UNITED STATES SHIP OHIO SSBN726
THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY
AND PENNANT

The commissioning ceremony marks the acceptance of a ship as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment the commissioning pennant is broken, USS OHIO (SSBN726) becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, whether we be at peace or at war.

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The commissioning pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-of-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. The Dutch Admiral, Maarten Harbertszoom Tromp, hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his intention to sweep the English from the sea. This gesture was answered by British Admiral William Blake, who hoisted a horsewhip indicating his intention to chastize the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow commissioning pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.

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The modern U.S. Navy commissioning pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.
USS OHIO (SSBN726) HISTORY

USS OHIO (SSBN726) is the first TRIDENT Class Nuclear Powered Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine. It was constructed at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. OHIO is the fourth United States Navy vessel to bear the name of that State.

The first OHIO, a merchant schooner purchased by the Navy in 1812, was converted to a warship and commissioned in 1813. She served on Lake Erie during the War of 1812 in a squadron commanded by Commodore Oliver H. Perry.

The second OHIO, a ship-type cruiser, was launched in 1820. The ship was refitted in 1838 and served as Flagship for Commodore Issac Hull in the Mediterranean. The ship was decommissioned in 1841 and was subsequently recommissioned in 1846. She sailed for the Gulf of Mexico in 1847 and served in the Pacific Squadron for the next three years. The second OHIO was finally decommissioned in 1875.

The third ship, USS OHIO (BB-12), was launched in 1901 and commissioned in 1904. Designated Flagship of Asiatic Fleet, USS OHIO (BB-12) departed San Francisco in 1905 for Manila and served in the Asiatic Fleet for several years. After the United States entered World War I, she acted as a training ship and operated from Norfolk. USS OHIO (BB-12) was one of the battleships that circled the world as a part of President Theodore Roosevelt’s Great White Fleet. She was placed in reserve in 1919 and decommissioned in 1922.

A fourth OHIO was to have been the Montana Class battleship (BB-68). It was authorized in July, 1940 but construction was canceled in July, 1943.
# USS OHIO (SSBN 726)
## STATISTICAL DATA

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ANNIE GLENN
Sponsor

Annie Margaret Castor Glenn grew up in New Concord, Ohio, and was educated at Muskingum College there, where she majored in music.

She is married to John Glenn and they have two children: David, a doctor living in Virginia, and Lyn (Mrs Phillip Freedman) who lives in Colorado.

Mrs Glenn's current activities are varied. She has made many appearances on behalf of senior citizens and for organizations working with mentally retarded children. She has been active with the Salvation Army for many years.

Mrs. Glenn assists in her husband's offices in Washington and Ohio, and attends committee hearings, especially ones dealing with government operations and foreign relations.
The Honorable
GEORGE BUSH
Vice President of the United States

George Herbert Walker Bush was born in Milton, Massachusetts, on June 12, 1924. He graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, in June 1942, and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. At age 18, he was the youngest commissioned pilot in the Navy at that time.

He served from August 1942 to September 1945 as a naval aviation cadet and carrier pilot, and fought in the Pacific, winning three air medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Returning home, he entered Yale University, completed his economic degree in 1948 graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and captained the varsity baseball team.

After graduation, Mr. Bush moved to Texas where he worked as a trainee and then as a supply salesman for Dresser Industries in West Texas and California from 1948 to 1950. He co-founded a small royalty firm, Bush-Overby Development Company, in 1951. In 1953, he co-founded Zapata Petroleum Corporation, and one year later— at age 30— Mr. Bush became president and co-founder of a third firm, Zapata Offshore Company. The fledgling firm pioneered in experimental offshore drilling equipment. Today much of the energy produced around the world is drilled for by the rigs that Zapata pioneered.

He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1966 from Texas’ 7th District. One of the few freshmen members of Congress ever elected to serve on the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Bush was re-elected to the House without opposition two years later.

During his congressional service, he was active in legislation dealing with problems of excessive government spending and inflation, national defense, civil rights, quality education, natural resources and environmental matters.


In October 1974, Mr. Bush traveled to Peking and served for more than a year as Chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in the People’s Republic of China, a sensitive and complex assignment during a time of deepening hostility between the PRC and the Soviet Union.

He was then appointed Director of Central Intelligence, where he helped write the Executive Order that guaranteed the protection of civil rights of U.S. citizens, and restored morale and efficiency after a period of disorganization in the U.S. intelligence community.

In July 1980, Mr. Bush was selected by Ronald Reagan to be his running mate at the 1980 Republican convention, on November 4, was elected Vice President-designate of the United States, and on January 20, 1981 was sworn in as the 43rd Vice President of the United States.

He is married to the former Barbara Pierce of Rye, New York. They are the parents of five children; George, 33; Jeb, 26; Neil, 24; Marvin, 22; Dorothy, 20; and the grandparents of George and Noelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush are residents of Houston, Texas, and are members of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church, where he is a former vestryman. He currently serves on the vestry of St. Ann’s Episcopal Church, Kennebunkport, Maine, and is on the board of the Episcopal Church Foundation.

His father, the late Prescott Bush, served as U.S. Senator (R-Conn) from 1952 to 1962.
CASPAR W. WEINBERGER
Secretary of Defense

JOHN LEHMAN
Secretary of the Navy
Captain
ALTON K. THOMPSON
Commanding Officer - Blue Crew

Captain Alton K. Thompson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1960. After attending the Nuclear Power School in Vallejo, California, he received propulsion plant practical training at the S1W reactor prototype in Idaho.

He attended the U.S. Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, and then reported to USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579) in November 1961. While on SWORDFISH, Captain THOMPSON completed his qualification in submarines.

Following completion of the Bettis S5W reactor plant course of instruction, Captain Thompson reported to USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN 634) Blue Crew in September 1963. He was assigned to USS THOMAS A. EDISON (SSBN 610) in March 1966 and served as Engineer Officer in both the Blue and Gold Crews.

He served as Aide and Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Navy from November 1968 to May 1970. Captain Thompson received a Master of Science degree in June 1971 from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, after completion of the economics option of the management curriculum.

Captain Thompson reported to USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627) Gold Crew for duty as Executive Officer in November 1971 after having attended the Command Weapons System Orientation Course at the Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, Virginia. In September 1973, he attended the Naval Reactors Prospective Commanding Officer's Course at the Division of Naval Reactors, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D.C.

He assumed command of USS PUFFER (SSN 652) in February 1974. Captain Thompson was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense in November 1976 where he served as a Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics.

After attending several TRIDENT Class submarine design schools, Captain Thompson assumed command of the OHIO (SSBN 726) Precommissioning Unit on 2 February 1978.

Mrs. Thompson is the former Diane Christine Kefauver of Mystic, Connecticut. They have four children: Gregory, Taylor, and Bradley and Michael McKinney.

Captain Thompson has received the following individual and unit awards: Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and Navy "E" Ribbon.
Lieutenant Commander
TERRENCE N. TEHAN
Executive Officer - Blue Crew

Lieutenant Commander Terrence N. Tehan, U.S. Navy, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1969. After completing Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, Maryland, and propulsion plant prototype training at Windsor, Connecticut, he attended the Submarine Officer Basic course at the U.S. Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. He then reported aboard USS GREENLING (SSN 614) in December 1970 where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and Communicator/Electronics Material Officer prior to detaching in March, 1973.

After completing the Submarine Officer’s Advanced Course at New London, Connecticut, Lieutenant Commander Tehan reported for duty as Engineer Officer aboard USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) in October 1973. Following detachment from ARCHERFISH, in August 1977, he attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he received a Master of Science degree in Operations Research/Systems Analysis. He then attended several schools covering details of the Trident submarine design. He reported to OHIO (SSBN 726) Precommissioning Unit for duty as the Prospective Blue Crew Executive Officer on 7 January 1980.

Mrs. Tehan is the former Mary Irons of Providence, Rhode Island. They have three children, Tara, Kerrie, and Timothy and reside in Salem, Connecticut.

Lieutenant Commander Tehan has received the following individual and unit awards: Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation (with 1 star), Meritorious Unit Commendation, two (2) Navy “E” Ribbons, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.
BLUE CREW

OFFICERS

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS
BLUE CREW
OFFICERS

CAPT A. K. Thompson ........................................... Commanding Officer
LCDR T. R. Tahan ................................................... Executive Officer
LCDR P. W. Martin ................................................... Navigator
LCDR J. J. Demlein, Jr. ........................................... Engineer
LCDR L. L. Mayes .................................................... Strategic Weapons Officer
LT J. R. Trowbridge .............................................. Supply Officer
LT M. P. Olson ....................................................... Supply Officer (Departing)
LCDR M. L. Adams ................................................... Medical Officer
LT R. A. Pornaros ................................................... Strategic Missile Officer
LT M. D. Jackert .................................................... Communicator
LT T. N. Stewart .................................................... Tactical Systems Officer
LT J. P. Kulpa ....................................................... Main Propulsion Assistant
LT J. A. Arildsen ................................................... Damage Control Assistant
LT A. M. Brown .................................................... Assistant Engineer
LTJG M. E. Bauman .............................................. Auxiliary Division Officer
LTJG T. M. Giordana ............................................. Electrical Officer
LTJG M. G. Lambie ............................................... Reactor Control Assistant
ENS R. D. Roesser ................................................ Interior Communications Officer

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

ETCM(SS) A. P. Balestrieri, Chief of the Boat

MMC(M) R. L. Schaeffer
EMCM(SS) M. E. Stein
ETCM(SS) R. B. Turner
EMCS(SS) D. W. Anderson

STCS(SS) J. L. Shumard
SKC(SS) A. A. Apigo
MSC(SS) J. R. Bohnenstiehl
MMC(SS) D. R. Bradshaw

ET(SS) D. D. Ettwein
HMC(SS) J. L. Gray, III
QMC(SS) K. R. Hegerty
MMC(SS) J. H. McMjunkins

RMC(SS) L. E. Milano
ICC(SS) G. D. Morgan
MTC(SS) M. A. Nagle
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CAPTAIN HARRY F. MacCALL, CHC, USN

REAR ADMIRAL HAROLD L. YOUNG, USN
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CAPTAIN ALTON K. THOMPSON, USN
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CAPTAIN HARRY F. MacCALL, CHC, USN

MUSIC
Academy Drum and Bugle Corps
GOLD CREW

OFFICERS

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Commander
RICHARD A. BUCHANAN
Executive Officer - Gold Crew

Commander Richard A. Buchanan graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1968. After attending Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, Maryland, he received propulsion plant practical training at the S3G reactor prototype in West Milton, New York.

He attended the U.S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Connecticut graduating in February 1970. He reported to USS LAPON (SSN 661) in Norfolk, Virginia. While on LAPON he completed his qualification in submarines, served as Damage Control Assistant and Weapons Officer, and participated in an overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine.

Commander Buchanan reported to the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1973 and served for two years as the First Company Officer.

He attended the Submarine Officers Advanced Course at the U.S. Naval Submarine School, New London. Following graduation in December 1975, Commander Buchanan reported to USS TREPANG (SSN 674) in New London, Connecticut as Engineer Officer.

Following completion of Prospective Executive Officer's training at Submarine School and Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, Virginia, Commander Buchanan reported in August 1979 to the Gold Crew of USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616) as Executive Officer.

Commander Buchanan attended several Trident Class submarine design schools and reported to the OHIO (SSBN 726) Precommissioning Unit as Executive Officer in February 1981. He will be Executive Officer of the Gold Crew when OHIO is commissioned.

Mrs. Buchanan is the former Theresa Anne Twaddle of Wayne, Pennsylvania. They have one son, Thomas and reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

Commander Buchanan has received the following individual and unit awards: Navy Commendation with gold star, Navy Achievement Medal, Naval Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.
Captain
ARLINGTON F. CAMPBELL
Commanding Officer - Gold Crew


He attended the U.S. Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, and reported to USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) BLUE in March 1963. While assigned to THEODORE ROOSEVELT, he qualified in submarines, completed qualification as Engineer Officer, and completed 5 Polaris Patrols and a 19 month overhaul.

Following that tour Captain Campbell reported to USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643) GOLD in January 1967 and completed 4 Polaris Patrols while serving as Engineer Officer. He then attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received a Master of Science Degree in June 1970, after completing the financial and personnel management options of the naval management curriculum.

He reported to USS FINBACK (SSN 670) in July 1970 and served as Navigator and Operations Officer. After attending the Command Weapons Systems Orientation course at the Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, Virginia, he reported to USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN 633) GOLD in March 1972 for duty as Executive Officer. During this tour he completed 4 Poseidon Patrols.

In May 1974 Captain Campbell reported to the Naval Sea Systems Command (Code 08) Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C. for duty as the Assistant for Nuclear Trained Enlisted Personnel Matters. In September 1976, he attended the Naval Reactors Prospective Commanding Officer's course at the Division of Naval Reactors, Washington, D.C. Upon completion he attended the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Prospective Commanding Officer's course in New London, Connecticut and Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Campbell relieved as Commanding Officer of USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687) in April 1977. Following two and one-half years in command, he attended several TRIDENT Class submarine design schools and reported for duty to the OHIO (SSBN 726) Precommissioning Unit on 7 January 1980.

Mrs. Campbell is the former Bonnie Lee Jackson of Weirton, West Virginia. They have a son, William and daughter, Caroline and reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

Captain Campbell has received the following individual and unit awards: Legion of Merit, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation (2), and Navy Expeditionary Medal.
11 November 1981

Captain Arlington F. Campbell, USN
PCO, OHIO (SSBN 726) GOLD
Electric Boat Division
General Dynamics Corporation
Groton, Connecticut 06340

Dear Captain,

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of OHIO (SSBN 726).

In the years since World War II, America has, as perhaps never before in its history, depended upon its Navy to play a significant role in the maintenance of its liberty. The development of our strategic submarine force has given our nation a powerful and highly survivable form of protection against the threat of attack. As you place OHIO in commission, you introduce a new dimension to the OHIO in commission, which, for more than twenty years, has contributed so well to the preservation of the peace. As I know that your new OHIO and the skilled submariners who bring her to life will continue to add new luster to their spirit of duty well done.

Your ship now begins an active role in the fleet. You, and those who serve with you, are charged with the heavy responsibility of making OHIO a fully effective instrument of seapower in our country's defense. May you meet with every success in assuming that responsibility.

Sincerely,

John Lehman
Dear Captain,

Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the commissioning of the United States Ship OHIO. An unusual distinction and a special set of responsibilities fall upon you as her first commanding officer, especially since she is the first ship of her class in the class of strategic submarines. By your selection as the commissioning captain, your distinguished record of professionalism, and in this assignment the full measure of your demonstrated abilities will be called upon to fulfill these responsibilities.

When she joins the fleet, OHIO will be the newest ship in the United States Navy as well as the largest United States submarine ever built, and will bring to the operating forces the most modern design and quality construction at sea today. Yet this splendid vessel cannot fulfill the role for which she was authorized by Congress—ensure that the United States continues to maintain a credible survivable deterrent—unless she is manned with dedicated crews of Navy men who are capable of operating and maintaining her to the very limits of designed potential.

It is your responsibility, as commanding officer, to establish for OHIO, the lead ship of her class, an operating capability to match her potential. As your ship and crew endure over her many years of service reputation which will endure over her many years of service to the nation and to the Navy. OHIO's excellence of character and professional reputation will largely depend upon your leadership as the first commanding officer.

I congratulate you on your selection for this most important task. Yours is a great honor. It is also a profound responsibility. I have the fullest confidence you will execute it well.

Sincerely,

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Adm. U.S. Navy

Captain Arlington F. Campbell, USN
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NUCLEAR POWERED TRIDENT SUBMARINE
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BY
MRS. ROBERT TAFT, JR.

"IN EVERY AGE, IN EVERY FIELD OF NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT, THERE ARE A FEW MOMENTS OF DECISION. LAYING THE KEEL OF THE OHIO IS A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF A MOMENT OF DECISION FOR THIS TIME IN THE CONTINUING STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM WHEN WE FACE A MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGE."

THE HONORABLE ROBERT TAFT, JR.
United States Senator from Ohio
USS OHIO SSBN 726
During Construction
LAUNCHING OF THE OHIO
April 7, 1979
WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Many people labored long and hard as members of the OHIO Precommissioning Unit, but have since been transferred for duty elsewhere and are not part of the commissioning crew. This page recognizes those individuals for the significant contributions that they made in the construction of this fine ship. We consider them shipmates:

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