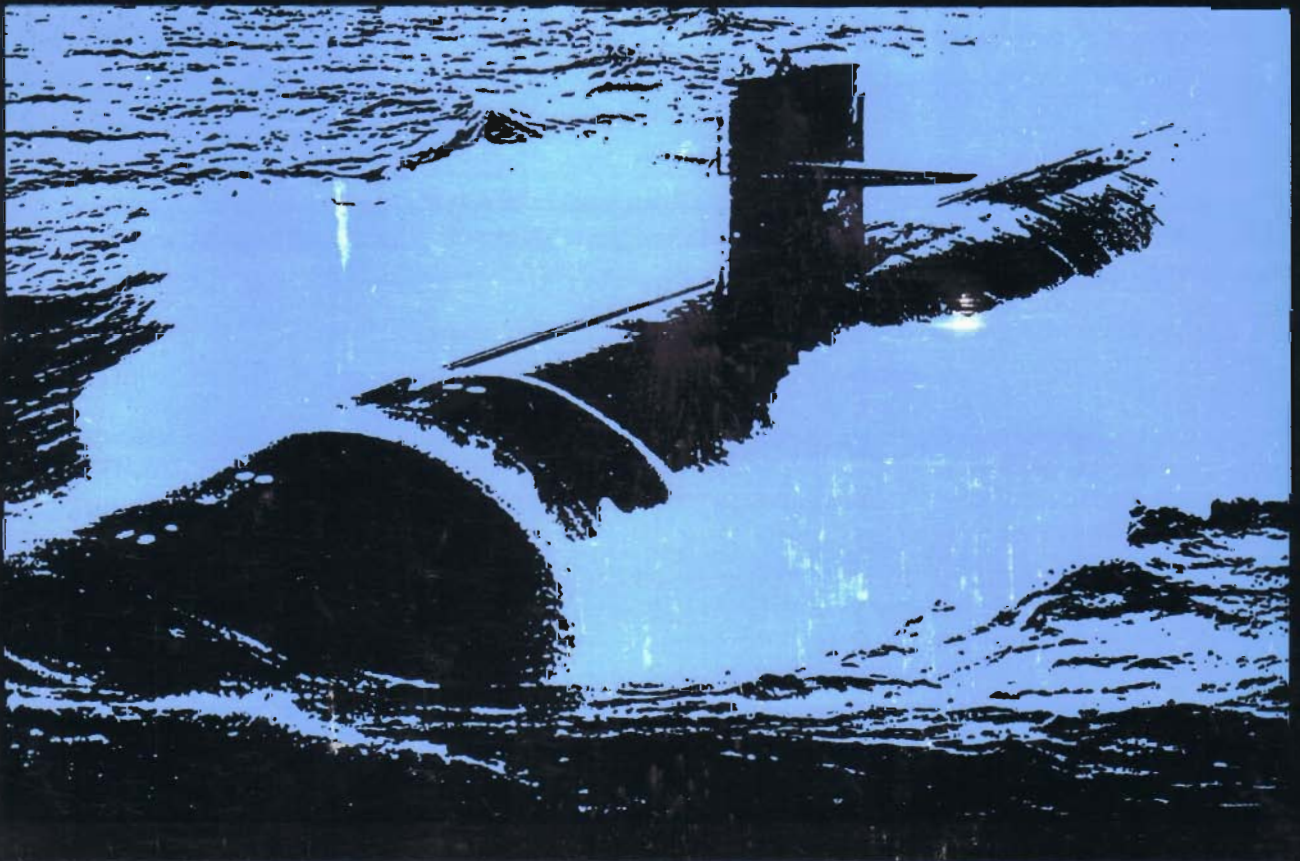




# USS AUGUSTA SSN710



Commissioning  
19 January 1985



## **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 commission pennant is broken, USS AUGUSTA (SSN710) 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 commission 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. Dutch Admiral Maarten 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 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 commission pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.

# **COMMISSIONING PROGRAM**

## **ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY**

### **INVOCATION**

Captain Peter J. Deruiter, CHC, USN

### **WELCOMING REMARKS**

Captain Thomas W. Turner, USN  
Prospective Commanding Officer

### **REMARKS**

Captain L. L. Lammers, USN  
Commanding Officer  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

### **SHIPBUILDER'S REMARKS**

Mr. Fritz G. Tovar  
Vice President - General Manager  
Electric Boat Division

### **SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING'S REMARKS**

Captain Robert F. Fox, USN  
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Groton, CT

### **COMMISSIONING**

Vice Admiral N. R. Thunman, USN  
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare)

### **ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND**

Captain Thomas W. Turner, USN  
Commanding Officer  
USS AUGUSTA (SSN710)

### **CITY REMARKS**

The Honorable Peter Thompson  
Mayor of Augusta, Maine

### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The Honorable William S. Cohen  
United States Senator, State of Maine

### **SPONSOR'S REMARKS**

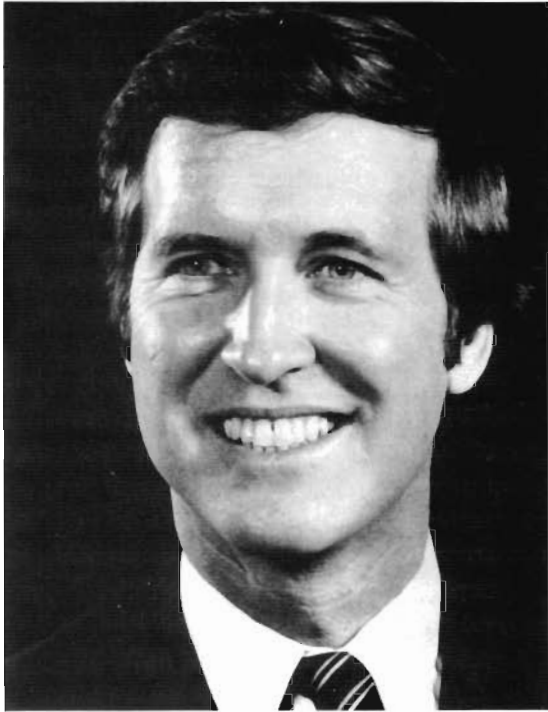
Diana D. Cohen

### **BENEDICTION**

Captain Peter J. Deruiter, CHC, USN

### **MUSIC**

Northeastern Navy Band



**THE HONORABLE  
WILLIAM S.  
COHEN**

**U.S. SENATOR  
FROM MAINE**

**PRINCIPAL  
SPEAKER**

Senator William S. Cohen, Maine's senior senator, has been making his mark in the nation's capital since 1973 — first as a three-term congressman, then as a senator for the past four years.

Senator Cohen is chairman of two subcommittees — the Armed Services Subcommittee on Sea Power and Force Projection and the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management. He is also a member of the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Special Committee on Aging.

Since his election to the Senate, Cohen has been especially active in the area of arms control, co-sponsoring a "build-down" proposal that calls for scrapping two outmoded missiles for every new one built. The Senator also champions preventive health legislation as well as the reform of government procurement practices and the social security and disability compensation processes.

Early in his career, Cohen was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in America by the National Jaycees. *Time* magazine included him as one of the country's future leaders. Recently the Noncommissioned Officers' Association presented him with the Mendel Rivers Award for his efforts on behalf of enlisted personnel in the armed forces. He also holds a number of honorary degrees.

A native of Bangor, Maine, Cohen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowdoin College and an LL.B. degree from Boston University Law School (both cum laude) and was a fellow at Harvard's John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics.

While practicing law in Maine from 1965-1972, he was assistant editor of the *Journal of the American Trial Lawyers' Association* and an instructor at the University of Maine.

He became assistant county attorney in Penobscot County, Maine for two years, served as a Bangor city councilman for three years, a school board member for two years and was mayor of Bangor from 1971-1972.

A prolific writer and poet, the Senator is the author of *Of Sons and Seasons*, a book of poetry and *Roll Call*, a memoir of his first year in the Senate. He also co-authored a guide entitled *Getting the Most Out of Washington: Using Congress to Move the Federal Bureaucracy*.

**VICE ADMIRAL  
N.R. THUNMAN,  
U.S. NAVY**

**COMMISSIONING  
OFFICER**



Vice Admiral N.R. Thunman became the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare on 1 July 1981.

A native of Springfield, Illinois, Vice Admiral Thunman attended the University of Illinois and in 1950 entered the United States Naval Academy, graduating in June 1954.

Following graduation, Vice Admiral Thunman served as a Company Officer at the Naval Academy for a short period before reporting to duty aboard the USS SHELTON (DD790). In 1957, he became Commanding Officer of USS MARYSVILLE (EPCER 857). In 1959, following completion of Submarine School, he served aboard USS VOLADOR (SS490).

Vice Admiral Thunman completed Nuclear Power Training in December 1961, and was assigned to the staff of the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power School, New London, Connecticut. In 1963 he served aboard USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN601) (Blue) and became the Executive Officer, USS SNOOK (SSN592) in 1964. SNOOK was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for operations in 1965. In March 1966, he reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, D.C. as the Assistant Program Manager for Nuclear Power Personnel.

In August 1968, Vice Admiral Thunman assumed command of USS PLUNGER (SSN595) at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. PLUNGER was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy under his command. In August 1971, he reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Training and Readiness. He reported to the staff of Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet as Senior Member of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board in May 1972. From 1974 to 1976 he served as Commander Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN at Guam, Marianas Islands. COMSUBRON FIFTEEN was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for operations during this time period.

Promoted to Rear Admiral in May 1976, he was assigned as the Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Officer Development and Distribution. Upon reorganization of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel and Training in November 1978, he became Director, Military Personnel and Training Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In May 1979, he was assigned as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and served in that position until assuming his present duties.

Vice Admiral Thunman's decorations include the Legion of Merit with three Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with one Gold Star, Navy Expeditionary Medal, China Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars.

Vice Admiral Thunman is married to the former Elizabeth Chase Caldwell of Annapolis, Maryland. They have two sons, Nils Ronald Jr. and Michael Erik.



## JOHN LEHMAN SECRETARY OF THE NAVY



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

Captain Thomas W. Turner, U. S. Navy  
PCO, AUGUSTA (SSN 710)  
Electric Boat Division  
General Dynamics Corporation  
Groton, Connecticut 06340

Dear Captain Turner:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and to your crew on the commissioning of AUGUSTA (SSN 710).

Able to operate silently at great depths and armed with the most advanced undersea weapons and sensors, AUGUSTA represents a potent addition to America's peacekeeping power at sea. You inherit a worthy tradition of duty well and faithfully done, bequeathed to you by three earlier AUGUSTAs. From the Quasi-War with revolutionary France through the Civil War and World War II, these fighting ships compiled a record of accomplishment which is now entrusted to you. I know that all who sail in the new AUGUSTA will blend the skill and spirit of the American submariner with the fine capabilities that have been designed into your ship. Your mission is as honorable as your heritage; may you add new honor to both.

As AUGUSTA begins an active role in the fleet, you, and those who serve with you, are charged with the heavy responsibility of making her a fully effective instrument of sea power in our nation's defense. May you meet with every success in assuming that responsibility.

Sincerely,

John Lehman

**ADMIRAL  
JAMES D. WATKINS  
CHIEF OF NAVAL  
OPERATIONS**



**CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS**

Dear Captain Turner,

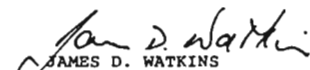
Please accept my hearty congratulations on the commissioning of United States Ship AUGUSTA (SSN 710). An unusual distinction and a special responsibility fall upon you as the first commanding officer. By your selection as the commissioning captain, your distinguished record of professional competence has been recognized, and in this assignment the full measure of your demonstrated abilities will be required.

When she joins the fleet, AUGUSTA will be the newest ship in the United States Navy and will bring to the operating forces the most modern design and quality construction afloat on the seas today. Yet this splendid ship cannot fulfill the role for which she was authorized by our Congress--to contribute to the common defense of our nation by maintaining our maritime superiority--unless she is manned by a dedicated crew capable of operating and maintaining her to the very limits of designed potential.

It is your responsibility to establish for AUGUSTA an operating capability to match her potential. As your ship and crew perform, AUGUSTA will develop a personality and a reputation which will endure over her years of service to the nation and to the Navy. AUGUSTA's character and professional reputation will depend largely 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,

  
JAMES D. WATKINS  
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Captain Thomas W. Turner, U. S. Navy  
PCO, AUGUSTA (SSN 710)  
Electric Boat Division  
General Dynamics Corporation  
Groton, Connecticut 06340



# LAUNCHING

21 JANUARY 1984



*“In the name of the United States,  
I christen thee AUGUSTA.  
May God bless her and all who  
sail in her.”*

— Diana D. Cohen





**DIANA D.  
COHEN**

**SPONSOR**



Diana D. Cohen blends the role of a Senator's wife with a career as a consultant.

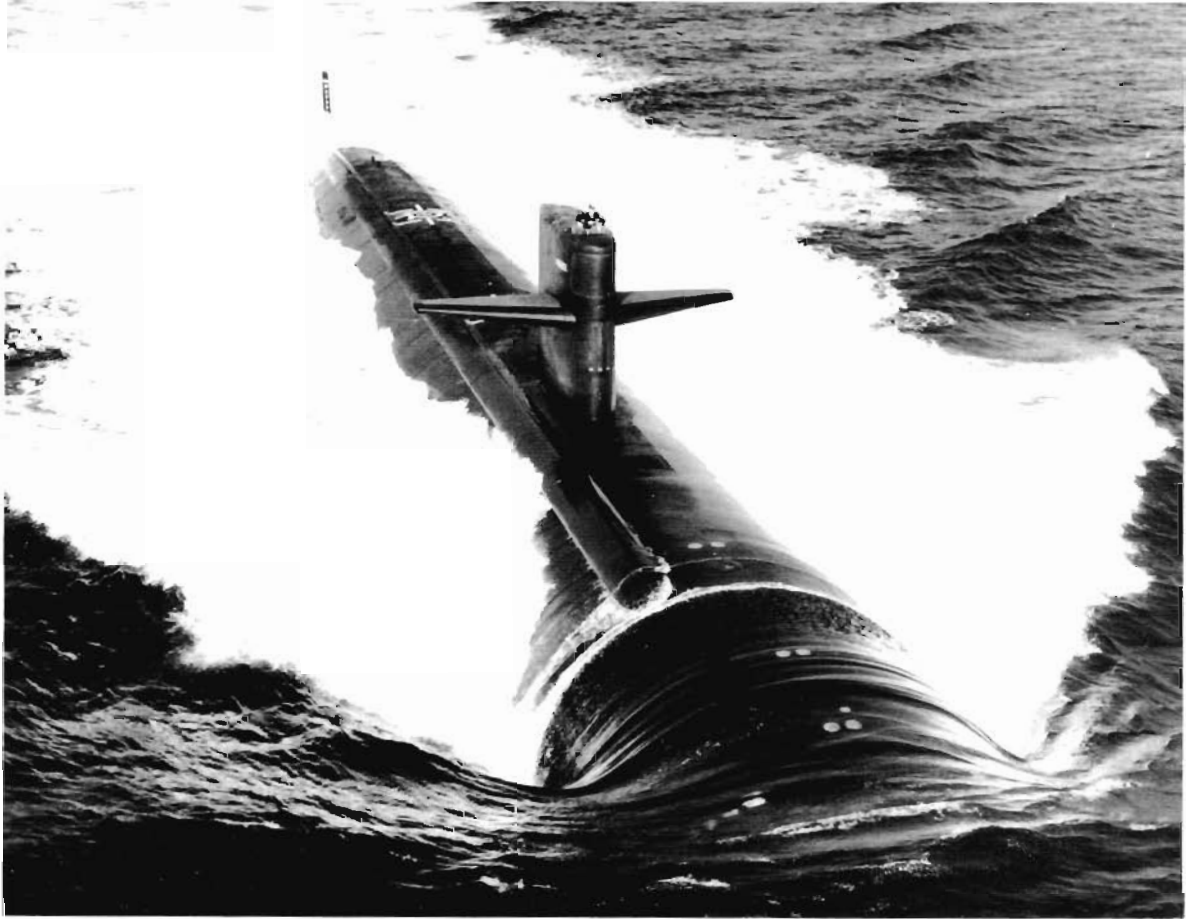
As a Senate wife, Mrs. Cohen is a member of the Senate Wives Red Cross Chapter and the National Women's Political Caucus. She is also a former member of the Bangor, Maine Junior League, that city's Symphony Women and the League of Women Voters' Executive Board.

As a consultant, she advises clients on financial matters and on arrangements for board meetings, seminars and conferences.

An avid painter, Mrs. Cohen attended George Washington University and the Corcoran School of Art. Her artwork, executed in oils, water colors and silk screen, has been exhibited at George Washington University. Formerly senior vice-president of Washington Corporative Arts, Inc. and a beauty consultant for a major cosmetics firm, she has also put her creative talents to work designing the Cohen's home in Bangor.

The Cohens have two sons — Kevin, a student at Bowdoin College and Christopher, who attends McLean, Virginia High School.

# USS AUGUSTA (SSN710)



LENGTH:	360 FEET
DISPLACEMENT:	6090 TONS SURFACED 6927 TONS SUBMERGED
HULL DIAMETER:	33 FEET
DRAFT:	32 FEET
COMPLEMENT:	13 OFFICERS 114 ENLISTED
KEEL LAID:	01 APRIL 1982
LAUNCHED:	21 JANUARY 1984
COMMISSIONED:	19 JANUARY 1985

USS AUGUSTA (SSN710) is the latest addition to the LOS ANGELES Class, the Navy's newest class of nuclear powered attack submarines. They are the most advanced undersea vessels of their type in the world. Their mission is to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. AUGUSTA is the thirtieth vessel of the class to be commissioned.

The 360 feet, 6900 ton ships are well-equipped to accomplish that task. Faster than their predecessors and equipped with highly accurate sensors and weapons systems, they are armed with sophisticated Mark 48 torpedoes and the Harpoon guided missile. Each vessel carries a crew of 127; 13 officers and 114 enlisted men; all specialists in their field.

The USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688), for which the class is named, was commissioned on 13 November 1976.

# ***THE CITY OF AUGUSTA***



Augusta, Maine's capital city, lies on both sides of the Kennebec River at the head of its tidewater section and is a transportation, cultural and political center for 150,000 people in the capital area.

Set among wooded hills and sprinkled with numerous lakes and ponds, Augusta was first settled in 1628 as Cushnoc Trading Post. Incorporated as Augusta in 1797, the city became home of the Kennebec County Seat that same year and was later designated state capital in 1827.

Predictably, the city's largest business is government. As the capital, Augusta houses the offices of state government, regional federal agencies and most state-wide organizations. Dominating the skyline is the state house, originally designed by the noted Boston architect, Charles Bulfinch and completed in 1831.

Commercial industry in Augusta covers such diverse fields as computer manufacturing and sales, paper products, textiles, shoes, steel fabrication, meat processing, printing and data processing. Some of the firms are located in a 60-acre industrial park.

For higher education, Augusta offers a commuter branch of the University of Maine where more than 3,500 students attend day and evening classes.

The city also boasts a \$3.8-million civic center that plays host to more than 1,500 events each year. The facility's 8,000-seat main auditorium anchors a complex that serves as a convention, conference and entertainment center for more than a quarter-million people annually.

Cultural attractions, steeped in colonial history, include Fort Western, built in 1754 and the only pre-Revolution structure of its type still standing in Maine. Now a municipal museum, it is open from early spring through Labor Day and draws thousands of visitors each year. Another facility, the Maine State Museum, contains exhibits of early wildlife and historical documents.



**THOMAS W.  
TURNER**

**CAPTAIN,  
U.S. NAVY**

**COMMANDING  
OFFICER**

Captain Thomas W. Turner, a native of Newport, Rhode Island, was graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the university in June, 1964.

Following service on USS HARDHEAD (SS365), Captain Turner attended nuclear power and submarine school. In June, 1966, he reported aboard USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN657) in the Gold Crew, where he served as Supply Officer, Sonar Officer, Communicator and Operations Officer. Captain Turner then transferred to USS TREPANG (SSN674) as Engineer in July, 1969, remaining until February 1973. During this time the ship earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation (with star) and the Navy Expeditionary Medal; Captain Turner received the Navy Achievement Medal.

After the TREPANG assignment, Captain Turner became Material Officer on the staff of Commander, Submarine Refitting and Training Group in LaMaddalena, Sardinia. Then, back on sea duty three years later, he was Executive Officer of USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN654), Gold Crew. During this tour, he earned the Navy Commendation Medal. Just prior to his present assignment, Captain Turner was Commanding Officer on USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN635), Blue Crew for three years. During this tour, he earned the Meritorious Commendation Medal.

Captain Turner is married to the former Marjorie Harvey of Coatesville, Pennsylvania. The couple has two sons, Thomas and George, and reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

**DAVID O.  
SAMPLES**

**LIEUTENANT  
COMMANDER,  
U.S. NAVY**

**EXECUTIVE  
OFFICER**



Lieutenant Commander David O. Samples was born in Waterloo, Iowa on December 4, 1950. He is a graduate of Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering. He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Purdue in May, 1973.

Upon completion of nuclear power and submarine training in August 1974, Lieutenant Commander Samples was assigned aboard USS QUEENFISH (SSN651) where he served as Communicator, Electrical Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant. During this period the ship earned the Navy Unit Commendation and he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal.

From January 1978 to December 1979, Lieutenant Commander Samples was assigned as an instructor at the Nuclear Power Training Unit at Ballston Spa, New York. During early 1980, he attended the Submarine Officer Advanced Course at New London, Connecticut.

In July 1980, Lieutenant Commander Samples reported aboard USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN696) for a three year assignment as Navigator and Operations Officer. During this time, the ship received two Meritorious Unit Commendations and the Navy Expeditionary Medal and he received the Navy Commendation Medal (with two stars). Following this tour, Lieutenant Commander Samples reported as Executive Officer, AUGUSTA (SSN710) Precommissioning Unit in August 1983.

Lieutenant Commander Samples is married to the former Barbara Barnes of Wooster, Ohio. They presently reside in Waterford, Connecticut.



**LCDR BRIAN R. WEAVER**  
Kent, WA  
*Navigator*



**LCDR ERNEST J. ROESKE**  
Annapolis, MD  
*Engineer  
Officer*



**LT WILFRED J. FORBES**  
Presque Isle, ME  
*Weapons Officer*



**LT MICHAEL P. MARTIN**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
*Supply Officer*



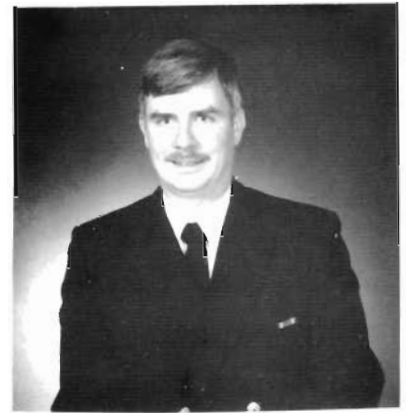
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*Damage Control  
Assistant*



**LT JAMES A. HILL**  
Lebanon, PA  
*Sonar Officer*



**LT BRADLEY D. ZELL**  
Stillwater, MN  
*Assistant Engineer*



**LT JOHN M. QUIGLEY, JR.**  
Tucson, AZ  
*Reactor Controls  
Assistant*



**LT GREGORY W. SCHWENK**  
Yankton, SD  
*Main Propulsion  
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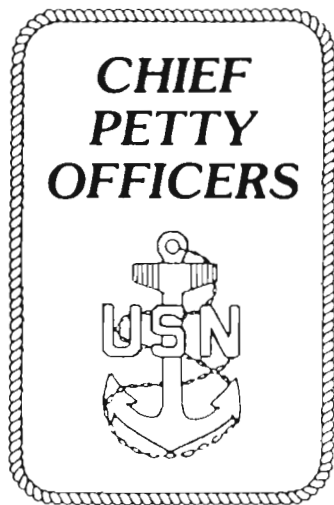
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Drexel Hill, PA  
*Electrical Assistant*



**LTJG SEAN A. MCGUCKIN**  
Philadelphia, PA  
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Assistant*



**ENS ALAN B. SMITH**  
Brunswick, GA  
*Communications  
Officer*



CHIEF OF THE BOAT  
STCM(SS) DAVID W.  
MORROW  
Ottumwa, IA



HMCM(SS) JEROME M.  
ROLFSON  
Austin, MN



RMCS(SS) GARY W.  
COULTER  
Junction City, KY



STSCS(SS) PETER J.  
FAZIO  
Voluntown, CT



QMCS(SS) PAUL S.  
HURLEY  
Stoneham, MA



MMCS(SS) MARK W.  
KUEHN  
Lisbon, CT



TMC(SS) DAVID L.  
BAADE  
Amarillo, TX



ETC(SS) WILLIAM  
BARROS  
Brooklyn, NY





**ETC(SS/DV) GERALD A.  
BRINKMAN**  
Long Beach, CA



**ETC(SS) DANIEL K.  
CRAW**  
San Diego, CA



**MMC(SS) DAVID K.  
ELLIS**  
Columbus, IN



**MMC(SS) PAUL H.  
HAMMOND**  
Vermontville, MI



**TMC(SS) JOHN W.  
JOCHUM**  
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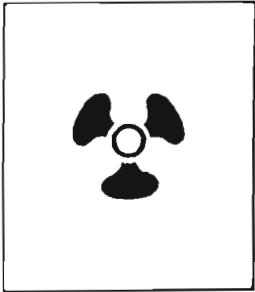


**FTGC(SS) KENNETH J.  
NURMI**  
Virginia, MN



**EMC(SS) ROBERT K.  
REECE**  
Virginia Beach, VA

**SHIP'S  
CREW**



**MM1(SS) JAMES A.  
STANBACK**  
Washington, DC



**MM1(SS) PAUL D.  
BINKLEY**  
Bridgeport, CT



**MM1(SS) JEFFREY L.  
HAKE**  
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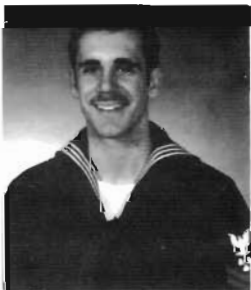
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**MM1(SS) ALLEN B.  
TODD**  
Albany, NY



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BARNES**  
Sylva, NC



**MM2 JAMES M.  
DUNN**  
Salem, MA



**MM2 SHAWN P.  
GERVAIS**  
Essex Junction, VT



**MM2 TODD D.  
KEHLEY**  
Ringtown, PA



**MM2 DUANE E.  
LAMPER**  
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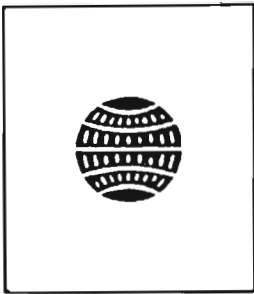
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WASKOW**  
Sumner, IA



EM1(SS) DAVID L. BURDIN  
St. Cloud, FL



EM1(SS) BARRY E. LEWIS  
Newark, NJ



EM1(SS) PETER A. MATTIACE  
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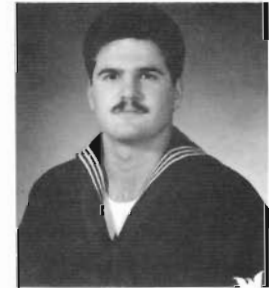
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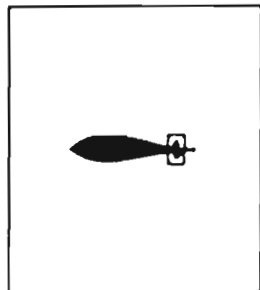
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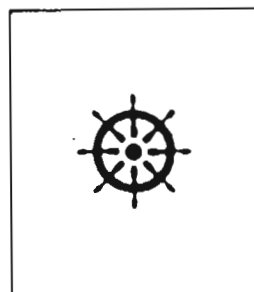
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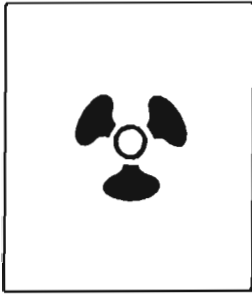
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HEIM  
St. Petersburg, FL



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BIRDSONG  
Alpharetta, GA



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KALAKEWICH  
Washington, PA



MM2(SS) ROBERT C.  
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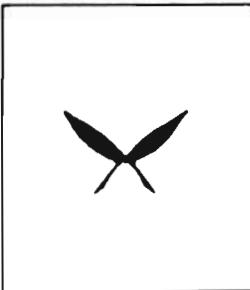
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Indiana, PA



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Macomb, MI



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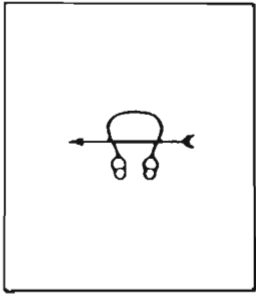
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Queens, NY



STS1(SS) STEPHEN E. WOODS  
Rochester, NY



STS1(SS) DOUGLAS S. HOVLAND  
Freeborn, MN



STS2(SS) HARRY A. MILLER  
Ocala, FL



STS2(SS) LELAND H. SPARKS  
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Brooksville, FL

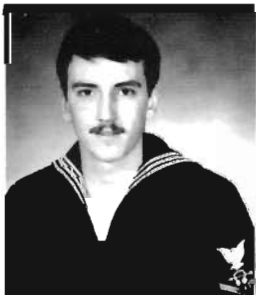


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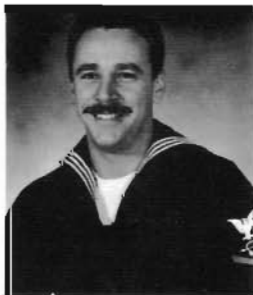


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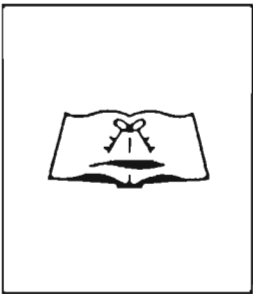
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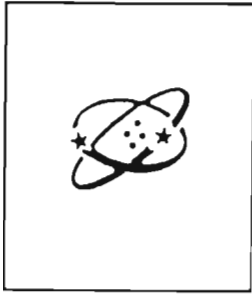
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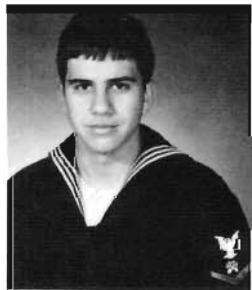
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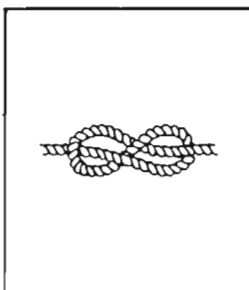
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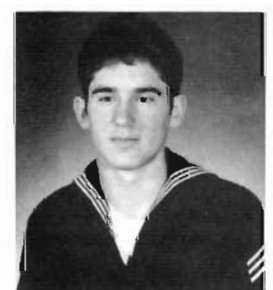
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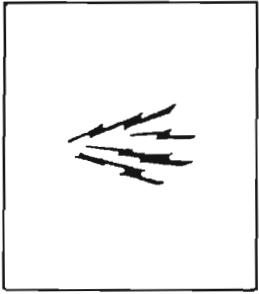
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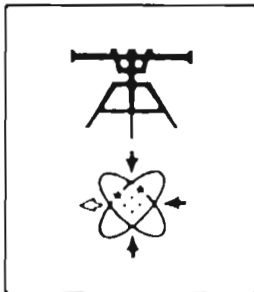
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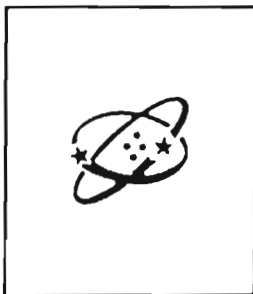
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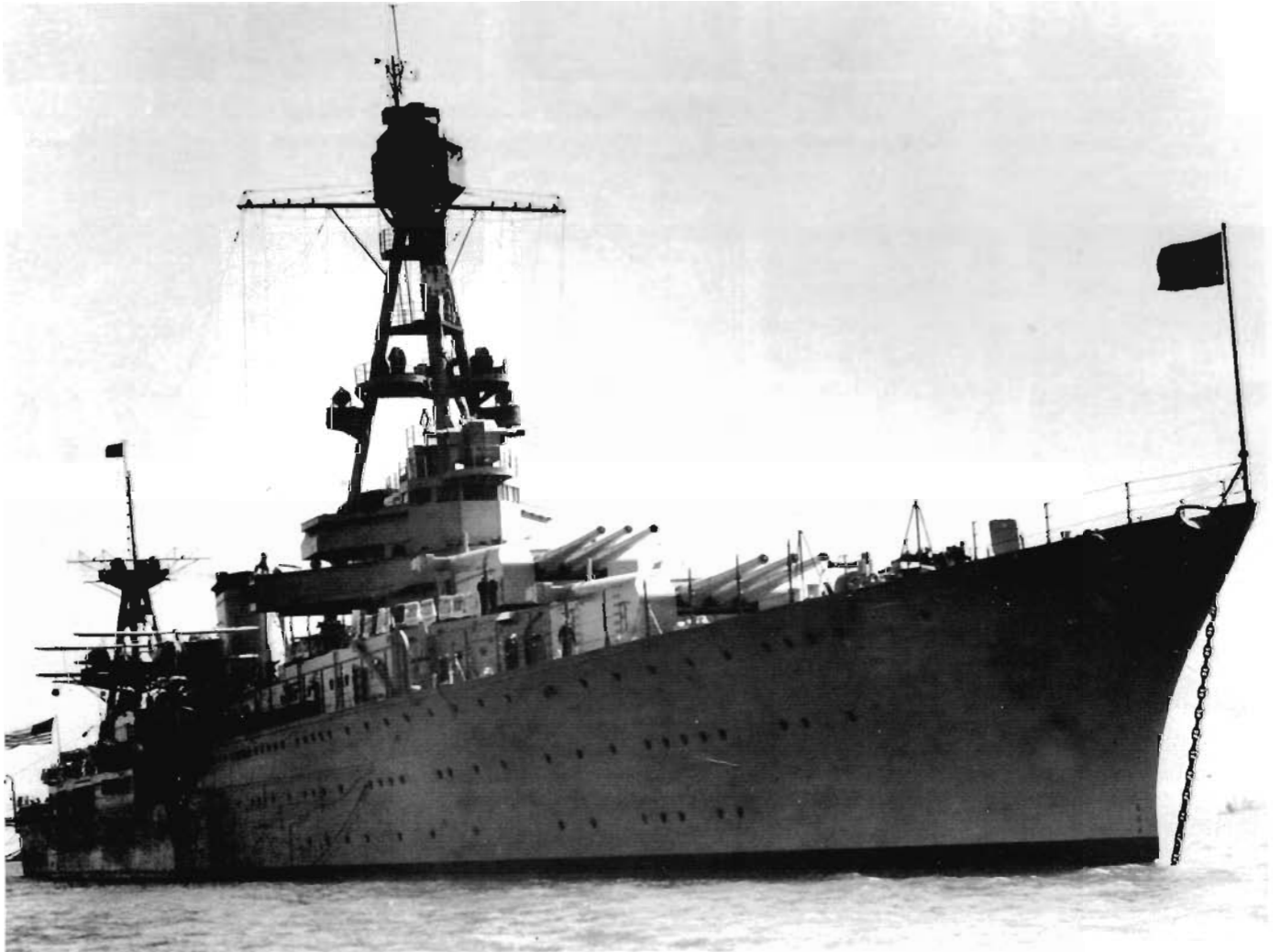
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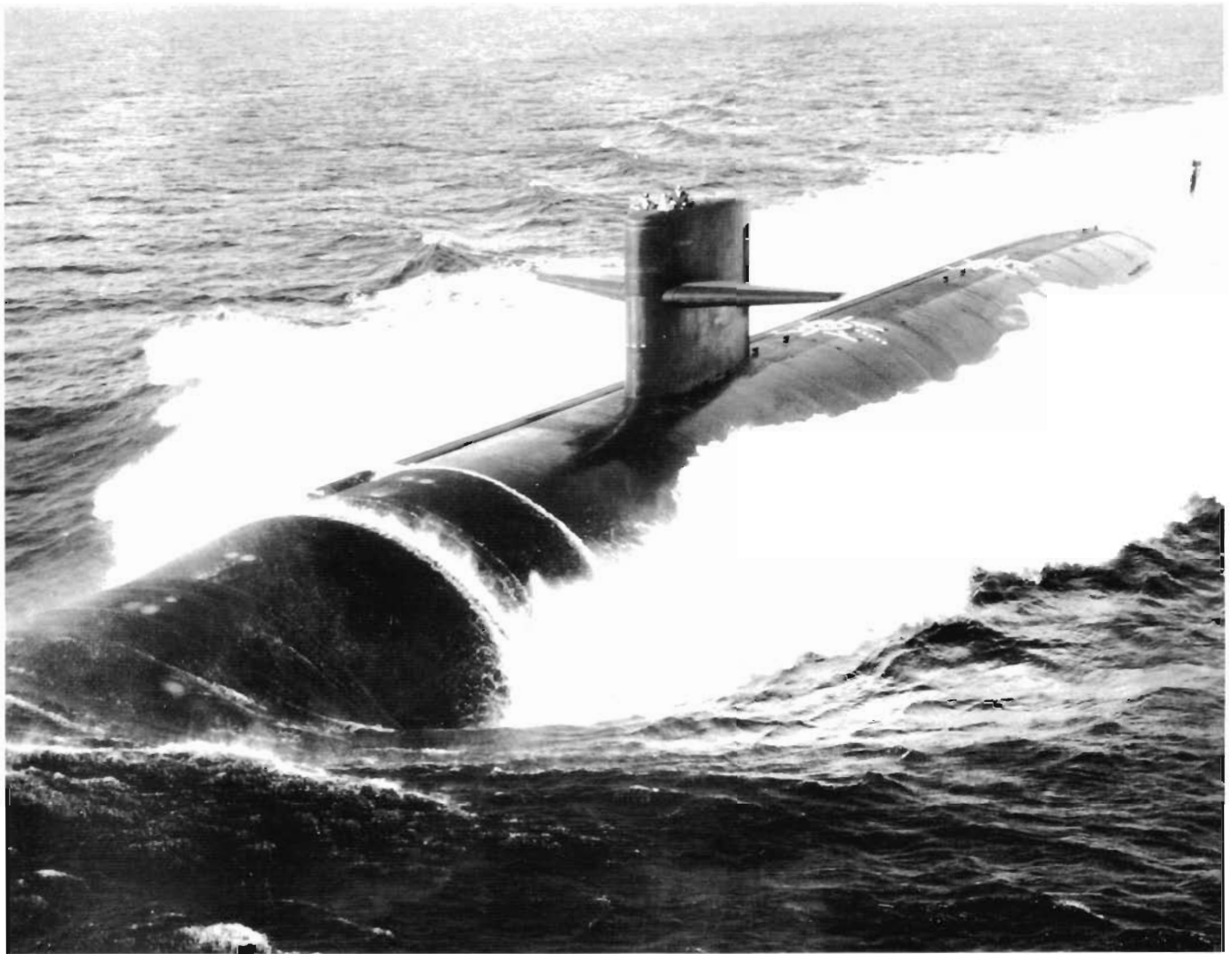
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# ***HISTORY OF PREVIOUS U.S. NAVY SHIPS NAMED AUGUSTA***

The name AUGUSTA has been carried by four previous U.S. Navy Ships. The lineage includes a 14 gun brig (1799 - 1801), which served in the Quasi-War with France, operating in the West Indies and taking five prizes; a side wheel gunboat (1861 - 1888), which operated with the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron during the Civil War; an armed yacht (SP 946) (1917 - 1918), which performed section patrol duty in the waters of the 8th Naval District during World War I; and a heavy cruiser (CA-31) (1931 - 1959), which served as one of the meeting places for President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill during the important "Atlantic Charter" conferences in the summer of 1941, and won three battle stars for her World War II service in the major amphibious landings of North Africa, Normandy and Southern France.







## ***WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION***

Many people labored long and hard as members of the AUGUSTA 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:

ENS MICHEAL SIRCY MSC, USN  
CW02 BARRY HENRY SC, USN  
ET2(SS) DAVID FLOETER  
MM2(SS) DARRELL HARRIS  
EM2(SS) SHAWN MANGUM  
RM2(SS) HERMINO MERCED



## ***PLANKOWNER***

As with the Commissioning Ceremony, the tradition of the plankowner reaches far back into history. As a member of the Navy crew serving on board the ship at the time of commissioning, the plankowner receives "a clear, free, open and unencumbered title" to a plank of the deck of the ship, thus signifying his participation in this special day. This privilege will not be given to any future member of the crew of the USS AUGUSTA. More than just a title, we feel we have grown with the ship. Paralleling her construction was our training to operate the ship. When each was ready we came together as a team, the ship and crew at sea.

Some of us have watched and been a part of the ship under construction for many months, a few over a year and a half now. Others have been aboard only a few days. Regardless of the time with the precommissioning unit, we are all proud of our ship and feel a special kinship to her this day.

We are honored by each of you, in your attendance, and hope that you feel the same pride that we do in serving aboard the United States Ship AUGUSTA.

“ETERNAL FATHER”

“ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE,  
WHOSE ARM HATH BOUND THE RESTLESS WAVE,  
WHO BIDDEST THE MIGHTY OCEAN DEEP  
ITS OWN APPOINTED LIMITS KEEP.  
O HEAR US WHEN WE CRY TO THEE  
FOR THOSE IN PERIL ON THE SEA

LORD GOD, OUR POWER EVER MORE,  
WHOSE ARM DOTHTH REACH THE OCEAN FLOOR,  
DIVE WITH OUR MEN BENEATH THE SEA,  
TRAVERSE THE DEPTHS PROTECTIVELY.  
O HEAR US WHEN WE CRY, AND KEEP  
THEM SAFE FROM PERILS IN THE DEEP.”

