

USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)



COMMISSIONING, JANUARY 8, 1971

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COMMISSIONING



Built by

GENERAL DYNAMICS

Electric Boat Division

Groton, Connecticut

KEEL LAID

March 13, 1968

LAUNCHED

January 10, 1970

COMMISSIONED

January 8, 1971



Sponsor

Mrs. David Packard



COMMISSIONING OF A NAVY SHIP

The commissioning ceremony marks the acceptance of a ship as a member of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment of breaking the commissioning pennant, USS BLUEFISH (SSN675) becomes an active member of the fleet. The Commanding Officer, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making and keeping her ready for any commitment required by our nation in peace or war.

The commissioning pennant is the historic symbol of a man of war. It is believed to date from the 17th century when the Dutch Admiral Maarten Van Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his having swept the British from the sea at Dungeness. The following year British Admiral William Blake hoisted a horse whip to his masthead, indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set a precedent of a long narrow commissioning pennant, symbolizing the original horse whip as the distinctive mark of a ship of war.



HERITAGE OF THE USS BLUEFISH

The nuclear attack submarine BLUEFISH (SSN675) is the second ship of the Fleet to bear the name. Her World War II namesake was a fleet type submarine which won ten battle stars for operation in the Pacific.

The first BLUEFISH (SS222) was also built at Electric Boat Division and was launched on 21 February 1943. She made nine war patrols between September 1943 and August 1945, destroying 50,839 tons of enemy shipping.

The first Commanding Officer, LCDR George E. PORTER, made three war patrols and received the Navy Cross on two separate occasions. The second Commanding Officer, LCDR Charles M. HENDERSON, made four war patrols and was awarded both the Distinguished Service Medal and the Navy Cross. The third Commanding Officer, LCDR G. W. FORBES, made two war patrols before the end of the war and was awarded the Legion of Merit and the British Certificate of Merit with bronze clasp.

SS222 was decommissioned February 1947, then recommissioned January 1952 to serve as a unit of Submarine Squadron FOUR. She was finally decommissioned in November 1953 and stricken from the Naval List in 1959.



MRS. DAVID PACKARD
Sponsor

Lucile Salter Packard, wife of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, is a San Francisco native and graduate of Stanford University. Before moving to Washington with her husband, she was active in a number of community cultural and charitable organizations in the San Francisco area. Among her Washington activities she has been a judge for the Unsung Heroine Award, which recognizes outstanding women in the armed forces, and participated in the Department of Defense program for Widening Horizons, aimed at providing educational and cultural enrichment for public school students in the national capital. The Packards have four children.



THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. STEELE
Principal Speaker

Robert H. Steele was elected to Congress in November, 1970, as Representative of Connecticut's Second District. He is a graduate of Amherst College and holds degrees in government and Russian Studies from Columbia University. He served five years with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington and in South America as a specialist on Soviet affairs. Before winning the Republican Congressional nomination by acclamation, he worked in the Investments Department of the Travelers Insurance Company. Rep. Steele and his wife, Betsy, reside in Vernon, Conn., with their three children, Kristen, Alison and Jeffrey.



THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Richard Alan Peterson, USN, was born on 4 April 1933 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Lehigh University before entering the U. S. Naval Academy where he was commissioned upon graduation in 1955. Commander Peterson has served aboard the Destroyer USS BEATTY (DD756) and the submarines USS SARDA (SS488), USS NAUTILUS (SSN571) , USS U. S. GRANT (SSBN631) , and USS TINOSA (SSN606) . He reported to BLUEFISH following a tour at the Naval Submarine School where he was Director of the Executive Division.

Commander Peterson is married to the former Mary Catherine Koehler of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.

They now reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut, with their son Richard, Jr.

COMMISSIONING

INVOCATION

Lieutenant James M. McCain, Jr., CHC, USN

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF BUILDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Captain Albert E. Rose, USN, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Groton

REMARKS

Mr. Joseph D. Pierce

General Manager

Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics

INTRODUCTION OF COMMANDER, SUBMARINE FLOTILLA TWO

Captain Albert E. Rose, USN

REMARKS AND READING OF THE COMMISSIONING DIRECTIVE

Rear Admiral Oliver H. Perry, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Flotilla TWO

COMMISSIONING AND ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Commander Richard A. Peterson, USN

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REMARKS BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Richard A. Peterson, USN

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Vice Admiral Eugene P. Wilkinson, USN, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

ADDRESS

The Honorable Robert H. Steele, Representative, 2nd Congressional District (Conn.)

BENEDICTION

Lieutenant James M. McCain, Jr., CHC, USN

HONORS AND DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

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Submarine Base Band

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS



Executive Officer
John J. King
LCDR, U. S. Navy



Operations Officer
Robert A. Dunkle
LCDR, U. S. Navy



Engineer Officer
Richard J. Petersen
LT, U. S. Navy



Electrical Officer
Crawford L. Benedict
LT, U. S. Navy



Weapons Officer
Kenneth L. Jones
LT, U. S. Navy



Main Propulsion Assistant
John S. Odom, Jr.
LT, U. S. Navy



Communicator
David A. Brown
LT, U. S. Navy



Damage Control Assistant
James G. Burke
LT, U. S. Navy



First Lieutenant
Michael R. Polk
LTJG, U. S. Navy



Reactor Control Officer
Harold L. Cox, Jr.
LTJG, U. S. Navy



Supply Officer
David C. Harding
LTJG, U. S. Navy



Chief of the Boat

Ralph B. Casto
TMC(SS), U. S. Navy

ROSTER OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

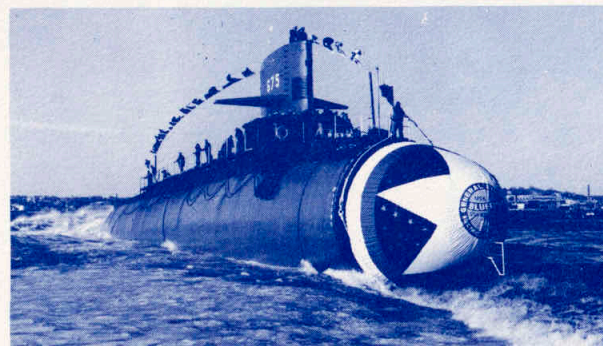
STCS(SS) James R. Morrison, USN
EMCS(SS) Gordon M. Wilkerson, USN
MMCS(SS) Barrie H. Bearse, USN
RMC(SS) Robert C. Perkins, USN
CSC(SS) Robert T. Sadler, USN
ETC(SS) James J. Glynn, USN
QMC(SS) Henry C. Horry, USN
YNC(SS) Robert E. Williamson, USN
FTGC(SS) Frederick C. Bradley, USN
ETC(SS) Reuben Reinick, Jr., USN
STC(SS) William O. Smith, USN

ROSTER OF CREW

SK2(SS) Albert T. Ange, Jr., USN	QMSA Michael L. E. Gilbertson, USN	STS2 Deaner K. Lawless, Jr., USN	RM1(SS) Michael J. Royle, USN
IC1(SS) Carleton V. Barwick, USN	TM2(SS) David E. Hamel, USN	MM2(SS) Robert S. Lenherr, USN	CSSN Kenneth R. Sanner, USN
ETR3 Alfred A. Benick, Jr., USN	STS2(SS) Chester Hayes, Jr., USN	STS2 Robert B. Lowd, USN	EM1(SS) William O. Schultz, Jr., USN
TM1(SS) Charles A. Bigelow, USN	MM2 Theodore L. Heatherly, USN	EN1(SS) James A. Lundell, USN	MM1(SS) Michael D. Schulz, USN
EN3(SS) Allen P. Boyer, USN	MM2 Lynn A. Hoekstra, USN	IC2(SS) Jeffrey J. Lutzke, USN	CS2 William S. Searles, Jr., USN
STS2 Paul J. Brown, USN	SN Raymond D. Hogness, USN	MM2 John M. Malavolti, USN	EM1(SS) Walter G. Sloan, USN
IC1(SS) Harold G. Cash, USN	SA Arthur P. Hornoff, USN	EM2 Russ H. Mengel, USN	MM1(SS) Ross R. Smith, USN
MM2(SS) Robert R. Cate, USN	EM2 Alan J. Horn, USN	TN Michael L. Minshew, USN	MM1(SS) William A. Smith, USN
FN Vernon S. Christy, USN	FTG1(SS) Robert E. Jacob, USN	MM1(SS) Alex S. Mootry, USN	HM1(SS) William S. Smith, USN
ST1(SS) Doyle R. Coffey, USN	ET1(SS) Alexander A. Jacoby, USN	STS2 John L. Nafziger, USN	YN3 Andrew L. Summerlin, Jr., USN
TM2(SS) John H. Collins, Jr., USN	ETN3(SS) Steven F. Jamele, USN	FN Roy W. O'Brien, USN	EM2 Jerald L. Taylor, USN
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EM2(SS) David L. Cox, USN	ETR2 Ashby C. Jones, USN	SN Robert A. Pinkin, USN	SN Mark E. Van Sickle, USN
IC3 Joseph C. Dizney, USN	SN Dennis C. Jones, USN	ETN2(SS) Scott E. Poole, USN	ETR3 Thomas A. Vlachos, USN
ETR3 Thomas J. Dodson, USN	TM2 John A. Jones, USN	RM3 Charles E. Preisch, USN	SN John M. Walker, III, USN
STS2 David P. Dorman, USN	MM2(SS) Richard C. Keenan, USN	TN Cecil R. Prewitt, USN	EM1(SS) George E. Ward, USN
MM3 Richard J. Dvorak, USN	MM2(SS) John M. Keith, Jr., USN	MM1(SS) William J. Price, Jr., USN	QM1(SS) Albert J. Wass, Jr., USN
SN James Fasino, USN	MM2 Allen G. Kriskowski, USN	MM1(SS) Thomas A. Reeves, USN	STS2 Robert J. Whettam, USN
MM3 Steven R. Filler, USN	RMSN(SS) Robert E. Kunkle, USN	ETN2 James A. Riffe, USN	ETR2(SS) Ronald G. Zimmerman, USN
MM1(SS) Michael J. Gavioli, USN	SD2(SS) Elpidio L. Lagunero, USN	MM2(SS) William F. Roberts, Jr., USN	



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First Submarine Launched This Decade

At Sea





