS) W. L. McLachlan  
EM2(SS) A. G. Harma  
EM2(SU) K. J. Anderson  
EM2(SS) J. T. Shelton  
EM3(SS) S. W. Barber

EM1(SS) W. J. Pigott  
EM1(SS/DV) B. K. Correll  
EM2(SS) R. E. Frazier  
EM2(SS) L. K. Sullivan  
EM2(SU) W. A. Blackburn  
EM3(SS) G. B. Green

## INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS

ICC(SS) K. A. Morris  
IC2(SS) T. A. Hoste  
ET3(SS) R. B. Thomas

ICC(SS) J. B. Royston  
IC3(SS) E. T. Fahf

## MACHINERY

LT J. A. KARLIN  
MM1(SS) P. Kless  
MM1(SS) P. Walsh  
MM2(SS) K. E. Fossett  
MM2(SS) M. P. Manzi  
MM2(SU) M. J. Toczynski  
MM3(SS) I. "J" Myers  
MM2(SS/DV) W. B. Johnson

MMC(SS) J. R. Shipman  
MM1(SS) P. L. Sullivan  
MM2(SS) K. E. Davenport  
MM2(SS) W. M. Griffin  
MM2(SS) J. V. Schnell  
MM2(SS) J. A. Stritecky  
MM3(SS) M. J. Cooper

## REACTOR CONTROLS

LTJG SEAN P. HAYES  
ET1(SS) G. J. Rockstroh  
ET2(SS) K. J. Grady  
ET2(SS) C. W. Sjostrand  
ET3(SS) M. A. Cleveland

ETC(SS) T. W. Acker  
ET2(SS) D. S. Butler  
ET2(SS) S. D. Howze  
ET2(SU) S. R. Robinson  
ET3(SU) T. R. Cox

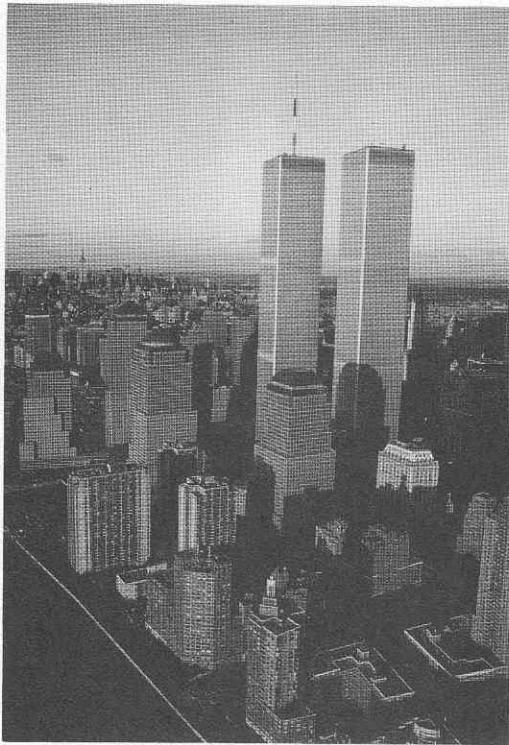
## REACTOR LABORATORY

LTJG MICHAEL J. BOONE  
MM2(SS) G. S. Clark  
MM2(SS) Q. M. Fatherly  
MM3(SS) D. E. Raymond

MM1(SS) J. S. Johnson  
MM2(SS) A. G. Figueroa  
MM2(SS) B. D. Korslin







## NAMESAKE CITY

Symbolically, if not geographically, New York City is at the center of things--the very definition of metropolis, or "mother city." It is the single place that encompasses all the shades of the American experience. The southernmost tip of New York State, New York City is situated where New York Bay and the Hudson, Harlem, and East rivers join. The latter two rivers are actually narrow straits linking Long Island Sound to the bay and the Hudson, which extends via the Erie Canal at Albany to the Great Lakes. Equidistant from Boston, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C., New York is the hub of the Eastern seaboard.

The city is divided into five districts called boroughs. Each of these boroughs was a separate county until 1898, when the Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and Queens were incorporated with Manhattan to form New York City. Each of these boroughs is distinctive, but it is Manhattan with its commanding skyline that stands out in the minds of New Yorkers and non-New Yorkers alike. Only about 20 percent of New York residents, however, live in Manhattan. With a population that exceeded 7,300,000 in 1990, the city is by far the largest in the United States and is one of the world's largest as well.

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Joseph Conrad



### USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) COMMANDING OFFICERS

CDR JAMES A. ROSS	5 MAY 1979 - 30 MARCH 1981
CDR ALBERT E. WALTHER	30 MARCH 1981 - 20 JULY 1984
CDR ROBERT A. CROTTEAU	20 JULY 1984 - 24 FEBRUARY 1988
CDR THOMAS L. TRAVIS	24 FEBRUARY 1988 - 30 OCTOBER 1990
CDR CHARLES A. MILETICH	30 OCTOBER 1990 - 04 JUNE 1993
CDR GREGORY M. VAUGHN	04 JUNE 1993 - PRESENT

## SUBMARINE VERSE OF THE NAVY HYMN

*"Bless those who serve beneath the deep,  
through lonely hours their vigil keep.*

*May peace their mission ever be,  
protect each one we ask of thee.*

*Bless those at home who wait and pray,  
for their return by night or day."*

*-Rev. Gale Williamson*





