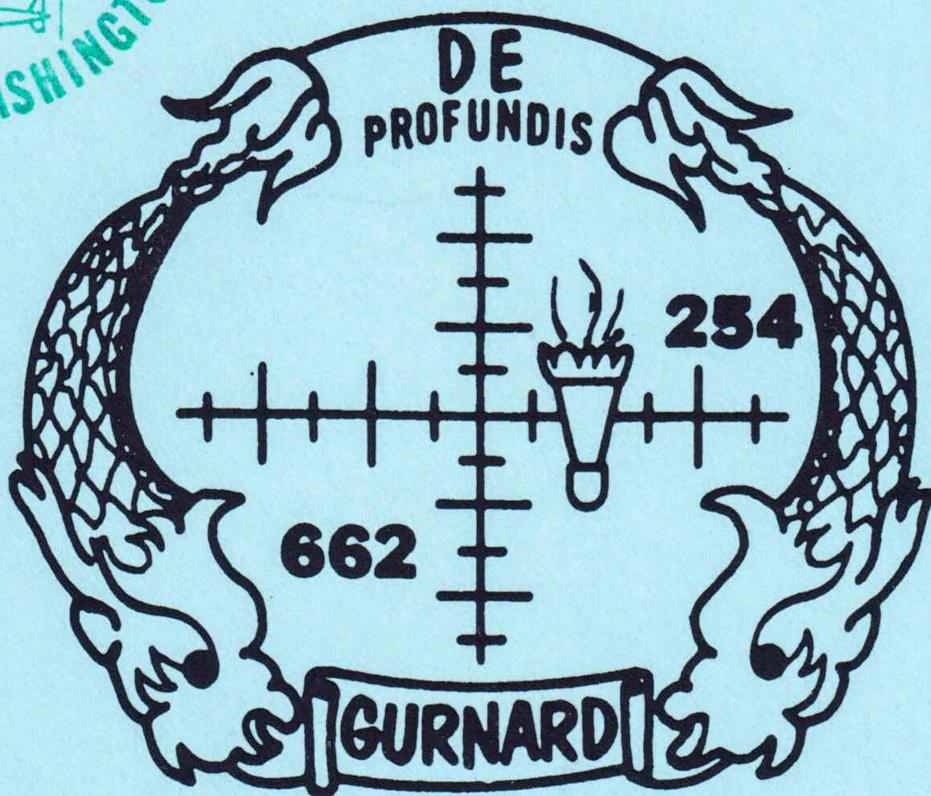


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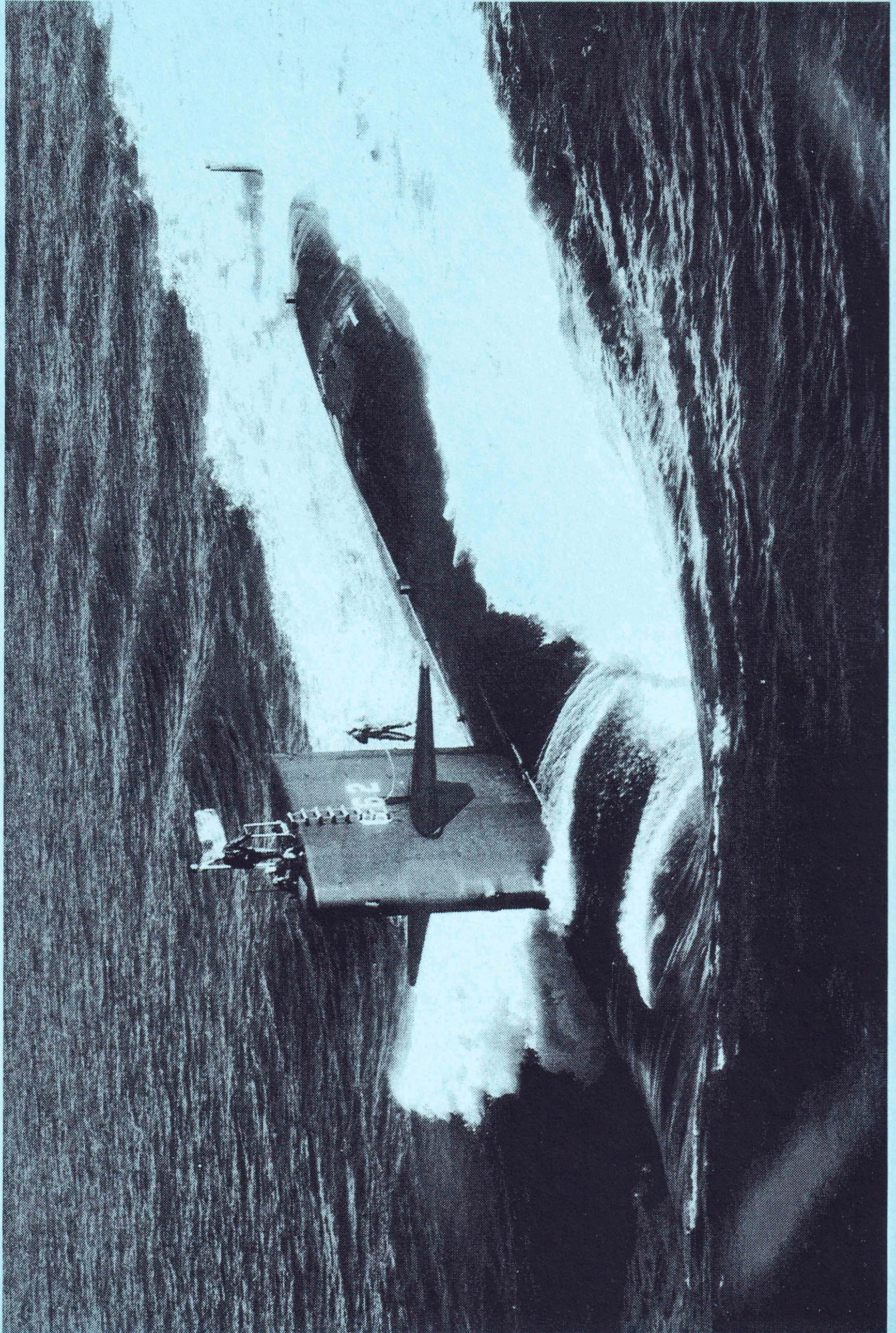
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Keel Laid . . . . . 3 August 1964

Launched . . . . . 20 May 1967

Commissioned . . . . . 6 December 1968

Ship's Sponsor . . . Mrs. George P. Miller



Refueling Overhaul: December 1976-  
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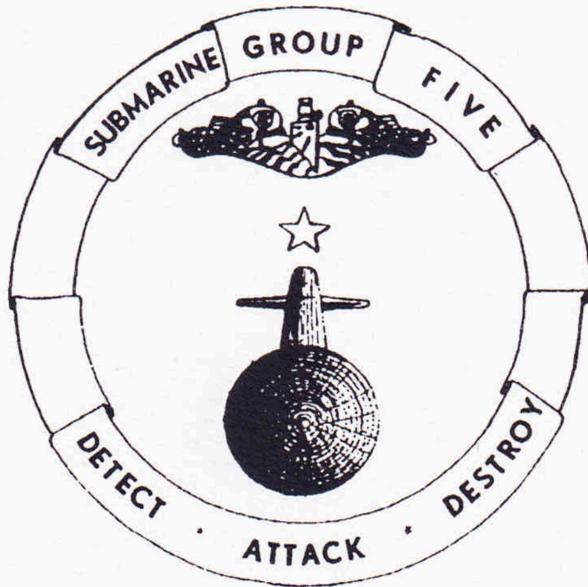
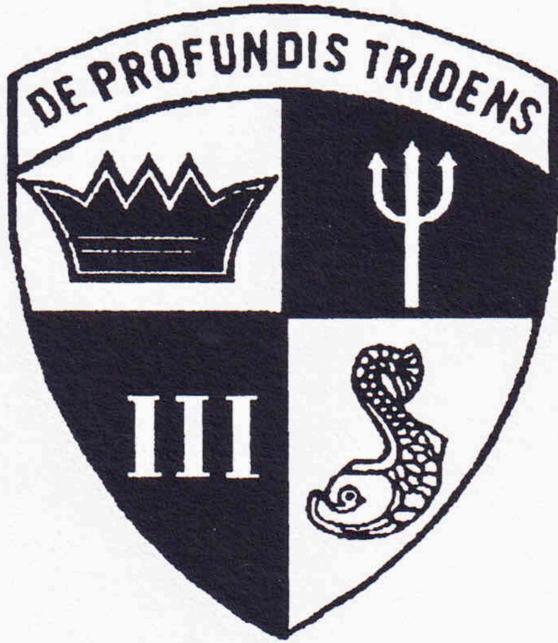
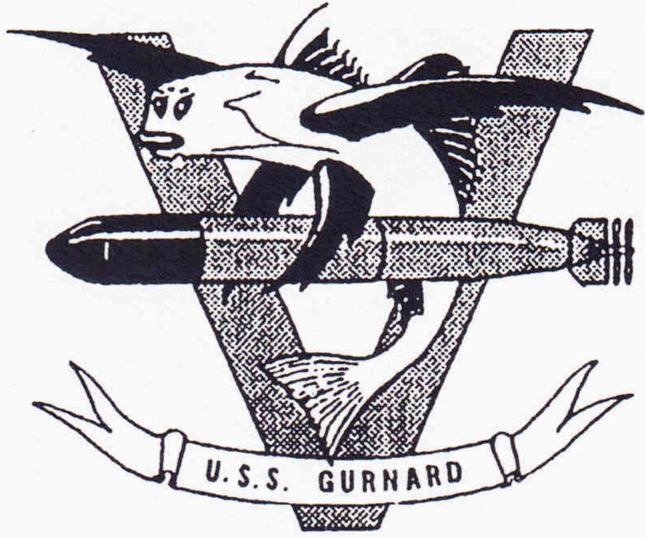
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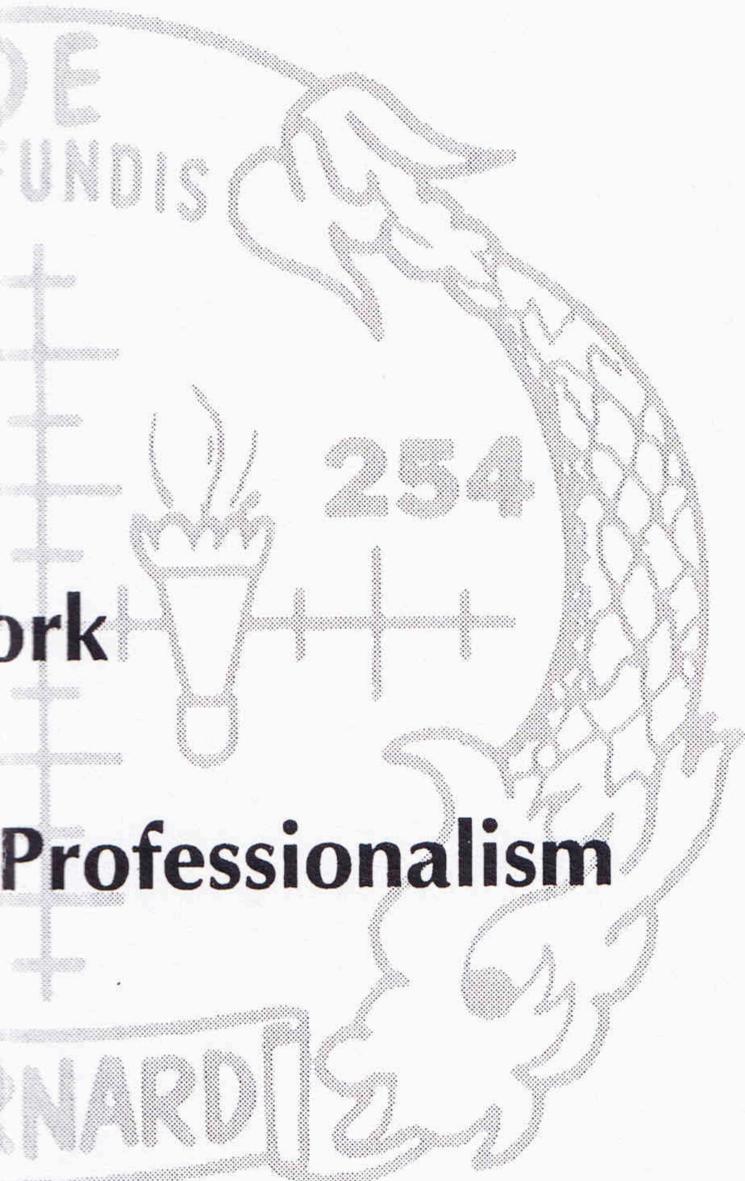
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## COMMANDING OFFICERS OF USS GURNARD (SSN 662)

Commander W.S. Cole, Jr., USN . . . . .	December 1968 - June 1970
Commander C.R. Bell, USN . . . . .	June 1970 - May 1973
Commander R.W. West, Jr., USN . . . . .	May 1973 - May 1976
Commander H.G. Chiles, USN . . . . .	May 1976 - February 1980
Commander E.L. Morgan, USN . . . . .	February 1980 - April 1983
Commander C.A. Wiese, USN . . . . .	April 1983 - March 1987
Commander J.C. Bickford, USN . . . . .	March 1987 - June 1989
Commander R.C. Westcott, USN . . . . .	June 1989 - June 1989
Commander W.M. Espinosa, USN . . . . .	June 1989 - March 1992
Commander B.L. Smith III, USN . . . . .	March 1992 - April 1993
Commander N.E. Rondorf, USN . . . . .	April 1993 - July 1993
Commander C.J. Malins, USN . . . . .	July 1993 - Present

### UNIT AWARDS

Fire Control "E" . . . . .	1969
Battle "E" for SUBDIV 51 . . . . .	1970
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Battle "E" for SUBDIV 51 . . . . .	1971
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION . . . . .	1972
Battle "E" for SUBDIV 51 . . . . .	1972
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION . . . . .	1975
Battle "E" for SUBDIV 51 . . . . .	1975
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION . . . . .	1976
Engineering "E" . . . . .	1976
Battle "E" for SUBDIV 51 . . . . .	1976
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NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL . . . . .	1981
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION . . . . .	1982
SUBRON 3 ASW "A" . . . . .	1991
SUBRON 3 TACTICAL EXCELLENCE MISSILES . . . . .	1993
SUBRON 3 WHITE "D" . . . . .	1994
SUBRON 3 RED "DC" . . . . .	1994

## USS GURNARD (SSN 662)

### *THE SHIP*

The keel for USS GURNARD (SSN 662) was laid on 22 December 1964, at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. She was the fourteenth of thirty-seven Sturgeon class fast attack submarines, and the second naval ship to bear the name. After being christened by Mrs. George P. Miller, wife of representative George P. Miller of California, GURNARD was launched on 20 May 1967. The first contingent of the commissioning crew arrived in Vallejo in July 1967, and completed construction, training and testing. With many long hours and hard work behind them, the crew, commanded by Commander William S. Cole, Jr., commissioned GURNARD on 6 December 1968 at the San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyard.

GURNARD departed Vallejo in September 1969 and transited to her new home, the Submarine Support Facility at Ballast Point in San Diego, California. GURNARD departed San Diego on 31 October for her first Western Pacific Deployment (WESTPAC). Enroute, a stop in Pearl Harbor to fire two near-perfect trajectory SUBROC missiles earned her certification as a SUBROC launch platform.

During June 1971, GURNARD was involved with testing new concepts in passive sonar classification and efforts to expand the capabilities of the Navy's satellite navigation system. GURNARD deployed in July 1971 to WESTPAC, earning the Vietnam Service Medal.

GURNARD returned to the Western Pacific in May 1972. Upon approaching Guam, GURNARD was diverted to conduct a search and rescue mission to recover a downed B-52 bomber crew. Arriving at the scene in the midst of Typhoon Rita, GURNARD and BARB (another nuclear submarine) heroically pulled five of the ill-fated crewmembers from the rolling seas. One of the crewmen survived, and the GURNARD received a Meritorious Unit Commendation as a result of the daring rescue.

GURNARD deployed in March 1976 to the Arctic region, where she set a new record of 42 days of underice operations. She surfaced at the North Pole on 14 April 1976. GURNARD completed a fourteen month refueling overhaul in February 1978 at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, the fastest refueling overhaul by a 637 class submarine to date, at a savings of \$4,000,000.

GURNARD was tasked with operations in the Indian Ocean during the height of the Iranian Hostage Crisis earning the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

In 1984, she spent 44 days under the Arctic ice. She later rendezvoused and then surfaced with the PINTADO at the North Pole. In May 1985, GURNARD entered an 18 month overhaul in Bremerton, Washington. She was updated with the new Electrostatically Suspended Gyro Navigation System, MK 1 Fire Control System, and was made capable of launching Tomahawk missiles.

In March 1990, GURNARD deployed to the Arctic region. While deployed, she completed only the fourth winter submerged transit of the Bering and Chuckchi Seas. She once again surfaced at the North Pole, this time in the company of the USS SEAHORSE (SSN 669). On her way back to San Diego, GURNARD passed through the Panama Canal, and upon her return to homeport, became the third U.S. submarine to circumnavigate the North American continent.

GURNARD departed in January 1991 for WESTPAC, participating in joint exercises with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force.

In August 1994, GURNARD departed her Ballast Point homeport of 25 years for Bremerton, Washington to be decommissioned at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

