



# USS LOUISIANA

## SSBN 743

*Commissioning*  
September 6, 1997





## 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 LOUISIANA (SSBN743) 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 planes operated).

The newly commissioned ship then renders full honors to the senior civilian and military officials present. The flags of these officials will be raised and an appropriate gun salute fired for the senior military officials. 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. 🐾

# Plank Owner



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The tradition of the “plank owner” reaches far back into history. As a member of the Navy crew serving aboard a ship at the time of its commissioning, the plank owner receives a clear, free, open, and unencumbered title to a plank of the deck of the ship. This privilege is given only to those crew members assigned to the ship today.

The entire new construction period for the LOUISIANA emphasized teamwork and a standard of excellence. While the Shipyard constructed the ship, we constructed the crew. When both ship and crew were ready, we took them to sea and completed the entire set of builder’s trials in record time. This required a ship built to precise standards and a highly skilled crew trained to operate it. The LOUISIANA’s record setting performance is something every plank owner is proud of.

We are honored by the presence of dignitaries, shipmates, family, and friends at today’s commissioning and wish all fair winds and following seas. 🦋

Captain Wilbur O. Cooke, Jr., USN  
Commanding Officer  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (BLUE)

Commander William H. Borger, USN  
Commanding Officer  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD)

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## Principal Speaker



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



On July 1, 1993, President Clinton nominated John H. Dalton to become the Secretary of the Navy. The Senate confirmed the appointment on July 21, and Secretary Dalton was sworn in as the 70th Secretary of the Navy on July 22, 1993.

Previously, Mr. Dalton ran the San Antonio, Texas, office of Stephens Inc., a Little Rock, Arkansas-based investment banking firm. Prior to Stephens, he was Managing Director of Best Associates and Mason Best Company, merchant banking firms headquartered in Houston and Dallas, respectively.

From 1984 to 1988 he served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Freedom Capital Corporation in San Antonio and as President of the Seguin Saving Association. Prior to these positions, he was president of the Real Estate Division of Gill Companies of San Antonio.

President Carter nominated Mr. Dalton to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in December 1979, where he served as a member and chairman until July 1981.

Mr. Dalton was president of the Government National Mortgage Association of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development before being appointed to the Bank Board. He began his public service career after serving with the investment banking firm of Goldman, Sachs and Company in Dallas, Texas.

In 1971 he received a Master of Business Administration Degree from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Dalton attended Louisiana State University for one year before attending the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated with distinction from Annapolis in 1964, having served as Deputy Brigade Commander, the Academy's number two ranking position. He was a finalist in the Rhodes Scholarship competition. While in the Navy from 1964 to 1969, he received naval nuclear power training and served aboard the submarines USS BLUEBACK (as Supply and Commissary Officer) and USS JOHN C. CALHOUN (SSBN 630) (as Main Propulsion Assistant, Communications Officer, and Weapons Officer). He attained the rank of Lieutenant while serving on active duty. Subsequently, he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Mr. Dalton was recognized by the National Security Caucus as their prestigious International Security Leadership Award recipient for 1997. The award recognizes Mr. Dalton's "leadership and vision in promoting American seapower and a bipartisan maritime strategy." Previous award winners include former Presidents George Bush and Ronald Reagan; former Secretaries of Defense William Perry and Caspar Weinberger; and former Senators John Stennis, John Tower, Henry Jackson, and Sam Nunn. Mr. Dalton is the first service secretary to receive this award. The National Security Caucus Foundation has also established the John H. Dalton Congressional Fellowship in Maritime Strategy Studies in his honor. Mr. Dalton also holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree awarded by Trinity college in 1997.

Mr. Dalton was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 13, 1941 and was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana. He and his wife Margaret reside in Washington, D.C. They have two sons, John Jr. and Chris.



## Commissioning Officer

Vice Admiral Richard W. Mies is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree, with majors in mechanical engineering and mathematics. Following graduation and commissioning, Vice Admiral Mies completed one year of postgraduate studies at Oxford University, England. In August 1968 he commenced training for submarine duty. After graduation from submarine and nuclear power training schools, Vice Admiral Mies served on USS SUNFISH (SSN 649), a Sturgeon-class attack submarine, from March 1970 to April 1973. In May 1973, Vice Admiral Mies reported to the precommissioning unit of USS L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN 686), also a Sturgeon-class attack submarine. He served as Engineer Officer through commissioning until June 1976 when he was assigned to the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, as a member of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. Following this assignment, he served as Executive Officer of USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623 - BLUE), a Lafayette-class ballistic missile submarine, until December 1980.

From January 1981 until June 1983 Vice Admiral Mies pursued postgraduate studies in the fields of diplomatic history and international law, politics, and economics at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Harvard University.

Vice Admiral Mies commanded the Sturgeon-class attack submarine USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664) from January 1984 to November 1986. Under his command SEA DEVIL completed three major deployments and participated in numerous fleet operations, including surfacing at the North Pole. Following this command, he was assigned as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare) until February 1989. In March 1989 Vice Admiral Mies took command of Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, an attack submarine squadron and the organization primarily responsible for the development of submarine tactical guidance. He then served as Chief of Staff to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, from July 1990 to April 1992. Following selection to flag rank, Vice Admiral Mies served as Director, Strategic Target Plans and Deputy Director, Plans and Policy on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, from April 1992 until July 1994. He served as Commander, Submarine Group EIGHT and Commander, Submarines Mediterranean from July 1994 to May 1996.



Vice Admiral  
*Richard W. Mies*  
United States Navy

Commander  
Submarine Force  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Commander  
Submarines Allied  
Command Atlantic

He was appointed as Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander, Submarines Allied Command Atlantic in June 1996.

Vice Admiral Mies holds graduate degrees in government administration and international relations. He attended the Flag Officers' Capstone course and the program for Senior Executives in National and International Security at Harvard University in 1992. In addition to unit and service awards, he is entitled to wear the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (four awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Vice Admiral Mies is married to the former Sheila McCann of Chicago. They have two daughters, Rachel Anne and Sara Elizabeth. 🐟

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**Admiral**

*Jay L. Johnson*

**United States Navy**

*Chief of Naval Operations*



**Admiral**

*J. Paul Reason*

**United States Navy**

*Commander in Chief,  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet*





**General**  
*Eugene Habiger*  
**United States Air Force**  
*U.S. Strategic Command*



**Admiral**  
*Frank "Skip" Bowman*  
**United States Navy**  
*Director,*  
*Naval Nuclear Propulsion*



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## Sponsor



*Patricia Carlin O'Keefe*

"Patsy" O'Keefe, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, has been closely associated with the U.S. Navy since the early days of World War II when, as a recent business school graduate, she went to work for Higgins Industries, a builder of landing craft and PT boats in her hometown. The association between Mrs. O'Keefe and the Navy since then has been close and almost continuous.

After marrying Naval Officer Patrick G. O'Keefe in 1949, she raised five children in 15 post cities where Navy submarine facilities were located, and subsequently in New Jersey, Tennessee and Maine.

Mrs. O'Keefe's oldest son, Patrick, is a maritime lawyer practicing in New Orleans. Timothy, her second son, is applying graduate-school-level training in aquaculture at Idaho trout farms as well as internationally. Sean, her third son, has been the Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Defense, as well as Secretary of the Navy. He is now a professor at the Maxwell School of Government at Syracuse University. Kathleen,

her oldest daughter, once the director of Adoptions for New Orleans Catholic Charities, is now devoted to raising two of the O'Keefe's nine grandchildren. Her youngest daughter, Shannon, has graduated from Louisiana State University in the advanced program of social work. Kathleen and Shannon will be Matrons of Honor during today's ceremony.

Mrs. O'Keefe has been an active supporter of church, school, civic, and naval support activities in 18 communities. In Bath, Maine, where she currently makes her home, she is a volunteer at Mid Coast Hospital and Bath Hospital Auxiliary, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mrs. O'Keefe also has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Navy League's Casco Bay Council.

Her husband, Patrick, retired from the Navy 23 years ago as Supervisor of Shipbuilding in Groton, Connecticut. Captain O'Keefe retired again in January 1996 as Senior Vice President of Bath Iron Works. 🐟







# LOUISIANA Christening



**"In the name of the United States  
I christen thee LOUISIANA.  
May God bless her and  
all who sail in her."  
- Patricia Carlin O'Keefe -  
July 27, 1996**



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# USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743)



USS LOUISIANA embodies the extensive consideration given to all aspects of survivability and capability required in a sea-based deterrent system designed for operations through the next century.

USS LOUISIANA employs new, quieter machinery that could not be installed in earlier classes of fleet ballistic missile submarines because of space and weight constraints.

USS LOUISIANA has an advanced sonar system, comparable to that developed for the United States Navy's newest attack submarines, and is capable of providing long-range detection and more effective tracking.

Key features of USS LOUISIANA include improved maintainability, reliability, and availability resulting from modular replacement of major equipment, improved design, and incorporation of integrated logistics support.

USS LOUISIANA has additional growth potential to accommodate future technology as it becomes available. 🐟

## MILESTONES

Keel Laid:	December 17, 1992
Precommissioning Unit Formed:	September 6, 1995
Christened:	July 27, 1996
Commissioned:	September 6, 1997

## CHARACTERISTICS

Length:	560.0 Feet
Hull Diameter:	42.0 Feet
Draft:	36.2 Feet
Displacement (Submerged):	18,750 Tons
Missile Tubes:	24
Torpedo Tubes:	4
Complement	
Officers:	15
Enlisted:	150



# Ship's Insignia

Military units have historically employed emblems as a means of organizational identification. Designed during the new construction period, the chosen insignia becomes an integral part of the ship's ongoing history. Closely associated with the crew and its reputation, the emblem is proudly displayed on a wide variety of official documents and memorabilia.

## Symbology of USS LOUISIANA (SSBN743) Crest

**The Ship's Crest.** The crest of the USS LOUISIANA recalls the proud traditions of the people of the state of Louisiana and the three previous ships to bear her name. In understanding the symbolism of this crest, the crew is reminded of their special bond to the people and history of Louisiana, and the heroic tradition of the naval veterans who have gone before them. To others, the crest will serve as a proud statement that the crew carries forward those traditions in faithful and excellent service.

**The Circle of Gold Braid.** The gold braid encircling the seal represents eternal commitment of the crew to the values of pride, patriotism, honor, and tradition.

**The Eighteen Stars.** The eighteen stars surrounding the crest identify Louisiana as the eighteenth state of the Union and the LOUISIANA as the eighteenth Trident submarine.

**The Pelican.** The Pelican is shown protecting her young with outstretched wings. The state bird, as legend has it, is the only bird known to give its own flesh to feed its young when it is unable to find food. This also signifies the mission of the ship and crew to defend at all costs the freedoms and values that America holds dear.

**Red, White, Blue, and Gold.** The USS LOUISIANA is sworn to defend the red, white, and blue of our proud nation, and carries the gold, white, and blue of the State of Louisiana to recall her origins. Additionally, the dark blue and gold

traditionally associated with the United States Navy represent excellence and the sea, and distinguish the two crews of the LOUISIANA.

**The Submarine Silhouette.** Striking in its appearance, the bow-on perspective of the modern Trident submarine is unmistakable. Bold and steadfast, it serves as a warning of the ship's resolute commitment to defending freedom.

**The Four Stars, Laurel, and Crossed Tridents.** The four stars indicate that this is the fourth ship to bear the name. The laurel is symbolic of each crew member's commitment to service with honor to his country, and ship. The tridents symbolize naval weaponry, both past and present, and sea prowess. Their bottom spikes pierce the state motto, anchoring it, while pointing toward the ocean depths where the ship patrols.

**The Fleur-de-lis.** An iris with three petals was once the armorial emblem of French sovereigns, and it is often used as a symbol of the state of Louisiana. Here it represents the French influence on the state of Louisiana.

**The Banner.** The banner with the inscription "Union, Justice, and Confidence" proclaims the state motto. Wrapping the banner around the ship symbolize the crew's strong esprit de corps with the people of the state of Louisiana.

**The Crawfish.** The crawfish is symbolic of the rich and unique cultural heritage of the proud people of the state of Louisiana.





## Ships Named LOUISIANA


The submarine USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) is the fourth U.S. Navy vessel to be named in honor of the eighteenth state admitted into the union, and is the eighteenth and last Trident Submarine to be commissioned.



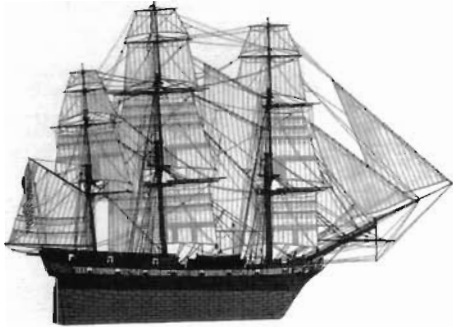
The first LOUISIANA, a sloop built in New Orleans in 1812, played a vital role in the defense of New Orleans during the war of 1812. From December 23, 1814 to January 8, 1815, the sloop LOUISIANA pounded advancing British troops, providing naval gunfire support for General Jackson's troops. When British troops advanced up river beyond the range of the deadly cannon fire of the sloop LOUISIANA, the crew did not let the absence of the wind deter their support. Crew members waded ashore with mooring lines and towed their sloop up river against the currents of the mighty Mississippi

to re-engage the British troops. LOUISIANA was credited with playing a key role in the defeat of the British and keeping the valuable port of New Orleans in American hands.

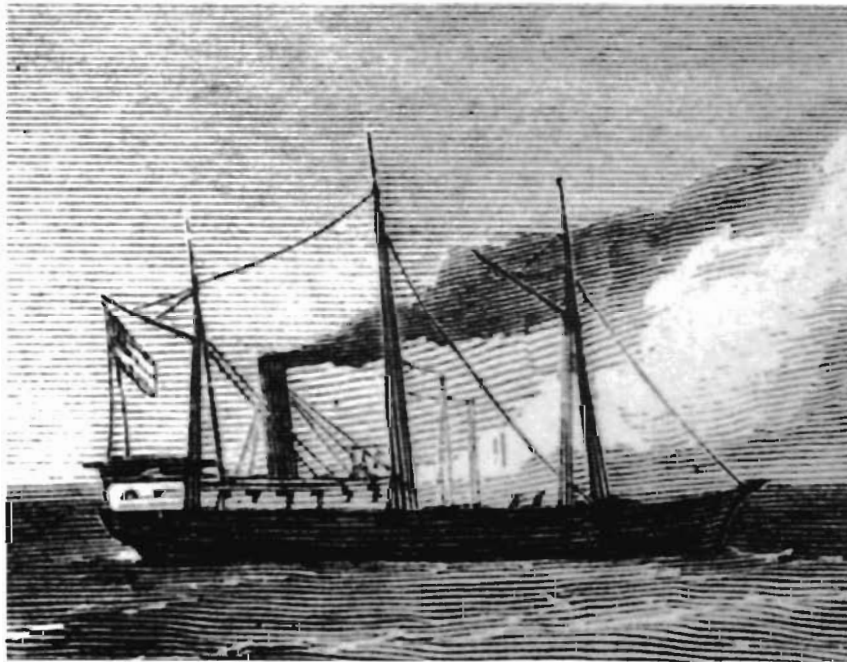
The second LOUISIANA, a sidewheel steamer, was commissioned in August, 1861. Originally assigned to the Union's North Atlantic Blockading Squadron, LOUISIANA operated along the Virginia Coast against Confederate blockade runners. LOUISIANA was involved in the defense of Washington, D.C. in December of 1862, where Maj. Gen. John J. Foster reported that LOUISIANA "had rendered most efficient aid, throwing their shells with great precision, and clearing the streets, through which her guns had range." She later was involved in numerous engagements off the coast and in the rivers of North Carolina. The second LOUISIANA was sacrificed on Christmas Eve, 1864, when she was towed, stripped and laden with explosives, to the base of Fort Fisher in Wilmington, NC, and detonated in an attempt to destroy the fort with minimum loss of life. The explosion had little effect, and it took Union forces several more weeks to capture this important Confederate stronghold.

The battleship LOUISIANA (BB-19) was the third ship to bear the name. Commissioned on June 2, 1906, LOUISIANA was soon called on to provide her services, and was sent to Havana with a Peace Commission, at the request of the Cuban president, for help in suppressing an insurrection. In November of 1906, LOUISIANA embarked President Theodore Roosevelt for a cruise to inspect construction progress of the Panama Canal. On December 16, 1907, LOUISIANA departed Hampton Roads as one of the 16 Battleships of the "Great White Fleet", sent on an around-the-world cruise by President Roosevelt as a means of deterring hostile action toward the United States and displaying America's ability as a global naval power to the world. This cruise took a little over a year, returning to Hampton Roads on February 22, 1909. LOUISIANA later saw duty in World War I as a training ship and convoy escort. Some of the silver service from the battleship LOUISIANA is proudly displayed on board. 



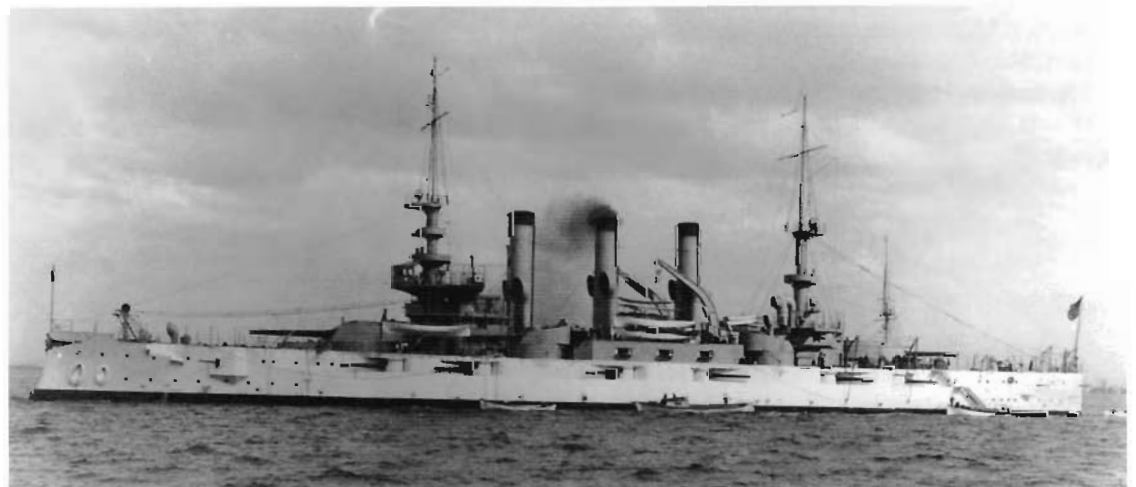


*Sloop*  
**LOUISIANA - 1812**



*Sidewheel Steamer*  
**LOUISIANA - 1861**

**USS LOUISIANA**  
**(BB 19) - 1906**



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## State of LOUISIANA

Louisiana's past is nothing if not colorful. Beginning in 1541 with Hernando De Soto's claim of the region for Spain, the state has been governed under 15 different flags, including the Union Jack of Great Britain, the Tricolor of Napoleon, the Lone Star flag of the Republic of West Florida, and the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

The Louisiana Purchase in 1803 affirmed the importance of the region to the trade and security of the American Midwest and, at a price of \$15 million, nearly doubled the size of the still-young Republic. Throughout its early history, Louisiana was a trading and financial center, as well as a significant producer of indigo and, later, sugar and cotton. The discovery of sulphur in 1869 and oil in 1901, coupled with the growing importance of forestry, fueled a new wave of economic growth. Later, Louisiana became a major U.S. producer of oil and natural gas as well as a center of petroleum refining and petrochemicals manufacturing, which it remains today. Louisiana shipyards build seagoing vessels ranging from giant cryogenic ships that transport liquefied natural gas, to some of the largest offshore oil and gas exploration rigs in the world. They also produce merchant vessels, Coast Guard cutters, barges, tugs, fishing boats, and pleasure craft. One of these facilities, Avondale Shipyards on the Mississippi River near New Orleans, is the state's largest industrial employer.







Originally purchased to secure the safe movement of U.S. goods and produce on the Mississippi, Louisiana remains a major location for import and export activity, with four of the state's deepwater ports ranked among the top 11 in the nation. Louisiana's Superport is the only facility in the U.S. capable of handling vessels drawing 100 feet of water. The state annually exports more than \$15 billion worth of goods to more than 190 countries, while 200 nations have investments in the state totaling nearly \$19 billion, the largest foreign investment in any southeastern state. With much of its area still unspoiled wilderness – great cypress swamplands and rolling wooded hills – Louisiana offers a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities, from fishing and hunting to camping and yachting. For culture lovers, Louisiana continues its long association with the performing arts, which began some 200 years ago with the first opera performance in the U.S. Today most major cities and larger towns have playhouses and concert facilities. Regarded as the birthplace of jazz, Louisiana more recently has been home to the increasingly popular Zydeco and Cajun styles of music.

The state's most famous event is the Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday – the last day before Lent), although the festivities leading up to the celebration actually begin on Twelfth Night, the sixth day of January. Parades and balls are held throughout the period, ending with the parades of Rex and Comus on Mardi Gras Day. Every year, hundreds of thousands of carnival-goers turn out for the parades, many in costume.





# Governor of LOUISIANA



The Honorable  
*M.J. "Mike" Foster*  
Governor  
State of LOUISIANA



M. J. "MIKE" FOSTER, JR.  
GOVERNOR

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#### GREETINGS:

The people of the state of Louisiana, and I as governor, are pleased to extend you warm congratulations on the commissioning of the USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743). This eighteenth and last Ohio Class submarine, named after the eighteenth state, is a great source of pride to our citizens, who have a strong tradition of supporting our military. We are certain you are destined to be the "best of the best" of the Trident submarines.

The contribution of the U.S. Navy to the strength and protection of the United States can never be overstated. We are well aware of the sacrifices made by the men and women who serve in the Navy. You perform your duties with professionalism and excellence, and our citizens are grateful. A special congratulations to the young men on the crew who are from Louisiana - we are proud of your accomplishments, dedication and willingness to serve our country.

I know that as the fourth ship of the Navy to be named after our state, you will bring honor to Louisiana wherever you travel. May you always have "fair winds and following seas" as you continue the tradition of the "iron men" who have served on submarines through the years.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.



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# "A Proclamation"

State of  Louisiana

M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.  
Governor

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, The USS LOUISIANA (SSBN-743) is the eighteenth and final - and in our opinion, the greatest - of the Trident class submarines, and;
- WHEREAS, The USS LOUISIANA is the most technologically advanced submarine in the world, and;
- WHEREAS, Today is the first time in over ninety years that a Navy ship will be commissioned as a namesake of our great state, and;
- WHEREAS, There are many outstanding young men from Louisiana serving among the officers and crew of the USS LOUISIANA, and;
- WHEREAS, The citizens of Louisiana are proud to have a USS LOUISIANA once again carrying the name of our state as she performs the vital task of protecting our country and the freedoms which we enjoy, and;
- WHEREAS, The citizens of Louisiana wish to express our gratitude and good wishes to all the officers and crew of this fine submarine on the occasion of the commissioning, as well as in all future endeavors;

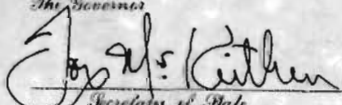
NOW, THEREFORE, I, M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr., Governor of the State of Louisiana, in honor of this historic event, do hereby proclaim September 6, 1997


### USS LOUISIANA (SSBN-743) DAY

in the state of Louisiana.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 6th day of September  
A.D. 1997

Attest By  
The Governor  
  
Secretary of State

  
Governor of Louisiana





## Commissioning Committee

The Officers and Crew extend a special thank you to the members of the Louisiana Commissioning Committee for their strong support of the State of Louisiana, the United States Navy, and USS LOUISIANA. 🐟

### HONORARY GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Governor Murphy J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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*Crew members with Commodore Lupo presenting gifts at the Padua's Childrens Home, December, 1995.*

*Crew members at the Superdome with Commissioning Committee members Admiral Rinard, Commodore Lupo and Mike Futrell, December 1995.*



*Presentation of a USS LOUISIANA submarine model to the State of Louisiana at the USS KIDD Memorial, July 4, 1996.*



# Crew in State of LOUISIANA





## Commanding Officer (Blue)



**Captain**  
*Wilbur O. Cooke*  
**United States Navy**



Captain Wil Cooke was born in Marion, Alabama in 1950. His academic achievements include a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Auburn University and a Masters degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He attended Naval Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, California, and the SIW Prototype in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He then attended Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, graduating in November 1973.

From December 1973 until July 1976 he served as Main Propulsion Assistant on USS JAMES MADISON (SSBN 627) (BLUE). The ship completed five strategic deterrent patrols and the first Extended Refit Period, earning a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

From August 1976 until August 1978 he served on the staff of Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida as the Division Director of the Officer Chemistry, Materials, and Radiological Controls courses.

In November 1978 Captain Cooke reported to Pre-Commissioning Unit Dallas (SSN 700) and served as New Construction Engineering Officer until July 1982. From August 1982 until September 1984 he served on the staff of Commander, Submarine Force, United States Atlantic Fleet, as the Assistant Nuclear Power Officer.

In October 1984 Captain Cooke attended PXO school in New London, Connecticut, then reported to USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) as Executive Officer. The ship completed deployments to the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, and Arctic Oceans and earned two Battle E awards, The Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Navy Arctic Service Medal.

In December 1987 he attended PCO school, reporting in August 1988 as Commanding Officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757). Due to construction delays resulting from a shipyard strike, he transferred to USS TOPEKA (SSN 754) in November 1989, where he served as Commanding Officer until November 1991. During this period the ship completed Shakedown trials, Post Shakedown Shipyard Availability, transitted through the Panama Canal to San Diego, California, and completed seven months of local operations and pre-deployment training. Captain Cooke transferred to the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO in New London, Connecticut and served as Deputy Commander for Training until April 1993. The squadron was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation during this period. Captain Cooke next served on the staff of Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet, as the Senior Inspector of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from April 1993 until June 1995. He took command of PCU LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) in September 1995.

Captain Cooke's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medals (two awards), Navy Commendation Medals (five awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Captain Cooke and his wife, the former Victoria Coughran of Cedartown, Georgia reside in Mystic, Connecticut. They have two children, Adam, attending Vanderbilt University, and Ashley. 🐾



**THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-10000

9 May 1997

Captain Wilbur O. Cooke, USN  
Prospective Commanding Officer  
LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) BLUE  
73 Eastern Point Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4909

Dear Captain Cooke:

Congratulations on your new command and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) BLUE.

LOUISIANA, the newest ballistic missile submarine, 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 LOUISIANA 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

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



**Admiral  
Jay L. Johnson  
United States Navy  
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS**



**CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS**

30 April 1997

Dear Captain Cooke,

Congratulations on your new command and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) BLUE.

LOUISIANA embodies the most modern design and construction on the seas today. As with any ship or system, LOUISIANA will derive her true strength from the professional Sailors who proudly serve this ship, our Navy, and our nation.

LOUISIANA's motto – "They saved the best for last" – exhibits the pride in one's ship which has always been an important part of our naval tradition. May you meet every success in shaping LOUISIANA into a powerful instrument of our nation's strategic defense.

Sincerely,  
  
JAY L. JOHNSON  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Captain Wilbur O. Cooke, USN  
PCO, LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) BLUE  
73 Eastern Point Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4909



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## Commanding Officer (Gold)



**Commander**  
*William H. Borger*  
**United States Navy**



Commander William H. Borger was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy from Louisiana and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering.

After graduation, he attended Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida and the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York. After completing the Submarine Officer Basic Course in

1981, he reported to USS BATFISH (SSN 681), where he served as Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Weapons Officer. During his tour, BATFISH deployed twice to the North Atlantic and once to the Mediterranean, and earned a Navy Unit Commendation. In 1984, Commander Borger was assigned to the United States Naval Academy as a Company Officer. While at the Naval Academy, he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Human Resources Management from The George Washington University.

After graduating from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, Commander Borger reported to Pre-Commissioning Unit PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735), where he served as Engineer Officer from 1987 until 1990. Commander Borger detached from PENNSYLVANIA during the ship's Post Shipyard Availability following its initial shakedown trials. He was then assigned to the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy, and Operations) where he helped develop the Navy strategy "...From the Sea."

From 1992 to 1994 Commander Borger served as Executive Officer on board USS ATLANTA (SSN 712). His next assignment was in the Submarine Division on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, where he served as the SEAWOLF Program Requirements Officer. In August 1995, he reported as a student to the National Defense University School of Information Warfare and Strategy, graduating in June 1996 with a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy. Commander Borger reported to PCU LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) in March 1997 as the Gold Crew Commanding Officer.

Commander Borger's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

Commander Borger is married to the former Karen Menendez of Charleston, South Carolina. They reside in Woodbine, Georgia with their son, William Robert. 🐟





**THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-10000

9 May 1997

Commander William H. Borger, USN  
Prospective Commanding Officer  
LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) GOLD  
73 Eastern Point Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4909

Dear Commander Borger,

Congratulations on your new command and best wishes to you and your crew on the commissioning of LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) GOLD.

LOUISIANA, the newest ballistic missile submarine, 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 LOUISIANA 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 lies ahead.

Sincerely,

John H. Dalton

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



**Admiral**

**Jay L. Johnson**

**United States Navy**

**CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS**

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30 April 1997

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## Executive Officer (Blue)



**Lieutenant Commander**  
*F. Charles Ressel, Jr.*  
**United States Navy**

Lieutenant Commander Chip Ressel, a native of Buffalo, New York, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering. Following completion of Nuclear Propulsion Training at Orlando, Florida and at the S3G Prototype at Ballston Spa, New York, he was assigned to the USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659). Serving as the Damage

Control Assistant, he completed a refueling overhaul, Demonstration and Shakedown Operations, and four strategic deterrent patrols from Holy Loch, Scotland.

In July 1988, Lieutenant Commander Ressel reported to Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut as an instructor. Teaching tactics and ship handling, he also served as the division head for the ship control trainers and participated in the design of the ship control trainer for the SSN 21 Class. In 1990, he completed a Masters in Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In May 1991, he was assigned as the Engineer Officer of USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716) out of San Diego, California. During this tour he completed a Depot Modernization Period in Mare Island, California, returning to San Diego for a battle group work-up with the USS KITTY HAWK Battle Group. In June 1994, he was transferred to the staff of Commander, Submarines Pacific Fleet at Mare Island, where he assisted in the first overhaul of a 688 Class Submarine and, subsequently, the closure of Mare Island Shipyard.

In September 1995, Lieutenant Commander Ressel assumed duties as the Executive Officer of Pre-Commissioning Unit LOUISIANA.

Lieutenant Commander Ressel's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

Lieutenant Commander Ressel and his wife, the former Teresa Mullett of Wilmington, Delaware, reside in Great Falls, Virginia. They have two boys, Rick and Steve. 🐦



## Executive Officer (Gold)

Lieutenant Commander Marshall Young, a native of Westborough, Massachusetts, earned a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, before entering the Navy in 1983 through the NROTC program.

Following completion of nuclear power and submarine basic training, he reported to the USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) in Norfolk, Virginia. He served as Electrical Officer, Sonar Officer, and Assistant Weapons Officer. During this tour, HYMAN G. RICKOVER completed three overseas deployments and earned a Navy Unit Commendation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and a Battle Efficiency "E" award.

In February 1988, Lieutenant Commander Young reported to the S8G Prototype at Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU), Ballston Spa, New York as an instructor. He was selected as NPTU Officer Instructor of the Year for 1989. After graduating from Submarine Officer Advanced Course, Lieutenant Commander Young was assigned as Engineer Officer on USS BOSTON (SSN 703). BOSTON conducted a Mediterranean deployment and a Selective Restricted Availability and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Lieutenant Commander Young was then assigned as the Material Officer of Submarine Squadron TWO in February 1994. As Material Officer, he was responsible for the material readiness of an average of seventeen 637 and 688 class submarines, a Naval Submarine Support Facility, two Floating Drydocks, and the Navy's only Deep Submergence Nuclear Powered Research Vessel. In September 1996, Lieutenant Commander Young reported to PCU LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) as the Gold Crew Executive Officer.



**Lieutenant Commander**  
*Marshall Young*  
**United States Navy**

Lieutenant Commander Young's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).





## Chief of the Boat (Blue)



**Master Chief Petty Officer**  
*Jerald L. Bovair*  
**United States Navy**



### **CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB)**

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

Master Chief Jerry Bovair is a native of Hackensack, New Jersey. After relocating with his family to Fort Edward, New York, he entered the United States Navy in July of 1976.

Following Basic Training in Great Lakes, Illinois, and Storekeeper School in Meridian, Mississippi, he graduated Basic Enlisted Submarine School in April 1976. He served his first sea tour on board USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) (GOLD) as a Storekeeper in the Supply Department, completing five FBM Strategic Deterrent Patrols. He departed in September 1979.

From October 1979 to July 1981 he served at Naval Submarine Support Facility, New London, Connecticut. While at the Support Facility he was assigned temporarily as the Leading Storekeeper on board USS PARGO (SSN 650), then to USS LIPS-COMBE (SSN 685), and ended his tour on the USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678). In August 1981 he transferred to the USS BERGALL (SSN 667) as Leading Storekeeper. In August 1982 he was assigned to Pre-Commissioning Unit PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707) as the Leading Storekeeper.

In October 1984 Master Chief Bovair was assigned to USS TINOSA (SSN 606) as the Leading Storekeeper. He reported to Commander, Naval Military Personnel Command in February 1987 and served at the Enlisted Submarine Storekeeper Detailer. In September 1991 he transferred to the USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) (GOLD) as the Leading Storekeeper. He was assigned to the USS WEST VIRGINIA (SSBN 736) (GOLD) as the Chief of the Boat in July of 1992. The ship won the Battle "E" two out of his three years on board.

Master Chief Bovair reported as the Chief of the Boat for Pre-Commissioning Unit LOUISIANA (SSBN 743), in September 1995.

Master Chief Bovair's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), and the Good Conduct Medal (five awards).

Master Chief Bovair is married to the former Jeanne Douglas, a native of South Carolina, and has two children, Heather and Jerry Jr., who reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia. 🐟



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## Chief of the Boat (Gold)

Master Chief Jim Kelly is a native of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. In March 1973, following completion of recruit training he reported to USS ORTOLAN (ASR-22), where he served in Deck Division until November 1973. Upon completion of Basic Submarine School, he reported to USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN 635) (GOLD), where he served in Deck Division and Torpedo Division until November 1976.

Following completion of recruiting school, Master Chief Kelly reported to NRD Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he served as a Navy Recruiter in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania until January 1980. Master Chief Kelly served on USS WAHOO (SS 565) until July 1980 and on USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) (GOLD) as the Torpedo Division Leading Petty Officer until November 1982.

Master Chief Kelly did another tour of recruiting at NRD New Orleans, Louisiana, where he served as Recruiter-in-Charge in Bossier City, Louisiana, and as a Zone Supervisor in Northwest Louisiana. Master Chief Kelly reported to USS KAMAHAMEHA (SSBN 642) (GOLD) in August 1985, where he served as the Torpedo/Fire Control Division Leading Chief Petty Officer.


In March 1988, Master Chief Kelly reported to the staff of Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN in Holy Loch, Scotland, where he served as a member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team. In March 1991, Master Chief Kelly reported to the staff of Submarine Squadron TWENTY in Kings Bay, Georgia, serving as a member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team until December 1992.

From December 1992 to October 1996 he served on USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) (GOLD) as the Chief of the Boat. From October to December 1996, he attended the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, Rhode Island. In December 1996, he reported to Pre-Commissioning Unit LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) as the Gold Crew Chief of the Boat.

Master Chief Kelly's personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and Good Conduct Medal (six awards).



**Master Chief Petty Officer**  
*James J. Kelly*  
**United States Navy**

	<b>CHIEF OF THE BOAT (COB)</b>
	Senior enlisted man aboard ship. Senior enlisted advisor to the Commanding Officer.

Master Chief Kelly is married to the former Dawn E. Koerner of Springfield, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Eileen and Jimmy, and reside in St. Mary's, Georgia.



## Department Heads (Blue)



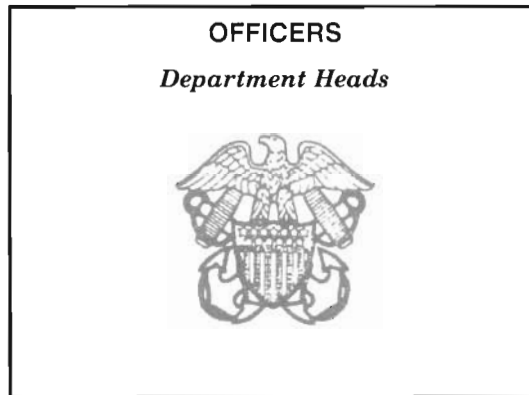
LCDR Kirchner  
Oconomowoc, WI  
*Engineer*



LT Wolfgang  
Lincoln Park, MI  
*Navigator*



LT Pruitt  
Spartanburg, SC  
*Supply Officer (D)*



LT Luck  
Annapolis, MD  
*Weapons Officer*



LT Fatora  
Columbia, MD  
*Tactical Systems Officer*



ENS McAdoo  
Miami, FL  
*Supply Officer (R)*





## Department Heads (Gold)



LCDR Parks  
Roxbury, NJ  
*Engineer*



LT Tucker  
Los Angeles, CA  
*Weapons Officer*



LT Parashak  
Orange, CA  
*Navigator*

### OFFICERS

#### *Department Heads*



LT Schaab  
Dixon, IL  
*Supply Officer*



LT Henry  
Huntingdon, PA  
*Tactical Systems Officer (D)*



LTJG Davison  
Rock Hill, SC  
*Tactical Systems Officer (R)*



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**INVOCATION**

LT Donald Troast, CHC, USN

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

Captain Wil Cooke, USN  
Prospective Commanding Officer

**SHIPBUILDER'S REMARKS**

Mr. John K. Welch  
President – Electric Boat Corporation

**NAVSEA REMARKS**

Rear Admiral John F. Shipway  
Deputy Commander for Submarines,  
Naval Sea Systems Command

**U.S. ATLANTIC COMMAND REMARKS**

Admiral Paul J. Reason  
Commander in Chief,  
U.S. Atlantic Command

**U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND REMARKS**

General Eugene Habiger, USAF  
Commander in Chief,  
U.S. Strategic Command

**STATE REMARKS**

The Honorable H.B. "Hunt" Downer  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State of Louisiana

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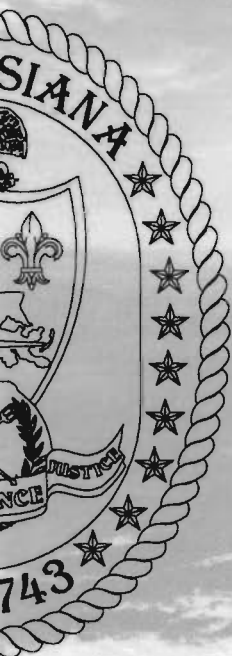
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Commander Submarine Force  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet



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### **ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND**

Captain Wil Cooke, USN  
Commanding Officer  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (BLUE)

Commander William H. Borger  
Commanding Officer  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD)

### **SET THE WATCH**

Crew of the LOUISIANA

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE SEAN O'KEEFE**

Commander William H. Borger  
Commanding Officer  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD)

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE SPONSOR**

The Honorable Sean O'Keefe

### **SHIP'S SPONSOR REMARKS**

Mrs. Patricia O'Keefe

### **INTRODUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER**

Vice Admiral Richard W. Mies, USN  
Commander Submarine Force  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

### **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The Honorable John H. Dalton  
Secretary of the Navy

### **BENEDICTION**

LT Donald Troast, CHC, USN

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# Officers (Blue)



LT Diaz  
Jackson, MI  
*Communicator*



LT Cutsumbis  
Marietta, OH  
*Assistant Weapons Officer*



LT Farah  
Haworth, NJ  
*Main Propulsion Assistant*



LTJG Dunham  
Roseville, CA  
*Reactor Control Assistant*



LTJG Steinbrenner  
Fosston, MN  
*Damage Control Assistant*



LTJG Mangini  
Johnson City, TN  
*Chemistry and Radiological  
Control Assistant*

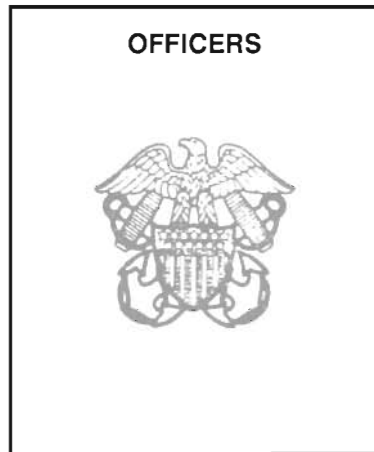


LTJG Serrano  
Gainesville, FL  
*Electrical Assistant*





## Officers (Gold)



LT Piper  
Racine, WI  
*Damage Control Assistant*



LT Thornburgh  
Franklin, VA  
*Assistant Weapons Officer*



LTJG Brown  
Quitman, GA  
*Communicator*



LTJG Sydnor, Jr.  
Huntington, MD  
*Chemistry and Radiological  
Controls Assistant*



LTJG Cole  
San Jose, CA  
*Main Propulsion Assistant*



LTJG Ansley  
Silverdale, WA  
*Reactor Controls Assistant*



LTJG Reimer  
Chester Springs, PA  
*Electrical Assistant*

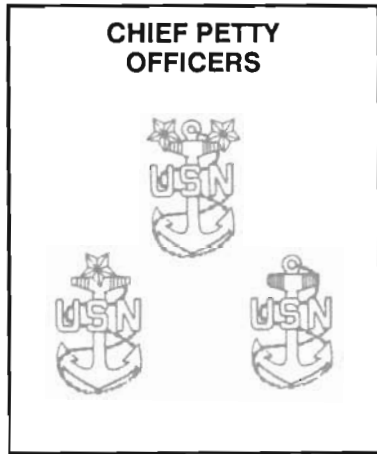


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## Chiefs (Blue)



MMCM(SS) Hill  
Lisbon, CT  
3M Coordinator

ETCM(SS) Downey  
Cincinnati, OH  
Engineering Department  
Enlisted Advisor



MTCS(SS) Thomas  
Kansas City, MO  
SWS Department LCPO

EMCS(SS) Gale  
Noank, CT  
Electrical Division LCPO

HMCS(SS) Johnson  
Yellowstone, MT  
Corpsman



MTCS(SS) Nicholas  
Boerne, TX  
Missile Technician LCPO

ETC(SS) Stell  
Westlake, LA  
Reactor Controls  
Division LCPO

ETC(SS) Muszall  
Detroit, MI  
Operations Department  
Enlisted Advisor





ETC(SS) Anderson  
Shreveport, LA  
*Interior Communications  
Division LCPO*



MMC(SS) Hunter  
Sissonville, WV  
*Auxiliary Division LCPO*



MMC(SS) Honadel  
Fallcreek, WI  
*Machinery Division LCPO*



FTC(SS) Sohmer  
Ross, OH  
*Tactical Systems  
Department LCPO*



SKC(SS) Brown  
Rayville, LA  
*Storekeeper LCPO*



STSC(SS) Watson  
Eunice, LA  
*Sonar Division LCPO*



MSC(SS) Ramirez  
Philadelphia, PA  
*Mess Specialist LCPO*



ETC(SS) Grant  
Appalachia, VA  
*Assistant Navigator*





## Chiefs (Gold)



MMCM(SS) Johnson  
New Milford, PA  
*Engineering Department  
Enlisted Advisor*



MMCS(SS) Millhouse  
Brookville, OH  
*Auxiliary Division LCPO*



HMCS(SS) Holland  
Asheville, NC  
*Corpsman*



MTCS(SS) Williamson  
Hagerstown, MD  
*SWS Department LCPO*



ETC(SS) Wilmot  
Oakfield, ME  
*3M Coordinator*



ETC(SS) Barney  
Hayesville, NC  
*Operations Department  
Enlisted Advisor*



MTC(SS) Palm  
Mahopac, NY  
*Missile Technician LCPO*



ETC(SS) Meitin  
Chalmette, LA  
*Assistant Navigator*



SKC(SS) Hall  
Pinewood, SC  
*Storekeeper LCPO*





ETC(SS) Ward  
Tucson, AZ  
Radio LCPO



MMC(SS) Myers  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
Machinery Division LCPO (D)



ETC(SS) Crader  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
Reactor Controls  
Division LCPO



FTC(SS) Borchardt  
Sacramento, CA  
Tactical Systems  
Department LCPO



STSC(SS) Bry  
Coral Springs, FL  
Sonar Technician LCPO



ETC(SS) Eggers  
Fairview Heights, IL  
Strategic Navigation LCPO



MSC(SS) Becker  
Charles City, IA  
Mess Specialist LCPO



EMC(SS) Parrish  
Dallas, TX  
Electrical Division LCPO



MMC(SS) Morris  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
Machinery Division LCPO (R)





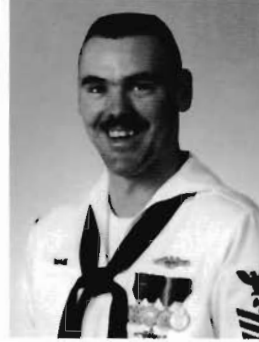
## Crew (Blue)

### MACHINIST'S MATE (MM)

*Auxiliary Division*



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



MM1(SS) GLASS  
Crawford, NE



MM1(SS) MATTEUCCI  
Rahway, NJ



MM1(SS) WARWAS  
Hollywood, SC



MM2(SS) BRAMLETT  
Clinton, AK



MM2(SS) BRYANT  
Charleston, SC



MM2(SS) MCKENZIE  
Quitman, MS



MM2(SS) MENCKE  
Glen Cove, NY



MM2(SS) MORROW  
Tupper Lake, NY



MM2(SS) THOMAS, JR.  
Woodruff, SC



MM2(SS) VAUGHN, JR.  
Pyongtack, Korea



MMFN(SU) MAY  
Longview, TX



MMFN(SS) WISSINGE  
Chicora, PA

### 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) MITCHMORE  
Batavia, NY





## Crew (Gold)

### MACHINIST'S MATE (MM) *Auxiliary Division*



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



MM1(SS) HUCKABA  
Paris, TN



MM1(SS) HUBENTHAL  
Goose Creek, SC



MM1(SS) MORRIS, III  
Salisbury, MD



MM1(SS) NICHOLS, JR.  
New Orleans, LA



MM2(SS) KOBE  
Ahmeek, MI



MM3(SS) BEATTY  
Portage, IN



MM3(SS) WOODY  
Hickory, NC



MMFA(SU) LEGALSI  
Sacramento, CA



MMFN(SS) NEVILLE  
Wewahitchka, FL



MMFN(SU) APPLE  
Burlington, NC



MMFN(SU) CHATMAN  
Liberty, GA



MMFR(SU) McDONALD  
Yelm, WA



MMFA(SU) JONES  
Bayboro, NC

### 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) HANEY  
Mapletown, PA



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## Crew (Blue)

**MISSILE TECHNICIAN  
(MT)**  
*Strategic Missile Division*



Assemble, maintain and repair missiles carried by submarines. They are responsible for the safe loading, unloading and stowage of missiles.



MT1(SS) BLUE  
Orlando, FL



MT1(SS) BOOKER  
Chicago, IL



MT1(SS) CALHOUN  
Marshall, IL



MT1(SS) DISOTELL  
West Monroe, LA



MT1(SS) GORDON, JR.  
Carlisle, PA



MT1(SS) HAHN  
Sebewaing, MI



MT1(SS) LANE  
Gas City, IN



MT1(SS) OXFURTH  
Fairfax, VA



MT1(SS) REESE  
Robinson, FL



MT1(SS) SPIRES  
Lutz, FL



MT2(SS) BORDEN  
San Jose, CA



MT2(SS) GLENN  
Rockdale, TX



MT2(SS/SW) MUYRES  
Eureka, CA



MT2(SS) RAMSDEN  
Lafayette, NY



MT2(SS) HALL  
Centralia, WA



MT3(SS) LAWSON  
King, NC



MT3(SS) LOGAN  
Forest City, NC





# Crew (Gold)

**MISSILE TECHNICIAN  
(MT)**  
*Strategic Missile Division*



Assemble, maintain and repair missiles carried by submarines. They are responsible for the safe loading, unloading and stowage of missiles.



MT1(SS) THEISEN  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



MT1(SS) TROTTER  
Kansas City, MO



MT1(SS) HEARROLD  
Macon, MO



MT1(SS) HENESEY  
Buffalo, NY



MT1(SS) JOHNS  
St. Rose, LA



MT1(SS) NICHOLSON  
Sylva, NC



MT2(SS) ELWOOD  
Gainesville, FL



MT1(SS) HARROP  
Brandenburg, KY



MT2(SS) MORGAN  
Albuquerque, NM



MT2(SS) SCOTT  
Beaver Creek, OH



MT2(SS) THOMAS  
St. Louis, MO



MT3(SS) CECIL, III  
Tazewell, VA



MT3(SS) HOBEL  
New Castle, PA



MT3(SU) HOLLIFIELD  
Ringgold, GA



MT3(SU) PARKER  
Ochlocknee, GA



MT3(SU) WEEKLEY  
Mobile, AL



MTSN(SU) MOTT, JR.  
West Bloomfield, MI





## Crew (Blue)

**MACHINIST'S MATE  
(MM)**  
*Machinery Division*



Responsible for the ship's main propulsion plant. They monitor primary and secondary plant systems.



MM1(SS) SORCIC  
Boise, ID



MM1(SS) BORNE  
Labadiaville, LA



MM1(SS) MAYNOR  
Topeka, IL



MM1(SS) RUDKIN  
Boise, ID



MM1(SS) TROTHIER, JR.  
Manchester, NH



MM2(SS) BROWN  
Keflavick, Iceland



MM2(SS) CZAJKOSKI  
Pittsburgh, PA



MM2(SS) JOSEY  
Bainbridge, GA



MM2(SS) MOTT  
Abbeville, LA



MM2(SS) WILSON  
Gainesville, GA



MM2(SS) LANE  
Oakland, CA



MM3(SU) RICHMOND  
Lindale, TX

**ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN  
(ET)**  
*Quartermaster Division*



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



ET1(SS) McDANNOLD  
El Paso, TX



ET2(SS) CARTER  
La Junta Otero, CO



ET3(SS) JAMES  
Norway, SC





## Crew (Gold)

### MACHINIST'S MATE (MM)

*Machinery Division*



Responsible for the ship's main propulsion plant. They monitor primary and secondary plant systems.



MMC (Sel) (SS) BLOODGOOD  
Granbury, TX



MM1(SS) FISCHER  
Buffalo, NY



MM1(SS) GOODMAN  
Minneapolis, MN



MM1(SS) GUILLOT  
Baton Rouge, LA



MM1(SS) HATT  
Bieber, CA



MM1(SS) JOHNSON  
Hobart, IN



MM1(SS) LOUGHLIN  
Boylston, MA



MM1(SS) MANUEL  
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MM2(SS) McBEE  
Bethesda, MD



MM2(SS) NICHOLSON  
Kissimmee, FL



MM2(SS) PRESSER  
Perryville, KY



MM2(SS) SPARKS  
Memphis, TN

### ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

*Quartermaster Division*



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



ET1(SS) BARBOSA  
Boston, MA



ET2(SS) EICHELBERGER  
Chicago, IL



ET2(SS) KAISER  
Hastings, MN







## Crew (Blue)

### 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) COUSINO  
Ottawa Lake, MI



STS1(SS) McGREW  
Baton Rouge, LA



STS2(SS) DRALUCK  
Jupiter, FL



STS2(SS) GIPP  
Santa Clara, CA



STS2(SS) MAJAROTO  
Tampa, FL



STSSN(SU) BRANTLEY  
Shaker, OH



STSSN(SU) BURGSTRUM  
Council Bluffs, IA



STSSN(SS) DILDAY  
Bourbonnais, IL



STSSN(SS) GEMALY  
New Bedford, MA



STSSN(SS) GORDON  
Ft. Myers, FL



STSSN(SS) PAGE  
Soperton, GA



STSSA(SU) TOWNSEND  
Marion, SC

### YEOMAN (YN)

*Executive Department*



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



YN1(SS) BATA  
Mountain Home, AR



YN2(SS) HOSTETLAR  
Austin, PA



YNSA(SU) VELASQUEZ  
Brooklyn, NY



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## Crew (Gold)

**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) GILSON  
Rockport, ME



STS1(SS) PITRE  
Baton Rouge, LA



STS2(SS) BURKITT  
Cornell, IL



STS2(SS) PACE  
Sanford, NC



STS3(SS) DUNN  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL



STS3(SS) PALMER, II  
Sparta, TN



STSSN(SU) GUNN  
Plainville, GA



STSSN(SU) KAMINSKI  
Woodstock, IL



STSSA(SS) LOWE, JR.  
Beverly, OH



STSSN(SS) MORRIS  
Delmar, NJ



STSSN(SU) SEWARD  
Witt, IL



STSSN(SU) DUNGAN  
Witt, IL

**YEOMAN  
(YN)**

*Executive Department*



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YN1(SS) KIMBROUGH  
Pinecliffe, CO



YN2(SS) PENN  
Lakeland, FL



YNSN(SS) JOHNSON  
Lodi, CA



## Crew (Blue)

### ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

*Interior Communications Division*



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



ET1(SS) EVANS  
Brunswick, GA



ET1(SS) BECK  
Corpus Christi, TX



ET2(SS) DUETT  
Galliano, LA

### 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) SMITH  
Little Rock, AK



EM1(SS) BOWLER  
Marion, IA



EM1(SS) FISHER  
Asheville, NC



EM1(SS) RICE  
Archbold, OH



EM1(SS) SALES  
Los Angeles, CA



EM1(SS) WARE, II  
Savannah, GA



EM2(SS) DUESING  
Patchogue, NY



EM2(SS) FIELD  
Tampa, FL



EM2(SS) GIERDOWSKI  
Cheektowaga, NY



EM2(SS) MEZEY  
Los Angeles, CA



EM2(SU) RE  
Cincinnati, OH





## Crew (Gold)

### ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

*Interior Communications Division*



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



ET1(SS) SMITH  
Wichita, KS



ET2(SS) HERZIG  
Conway, MA



ET3(SS) HARVEY  
Grand Junction, TN



ET3(SS) KLOTZ  
Chicago, IL



ETSN(SS) RIVERA, JR.  
Bethlehem, PA

### 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) MARTIN  
Rock Springs, WY



EM1(SS) GLENDENING  
Palmer, TX



EM1(SS) LAATSCH  
Green Bay, WI



EM1(SS) SHURLIFF  
Bellvue, NE



EM1(SS) WHITE  
Nashville, TN



EM2(SS) HARRIS  
Arlington, TX



EM2(SS) KELLEY  
Claremore, OK



EM2(SU) MARTINEZ  
Brooklyn, NY



EM2(SS) MEHL  
Kissimmee, FL



EM1(SS) SMITH  
Prosser, WA



EM2(SS) TILLER  
Knoxville, TN



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## Crew (Blue)

### ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

*Electronics Division*



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



ET1(SS) KENNEDY  
Yuma, AZ



ET1(SS) DROUIN  
Hubbardston, MA



ET1(SS) KIGHT  
Jacksonville, FL



ET2(SS) GUTIERREZ  
Odonnell, TX



ET3(SS) CALDWELL  
Alamogordo, NM



ET3(SS) WELAND  
Phoenix, AZ



ETSA(SU) RAWLINGS  
Annapolis, MD

### ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

*Reactor Controls Division*



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



ET1(SS) SMITH  
Charleston, SC



ET1(SS) FAIRBANKS  
Wood River, NE



ET1(SS) MILLER  
Oak Hill, WV



ET2(SS) FELTER  
Troy, NY



ET2(SS) TROUPE  
Niceville, FL





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## Crew (Gold)

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(ET)**

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ET1(SS) SMITH  
Chicago, IL



ET1(SS) HARRIS  
Norfolk, VA



ET1(SS) KOSTER  
Detroit, MI



ET3(SS) JENKINS  
Adrian, MI



ET3(SS) STEWARD  
Charlottesville, VA



ETSN(SU) LIZARAZO  
Miami, FL

**ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN  
(ET)**

*Reactor Controls Division*



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



ET1(SS) BLANTON  
Orlando, FL



ET1(SS) FRUTH  
Fostoria, OH



ET1(SS) NEEDHAM  
Ocala, FL



ET1(SS) SALVATIERRA  
San Antonio, TX



ET2(SS) HAMLEY  
Rome, GA



ET2(SS) NANTELL  
Port Charlotte, FL



ET2(SS) WUNDER  
Rexville, NY



## Crew (Blue)

**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.



SA(SU) BODDIE  
Chicago, IL



SA(SU) BOHYER  
Elida, OH



SN(SS) ELIZONDO  
McAllen, TX



SA(SU) FRANK  
Del Rio, TX



SA(SU) HALER  
Spartanburg, SC



SA(SS) LAND  
Middletown, OH



SA(SU) MORA  
Oakland, CA



SA(SS) SERMONS  
Palm Harbor, FL



SA(SU) SMITH  
Long Beach, MS

**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) SHOUP  
Seattle, WA



MM1(SS) CASE  
Decatur, AL



MM1(SS) SALZ  
Grand Junction, CO



MM2(SS) MEYERS  
Sayreville, NJ



MM3(SU) KILLING  
Cleveland, OH





## Crew (Gold)

### 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.



SN(SS) SEATON  
Tyler, TX



SN(SS) HURST  
Charleston, SC



SN(SU) CANTRELLE  
Fulton, MS



SN(SU) DILL  
Azle, TX



SN(SU) LeBLANC  
Houston, TX



SN(SU) MORLA  
Miami, FL



SN(SU) RIVERACORIANO  
San Juan, PR



SN(SU) GREEN  
Long Beach, CA



SN(SU) WHITEHEAD  
Providence, NC

### 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) DAVIS, JR.  
Jacksonville, FL



MM1(SS) SCHAEFER  
Fairport, NY



MM2(SS) GRIFFIN  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL



MM2(SS) McELHOE  
Anderson, IN





## Crew (Blue)

### ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)

*Communications Division*



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



ET1(SS) WALTER  
Junction City, SD



ET1(SS) KING  
Clinton, ME



ET1(SS) TETREAUULT  
Moosup, CT



ET2(SS) FERRARA  
Chesapeake, VA



ET3(SS) MONAGAN  
Leroy, NY



ET3(SU) CRIDER  
Houston, TX



ETSN(SU) BUSBY  
Springfield, IL



ETSN(SU) WHITEHEAD  
Daytona, FL

### MACHINIST'S MATE (MM)

*Torpedo Division*



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



MM1(SS) PERRYMAN  
Herando, MS



MM2(SS) GREGOIRE  
Barrington, NH



MM3(SS) McVEY  
Madisonville, TX



MMFA(SU) GRAVATT  
Seminole, OK





## Crew (Gold)

**ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN  
(ET)**  
*Communications Division*



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



ET1(SS) WHITETREE  
Wyandotte, OK



ET1(SS) CHARLES  
Deridder, LA



ET1(SS) STUKE  
Mesa, AZ



ET2(SS) WOODS  
Wheeling, WV



ET3(SU) INMAN  
Columbia, SC



ETSN(SU) SIZEMORE  
Winchester, KY



ETSN(SU) MOUL  
York, PA

**MACHINIST'S MATE  
(MM)**  
*Torpedo Division*



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



MM1(SS) CLARKSON  
North Tonawanda, NY



MM2(SS) SCHWERY  
Panama, IA



MM3(SS) MILLER  
St. Albans, WV



MMFA(SU) THOMPSON  
Lubbock, TX







## Crew (Blue)

### 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) SPEDALIERE, JR.  
Fernandina Beach, FL



FT1(SS) HERTGEN  
New York City, NY



FT3(SS) HARTMAN  
Meridan, CT



FT3(SU) RECK  
Twin Peaks, WA



FT3(SU) AXLEY  
Cottage Hills, IL

### 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) BELLOTTE  
Atlanta, GA



MS1(SS) BRIMLEY  
Little Rock, AR



MS2(SS) GANT  
Hammond, LA



MS2(SS) NEVERGALL  
Mountain View, MO



MS3(SS) ORTIZ  
Brooklyn, NY



MS3(SU) WHIPPEE  
Friendship, MD



MS3(SS) RECTOR  
Toledo, OH



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## Crew (Gold)

**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) RICE, JR.**  
Waycross, GA



**FT1(SS) CAHILL**  
Victorville, CA



**FT3(SU) RODERICK**  
Sommersworth, NH



**FT3(SS) PODDIG**  
St. Peters, MO

**ADDITIONAL  
PLANK OWNER**

**FT3(SU) CHURCH**  
West Reading, PA

**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) MARTIN**  
Mentor, OH



**MS2(SS) HOLLAR**  
Columbus, OH



**MS2(SS) MOSES**  
Brooklyn, NY



**MS3(SU) MONTROY**  
Raleigh, NC



**MSSN(SU) MANNING**  
Hollywood, FL



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Goose Creek, SC



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Crew members of the LOUISIANA Precommissioning Unit, who have departed for various reasons, labored long and hard during the construction of this fine ship. This page recognizes these individuals for the significant contributions they have made. We consider them shipmates and friends and bid them fair winds and following seas. 🐟



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**USS LOUISIANA**



**HISTORY OF SHIPS NAMED LOUISIANA**

THE SUBMARINE USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) IS THE FOURTH U.S. NAVAL VESSEL TO BE NAMED IN HONOR OF THE EIGHTEENTH STATE ADMITTED INTO THE UNION, AND IS THE EIGHTEENTH AND LAST TRIDENT SUBMARINE TO BE COMMISSIONED.

THE FIRST LOUISIANA, A SLOOP BUILT IN NEW ORLEANS IN 1812, PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF NEW ORLEANS DURING THE WAR OF 1812. FROM DECEMBER 23, 1814 TO JANUARY 8, 1815, THE SLOOP LOUISIANA POUNDED ADVANCING BRITISH TROOPS, PROVIDING NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT FOR GENERAL JACKSON'S TROOPS, AND WAS CREDITED WITH PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN THE DEFEAT OF THE BRITISH AND KEEPING THE VALUABLE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS IN AMERICAN HANDS.

THE SECOND LOUISIANA, A SIDEWHEEL STEAMER, WAS COMMISSIONED IN AUGUST 1861. ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED TO THE UNION'S NORTH ATLANTIC BLOCKADING SQUADRON, LOUISIANA OPERATED ALONG THE VIRGINIA COAST AGAINST CONFEDERATE BLOCKADE RUNNERS. LOUISIANA WAS INVOLVED IN THE DEFENSE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. IN DECEMBER OF 1862, WHERE MAJ. GEN. JOHN J. FOSTER REPORTED THAT LOUISIANA "HAD RENDERED MOST EFFICIENT AID, THROWING THEIR SHELLS WITH GREAT PRECISION, AND CLEARING THE STREETS, THROUGH WHICH HER GUNS HAD RANGE." SHE LATER WAS INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS ENGAGEMENTS OFF THE COAST AND IN THE RIVERS OF NORTH CAROLINA. THE SECOND LOUISIANA WAS SACRIFICED ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1864, WHEN SHE WAS TOWED, STRIPPED AND LADEN WITH EXPLOSIVES, TO THE BASE OF FT. FISHER IN WILMINGTON, NC, AND DETONATED IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE FORT WITH MINIMUM LOSS OF LIFE. THE EXPLOSION HAS LITTLE EFFECT, AND IT TOOK UNION FORCES SEVERAL MORE WEEKS TO CAPTURE THIS IMPORTANT CONFEDERATE STRONGHOLD.

THE BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA (BB-19) WAS THE THIRD SHIP TO BEAR THE NAME. COMMISSIONED ON JUNE 2, 1906, LOUISIANA WAS SOON CALLED ON TO PROVIDE HER SERVICES, AND WAS SENT TO HAVANA WITH A PEACE COMMISSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE CUBAN PRESIDENT FOR HELP IN SUPPRESSING AN INSURRECTION. IN NOVEMBER OF 1906, LOUISIANA EMBARKED PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT FOR A CRUISE TO INSPECT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS OF THE PANAMA CANAL. ON DECEMBER 16, 1907, LOUISIANA DEPARTED HAMPTON ROADS AS ONE OF THE 16 BATTLESHIPS OF THE "GREAT WHITE FLEET", SENT ON AN AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS A MEANS OF DETERRING HOSTILE ACTION TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND DISPLAYING TO THE WORLD AMERICA'S ABILITY AS A GLOBAL NAVAL POWER. THIS CRUISE TOOK A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, RETURNING TO HAMPTON ROADS ON FEBRUARY 22, 1909. LOUISIANA LATER SAW DUTY IN WORLD WAR I AS A TRAINING SHIP AND CONVOY ESCORT.

**Ship's History Plaque**

**USS LOUISIANA**

NUCLEAR POWERED FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE

NAMED IN HONOR OF THE STATE OF  
LOUISIANA

BUILT BY  
**ELECTRIC BOAT CORPORATION**  
A GENERAL DYNAMICS COMPANY

CHRISTENED BY PATRICIA CARLIN O'KEEFE

KEEL LAID	17 DECEMBER 1992
LAUNCHED	27 JULY 1996
COMMISSIONED	6 SEPTEMBER 1997

**Ship's Data Plaque**



