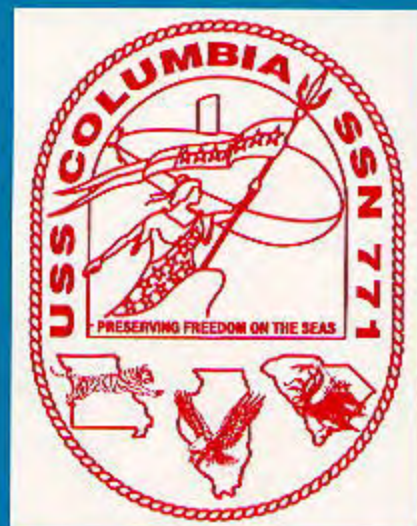
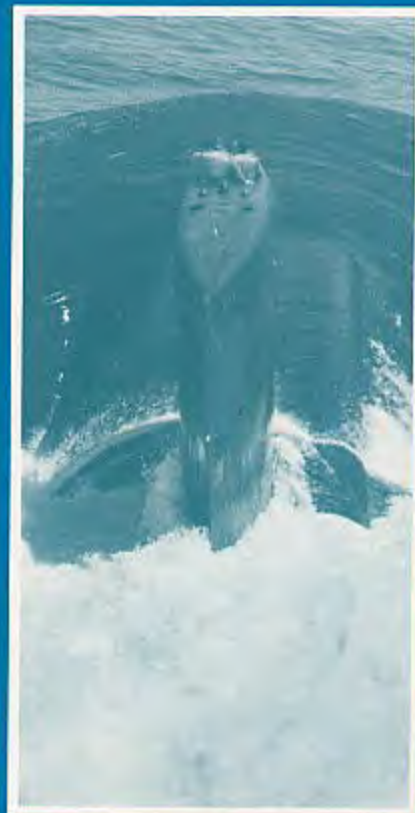


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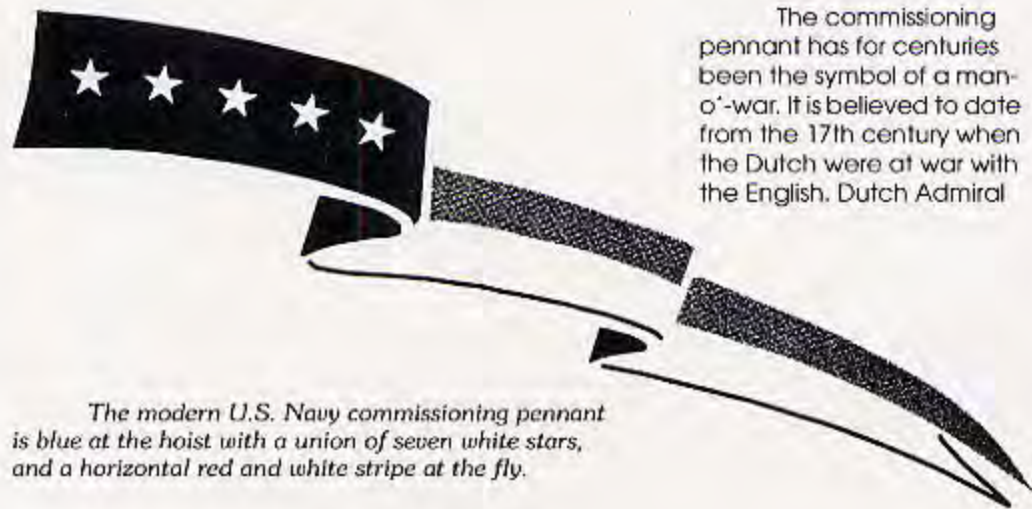


*Commissioning
October 9, 1995*





Commissioning Pennant



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.

The commissioning pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-o'-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral

Marten Harpertszoon 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 chastise 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.

Commissioning Ceremony

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 COLUMBIA (SSN771) 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 at peace or at war.

At the beginning of the ceremony, the ship is flying no colors; therefore, platform guests are announced, but naval honors are not rendered.

To place the ship in commission, the commissioning officer reads the commissioning directive, the national anthem is played, and flags are raised. These flags are the national ensign on the aft staff, the jack on the forward staff and the commissioning pennant on the aft end of the sail. All uniformed guests render a hand salute during the national anthem.

The Commanding Officer will then read his orders and assume command of, and responsibility for, the ship. Such orders are traditionally read to the crew so that each man knows who is in command.

The first watch is symbolically set as crew members lay below decks, man the rails and test ship's equipment (missile tube muzzle hatches are cycled, periscopes raised and lowered, and the rudder operated).

The newly commissioned ship then renders full honors to the civilian and military officials present. The flags of these officials will be raised and an appropriate gun salute fired for each official. During these honors, uniformed guests should salute.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, sideboys will be paraded at the shore end of the brow; platform guests will be announced and piped over the side while those on the quarterdeck salute.



President of the United States



**The Honorable
Bill Clinton**

President of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1995

Greetings to all those gathered to celebrate the commissioning of COLUMBIA (SSN 771).

This ceremony celebrates a great new symbol of American excellence -- a ship that exemplifies our nation's technological skill and creativity, as well as our resolve to ensure that freedom continues to flourish. COLUMBIA will strengthen and sustain the invaluable contributions the Navy makes to America's leadership in global affairs. Ready for any contingency, her combat power, mobility, and flexibility will help to promote the cause of liberty and protect our national security. This fine ship stands as a noble reminder of our steadfast commitment to maintain a democratic world for the generations to come.

To the courageous sailors who will serve aboard COLUMBIA, I wish you great success in preserving the peace as you stand resolute in defense of freedom.

Bill Clinton

Principal Speaker and Sponsor

Hillary Rodham Clinton served as First Lady of Arkansas for twelve years. During that time, she worked as a full-time partner of a law firm, chaired an education committee that set public school standards in Arkansas, managed a home, and cared for her husband and child. On many occasions, Hillary Clinton has spoken about the need "to find the right balance in our lives." For her, the elements of that balance are family, work, and public service.

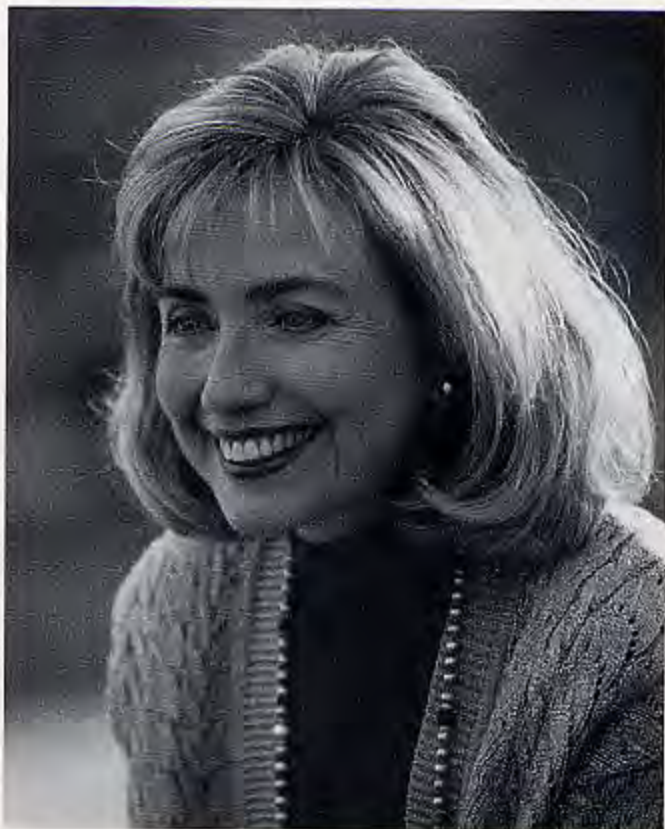
Hillary Diane Rodham was born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 26, 1947, daughter of Dorothy Rodham and the late Hugh Rodham. She and her two younger brothers grew up in Park Ridge, Illinois, in a close-knit family. An excellent student, she was also a Girl Scout and a member of the local Methodist youth group. Mrs. Clinton enjoyed sports and was always interested in politics.

She entered Wellesley College in 1965. Graduating with high honors, she then enrolled in Yale Law School, where she served on the Board of Editors of the *Yale Review of Law and Social Action*. There she met Bill Clinton, a fellow student. While at Yale, she developed her strong concern for protecting the interests of children and their families.

In 1973, Mrs. Clinton became a staff attorney for the Children's Defense Fund. A year later, she joined the Impeachment Inquiry staff of the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives to work on the Watergate impeachment proceedings.

Mrs. Clinton left Washington and "followed her heart to Arkansas" and married Bill Clinton in 1975. The couple both taught on the law faculty of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Their daughter, Chelsea, was born in 1980.

As First Lady of Arkansas, Mrs. Clinton continued to work tirelessly on behalf of children and families. In addition to chairing the Arkansas Education Standards Committee, she founded the Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families. She introduced a pioneering program called Arkansas' Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youth, which trains parents to work with their children in preschool preparedness and literacy. Mrs. Clinton also served on the board of the Arkansas Children's Hospital. In recognition of her professional and personal accomplishments, Mrs. Clinton was named Arkansas Woman of the Year in 1983 and Arkansas Mother of the Year in 1984.



First Lady
Hillary Rodham Clinton

Upon taking office, the President made health care one of his highest priorities and appointed the First Lady to head his Task Force on National Health Care Reform. Like her predecessors, Hillary Rodham Clinton brings to the role of First Lady of the United States her own special talents, experience, style, and interests.



Secretary of Defense



**The Honorable
William J. Perry
Secretary of Defense**



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Commander Dale H. Govan, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
COLUMBIA (SSN771)
73 Eastern Point Road
Groton, CT 06340-4990

Dear Commander:

Congratulations to you and your crew on the commissioning of COLUMBIA (SSN771).

COLUMBIA's commissioning is the culmination of a planning and construction effort that combines American technology with talent and innovation. She provides a significant increase in our joint military capability.

Yet, she can only be effective with a skilled and highly-trained crew. It is your challenge to develop the teamwork and professional skills that will make full use of her capabilities in achieving your mission. I know this is a challenge that the crew of COLUMBIA is dedicated to meeting.

I wish you and the crew of COLUMBIA the greatest success on your voyage toward excellence.

Sincerely,



October 9, 1995

**COMMISSIONING
USS COLUMBIA SSN 771**

Secretary of the Navy



**The Honorable
John H. Dalton
Secretary of the Navy**



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

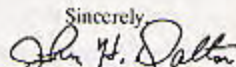
Commander Dale R. Govan, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer
COLUMBIA (SSN 771)
Groton, CT 06340-4990

Dear Commander Govan:

Congratulations on your new command and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of COLUMBIA (SSN 771).

COLUMBIA, the newest attack submarine in the Fleet, incorporates the latest technology and the most modern capabilities our nation can produce. I know that your professionalism and skill will establish a tradition of excellence which will be the standard for all who serve in this ship for years to come.

As you assume your place in the Fleet, those who serve in COLUMBIA are charged with the heavy responsibility of making her an instrument of peace through strength. I wish you every success in meeting the challenges which lie ahead.

Sincerely,

John H. Dalton





Chief of Naval Operations



Admiral
Jeremy M. Boorda
United States Navy
Chief of Naval Operations



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

A MESSAGE TO THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF COLUMBIA (SSN771)

I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the Officers and crew of COLUMBIA (SSN771), our newest attack submarine, on the occasion of her commissioning.

COLUMBIA is a most impressive new addition to our Fleet. Like her sister ships of the LOS ANGELES class, COLUMBIA is entrusted with the mission of preventing war through her advanced ability to operate against surface and undersea attackers and will perform this mission well into the 21st century. I expect those who sail her to live up to the bravery and commitment exhibited by the men who served in her predecessors from the 1830s through World War II. While her technological capabilities and heritage combine to make her a fine ship, COLUMBIA's true strength comes from the dedicated officers, chiefs and sailors who proudly walk her decks.

As you assume an active role in the Fleet, you are charged with the responsibility of making COLUMBIA a ready instrument of seapower in our nation's defense.

I wish you every success, fair winds and following seas as you bring COLUMBIA into the Fleet.

J.M. Boorda
J. M. BOORDA
Admiral, U.S. Navy



Commissioning Officer

Vice Admiral George W. Emery is a native of Springvale, Maine. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 1963, and qualified in submarines in July 1966.

He has served in five nuclear submarines and commanded the USS GROTON (SSN694) and the Gold Crew of the USS OHIO (SSBN726).

Vice Admiral Emery's tours have included an assignment as division officer of the Blue Crew of the USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN619); instructor and division director, Naval Nuclear Power School, Bainbridge, Maryland; engineer officer, USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN663); Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Executive Officer, USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN685); duty on the Staff, Director, Division of Naval Reactors, Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.; Chief of Staff to Commander Carrier Group Seven (USS KITTY HAWK and USS CONSTELLATION Battle Groups); Deputy Director, Strike and Amphibious War-

fare (OP-74); Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy, and subsequently, to the Secretary of the Navy.

After selection to flag rank, Vice Admiral Emery became the Director, Total Force Programming/Manpower Division (OP-12), and subsequently the Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Military Personnel Policy and Career Progression (PERS-2). Vice Admiral Emery was Commander, Submarine Group Five, prior to his appointment as Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (five awards) and several other individual, unit and service awards.

Vice Admiral Emery is married to the former Patricia Lillian Kershaw of Sanford, Maine. Their son, Robert, an Army captain and Apache helicopter pilot, commands Alpha Company in the 501st Aviation Regiment.



**Vice Admiral
George W. Emery**
United States Navy

Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Commander Submarines
Allied Command Atlantic





COLUMBIA Launching



"In the name of the United States,
I christen thee COLUMBIA –
May God bless her and
all who sail in her."

- *Hillary Rodham Clinton* -
September 24, 1994

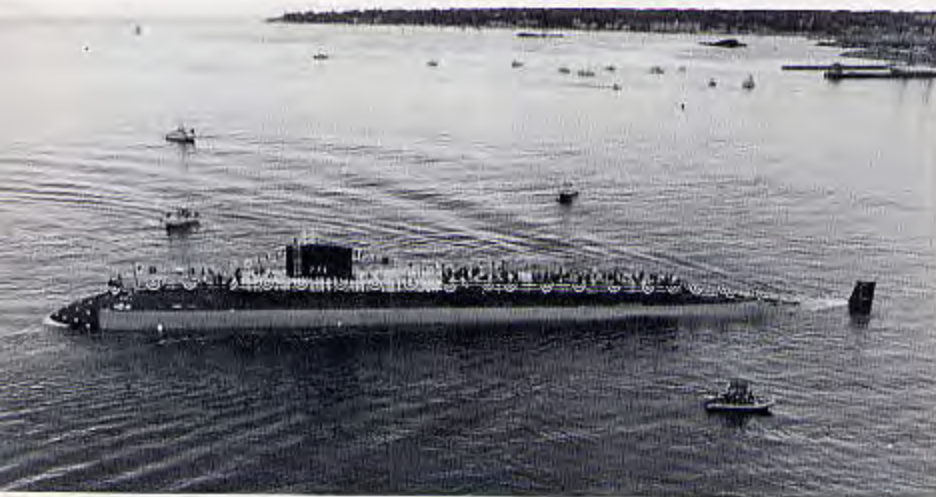


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**COMMISSIONING
USS COLUMBIA SSN 771**



The Columbia, Electric Boat's 33rd and final Los Angeles Class submarine, was the last in a line of 187 submarines to slide from the Groton Shipyard.



When Columbia entered the Thames River, 22,000 people, standing shoulder-to-shoulder, cheered from the land-level facility and vacant launch ways as they witnessed a sight they would never see again.



Ships named COLUMBIA

The submarine *Columbia* (SSN771) is the seventh commissioned U.S. Navy warship to bear the name that personifies the United States.

The first *Columbia* commissioned as a Navy ship was a frigate launched in 1836, which later became one of the first U.S. Navy ships to circumnavigate the globe. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the ship was scuttled and

when they occupied Charleston, S.C., in February 1865. Commissioned soon afterward, it was decommissioned in June of that year.

In 1892, Cruiser No. 12 was christened *Columbia* at the Cramp shipyard in Philadelphia and participated in both the Spanish-American War and the First World War. This ship also served as flagship of the Submarine Flotilla (1915-17); Squadron 5, Patrol Force (1917); and Squadron 2, Destroyer Force (1919). It was decommissioned in 1921. In November of that year, the name of Naval transport *U.S.S. Great Northern* was changed to *Columbia*. During World War I, this ship transported 28,248 passengers to Europe and 22,852 back to the U.S. in 18 round trips. After serving as flagship for the commander in chief, Atlantic Fleet, in 1921, *Columbia* was placed out of commission in 1922 and delivered to the U.S. Shipping Board.

The U.S. had just entered World War II when CL-56, the most famous of the long *Columbia* line, was launched in Camden, N.J., December 17, 1941. The Cleveland-Class cruiser arrived in the South Pacific in December 1942 and participated in numerous actions in the Solomons, including the battle of Empress Augusta Bay in the fall of 1943. The *Columbia* supported the Palaus landings in September 1944 and the invasion of the Philippines in October. During the ensuing battle of Leyte Gulf, the *Columbia* was part of the

American force that capped the T of a Japanese column, sinking a battleship and forcing the other enemy units to retire.

On January 6, 1945, during the bombardment that preceded the landings in Lingayen Gulf, the *Columbia* was attacked by Japanese kamikaze planes. Hit by the ship's gunfire, one of the suicide planes crashed 50 feet off the side of the bridge, spraying the entire forward end with gasoline. Serious fires were prevented by the quick action of damage-control crews, but later in the same day another kamikaze struck the ship's main deck. The ensuing explosion killed 13 of the crew and wounded 44, put two turrets out of action and set the ship afire. Damage-control measures enabled the ship to remain in action, providing close support to underwater demolition teams. On January 9, the *Columbia* was struck again by a kamikaze, which killed 24 men and wounded 97. Once more, prompt action by the ship's crew allowed the *Columbia* to complete its mission. *Columbia's* performance in Lingayen Gulf was recognized by a Navy Unit Commendation.

Following repairs and an overhaul, the *Columbia* returned to action in June, participating in the invasion of Borneo and operating with Task Force 95 in the East China Sea. The ship, which won a total of 10 battle stars, was decommissioned and placed in reserve at Philadelphia in 1946, and sold in 1959.

The First COLUMBIA

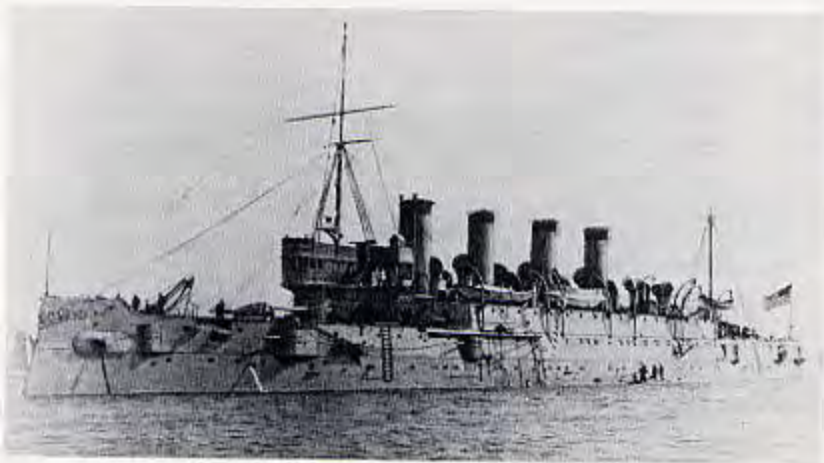


burned by Union forces when the Norfolk Navy Yard was surrendered to the Confederates.

In December 1862, a captured Confederate blockade runner was commissioned *Columbia* and assigned to the U.S. Navy's North Atlantic Blockading Squadron. This ship ran aground and was wrecked off Wilmington, N.C., the following January. The next *Columbia* originally was a Confederate-built ironclad ram seized by Union forces

October 9, 1995

**COMMISSIONING
USS COLUMBIA SSN 771**



**The fourth COLUMBIA,
Cruiser No. 12**

**The fifth COLUMBIA,
Flagship for the Commander
in Chief Atlantic Fleet**



**The Sixth COLUMBIA,
World War II Light Cruiser
CL-56**



Ship's Characteristics



COLUMBIA IN THE THAMES RIVER

USS COLUMBIA (SSN771) is the 33rd 688 Class submarine built at Electric Boat and stands in a class with her two sister ships, GREENVILLE (SSN772) and CHEYENNE (SSN773), as the most advanced and capable ships of the improved Los Angeles Class. These ships incorporate SEAWOLF technology and stealth into their construction.

The roles and missions of COLUMBIA and today's submarine force have changed dramatically from that of World War II submarines. Although

today's submarines are still used for sea denial (interdicting threat against surface ships and other submarines), they are capable of and have been successfully engaged in coastal surveillance and intelligence gathering operations; delivering special forces units in areas where surprise and secrecy was essential; and in delivering precision strikes to land based targets hundreds of miles inland.

COLUMBIA is well suited to carry on these missions well into the 21st century. Faster than any predecessor and equipped with the highly accurate AN/BSY-1 sonar and fire control system, the ship can be armed with sophisticated advanced capability MK 48 torpedoes and harpoon anti-ship missiles. Multi-purpose TOMAHAWK cruise missiles can be launched from the vertical tubes located in the bow or from the ship's torpedo tubes. Other significant improvements include full un-

der-ice capability, improved ship quieting, over-the-horizon targeting, towed sonar arrays, and retractable bow planes.

The heart of the ship's navigation system is the electrostatically suspended gyro navigation (ESGN) system. The ship also receives positioning information from satellites, Loran, bottom contouring and conventional means.

The ship makes its own oxygen with an electronic oxygen generator and purifies the air with carbon dioxide scrubber and hydrocarbon burners. Atmospheric contaminants are carefully monitored by a central atmosphere monitoring system.

The ship's long-life, water-cooled nuclear reactor provides virtually unlimited power for ship operations. Time on station is limited by the endurance of the crew and the amount of food that can be carried onboard.

CHARACTERISTICS

Length:	362 Feet
Hull Diameter:	33 Feet
Draft:	32 Feet
Displacement (Surfaced):	6127 Tons
Displacement (Submerged):	6900 Tons
Missile Tubes:	12
Torpedo Tubes:	4
Complement - Officers:	16
Enlisted:	130
Total:	146

Symbolism of the Seal



SHIP'S SEAL

MOTTO: "Preserving Freedom on the Seas" located at the Statue of Freedom's feet, represents the foundation of her efforts while in service.

SYMBOLISM: Lady figure represents the Statue of Freedom atop the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. The tradition of having COLUMBIA appearing on the prows of ships dates back to the American Revolution. She is leaning forward and looking ahead to indicate the speed and direction of the United States Navy. Her trident symbolizes sea prowess and naval weaponry, both past and present. The commissioning pennant with seven stars represents her as the seventh commissioned naval ship to bear the name USS COLUMBIA. The ten stars on her sash represent the battle stars earned by the last fighting ship USS COLUMBIA (CL-56).

States - Located below the lady, the states indicate the support of the people. The states of Missouri, Illinois, and South Carolina represent the locations of our "namesake cities" proudly called COLUMBIA.

Animals - The animals, chosen by each city as that which best represents their people, indicate the spirit instilled by those communities in the personality of the ship COLUMBIA. The tiger, representing Columbia, Missouri, indicates strength and hunting ability. The eagle, representing Columbia, Illinois, indicates speed and the ability to find prey at great distances. The gamecock, representing Columbia, South Carolina, indicates quickness and the courage to fight.



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.

Columbia, Illinois

A bedroom community of 6,500 residents, Columbia, Illinois, is only about 12 miles from downtown St. Louis, Missouri. Despite its Midwest location, the city has strong ties to the Navy, boasting three graduates of the U.S. Naval Academy, including two who attained four-star rank.

Columbia was first surveyed in 1820, received its initial influx of German immigrants in 1835 and became a town in 1859. Building their brick homes close to the street, the German settlers gave the community a unique appearance that lives on through the original buildings that still stand today.

In recent years, Columbia has experienced double-digit growth as former city dwellers have discovered its peaceful and convenient location.

The community's ties to the Navy trace back to August Weinel, a native son who graduated first in his class from the Naval Academy in 1936. Lieutenant

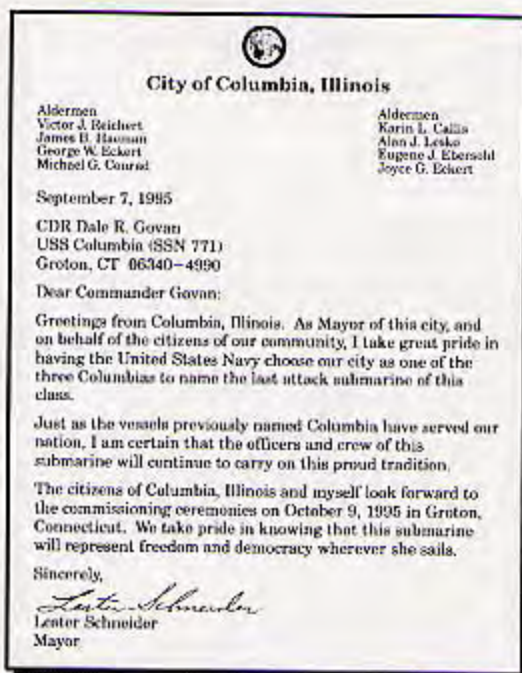
Commander Weinel was in command of the submarine *USS Cisco* when it was lost in the China Sea in September 1943.

His cousin, John P. Weinel, a 1939 Annapolis graduate, served as an aviator during World War II and the Korean Conflict, and as a Carrier Division Commander and Task Group Commander during the Vietnam War. Admiral Weinel received his fourth star in 1974 and retired in 1977.

The third Columbia native who made his mark in the Navy is Carlisle A. H. Trost, who graduated first in his class from the Naval Academy in 1953. Admiral Trost was named the Navy's 23rd Chief of Naval Operations in 1986. He retired in 1990.



The Honorable
Lester Schneider
Mayor of
Columbia, Illinois





Columbia, Missouri



**The Honorable
Darwin A. Hindman, Jr.**
**Mayor of
Columbia, Missouri**



Situated in the foothills of the Ozarks midway between St. Louis and Kansas City, Columbia (population 70,000), has been nationally recognized for its quality of life, which derives from a blend of small-town friendliness and big city features.

Osage and Missouri Native American tribes first roamed the area of what is now Columbia. Daniel Boone, and Lewis and Clark, who explored the region in the early 1800s, were followed by Kentuckians, who began arriving in 1819. In 1820, about three months before Missouri was admitted to the Union as a state, the territorial legislature formed a new county

named for the pioneer Boone. Columbia became the county seat and was incorporated in 1826.

More recently, Columbia has been consistently ranked in the top 20 of Money magazine's "Best Places to Live in the Nation," an annual survey of 300 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas. Additionally, Columbia was listed in the 1993 relocation book "50 Fabulous Places to Raise Your Family."

Columbia is also home to three major colleges — the University of Missouri — Columbia, Stephens College and Columbia College. Their presence contributes significantly to the city's strong downtown economy.



Office of Mayor and Council
CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
PO BOX 100 COLUMBIA, MISSOURI 65201-0100

October 9, 1995

Commander Dale Govan
United States Navy
Commanding Officer
USS Columbia (SSN 771)

Dear Commander Govan:

On the occasion of the Commissioning of USS Columbia, the City of Columbia, Missouri, takes pleasure in extending a special greeting to you, your officers, enlisted crew members, and family members.

Columbia, Missouri, is honored to be one of the USS Columbia's namesake cities, and we are extremely proud to know that there will be a special attachment between the citizens of Columbia, Missouri, your crew and subsequent crews that will serve on-board USS Columbia. Our thoughts and our prayers will always be with USS Columbia and her crews as she represents the freedom and democracy of the United States of America wherever she sails. You and your crew will have great responsibility and we are confident that your extensive training has prepared you to face any challenge.

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Columbia, I wish you fair winds and following seas.

Sincerely,

Darwin A. Hindman, Jr.
Mayor

Columbia, South Carolina

Since its creation by legislative action in 1786 as the capital of South Carolina, the city of Columbia has been the focal point for much of the state's historical, economic, educational and governmental activity.

As the capital of South Carolina, the city (population 100,000) is home to many state agencies, as well as the offices of Richland County government and the federal government. Columbia is also home to Fort Jackson, the Army's largest initial training center.

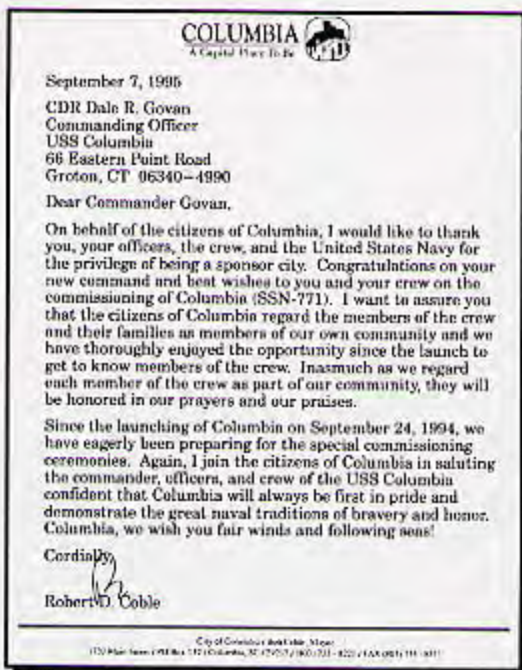
For history buffs, the Columbia area offers numerous historical buildings and locations. South Carolina's secession convention, for instance, met in Columbia's First Baptist Church. There are also many reminders around the city of the visit paid by General Sherman's army during the Civil War.

Columbia's skyline is distinguished by buildings belonging to the University of South Carolina, which is located within the city. Founded in 1801, the university has grown along with the city and now has an enrollment of 25,000 students. The city also offers a variety of significant cultural activities, including the South Carolina Philharmonic Orchestra, Columbia City Ballet and several community theater groups. One of these, Town Theatre, which was founded in 1919, is the oldest continuously operating community theater in the U.S.

As it moves into its third century, Columbia is committed to developing into a world-class city, while retaining its small-town charm.



The Honorable
Bob Coble
Mayor of
Columbia, South Carolina





Commanding Officer



**Commander
Dale R. Govan
Commanding Officer
United States Navy**

Commander Dale R. Govan was born into a Navy Family; he is the second generation to graduate from the United States Naval Academy. He earned a bachelor's degree in marine engineering, graduating with distinction in 1977, after which he started his submarine career by attending the Navy Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida.

Commander Govan's first tour of duty was onboard the USS SEAHORSE (SSN669) in Charleston, South Carolina, where he served as Reactor Controls Officer and Sonar Officer. He was selected to attend the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in New London, Connecticut, and returned directly to sea as Engineering Officer onboard the Blue Crews of the USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN629) and then the USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN623).

Commander Govan enjoyed his first shore duty assignment at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he served on the staff of the Commander Submarine Force United States Pacific Fleet as the Material Officer for submarines. He then attended the Prospective Executive

Officer course and was assigned Executive Officer onboard the USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655), Blue Crew. Commander Govan completed a total of 12 strategic deterrent patrols before his assignment as a Strategic Nuclear Planner at the United States Strategic Command of Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska. In his current assignment, he has overseen the construction, crew training and acceptance of the 688 class submarine USS COLUMBIA (SSN771) into the Navy.

Commander Govan's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), the Joint Achievement Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards). He earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska in 1992.

Commander Govan is married to his high school sweetheart, the former April Bechtel of Fairfax Station, Virginia. They have three children: Chip, Dale E. and Cassie. His family resides in Ledyard, Connecticut.

Executive Officer

Commander George M. Petro is originally from Windber, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1980, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography.

Commander Petro entered the submarine and Nuclear Power Training pipeline after serving briefly at the Naval Recruiting District, Pittsburgh. Following Nuclear Power Training in Orlando, Florida, and Ballston Spa, New York, Commander Petro proceeded through Submarine Officer Basic Course in New London, Connecticut, and reported to the USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN626), Blue Crew, in April 1982. After qualifying as Engineering Officer, Commander Petro detached from the DANIEL WEBSTER in August 1985 and reported to Naval Submarine School, Groton, Connecticut, as an instructor for the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC). Commander Petro was responsible for curriculum development and the instruction of prospective department heads, executive officers, and commanding officers in the areas of cruise missiles (Harpoon and Tomahawk) and fire control systems (MK-117 and CCS MK 1).

After completing Submarine Officer Advanced Course in June

1988, Commander Petro reported to the Gold Crew of the USS DANIEL WEBSTER (SSBN626) as Navigator. He made three strategic deterrent patrols, including a Mediterranean deployment and twice was selected the Atlantic Fleet Top Security Performer. In December 1989, Commander Petro detached from the DANIEL WEBSTER and reported as Navigator to the USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN705).

Commander Petro detached from the CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI in June 1991 and reported to the Headquarters Defense Mapping Agency where he served as the Submarine Requirements Officer and Cruise Missile Targeting Officer. He detached in June 1993 and reported to Submarine Group Two for temporary duty. In October 1993, Commander Petro reported as Executive Officer of PCU COLUMBIA (SSN771).

Commander Petro is entitled to wear the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal (second award).

Commander Petro is married to the former Ann Hellos of Sea Girl, New Jersey. They have a daughter, Brianna, and reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.



**Commander
George M. Petro
Executive Officer
United States Navy**



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LTJG D.M. RUSSEL
Youngstown, OH

MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT



LTJG J.H. WENZEL
Harvey, ND

CHEM/RADIOLOGICAL ASSISTANT



LTJG T.A. PRETE
Ocean Pines, MD

ELECTRICAL ASSISTANT



LTJG R.J. BANASIEWICZ
Plainville, CT

REACTOR CONTROLS ASSISTANT

ADDITIONAL PLANKOWNERS

ENS E.A. BROENNLE

**INTERIOR
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**



Chief of the Boat



Master Chief Petty Officer
Robert E. Neill
Chief of the Boat
United States Navy



Senior enlisted man aboard ship. Senior enlisted advisor to the Commanding Officer.

Master Chief Robert E. Neill is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. He graduated from Banks High School in 1967 and has attended Jacksonville State University and Mohegan Community College.

Master Chief Neill entered the submarine service by reporting to the USS PARGO (SSN650) in September 1970 after attending Machinist's Mate "A" School and The Basic Enlisted Submarine School. He served as an Auxiliaryman. During his tour on PARGO, the ship was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the Squadron Ten Battle "E", and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. He completed his tour as the Leading Chief of the Auxiliary Division and transferred in February 1978. He then reported to Naval Submarine Support Facility New London, where he served as an Assistant Division Officer for the Machinery Division until February 1981.

While attached to the Support Facility he supervised numerous machinery shops consisting of 150 men and women. Master Chief Neill was then transferred to the USS NATHANAEEL GREENE (SSBN636), Blue Crew. He served his first tour as the Chief of the Boat and attained the rank of Master Chief. He transferred in July 1984 and attended the Senior Enlisted Academy. He then reported back to the Naval

Submarine Support Facility, New London, where he served as a Ship Supervisor until January 1988. He then reported to the USS GREENLING (SSN614) where he again served as the Chief of the Boat. During his tour the ship was awarded the Arleigh Burke Weapons Award, the "Hook'em" Award, the Squadron Ten Battle "E", and two Medical "M" Readiness Awards. In June 1990, he again reported to the Naval Submarine Support Facility, this time as the Command Master Chief. While attached, the Support Facility received two Golden Anchor Awards and a Silver Anchor Award for quality of life and retention. Master Chief Neill reported to the PCU COLUMBIA (SSN771) as the Chief of the Boat in September 1993.

He has received numerous awards and letters of commendation including three Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, a Navy Expeditionary Medal, and Two National Defense Service Medals. He has also earned his Submarine Warfare Insignia and the Command Master Chief Badge.

Master Chief Neill is married to the former Martha Bell of Birmingham, Alabama. They reside in Ledyard, CT with their children, Don, Amy, Robert, Melanie, Jeri Ann, and Allison.

Chief Petty Officers



MMCM(SS)
K.K. CRISMAN
Daleville, AL
**ENGINEERING DEPT
ENLISTED ADVISOR**



MMCS(SS)
T.S. MARTIN
Enfield, CT
**AUXILIARY
DIV LPO**



QMCS(SS)
P.L. HOSKINS
Raleigh, NC
**ASSISTANT
NAVIGATOR**



ETCS(SS)
C.B. MALONE
Hialeah, FL
**ELECTRONICS
DIV LPO**



HMCS(SS)
G.P. MORRISON
Dallas, TX
CORPSMAN



RMCS(SS)
F.N. HUGHES
Geneva, AL
**RADIO DIV
LPO, CMS CUSTODIAN**



FTC(SS)
J.A. McALLISTER
Downey, CA
**FIRST
LIEUTENANT**



EMC(SS)
P.R. EORY
Trenton, MI
**ELECTRICAL
DIV LPO**



ETC(SS)
E.E. HUGHES, JR
Orient, OH
**REACTOR CONTROLS
DIV LPO**



Chief Petty Officers



STSC(SS)
F.A. SHEPHERD
Nodaway, IA
**WEAPONS DEPT LPO,
SAFETY OFFICER**



MSC(SS)
J.S. RUSH
Jackson, NJ
**MESS MANAGEMENT
DIV LPO**



MMC(SS)
J.E. HELGESON
Villard, MN
**MACHINERY DIV
LPO, CMEO**



ICC(SS)
F.L. BAKER
Omaha, NE
**I C LPO, REC FUND
CUSTODIAN**



FTC(SS)
J.N. LEMANEK
Inkster, MI
**3M COORD, HAZMAT COORD,
COMPUTER SECURITY MGR**



YNC(SS)
M.S. MILLER
Westerly, RI
**PERSONNEL
OFFICER**



SKC(SS)
M.E. MONSANTO
Cypress, CA
**STOREKEEPER DIV
LPO, ESO**



TMC(SS)
D.S. BOWMAN
Mountain Home, AR
**TM LPO, PHYSICAL
SECURITY ASSISTANT**



FTC(SS)
M.R. LOMAX
St. Louis, ME
**FIRE CONTROL
DIV LPO**

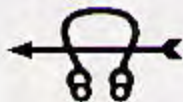


MMC(SS)
K.A. MENG
Townsend, MT
**MACHINERY
DIV**

Crew

SONAR TECHNICIAN (STS)

Sonar Division



The "eyes and ears" of the submerged submarine. They use high-tech sonar systems to safely navigate the ship.



STS1(SS)
J.J. BODENSIECK
Port Jervis, NY



STS1(SS)
P.H. HUGHES
Doylestown, PA



STS1(SS)
R.A. BROWN
Colton, CA



STS2(SS)
T.J. RIORDAN
Frankfort, IL



STS2(SS)
R.R. CROSSNO, JR
Memphis, TN



STS3(SS)
B.D. NYKAZA
Twinsburg, OH



STS3(SS)
D.M. ADEN
Brighton, MI



STS3(SS)
E.L. BOLLING
Westminster, SC



STS3(SS)
M.C. BRAYLEY
Atlanta, GA



STSSN(SS)
D.C. CARTER
Chester, PA



STSSN(SU)
M. HAIRSTON
Martinsville, VA



STSSN(SU)
P.S. WALLACE
Atlanta, GA



STSSR(SU)
J.D. SHEATSLEY
Richmond, VA



Crew

QUARTERMASTER

(QM)

Navigation Division



Stand watch as assistant to Officers of the Deck. Maintain all navigation charts and publications and provide navigational expertise.



QM1(SS)
B.S. JACOB
Linden, NJ



QM1(SS)
R.J. CUNNINGHAM
San Antonio, TX



QMSN(SU)
M.L. ALDRICH
Jackson, MO



QMSN(SU)
N. STILES, III
Jacksonville, FL

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

(ET)

Reactor Controls Division



Operate and maintain reactor controls equipment, protective systems, and associated instrumentation.



ET1(SS)
J.N. BOERNER
West Bend, WI



ET1(SS)
C.C. CALVERT, JR
Springport, MI



ET2(SS)
W.C. JAYNES
Madison, IN



ET2(SS/DV)
J.J. HORNEF
Nesconset, NY



ET2(SU)
D.A. HUMBRECHT
Batesville, AK



ET3(SS)
D.A. FITCH
Lexington, VA



ET3(SU)
R.L. SHIFFER, JR
Moscow, PA

FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIAN**(FT)***Torpedo Fire Control Division*

Operate and maintain electronic equipment to analyze information from ship sensors. They aid the Officer of the Deck in tactical decision-making.



FT1(SS)
S.D. GARVIN
Millinocket, ME



FT1(SS)
C.W. WILLIAMS
Pinehurst, NC



FT2(SS)
T.J. WAGNER
Colorado Springs, CO



FT3(SS)
C.L. LYON
Sperry, OK



FT3(SU)
C.E. WILLIAMS
Milesburg, PA

TORPEDOMAN'S MATE**(TM)***Torpedo Division*

Maintain underwater weapons such as torpedoes and horizontal launch systems. Their expertise assists in the evasion of enemy ships.



TM1(SS)
A.E. MYRILL
Irvington, NJ



TM2(SS)
J.H. CAFE
Holmen, WI



TM2(SS)
M.A. RUSSELL
John's Island, SC



TM3(SS)
S. WONG
Miami, FL



TMSN(SU)
S.E. GREEB
Auburn, NH



TMSA(SU)
D.J. LAIBEN
St. Louis, MO



Crew

INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN (IC)

Interior Communications Division



Operate and maintain a watch on warning systems and electronics which control dive and surface maneuvers.



IC1(SS)
R.B. THUENER
Millville, NJ



IC3(SS)
R.C. ZUKAS
Bethany Beach, DE



ICFA(SU)
J. SMITH
Fort Smith, AR

ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (EM)

Electrical Division



Operate and maintain the electrical power plant and associated equipment. They also manage the shipboard electrical safety program.



EM1(SS)
P.M. SMITH
Little Rock, AR



EM1(SS)
H.F. GUNNING
Paw Paw, WV



EM1(SS)
W.H. SHERMAN
Houston, TX



EM1(SS)
J.E. CARLSON
North Aurora, IL



EM2(SS)
F.D. TRUJILLO
Martin, SD



EM2(SS)
G.W. HOUSE
Gaylord, MI



EM2(SS)
C.R. HENNESS
Montgomery City, MO



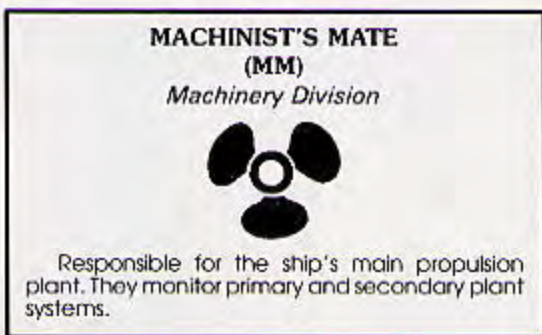
EM2(SS)
S.A. CONLEY
Modesto, CA



EM2(SS)
M.E. MILANUK
Oshkosh, NE



EM3(SU)
T.T. LEE
Smithfield, NC



MM1(SS)
C.W. PARRISH
Kittery, ME



MM1(SS)
S.T. KEESEE
Cape Girardeau, MO



MM1(SS)
M.A. HUGHES
Falmouth, MA



MM1(SS)
M.E. CUTSINGER
Lebanon, CT



MM1(SS)
K.W. LANCE
Adrian, MI



MM1(SS)
J.J. TODD
Winter Springs, FL



MM2(SS)
M.T. TUBBS
Crown Point, NY



MM3(SU)
R.C. PEASE
Grand Rapids, MI



MM2(SS)
J.L. LASER
Cheyenne, WY



MM2(SU)
L.A. FORGIE
Tecumseh, MI



MM3(SU)
M.J. PEARSON
Caroline, WI



Crew

RADIOMAN (RM)

Communications Division



Operate the Navy's radio communication system. They transmit and receive messages for fast and secure communications.



RM1(SS)
J.P. WATERLOND
Temple City, CA



RM2(SS)
R.T. HERNANDEZ DAVILA
San Juan, PR



RM2(SS)
T.M. COCKRAM
Clio, MI



RM2(SS)
J.J. ALMAGUER
Skidmore, TX



RM2(SS/DV)
C.R. McFALL
Morganton, NC



RM3(SS)
R.D. TUCKER
Montgomery, AL

SEAMAN/FIREMAN (SN, FN)

Deck Division



Serve as ship control party members, assist Food Service, handle ordnance, and maintain the ship's topside and superstructure.



SR(SU)
D.G. FLEMING, II
Haywood, CA



SR(SU)
N.D. CAMPBELL
Zachary, LA

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

Electronics Division



Maintain and repair electronic equipment on-board ship. They provide technical expertise required to keep the delicate electronic "eyes" of the ship at peak performance.



ET1(SS)
C.J. OCHAB, JR
Sumter, SC

October 9, 1995

COMMISSIONING

USS COLUMBIA SSN 771



ET2(SS)
S.H. MOYER
Portsmouth, VA



ET3(SS)
J.C. HICKS
Easthampton, MA



ET3(SS)
R.L. HYDE
Parkersburg, WV



ET3(SS)
G.G. REED
Searcy, AR



ET3(SU)
S.J. SIEGEL
Portsmouth, NH

**MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST
(MS)**

Food Service Division



Operate and manage all galleys and dining facilities aboard. They also maintain all food service financial records.



MS1(SS)
P.G. SPROUE
Portland, OR



MS1(SS)
S.D. SCHWAB
Appleton, WI



MS2(SS)
M.J. WILSON
Eden, NC



MSSN(SS)
M.A. JOHNSON
Louisa, VA



MSSA(SU)
M.C. VYSTRICIL
Dallas, TX



MSSA(SU)
M.P. ACKERMAN
South River, NJ



Crew

MACHINIST'S MATE

(MM)

Auxiliary Division



Operate and maintain ship support systems. These include hydraulics, oxygen manufacture, and steering and diving controls.



MM1(SS/DV)
M.C. FRANK
Long Beach Island, NJ



MM1(SS)
J.K. SUMMERS
Tuscumbia, AL



MM2(SS)
S.A. ZUROSKY
Hazelwood, MO



MM2(SS)
W.R. HOLTZCLAW, JR
Neptune Beach, FL



MM3(SU)
J.M. QUILENDERINO
San Jose, CA



MM3(SS)
K.H. MOEN
Bemidji, MN



MM3(SS)
C.A. LEWIS, JR
Doddridge, AR



MMFN(SU)
D.S. BENDAS
Trenton, NJ



MMFN(SU)
A.J. FOSTER
Elko, NV

STOREKEEPER

(SK)

Stores Division



Responsible for the management, stowage, and requisitioning of repair parts and consumables. They manage the ship's financial records and provide logistics support.




SK2(SS)
D. LEBRON
Chicago, IL



SKSN(SS)
S.W. KLINKER
Lake View, OH

YEOMAN
(YN)
Executive Department



Perform clerical, administrative and secretarial duties. They are primary assistants to the Executive Officer.




YN2(SS)
R. VIGO
 Central Falls, RI



YN2(SS)
S.E. PHIPPS
 DuBois, PA

MACHINIST'S MATE
(MM)
Engineering Laboratory Division



Maintain reactor and steam plant chemistry, and monitor radiological exposure of the ship's occupationally exposed personnel.



MM1(SS)
J.E. FROELICH
 Toms River, NJ



MM1(SS)
J.G. SORG
 Ft. Wayne, IN



MM1(SS)
A. SCHMIDT
 Mt. Clemens, MI



MM2(SS)
C.D. SUTTON
 Rodgers, AR



MM2(SS)
S.E. PRATT
 Gretna, LA



MM2(SS)
C.S. SMOLINSKI
 Schenectady, NY

ADDITIONAL PLANKOWNERS

MM2(SS)
D.G. STAFFORD
 Goldsboro, NC

EM2(SS)
M.A. CHEROCK
 Pittsburgh, PA

MM2(SS)
M.D. FULLER
 Kansas City, MO

YNSN(SU)
B.A. WATKINS



Special Recognition

There are many people who have been associated with COLUMBIA or assigned to COLUMBIA Precommissioning Unit throughout the construction period and have departed for various reasons. Their efforts contributed directly to the successful completion of this fine ship; we consider them shipmates and friends and bid them fair winds and following seas.



Bill Able
Kenny Adams
Carl Agren IC1(SS)
Irene Allen
Robert Arruda
John Aruda
Mike Barney
Pete Bartnikowski
Michele Bell
Ronald Bennet
Chris Berry ET1(SS)
Tim Beyer
Tony Bland
Ronald Briggs
Robert Caffary
Frank Cashman
Mike Cherock EM2(SS)
Mike Cipriani
Joe Closs, CDR, USN
Shirley Corrigan
John Daly
Rowena DeGraide

Bob DeSantis
Kevin Devine
Robert Dinapoli
William Doner, LCDR, USN
David Duguay
Chris Duryea
Bruce Falcone
Chuck Fear
Ben Finkel MM2(SS)
James Flood
Jack Florence
Bruce Fountain
Jimmy Garrison MM2(SS)
Richard Geschrei
Alan Gingardi
Charlie Green
Ronald Guerette
Jane Heldreth
Henry Holly
Stan Huscht
Sandy Jarrett
Lars Johnson

Gary Johnston
Thomas Kiley
Dick Kozek
Mike Lamoy
Charlie Langford
Ralph Lapardo
Steve Ludlam
Joe Marino
Bob May
Madeline McPherson
Edward Montgomery, CAPT, USN
Maurice Moreau
Glenn Mowbray
Todd Munson, LT, SC, USN
Richard Myshka
Joe Nenna
Nate Ostrow
Lydia Owens
Albert Patalano
Patrick Geir MM2
Nora Piaten
Helen Popa

Darlene Poplawski
Walter Rapoza
Jack Reed YN1(SS)
John Rogers, LT, SC, USN
Paul Roy
Joseph Saccoman FT3(SS/DV)
Bill Schaffer
Steven Shannon
Mike Shaw ET1(SS)
Kirsten Snell
Richard Springman
Pete Thompson
Michael Tomminello
Michael Toner
Peter Turano
Steven Ucci
Ray Valerien
Neil Van Sickle
Derald Vogt EM1(SS)
Dexter White
Don Wilson
Debra Winsor

Ship's Plaques

USS COLUMBIA SSN 771

THE 60TH SHIP OF THE LOS ANGELES CLASS

THE SUBMARINE COLUMBIA (SSN 771) IS THE SEVENTH COMMISSIONED U.S. NAVY WARSHIP TO BEAR THE NAME THAT PERSONIFIES FREEDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE FIRST COLUMBIA COMMISSIONED AS A NAVY SHIP WAS A FRIGATE LAUNCHED IN 1836, WHICH LATER BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST U.S. NAVY SHIPS TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE. THE SHIP WAS SCUTTLED AND BURNED BY UNION FORCES AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE CIVIL WAR.

IN DECEMBER 1862, A CAPTURED CONFEDERATE BLOCKADE RUNNER BECAME THE SECOND COMMISSIONED COLUMBIA. SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. NAVY'S NORTH ATLANTIC BLOCKADE SQUADRON. THE SHIP RAN AGROUND AND WAS WRECKED OFF WILMINGTON, N.C., THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE THIRD COLUMBIA WAS ORIGINALLY A CONFEDERATE-BUILT IRONCLAD SEIZED BY UNION FORCES WHEN THEY OCCUPIED CHARLESTON, S.C., IN FEBRUARY 1865. SHE SAW LIMITED ACTION AND WAS DECOMMISSIONED IN JUNE OF THE SAME YEAR.

IN 1892, CRUISER 12 WAS CHRISTENED AS THE FOURTH COLUMBIA AT THE PHILADELPHIA SHIPYARD. SHE PARTICIPATED IN BOTH THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR. THE SHIP SERVED AS PART OF SQUADRON 5 PATROL FORCE, SQUADRON 2 DESTROYER FORCE, AND AS THE FLAGSHIP OF THE SUBMARINE FLOTILLA. SHE WAS DECOMMISSIONED IN 1921.

IN 1921, THE USS GREAT NORTHERN, A NAVAL TRANSPORT SHIP, WAS RENAMED COLUMBIA. DURING WORLD WAR I, SHE CARRIED 28,248 TROOPS TO EUROPE AND 22,852 BACK TO THE U.S. IN 18 ROUND TRIPS. AFTER SERVICE AS THE FLAGSHIP FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ATLANTIC FLEET SHE WAS DECOMMISSIONED IN 1922.

THE SIXTH AND MOST FAMOUS OF THE LONG COLUMBIA LINE, WAS THE CL-56. THE CLEVELAND-CLASS LIGHT CRUISER WAS LAUNCHED AT THE CAMDEN NAVY YARD IN DECEMBER, 1941, JUST AFTER THE U.S. ENTERED WORLD WAR II. SHE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS ACTIONS IN THE SOLOMONS, INCLUDING THE BATTLE OF EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY. SHE ALSO SUPPORTED THE PALAUS LANDING AND THE INVASION OF THE PHILIPPINES. DURING HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE BATTLE OF LEYTE GULF, SHE WAS CREDITED WITH SINKING A BATTLESHIP THAT FORCED OTHER ENEMY UNITS TO RETIRE. SHE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE LANDING AT LINGAYEN GULF, THE INVASION OF BORNEO, AND OPERATED WITH TASK FORCE 95 IN THE EAST CHINA SEA. IN ALL THE SHIP WAS AWARDED TEN BATTLE STARS AND THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION PRIOR TO BEING DECOMMISSIONED IN 1946.

USS COLUMBIA

ATTACK SUBMARINE

NAMED IN HONOR OF THE CITIES OF
COLUMBIA IN SOUTH CAROLINA,
MISSOURI, AND ILLINOIS

BUILT BY

GENERAL DYNAMICS*Electric Boat Division*

GROTON, CONNECTICUT

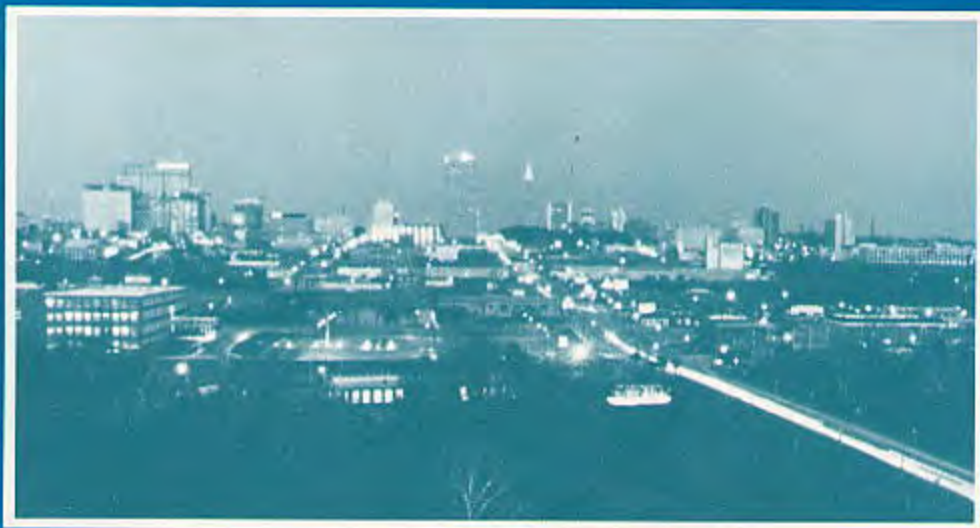
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SHIP'S MANAGER
KEEL LAID
LAUNCHED
COMMISSIONED

HILLARY CLINTON
KEVIN DEVINE
APRIL 21, 1993
SEPTEMBER 24, 1994
OCTOBER 9, 1995

Ship's Data Plaque



Jesse Hall, the Administration Building at the University of Missouri-Columbia.



The skyline of Columbia, South Carolina



Municipal fountain with historic home in the background. Columbia, Illinois