



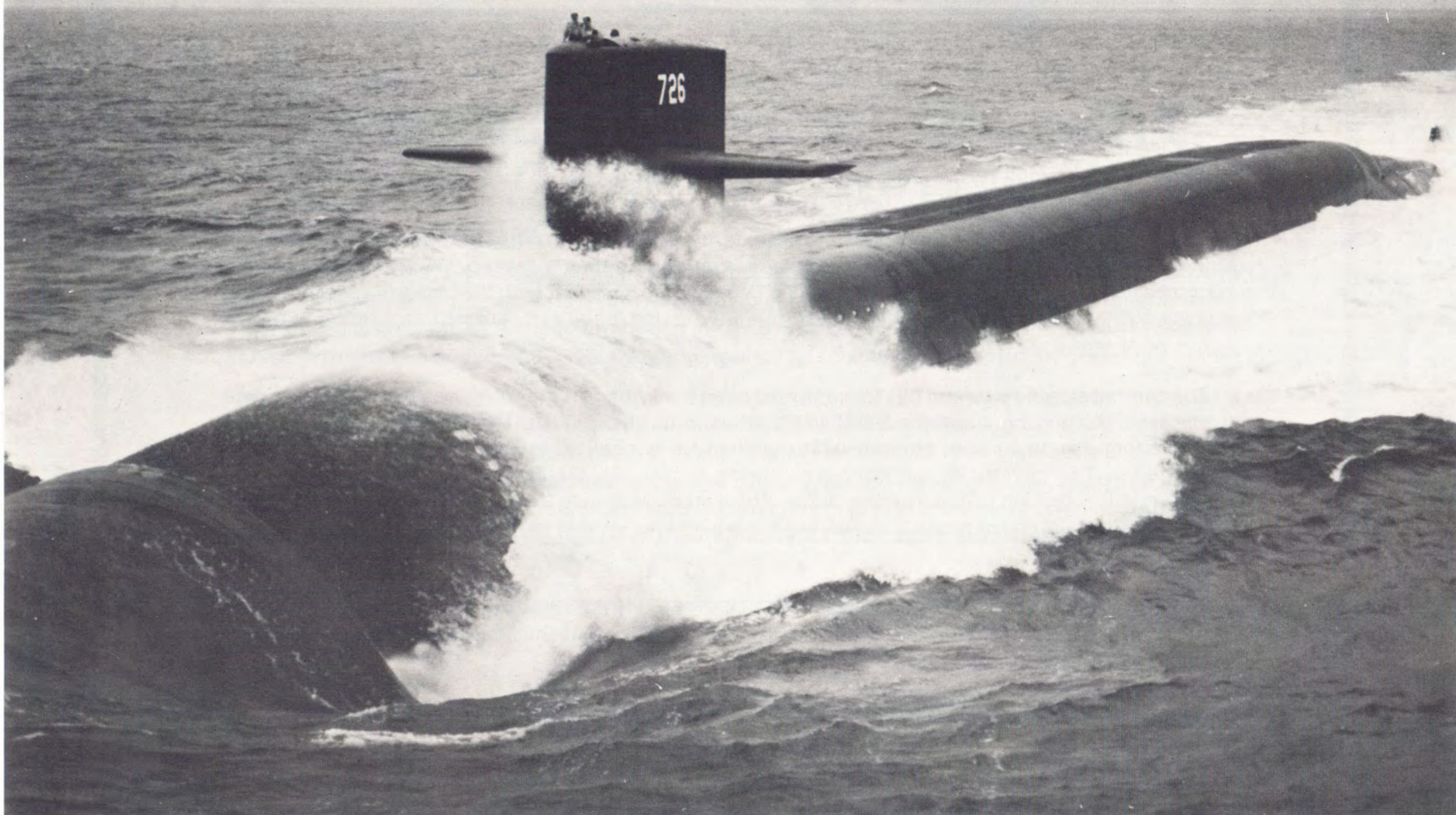
COMMISSIONING

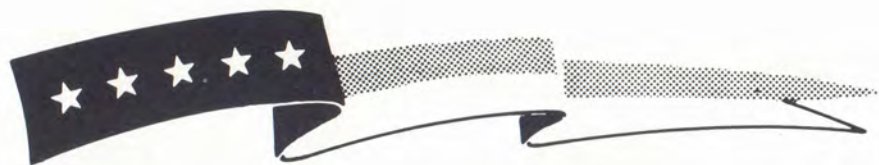
November 11, 1981





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.



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 Harbertszoon 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.



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.

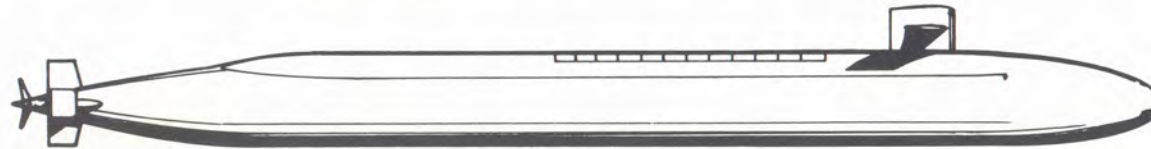
The third ship, USS OHIO (BB-12), was launched in 1901 and commissioned in 1904. Designated Flagship of Asiatic Fleet, USS OHIO (BB-12) departed San Francisco in 1905 for Manila and served in the Asiatic Fleet for several years. After the United States entered World War I, she acted as a training ship 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



KEEL LAID	10 APRIL 1976
LAUNCHED	7 APRIL 1979
FIRST SEA TRIALS	17 JUNE 1981
LENGTH	560 FEET
DISPLACEMENT	SURFACED: 16,764 TONS SUBMERGED: 18,750 TONS
HULL DIAMETER	42 FEET
DRAFT	36 FEET
MISSILE TUBES	24
COMPLEMENT	OFFICERS 14 CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS 17 E-6 THROUGH E-1 125 TOTAL 156

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.

From 1971 to 1973, he served as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations and as Chairman of the Republican National Committee from January 1973 to September 1974.

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.

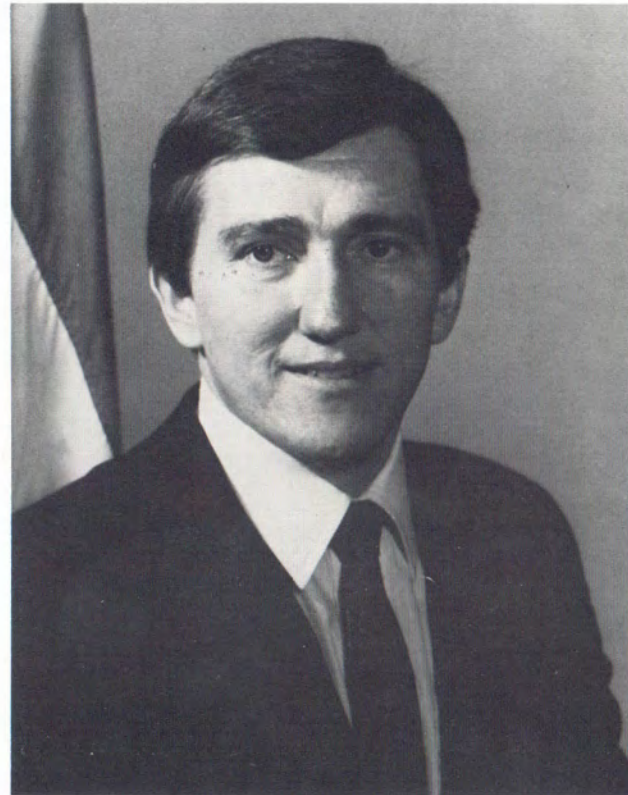
He is married to the former Barbara Pierce of Rye, New York. They are the parents of five children; George, 33; Jeb, 26; Neil, 24; Marvin, 22; Dorothy, 20; and the grandparents of George and Noelle.

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.

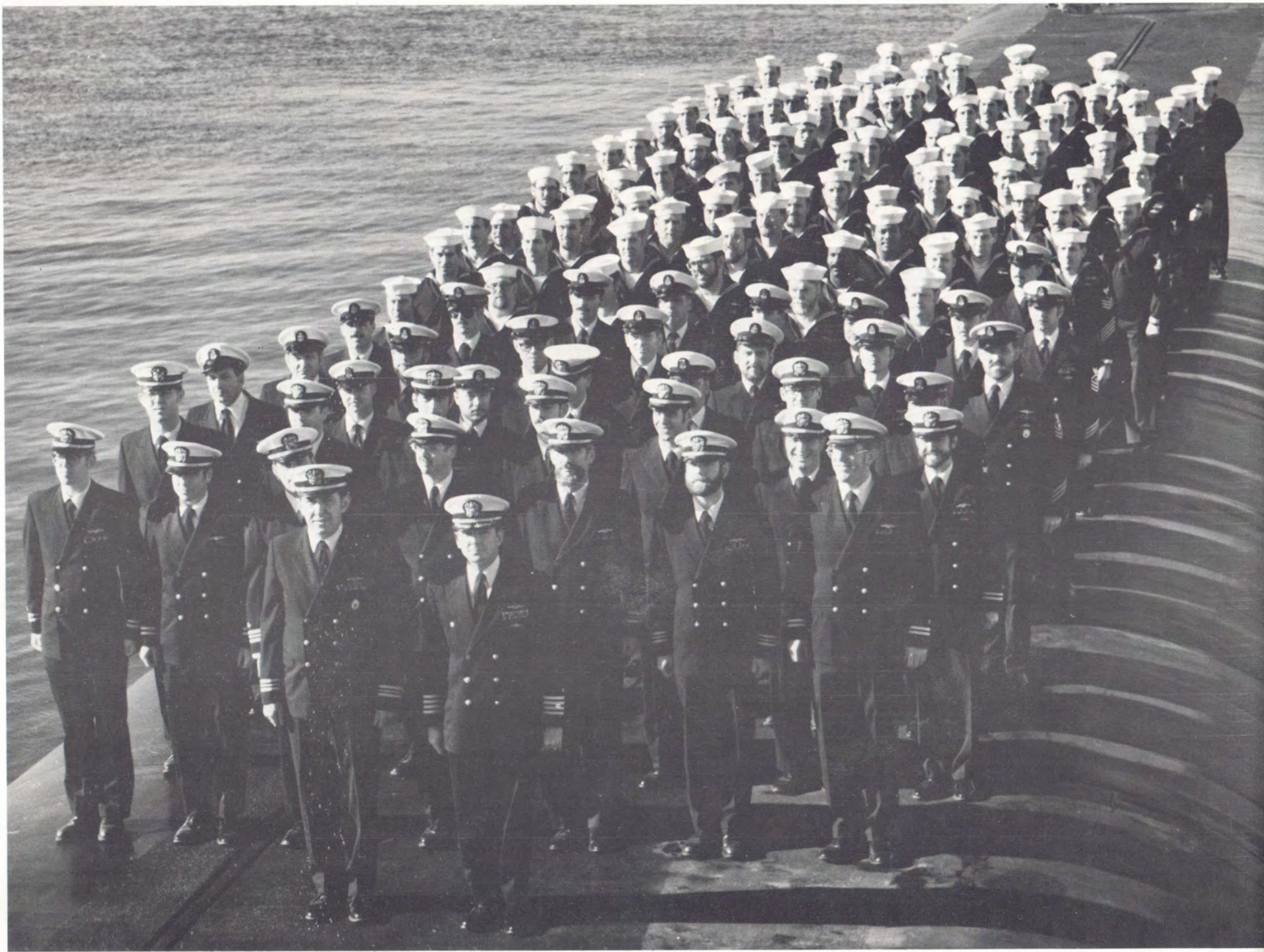
BLUE CREW

OFFICERS



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS





BLUE CREW

OFFICERS

CAPT A. K. ThompsonCommanding Officer

LCDR T. R. Tehan 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. Pornaras Strategic Missile Officer
LT M. D. Jackfert Communicator

LT T. N. Stewart Tactical Systems Officer
LT J. P. Kulpa Main Propulsion Assistant
LT J. A. Ariidsen Damage Control Assistant
LT A. M. Brown Assistant Engineer
LTJG M. E. Bauman Auxiliary Division Officer
LTJG T. M. Giardina Electrical Officer
LTJG M. G. Lambie Reactor Control Assistant
ENS R. D. Roesler Interior Communications Officer

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

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

MMCM(SS) J. M. Maldonado
EMCM(SS) M. E. Stein
ETCM(SS) R. B. Turner
EMCS(SS) D. W. Anderson

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

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

RMC(SS) L. E. Milano
ICC(SS) G. D. Morgan
MTC(SS) M. A. Nagle
DSC(SS) J. E. Offergeld

MMC(SS) R. L. Schaeffer
FTGC(SS) R. G. Vickery
FTBC(SS) G. C. Voss

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

IC1 T. D. Autrey
QM1(SS) G. J. Bittle
FTB1(SS) P. K. Boley
DS1(SS) T. A. Bryant
IC1(SS) C. R. Daniel
MM1(SS) P. A. Debrod
ET1(SS) R. Fankhauser
MM1(SS) B. F. Francis
ET1(SS) T. E. Gill
TM1(SS) W. J. Haberstock
ET1(SS) C. C. Jackson
DS1 P. J. Jackson
MM1(SS) B. A. Jekema
MT1(SS) M. K. Johnson
RM1(SS) W. H. Kansier
MM1(SS) P. L. Labue
IC1(SS) J. E. Lautzenheiser
MM1(SS) C. L. Lightfoot, Jr.
EM1(SS) R. M. Littell
RM1(SS) C. D. Love
EM1(SS) P. G. Malzahn
MM1(SS) S. A. Matta
MS1(SS) G. E. McGee
MM1(SS) P. E. Murphy

IC1(SS) C. L. Newman
STS1(SS) J. W. Peel
FTB1(SS) T. A. Ratz
TM1(SS) G. B. Stricklin
ET1(SS) B. W. Taylor
ET1(SS) R. J. Treadway
MM1(SS) G. P. Walcutt
DS1 R. L. Walker
ET1(SS) R. J. Weggeland
MT1(SS) J. J. Williams
MM2 T. M. Adams
STS2(SS) D. W. Bailey
ET2(SS) A. L. Beebe
IC2(SS) T. E. Berge
EM2 G. K. Bixby
ET2(SS) S. T. Booth
ET2 K. M. Boucher
MM2(SU) N. L. Collins
STS2(SS) J. P. Conlin
ET2(SS) J. L. Cook
RM2(SU) B. C. Cooper
MS2(SS) C. G. Declerck
MT2(SS) S. W. Eckhardt
ET2 R. L. Evans

ET2 E. P. Feheley
FTB2(SS) D. W. Fells
EM2 P. T. Ferentz
MM2 F. J. Fiedler
MT2(SS) W. F. Fiori
MM2 J. S. Fisher
RM2(SU) D. W. Fleenor
MT2(SU) D. A. Fritz
FTB2(SS) K. M. Galeaz
MM2 J. C. Garrett
TM2(SS) J. H. Greer
MM2 J. T. Groome
ET2 G. A. Harper
EM2 B. E. Haylock
ET2(SS) D. L. Hill
MT2(SS) T. D. Howe
RM2(SU) J. J. Hughes
MM2 S. J. Kareis
MM2(SS) R. J. Kennedy
PN2(SS) S. M. Krueger
MM2 E. O. Leady, Jr.
MT2(SS) G. L. Lee
MM2(SS) S. S. Ledingham
MM2(SS) L. W. Lucas, Jr.

MM2 C. M. Marker
ET2 K. S. Marks
EM2 R. A. McAuley
MM2 J. J. Monroe
MM2(SS) E. H. Oberg
MT2(SS) J. W. Peeler
FTB2(SS) J. R. Pendleton
EM2 G. C. Perske
ET2(SS) M. J. Pittinger
MM2(SS) R. E. Powell
ET2 D. A. Reece
SK2(SS) J. B. Riebe
ET2(SS) R. W. Russell
ET2(SS) H. A. Sanders
MM2 J. R. Schmidt
MT2(SS) J. L. Scott
IC2(SS) G. L. Securo
MS2(SS) T. I. Shea
MM2 M. O. Shriner
ET2(SS) B. J. Siefert
EM2 M. H. Spier
MM2 B. L. Strub
MM2 S. G. Wise
MT3(SU) S. A. Costantin

YN3(SU) J. A. Dalton
MM3(SS) J. W. Hade, Jr.
MT3(SU) W. E. Hyatt
ET3(SU) M. B. Mancuso
FTG3(SU) R. A. Nelson
STS3(SS) J. A. Shearer
STS3(SS) G. D. Thompson
STS3(SS) D. G. Welch
QMSN(SU) E. L. Bowie
QMSN(SU) B. L. Hale
SN(SS) R. D. Moulico
MSSN(SU) K. P. Rockwell
PNSN(SU) C. G. Walker
SN(SU) K. J. Whitehouse
SA(SU) S. W. Dunakin
SA(SU) C. R. Estrella
SA(SU) W. P. Hammack
MSSA(SU) P. G. Harkness
SA(SU) H. M. Miller, Jr.
SA(SU) W. L. Roberts
FA(SU) D. F. Sanborn
MSSA(SU) S. D. Schwab
SR(SU) R. D. Butler
SR(SU) D. E. Creighton
FR(SU) K. E. Klauger

COMMISSIONING

ARRIVAL OF OFFICERS

INVOCATION

INTRODUCTION OF SHIPBUILDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF ADMIRAL H. G. RICKOVER, USN

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

COMMISSIONING

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

REPORTING OF THE GOLD CREW

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

BENEDICTION

MUSIC
United States Naval Academy

ING PROGRAM

OFFICIAL PARTY

..... CAPTAIN HARRY F. MacCALL, CHC, USN

..... REAR ADMIRAL HAROLD L. YOUNG, USN

Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, U.S. Navy, Groton, Connecticut

..... P. TAKIS VELIOTIS

Executive Vice President - Marine, General Dynamics

General Manager, Electric Boat Division

General Dynamics Corporation

..... VICE ADMIRAL STEVEN A. WHITE, USN

Commander Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet

..... ADM H. G. RICKOVER, USN

Deputy Commander for Nuclear Propulsion

Naval Sea Systems Command

..... THE HONORABLE JOHN LEHMAN

Secretary of the Navy

..... THE HONORABLE GEORGE H.W. BUSH

Vice President of the United States

..... ADMIRAL THOMAS B. HAYWARD, USN

Chief of Naval Operations

..... CAPTAIN ALTON K. THOMPSON, USN

Commanding Officer USS OHIO (SSBN 726)

..... CAPTAIN ARLINGTON F. CAMPBELL, USN

Commanding Officer USS OHIO (SSBN 726) (GOLD)

..... CAPTAIN ALTON K. THOMPSON, USN

Commanding Officer USS OHIO (SSBN 726)

..... CAPTAIN HARRY F. MacCALL, CHC, USN

MUSIC

Academy Drum and Bugle Corps

GOLD CREW

OFFICERS

CAPT A. F. Campbell.....Commanding Officer

CDR R. A. Buchanan.....Executive Officer	LT J. C. Smith.....Tactical Systems Officer
LCDR J. W. Crews.....Navigator	LT J. E. Colville.....Reactor Control Assistant
LCDR G. F. Kindel.....Engineer	LT J. G. Cooke V.....Main Propulsion Assistant
LT C. T. Stafford.....Strategic Weapons Officer	LT D. W. Heintzman.....Damage Control Assistant
LT R. T. Strother.....Supply Officer	ENS J. F. Becka.....Electrical Officer
LT D. L. Kelleigh.....Strategic Missile Officer	ENS P. A. Price.....Interior Communications Officer
LT R. H. Robison.....Communicator	

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

MMCM(SS) G. A. Peterson, Chief of the Boat

DSCS(SS) J. D. Benzel	MMC(SS) H. R. Asbury	ICC(SS) H. G. Hooper, Jr.	QMC(SS) J. C. Lowke	RMC(SS) T. D. Peterson
FTCS(SS) W. P. Lyle	SKC(SS) S. C. Benz	MTC(SS) E. L. Hopkins	PNC(SS) S. A. MacDonald	EMC(SS) E. C. Randolph
STSCS(SS) T. E. Murphy	MMC(SS) S. I. Brown	HMC(SS) R. T. Horton	EMC(SS) L. R. Owen	ETC(SS) S. C. Templer
MMCS(SS) R. D. Richardson	MMC(SS) S. K. Demers	MSC(SS) D. F. Lane	ETC(SS) R. C. Petersen	MMC(SS) J. A. Ward

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

MT1(SS) J. E. Ansley	MT1(SS) R. S. Scott	MM2 R. J. Devitis	RM2(SS) L. A. Parsons	QM3(SU) D. E. Mitchell
MM1(SS) E. W. Ball	MM1(SS) S. H. Searl	ET2 E. R. Deweese	MT2(SS) G. D. Plante	RM3(SU) S. E. Noling
FTG1(SS) P. R. Bradley	FTB1(SS) D. W. Starnes	SK2(SS) J. W. Dickerson	IC2(SU) S. W. Reese	STS3(SS) M. J. Noster
MM1(SS) W. G. Breznau	MS1(SS) G. P. Theriault	DS2 M. W. Dinkins	MM2 D. A. Risley	MM3(SS) T. M. Sherman
RM1(SS) E. W. Davis	FTB1(SS) M. E. Tolbert	FTB2(SS) B. J. Douglass	MT2(SS) W. D. Ritter	MT3(SU) D. A. Smith
STS1(SS) W. D. Dermond	MM1(SS) P. J. Vanbenthem	ET2(SS) J. R. Fackler	MM2 E. A. Romane	TM3(SU) P. J. Stueber
ET1(SS) R. L. Flora	ET1(SS) T. W. Weister	EM2 R. S. Fisher	MM2(SS) M. E. Rugg, Jr.	RM3(SU) T. E. Wance
MT1(SS) B. A. Gelinas	EM1(SS) M. D. Whiting	MS2(SS) R. C. Frazier	MS2(SU) J. O. Samuelson	MSSN(SU) R. Adamson
IC1(SS) D. M. Geske	MM1 B. R. Wood	IC2 R. W. Greschke	MM2 J. J. Schmalz	MTSN(SU) M. A. Frazer
MM1(SS) J. R. Greene	MM2(SS) D. E. Anderson	MM2(SS) B. K. Harris	ET2(SS) C. E. Schneider	FN(SU) D. P. Hartle
MM1(SS) K. C. Gustavson	DS2 M. W. Bariekman	MM2 S. G. Hill	ET2 L. S. Sloan	QMSN(SU) T. Herring
YN1(SU) J. S. Hankins, Jr.	MT2(SS) R. L. Beathe	MM2(SS) M. D. Johnson	ET2 W. L. Smith	QMSN(SU) R. L. Russell
EM1(SS) D. C. Hawes	ET2(SS) A. L. Beebe	STS2(SS) T. L. Johnson	EM2 J. E. Stauder	SN(SU) L. D. Walls
EM1(SS) D. D. House	STS2(SS) R. B. Bell	MM2 D. G. Jolley	MS2(SS) H. N. Stevens, Jr.	MMFA(SU) T. M. Baasch
MM1(SS) B. F. Huot	MT2(SS) J. T. Benham	ET2 J. C. Langskov	FTB2(SS) A. B. Tanner	SA(SU) M. A. Barcelo
MM1(SS) R. D. Kurek	ET2(SS) W. S. Berko	ET2(SU) J. R. Larsen	ET2 C. P. Tirella, Jr.	SA(SU) C. M. Bergstrom
QM1(SS) R. M. Lucas	DS2(SS) E. B. Bolick	MT2(SS) G. M. Lindquist	MM2 C. M. Wagner	SA(SU) G. L. Brown
ET1(SS) G. B. McCabe	MM2(SS) J. W. Bordelon	ET2(SU) S. W. Lockhart, Jr.	MM2 K. B. Waterson	SA(SU) J. M. McCausland
TM1(SS) J. T. Murphy	MM2(SS) J. N. Brecheen	MM2 R. W. Lunger	MM2 D. C. Woodward	FA(SU) K. J. Pickett
EM1(SS) D. E. Cakes	MM2 D. M. Brockway	IC2(SS) R. C. Lyons	STS3(SS) R. A. Anfinson	FA(SU) R. S. Zimburean
RM1(SS) P. K. O'Brien	IC2(SS) M. D. Bush	MS2(SS) M. A. Manny	MM3(SS) T. F. Asselin	FR(SU) B. M. Giest
ET1(SS) C. T. Parrish	FTB2(SS) J. L. Cook	EM2 T. M. McKay	YN3(SU) F. L. Harper	MSSR(SU) P. J. Peppas
STS1(SS) J. R. Rombokas	TM2(SS) A. R. Costa	MM2 T. E. Noard	FTB3(SU) B. L. King	FR(SU) F. I. Stewart
	EM2 R. L. Crawford		STS3(SU) C. M. Lindroth	



GOLD CREW

OFFICERS



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS





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



Captain Arlington F. Campbell, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1961. After attending Nuclear Power School in New London, Connecticut, he received propulsion plant practical training at the S1C reactor prototype in Windsor, Connecticut.

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.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

11 November 1981

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

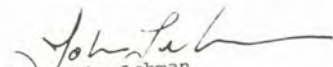
Dear Captain:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and to 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 sea-based deterrent which, for more than twenty years, has contributed so well to the preservation of the peace. As three previous OHIOs served our people well from the War of 1812 to President Theodore Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet," 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



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

11 November 1981

Captain Alton K. Thompson, USN
PCO, OHIO (SSBN 726) BLUE
Electric Boat Division
General Dynamics Corporation
Groton, Connecticut 06340

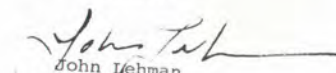
Dear Captain:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and to 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 sea-based deterrent which, for more than twenty years, has contributed so well to the preservation of the peace. As three previous OHIOs served our people well from the War of 1812 to President Theodore Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet," 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



ADM THOMAS B. HAYWARD
Chief of Naval Operations



ADM H. G. RICKOVER
Deputy Commander for Nuclear Propulsion
Naval Sea Systems Command



ADM HARRY D. TRAIN
Commander in Chief
U.S. Atlantic Fleet



VADM STEVEN A. WHITE
Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Atlantic Fleet



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

11 November 1981

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 a new class of strategic submarines. By your selection as the commissioning captain, your distinguished record of professional competence has been recognized, 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--to 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 perform, OHIO will develop a personality of her own and a 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,


T. B. HAYWARD
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

11 November 1981

Dear Captain,

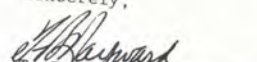
Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the commissioning of the United States Ship OHIO. An unusual distinction and a special set of responsibilities fall upon you as her first commanding officer, especially since she is the first ship of a new class of strategic submarines. By your selection as the commissioning captain, your distinguished record of professional competence has been recognized, 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--to 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 perform, OHIO will develop a personality of her own and a 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,


T. B. HAYWARD
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Captain Alton K. Thompson, USN
PCO, OHIO (SSBN 726) BLUE
Electric Boat Division
General Dynamics Corporation
Groton, Connecticut 06340



★

USS OHIO

SSBN 726

NUCLEAR POWERED TRIDENT SUBMARINE

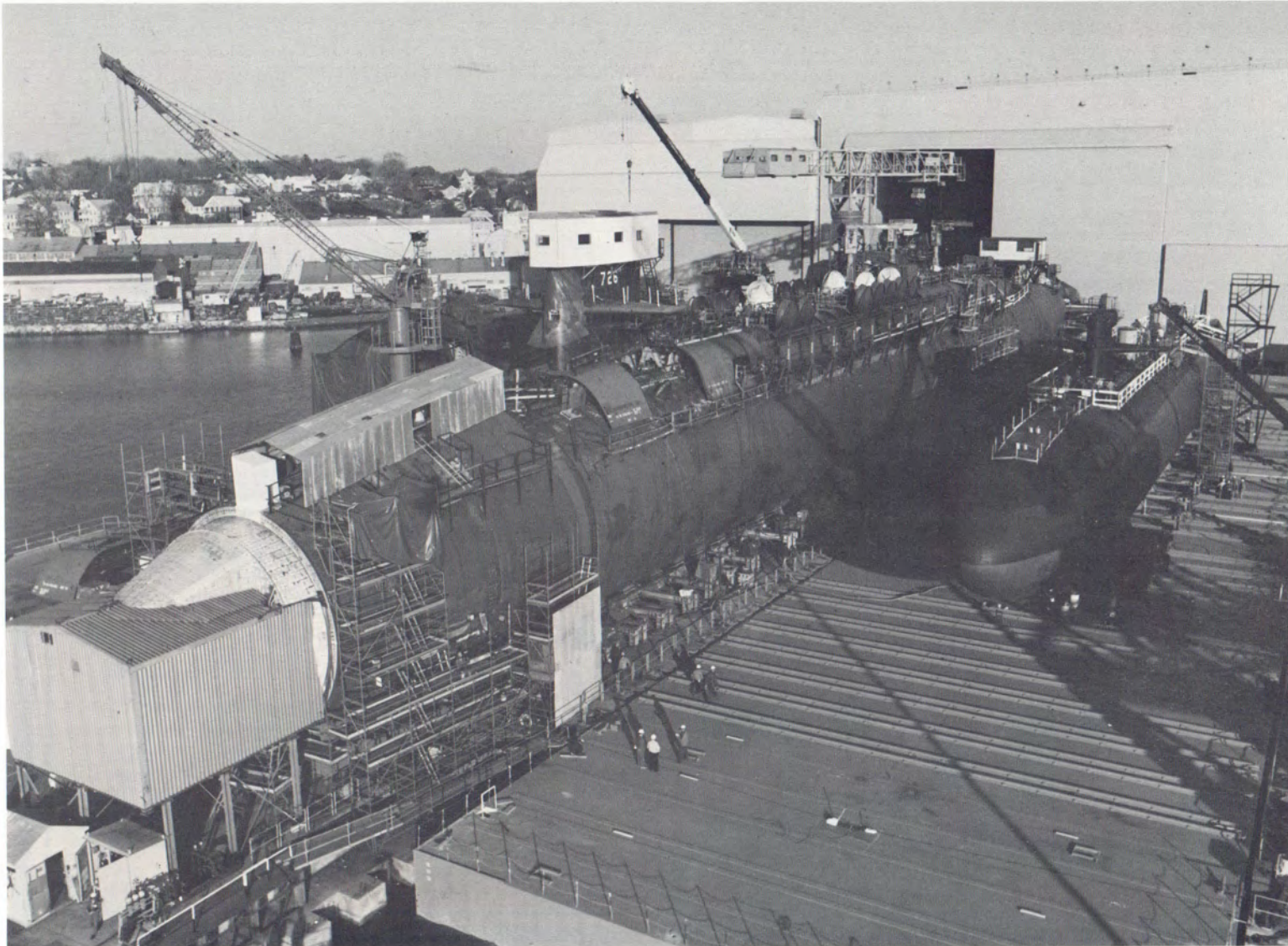
KEEL LAID APRIL 10, 1976 AT GENERAL DYNAMICS' ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION
BY
MRS. ROBERT TAFT, JR.

"IN EVERY AGE, IN EVERY FIELD OF NATIONAL ENDEAVOR, 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

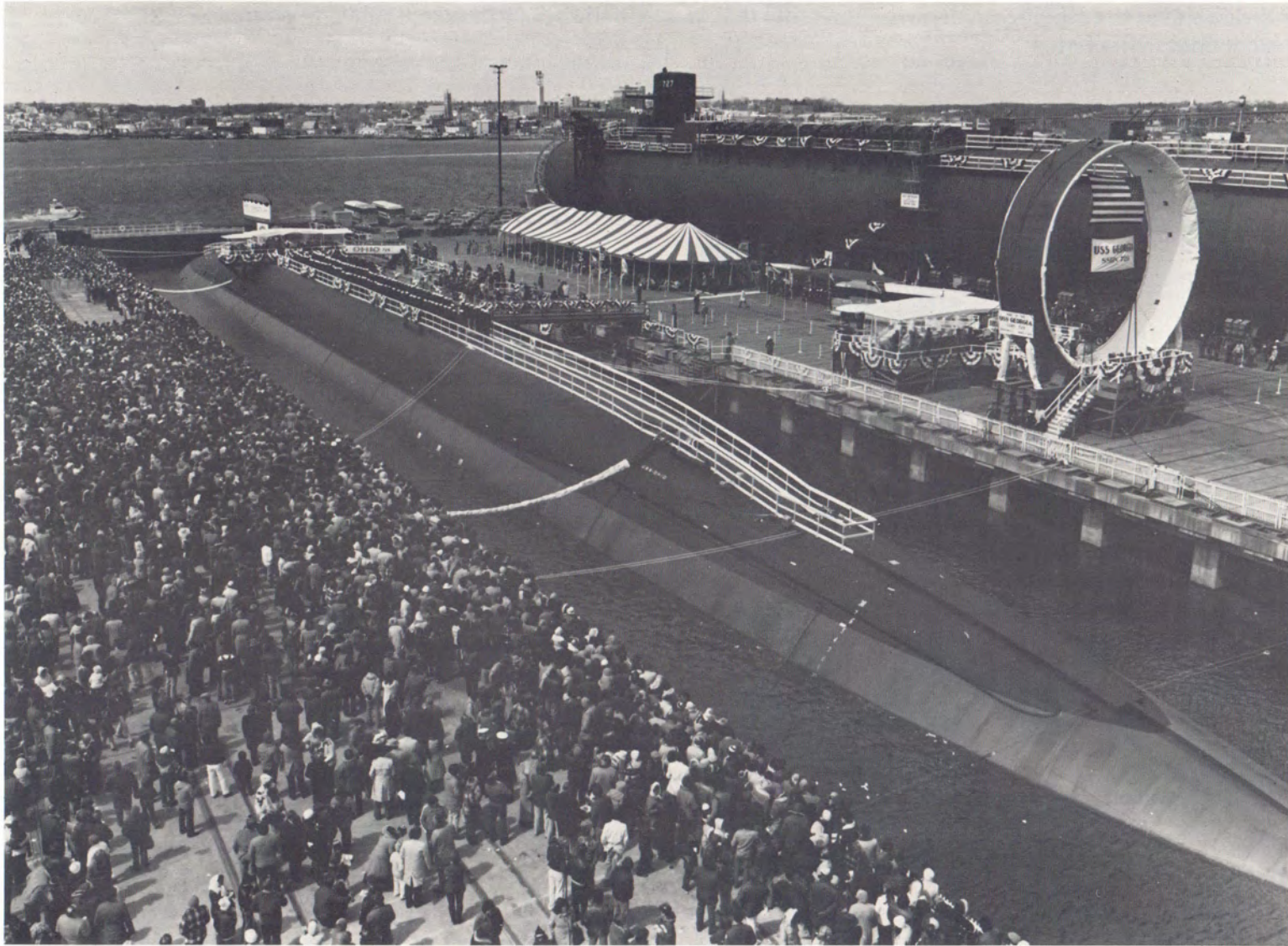
★

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:

CDR A. H. Burlingame, Jr.
LCDR R. L. Morris
LCDR I. F. Haddock
LCDR G. E. Meacham II
LT P. F. Guay
LT E. H. Hudson
LT T. Deegan
LT G. H. Ward
LT D. E. Burns
LT M. C. Janke
LT F. P. Hughes
LT D. R. Herther
ENS G. W. Davidson
CW03 J. E. Ward
CW03 J. M. Carter
CW02 R. G. Bristol
CW02 J. M. Padovich
CW02 R. E. Davis
CW02 T. W. Evans
CW02 P. E. Moss
CW02 C. L. Wallace
FTCM(SS) J. G. Rosas
FTCM(SS) J. B. Conn
SKCS(SS) T. J. Balloch

RMC(SS) D. R. Clark
HMC(SS) T. C. Lee
EMC(SS) K. W. Beck
STSC(SS) B. R. Zartman
MMC(SS) L. D. Williams
DSC(SS) W. C. Davidson
FTGC(SS) L. A. Fein
MMC(SS) D. A. Liska
MMC(SS) J. F. Stone
MMC(SS) C. A. Krull, Jr.
STSC(SS) M. R. McGehee
STSC(SS) M. J. Nadolski
MMC(SS) J. E. Pettay
SKC(SS) R. E. Heggerty
ETC(SS) R. C. Kiel
HMC(SS) R. J. Thelen
RMC(SS) J. L. Taylor
ETC(SS) G. D. Lhamon
ETC(SS) S. R. Roberson
YN1(SS) R. O. Ringuette
FTB1(SS) J. M. Chamblee
ET1(SS) S. W. Luckett
STS1(SS) M. R. Young
MM1(SS) D. C. Pfendler
MM1(SS) W. L. Hagar

EM1 S. Gunderson
ET1(SS) D. A. Wasserott
FTB1(SS) W. R. Mead
ET1(SS) W. H. Talbot
DS1 J. E. Kokott
ET1(SS) F. M. LaCross
SK1(SS) M. H. Johnson
ET1(SS) G. A. Caffarelli
STS1(S) H. R. Kinson
MM1(SS) M. R. Mimbs
MM1(SS) L. N. Dockins
MM1(SS) S. D. Vaden
MS2(SS) M. L. Landwehr
MT2 D. R. Davis
STS2(SS) S. L. Lesso
QM2(SS) K. W. Mulholland
MM2 J. W. Darwood
RM2(SU) J. F. Griggs, Jr.
IC2 T. P. Padelford
ET3(SS) R. P. Clyburn
MT3(SU) J. M. Hammer
RM3(SU) J. K. Cochrane
ET3 S. D. Chambers
MM3 R. W. Bloom
MS3 G. A. Dunn



