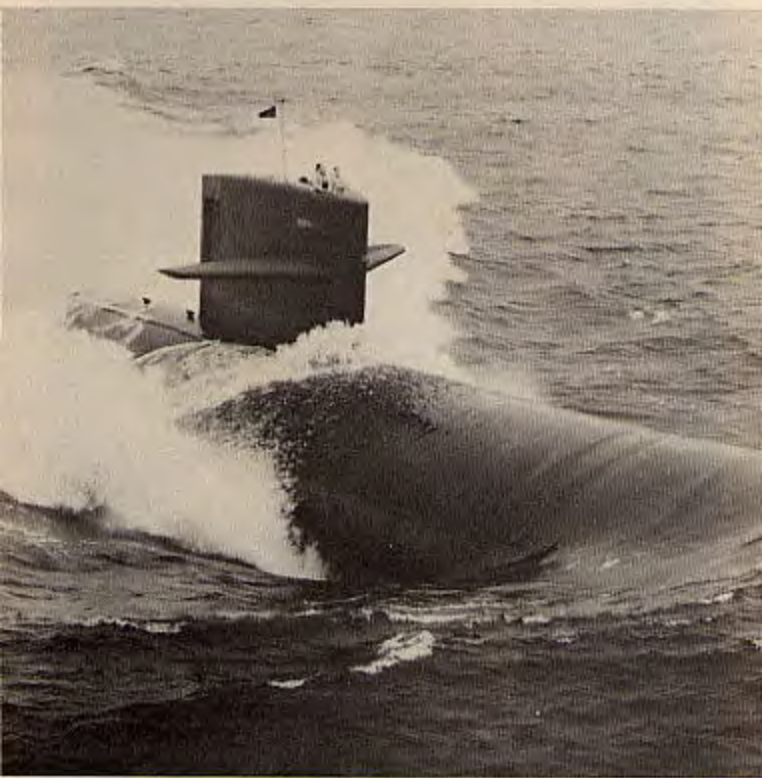


*Welcome Aboard*



**USS INDIANAPOLIS  
(SSN 697)**



**The Launching of Indianapolis (SSN 697)**

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL VISITORS

**WARNING SIGNS:** Please observe all warning signs. Consult a member of ship's force for assistance in any matter.

**OPERATION OF SHIP'S EQUIPMENT:** Do not operate any equipment or switches, turn any valves, or enter any restricted areas without prior approval from ship's force. Observe posted precautions and procedures.

**EMERGENCIES:** Should any emergency situation arise, alarms will be sounded and the word will be passed over the Ship's General Announcing System. You are requested to **STAND FAST BUT CLEAR** of all passageways and operating spaces. Do not obstruct ladders, hatches or the watertight door. Please follow the instructions of the man in charge of the scene without hesitation.

**SECURITY:** Certain aspects of the ship's operating characteristics and certain areas of the ship are classified. The Radioroom, Sonar Room, and Engineerroom are classified areas.



## COMMANDING OFFICER

### Commander Harry Paul Salmon, Jr.

Commander Harry P. SALMON, Jr., was born in Mount Holly, New Jersey, and raised in Pitman, New Jersey. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1963.

After attending Nuclear Power School, Nuclear Prototype Training, and Submarine School, he made four Polaris patrols in USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627) (GOLD). He then served at the United States Naval Academy as a Company Officer and as Aide to the Superintendent. During this tour he earned a Masters of Science degree in Personnel Administration at George Washington University.

During a tour as Engineer Officer, USS SKATE (SSN 578), he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal during an Arctic operation. During a second Engineer Officer tour on USS SEAWOLF (SSN 575) he was awarded a gold star in lieu of a second Navy Achievement Medal. Commander SALMON then served as Executive Officer of the commissioning crew of USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687). Following Prospective Commanding Officer training he served briefly as Mark 48 Torpedo Tactical Development Officer at Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE.

Commander SALMON established the INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) Precommissioning Unit at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation on 30 August 1977.

Commander SALMON is married to the former Doris Elsa Porch of Pedricktown, New Jersey. They currently reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut, with their children Jeffrey, Karen, Dana and David.

Welcome Aboard the United States Ship INDIANAPOLIS (SSN697). INDIANAPOLIS is at the beginning of her service to the fleet and represents a significant element in the continued strong defense of the United States. As you come aboard you will see one of the finest weapons systems in the world today, manned by a highly trained and determined crew. All members of the crew stand ready to assist you or answer any questions you may have. INDIANAPOLIS was built as a warship and so we ask your patience and cooperation in dealing with this close environment.

On behalf of the officers and men of INDIANAPOLIS it is my pleasure to again extend a sincere WELCOME ABOARD to each of you.

Commanding Officer  
USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN697)



## INDIANAPOLIS' HERITAGE

USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) is the third naval ship to be named for the capital city of Indiana. The first ship INDIANAPOLIS was a transport ship which saw duty in World War ONE. The second ship was the Heavy Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS (CA 35) which served as the FIFTH Fleet Flag Ship during World War TWO. Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS saw action in many of the major Pacific Operations. She had the distinction of delivering the first atomic bomb to the island of Tinian. It was on the return leg of this historic voyage that INDIANAPOLIS (CA 35) was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Over one thousand officers and men entered the water, but only 316 survived five days of exposure, fatigue, and delirium before being rescued.

USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697), a Fast Attack Submarine, is the tenth ship of the LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) class to join the fleet. INDIANAPOLIS, being nuclear powered, is capable of long term independent operations. The ship is completely air conditioned and the atmosphere is both highly controlled and continuously monitored.

The keel for INDIANAPOLIS was laid at the Electric Boat Shipyard, Groton, Connecticut on 19 October 1974. Mrs. William Bray, the ship's sponsor, christened INDIANAPOLIS on 30 July 1977, the anniversary of the sinking of the Heavy Cruiser INDIANAPOLIS (CA 35). Commissioning was on 5 January 1980. INDIANAPOLIS is permanently homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and is a unit of Submarine Squadron SEVEN.

The USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) is proud to bear the name of that fine ship and of the City of Indianapolis.



The emblem chosen to represent USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) embodies many symbols that are rich in history and significance, both to the Nation and to the people of Indianapolis. The central feature of the ship's emblem is the representation of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the most prominent landmark in the City of Indianapolis. It was dedicated in 1902 to the memory of Indiana war dead. The gold star and letters "CA 35" are a tribute to the memory of the sailors who gave their lives in the sinking of USS INDIANAPOLIS (CA 35). The checkered background of the emblem symbolizes the Indianapolis 500, the world's most famous motor race. Circumscribed around the monument, in the foreground of the emblem, are electron rings, symbolic of the Nuclear Power which enables USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) to go faster and deeper, with greater endurance than previous ships.



## **Information for Those Riding Underway**

**DINING:** Food is not allowed to be taken to any space other than the Crew's Dinette or Wardroom.

**BUNKING:** Please use only your assigned space. If you are sharing sleeping accommodations, a mutual agreement concerning sleeping times should be made with the person with whom you share the bunk.

**LAUNDRY:** Laundry service is not available. However, if due to abnormal circumstances, you should require the use of the washing machine contact the Chief of the Boat.

**HEAD:** Please avoid excessive consumption of potable water. If you shower, take a Navy shower. Ensure no articles such as pencils, cigarette butts, rags, etc., fall into the commode, as such articles can foul the valves and/or piping associated with the sanitary system. Flush all commodes thoroughly.

**INJURY OR ILLNESS:** You are required to report any injury, no matter how minor, to the Hospital Corpsman. Sick Call is normally held at 0800 daily but, the corpsman is available at all times. Anyone with a known illness should consult their private physician and then the corpsman prior to getting underway and should have a sufficient supply of medication, as required, for the duration of the trip. Anti-motion sickness sedatives may be obtained from the corpsman.

### **RADIATION SAFETY**

Past experience indicates that you will receive little or no radiation exposure on board, but thermoluminescent devices (TLD's) will be required for everyone underway. All personnel should comply with the following precautions:

1. Obey posted, oral and written radiological control instructions.
2. Wear TLD at all times while shipboard.
3. Remain in as low a radiation area as possible. Do not loiter in radiation areas.
4. Do not smoke, eat, drink or chew in a contaminated space.
5. For a known or possible radioactive spill, notify ship's force at once.
6. Report the loss of TLD immediately to ship's force.
7. Do not leave the ship with a ship's TLD. Turn it over to the Hospital Corpsman prior to departure.

# USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697)

## VITAL STATISTICS

KEEL LAID	19 October 1974
LAUNCHED	30 July 1977
COMMISSIONED	5 January 1980
LENGTH	360 Feet
WIDTH	33 Feet
DISPLACEMENT	6900 Tons
COMPLEMENT	115 Enlisted 12 Officers



**USS INDIANAPOLIS**  
**SSN 697**

**NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE**

KEEL LAID OCTOBER 19, 1974 AT GENERAL DYNAMICS' ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION

BY

**MRS. WILLIAM G. BRAY**

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