



Inactivation Ceremony



**22 JANUARY 1999
FOLLOWING 16 YEARS OF SERVICE**



**COMMANDING OFFICER
USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)
FPO AE 09564-2392**

22 January 1999

On behalf of the crew of USS ATLANTA, I extend a warm welcome to today's inactivation ceremony, the culmination of 16 years of faithful service in the defense of our nation. We are proud of ATLANTA's superior reputation and her accomplishments.

This ceremony is a tribute to the ship and its crews as she prepares for decommissioning. Today, the ship's commissioning pennant will be ceremonially lowered and the watches secured as part of the ceremony. These solemn proceedings are a salute to the success of the ship and the men who sailed her.

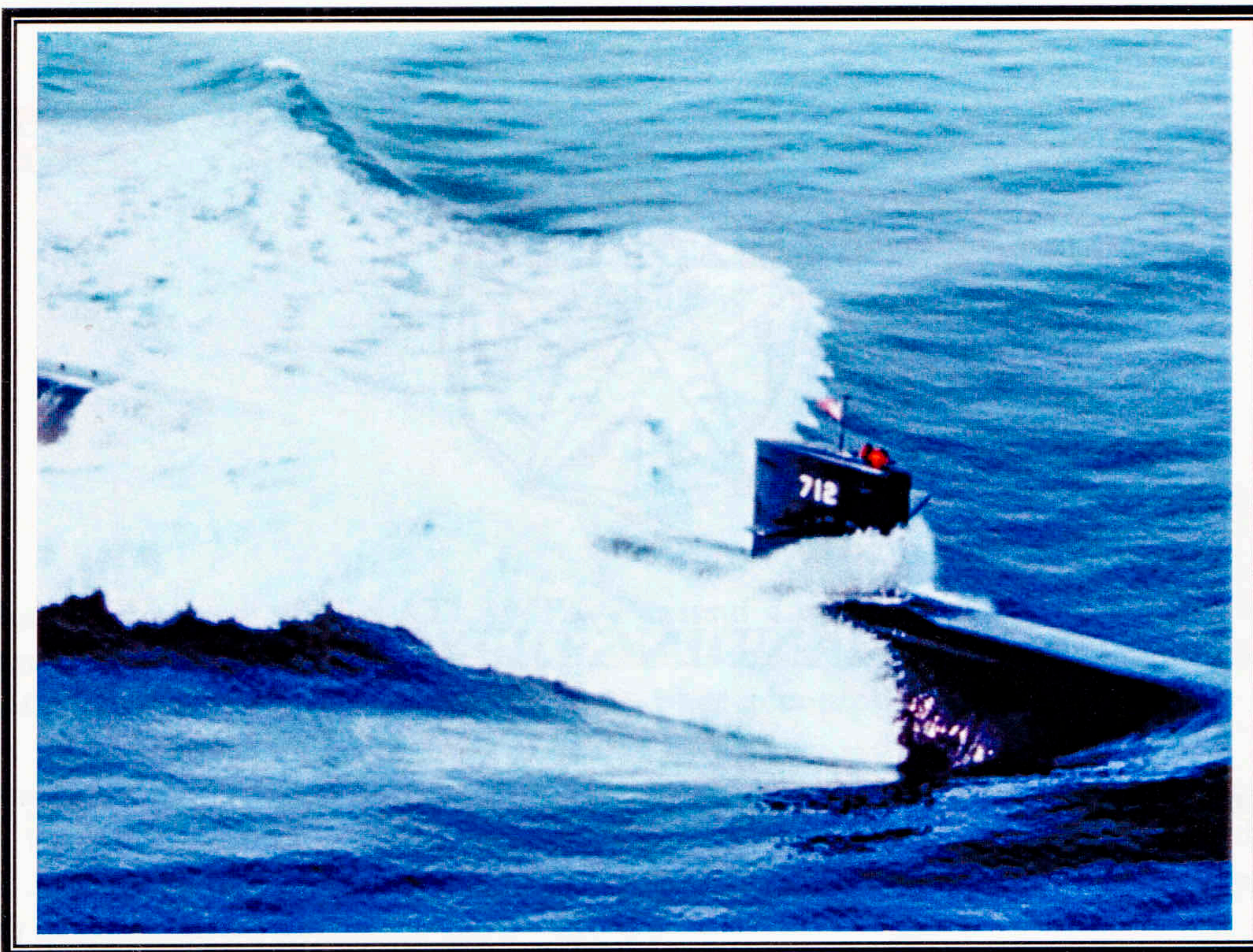
We are glad you could join us to witness this historic event.

**M. M. MONTANA
Commander, United States Navy
Commanding Officer**



COMMANDING OFFICERS

CDR ROBIN J. WHITE, USN	AUG 1980 – JUL 1982
CDR WARREN N. LIPSCOMB, USN	JUL 1982 – JAN 1985
CDR WILLIAM K. CASTLE, JR., USN	JAN 1985 – MAY 1986
CAPT KURT JUROFF, USN	MAY 1986 – JUN 1986
CDR JAMES A. DARE, JR., USN	JUN 1986 – MAR 1989
CAPT ROBERT C. WAGONER, USN	MAR 1989 – MAY 1992
CDR JAMES D. GUTH, USN	MAY 1992 – JUL 1994
CDR P. KEVIN PEPPE, USN	JUL 1994 – JUN 1997
CDR MAURICE M. MONTANA, USN	JUN 1997 – PRESENT



USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)

Built by Newport News Shipbuilding
and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia

Keel Laid:	18 August 1978
Launched:	16 August 1980
Commissioned:	6 March 1982
Sponsor:	Mrs. Colleen Nunn
Length:	360 feet
Displacement	
Surfaced:	6,200 tons
Submerged	6,900 tons
Hull Diameter:	33 feet
Draft:	32 feet
Maximum Depth:	In excess of 800 feet
Maximum Speed:	In excess of 25 knots
Armament:	Four 21" torpedo tubes
Compliment	
Officers:	14
Chief Petty Officers:	16
E-6 and junior:	105
Total:	135



ATLANTA, GEORGIA

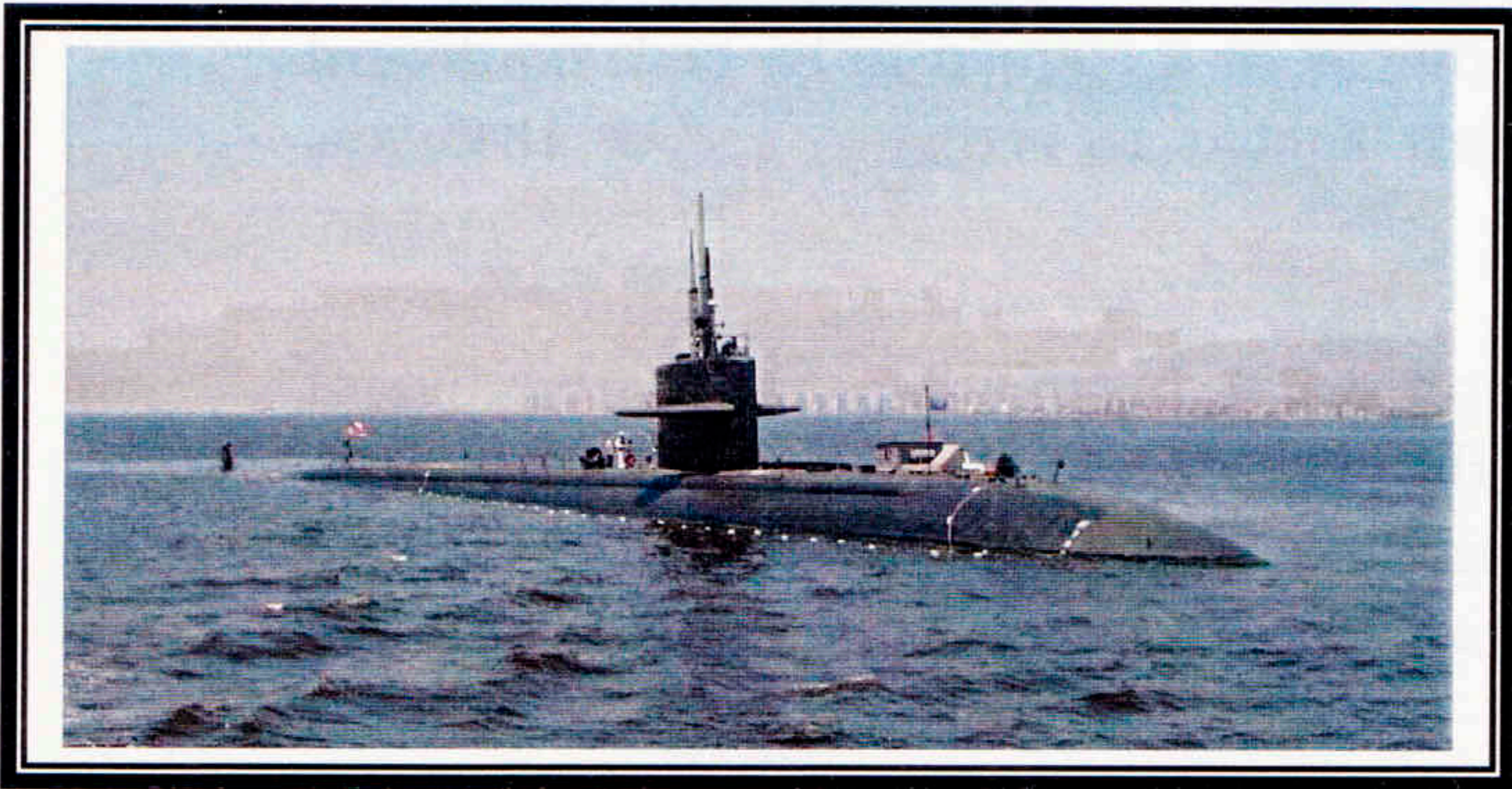
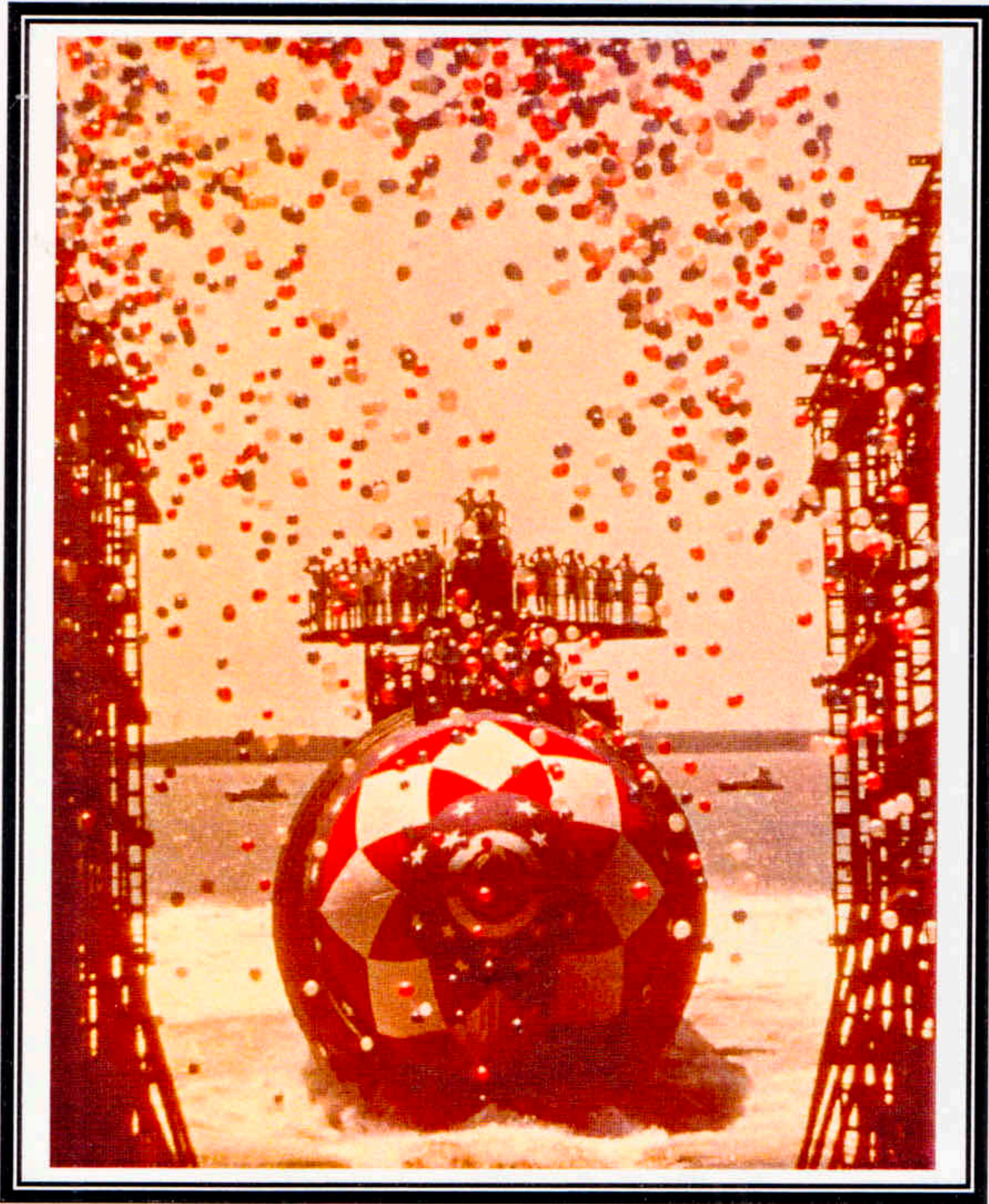
Atlanta, the capital of Georgia, is the transportation, commercial and financial center of the southeastern United States. Located in north central Georgia, in the rolling foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the city's relatively high elevation creates moderate summer weather and four distinct seasons.

The state's largest city, Atlanta, owes its existence to the railroads. In 1837 a spot, near what is now known as Five Points, was selected for the southern terminus of a railroad to be built northward towards Chattanooga, Tennessee. The location was first known as Terminus and in 1845 was named Atlanta for the Western and Atlantic Railroad.

During the Civil War, Atlanta, as a key Confederate supply depot, became the military objective of Union General William T. Sherman. After occupying the city for two months in 1864, Sherman burned most of Atlanta's buildings as he departed on his famous "march to the sea". He asserted that the burning of the city would enable it to become a great city of the future, a prediction that would prove to be true.

Atlanta epitomizes the spirit of the "New South", having risen from the ashes of the Civil War. Today it is the financial and commercial capital of the Southeast, and an important distribution, manufacturing, educational and medical center. Over 400 of Fortune magazine's largest U.S. corporations are headquartered or have offices in Atlanta, with the Coca-Cola Company heading that prestigious list.

A vibrant and exciting city of over two million people, Atlanta is known far and wide for its bold architectural designs and outstanding quality of life. The host of the 1996 Summer Olympics, Atlanta is worthy of being called one of America's, and the world's, finest cities.



HISTORY OF USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)

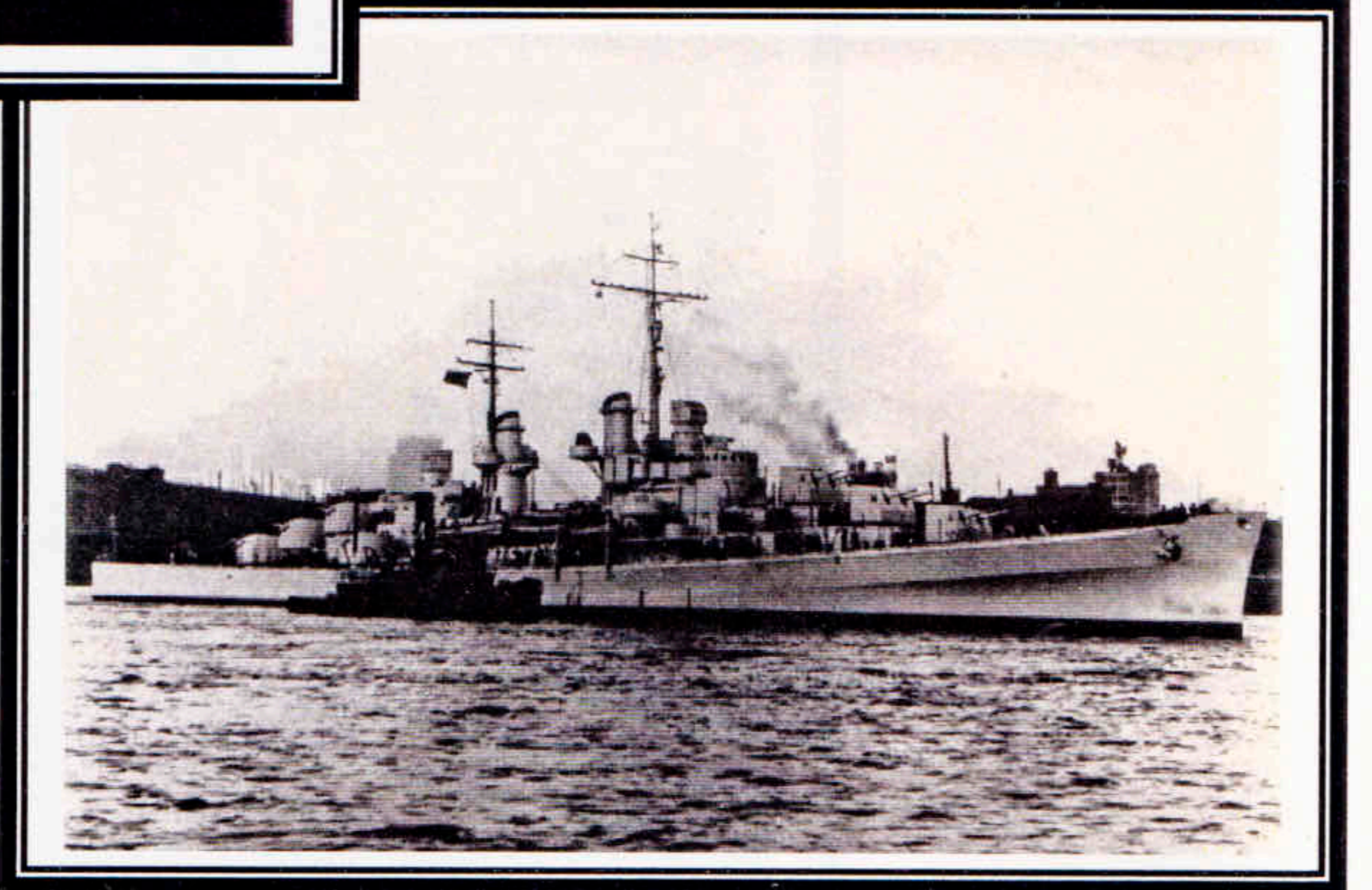
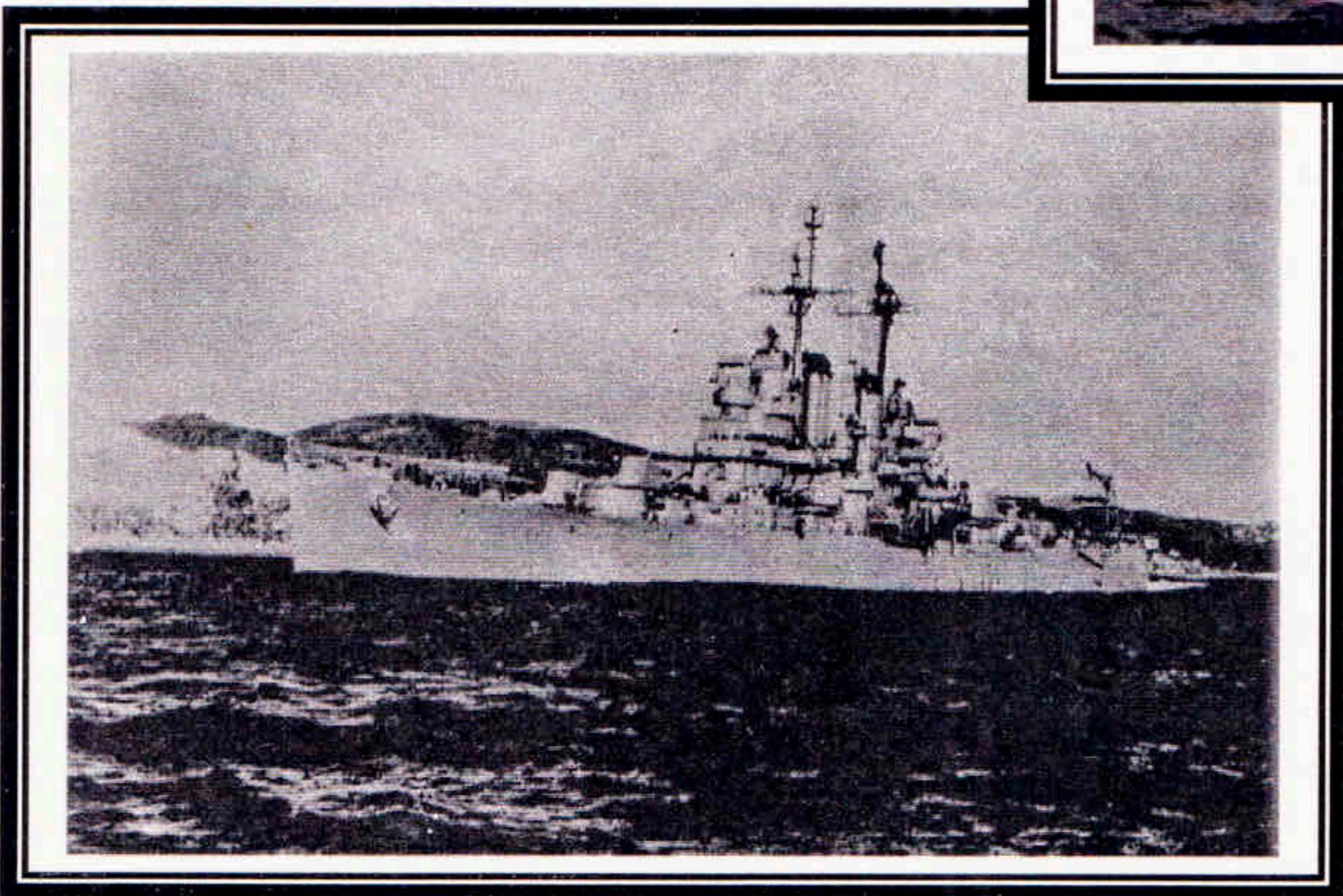
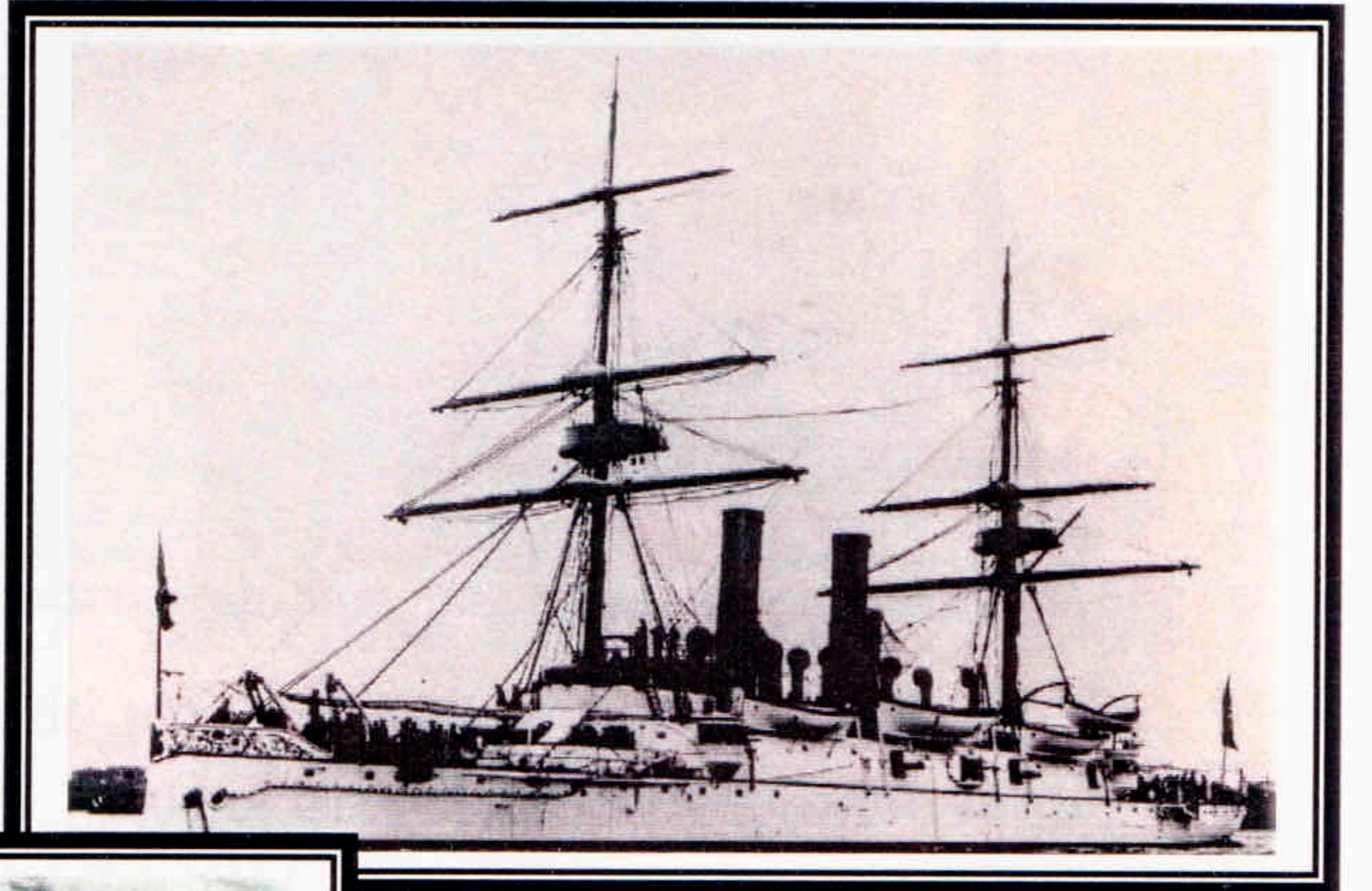
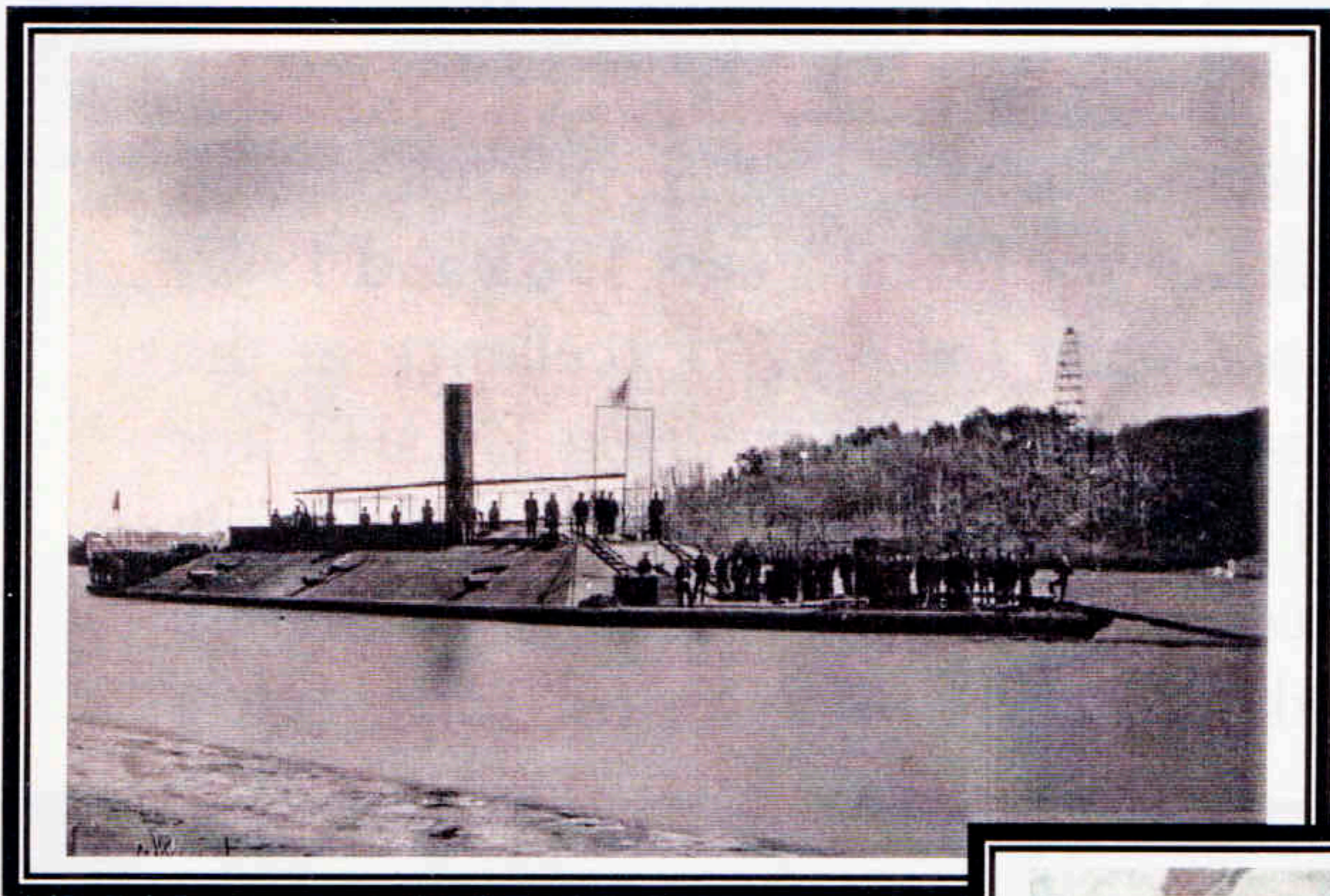
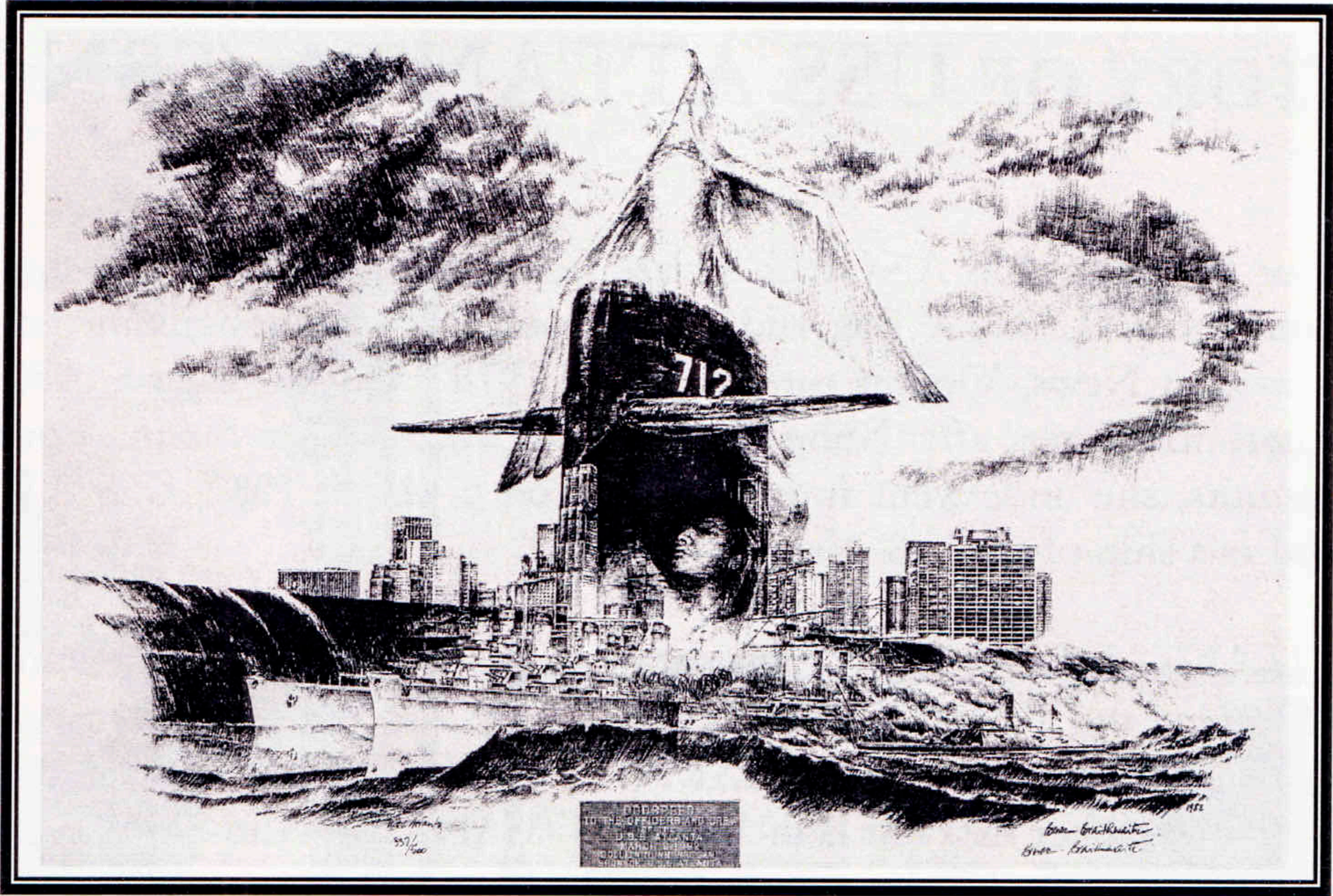
The keel for the 24th LOS ANGELES class fast attack submarine and the fifth ship to carry the name of ATLANTA was laid at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Newport News, Virginia on 18 August 1978. On 16 August 1980 ATLANTA began her waterborne career after being christened by Mrs. Colleen Nunn. For the next year and seven months, she underwent fitting-out and on 6 March 1982, USS ATLANTA was commissioned as a ship of the U.S. Navy.

During ATLANTA's first year in service she was the first Atlantic submarine to have the capability to employ the TOMAHAWK Cruise Missile and the first submarine certified to employ the MK-48 torpedo and both HARPOON and TOMAHAWK missiles. In 1984 ATLANTA conducted her first test launches of TOMAHAWK Anti-Ship Cruise Missiles on the East Coast of the United States. During 1993, she was the first nuclear submarine to be assigned in direct support of an Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Within her illustrious career, ATLANTA received awards for the Best ASW Unit during READEX 1-83, Green "C" for Communications Excellence for Fiscal Years 1983 and 1997, Meritorious Unit Commendation 1986, Fleet Hook'em Award for ASW Excellence in the Mediterranean 1992, Admiral Edward F. Ney Award nominee from Squadron EIGHT for outstanding food service operation for FY 1992 and 1993 and CINCLANTFLT Supply "E's" for FY 1991 and 1992. Culminating her career, ATLANTA was the Submarine Squadron EIGHT nominee for the 1998 Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy Award for greatest improvement in battle efficiency.

ATLANTA has completed six Mediterranean deployments and three Western Atlantic deployments.

During her most recent deployment, ATLANTA was the first ever nuclear powered vessel to anchor in Izmir, Turkey and to moor in Azkaz, Turkey.





Atlanta's Namesake

- The submarine ATLANTA is the fifth U.S. Navy ship to bear that proud name.
- The first served under three flags. Originally the British blockade runner FINGAL, she was purchased by the Confederate Navy in 1861, converted into an ironclad gunboat and renamed CSS ATLANTA. Badly damaged in an 1863 battle, she was captured by the Union and commissioned USS ATLANTA.
- The second ATLANTA was the first man-of-war authorized in the 'New Navy' by Congress in 1883, and saw duty for 36 years in European waters, Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, and the South and North Atlantic Oceans.
- Despite a brief – though fiery - career, the third ATLANTA (CL 51) has always been known as "The Mighty A." The light cruiser was christened by Margaret Mitchell, author of *Gone with the Wind*, on September 6, 1941. By June 1942, she was already making history. At the Battle of Midway, ATLANTA served as an anti-aircraft screen for the carriers HORNET (CV 8) and YORKTOWN (CV 10) during the three-day engagement that turned the tide of the Pacific war. For her outstanding performance at Midway, ATLANTA received the first of five Battle Stars.
- In 1942, ATLANTA thwarted a Japanese attempt to recapture Guadalcanal. The November night was illuminated by the eerie light of lashing salvos, bursting shells and burning ships. Mortally wounded, ATLANTA survived the furious night action, but, despite all efforts, could not be saved. She was lost in 90 fathoms of water on Friday the 13th.
- The fourth ATLANTA (CL 104) entered the war in early 1945, supporting the Third Fleet's Fast Carrier Task Force and earning two Battle Stars before the close of hostilities.
- USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) carries on the storied heritage of her predecessors. This heritage is best captured in the Presidential Unit Citation honoring "The Mighty A" and her valiant crew:

"Struck by one torpedo and no less than 49 shells, ATLANTA, after sinking an enemy destroyer and repeatedly hitting a cruiser which later went down, gallantly remained in battle under auxiliary power with one-third of her crew killed or missing, her engine room flooded and her topside in shambles. Eventually succumbing to her wounds, she left behind a heroic example of an invincible fighting spirit."

VICE ADMIRAL EDMUND P. GIAMBASTIANI, JR., USN

Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet



The Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force numbers more than 45 submarines and 17,000 highly trained and motivated officer, enlisted and civilian personnel providing submarine and maritime patrol support to the Atlantic, Arctic, Eastern Pacific, and Indian Oceans and the Mediterranean Sea. COMSUBLANT's principal responsibility is the operation, maintenance, training, and equipping of submarines in support of Fleet and National Tasking. Vice Admiral Giambastiani also has duties as principal advisor to NATO on submarine matters as Commander Submarines Allied Command Atlantic, as an operational commander for the U.S. Strategic Command as Commander Task Force 144, and as an operational commander providing theater ASW and special surveillance support as Commander Task Force 84.

Vice Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., a native of Canastota, New York, graduated with leadership distinction from the United States Naval Academy, Class of 1970.

Vice Admiral Giambastiani's sea assignments included USS PUFFER (SSN 652), and USS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (SSBN 657) (BLUE). While assigned to PUFFER, he was a 1973 winner of the Fleet Commander's Junior Officer Submarine Shiphandling Competition. In May 1982 Vice Admiral Giambastiani assumed command of SUBMARINE NR-1, the Navy's only nuclear powered deep diving ocean engineering and research submarine. From July 1987 to April 1990, he commanded USS RICHARD B. RUSSELL (SSN 687). During this tour, the RUSSELL crew was awarded three consecutive Battle Efficiency "E"s, three Navy Unit Commendations and two Fleet Commander Silver Anchors for excellence in enlisted retention. In June 1991 he assumed command of Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE. In addition to the seven submarines assigned, the squadron served as the tactical development agent and CNO-designed Warfare Center of Excellence for submarine force doctrine. He also served as a joint task group commander for the largest special warfare exercise involving submarines since WWII. During this tour, the squadron was awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation for its contributions to joint service, carrier battlegroup and amphibious tactical development.

Vice Admiral Giambastiani's shore and staff assignments include duties as an enlisted program manager on the staff of the Navy Recruiting Command Headquarters, Washington, D.C. From May 1985 to September 1986 he served on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Undersea Warfare (OP-02). He was further assigned as the first naval officer to be special assistant to the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency. In June 1991 Vice Admiral Giambastiani completed a one-year fellowship on the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group. From June 1993 to August 1994 Vice Admiral Giambastiani served as the first Director of Strategy and Concepts at the newly formed Naval Doctrine Command. He was selected for promotion to flag rank in December 1993. In his first Flag Officer Assignment, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments (N8), Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. From February 1996 to May 1998 he served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as the Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87).

Vice Admiral Giambastiani's decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with two gold stars, but he is most proud of the seven Battle Efficiency E's, five Navy Unit Commendations and two Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations because they recognize the participation and accomplishments of all crew members.

He and his wife Cindy have two children, Peter, a Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, and Catherine, a student at the University of Florida.

REAR ADMIRAL JOHN B. PADGETT III, USN

Commander, Submarine Group TWO



Rear Admiral Padgett graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1969 and earned a Master of Science degree in engineering science and mechanics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in June 1970.

Following nuclear power and basic submarine training, Rear Admiral Padgett served aboard USS PUFFER (SSN 652), deploying to the Western Pacific and completing submarine qualification while serving as Main Propulsion Assistant, Communicator and Weapons Officer.

Rear Admiral Padgett served as Engineer Officer aboard USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN 659), followed by assignment as Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN Representative, Pearl Harbor.

Rear Admiral Padgett was then assigned as Executive Officer on USS FLASHER (SSN 613), deploying to the Indian Ocean and the Western Pacific. He then transferred to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he was a member of the staff of the Senior Officer Ships' Material Readiness Course.

Following prospective commanding officer training, Rear Admiral Padgett relieved as Commanding Officer, USS OMAHA (SSN 692), in December 1986. During his tour, the ship completed a regular overhaul at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and deployed to the Northern Pacific and Western Pacific.

In February 1989, Rear Admiral Padgett was assigned as Executive Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare) and then as Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN. In July 1992, he served as the 75th Commandant of Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. Following selection to flag rank, Rear Admiral Padgett was assigned as Director of Combat Operations Staff and Deputy Director, Operations and Logistics, United States Strategic Command.

Rear Admiral Padgett assumed the position as Deputy Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87B), at Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. in July 1996.

Rear Admiral Padgett is married to the former Roberta (Bobbie) Tove Schalk of Berkeley, California. They have a daughter, Morgan, in high school. Rear Admiral Padgett's son, Brian attends college in Oregon.

CAPTAIN MICHAEL C. TRACY, USN

Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT



Captain Michael C. Tracy, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in June 1975. He earned his Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan in the following year. He completed Nuclear Power Training and reported aboard USS THOMAS A. EDISON (SSBN 610) in February 1978 where he served as a division officer, completing five strategic deterrent patrols. From 1981 through 1983, he was assigned to the faculty at the United States Naval Academy, where he received the William P. Clements Award for educational excellence as the top military instructor for the 1982-1983 academic year.

Captain Tracy was assigned to USS NATHANIEL GREENE (SSBN 636) in June 1984, where he served as Engineer Officer, completing three strategic deterrent patrols prior to a shipyard period. His next assignment was as Executive Officer on board USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706), reporting in April of 1987. He completed two North Atlantic deployments and one Mediterranean deployment prior to detaching to the staff of the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, Department of Energy in Washington, DC, where he served as the Special Assistant for Enlisted Matters.

Captain Tracy took command of USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) in February 1992. He guided the ship through three deployments, including participation in Operation Desert Storm/Vigilant Warrior in 1994. During his tour NEWPORT NEWS was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation, consecutive awards of the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E" for 1993 and 1994 and the Red Engineering "E" for 1992 and 1993. He was one of three CINCLANTFLT finalists for the 1994 Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Award for inspirational leadership in command.

Captain Tracy was a senior member of the COMSUBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team from January to April 1995 prior to reporting to the Bureau of Naval Personnel as Deputy Director, Submarine/Nuclear Power Distribution Control Division until May 1997.

Captain Tracy's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars and the Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star. He and his wife, Charleen, reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia, with their children, Jared and Julia. Their oldest daughter, Heather, attends the University of Michigan.

MRS. COLLEEN NUNN

Sponsor, USS ATLANTA



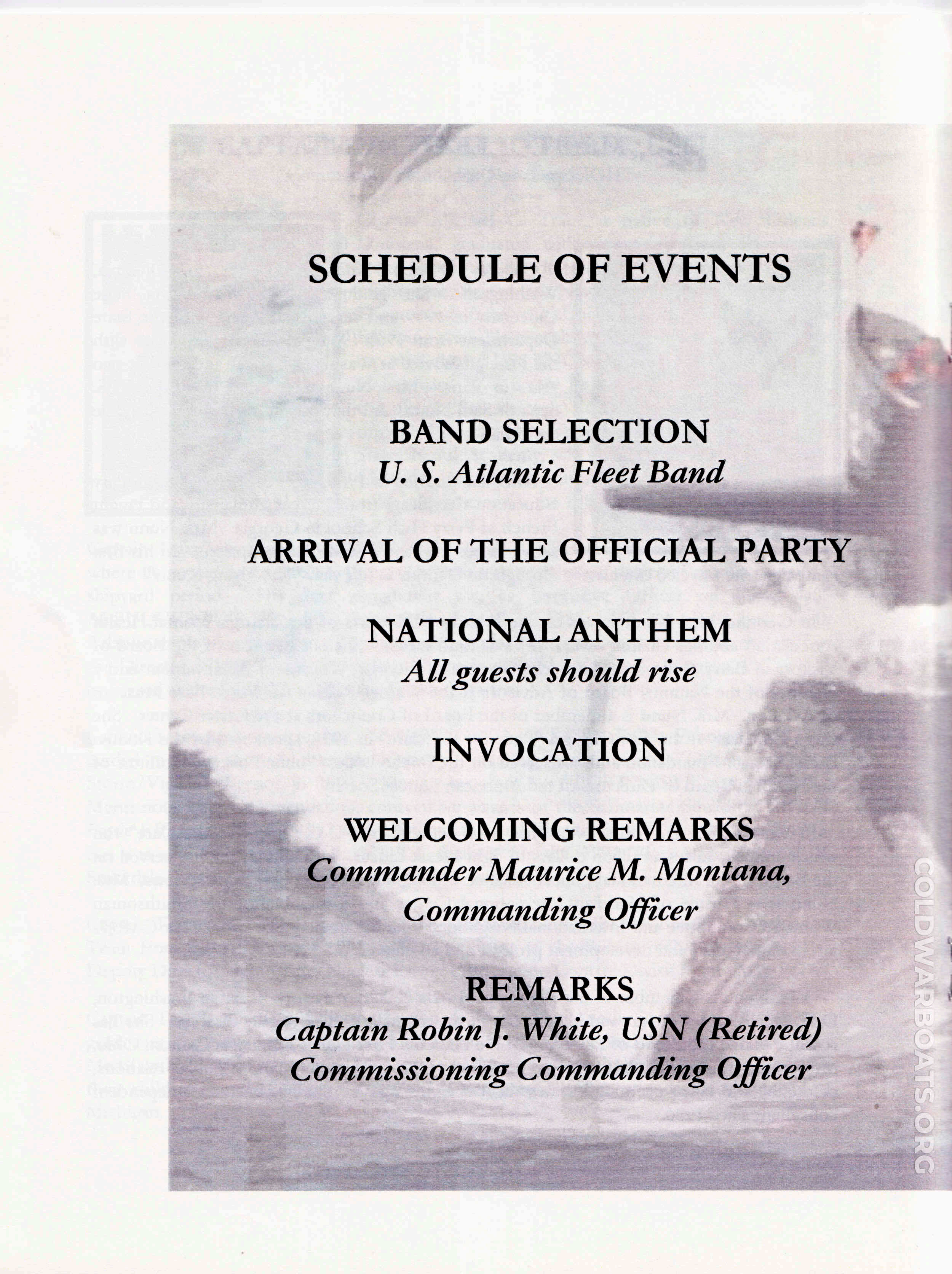
Colleen O'Brien Nunn grew up in Olympia, Washington. She graduated from Washington State University in 1959 and served four years with the State Department from 1960-1964. She spent two years with the Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. and the last two years in Paris. Mrs. Nunn is married to former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, and they have two children, Michelle and Brian.

After she married in 1965, she obtained her Secondary Education Certificate from Mercer University and taught French at Perry High School in Georgia. Mrs. Nunn was active in her husband's Senatorial campaigns. In his first campaign, she traveled extensively throughout Georgia in her van, "The Flying Nunn".

In Georgia, Mrs. Nunn serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Mental Health Association and has chaired several of their fund raisers. She is Chairman of the Board of Visitors at Berry College, an Honorary Trustee of Georgia Women of Achievement and a member of the National Board of Advisors at the Warner Robins Air Force Base Museum of Aviation. Mrs. Nunn is a member of the Board of Councilors at the Carter Center. She was a Co-Chair of the first Georgia "Race for the Cure" in 1992, sponsored by the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and has served on the Public Issues/Public Policy Committee of the National Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society.

In Washington, D.C. Mrs. Nunn has been active in the D.C. "Race for the Cure" run which annually raises a million dollars to fight breast cancer. In addition, she has served on the Board of the International Cancer Alliance which publishes cancer therapy reviews. Mrs. Nunn is a Trustee of Meridian International Center and a member of the Smithsonian Women's Committee and International Neighbors. She has helped raise money for CARE's international relief and development projects and co-chaired the 1994 CARE Ball.

Mrs. Nunn is a member of the Very Special Arts Gallery Advisory Board in Washington, D.C. which houses the art and handicrafts of the mentally and physically disabled. She has recently joined the Board of Directors of the National First Ladies Library in Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Nunn was a founding partner of Hayes, Domenici and Nunn, a public relations, marketing and event planning business in McLean, Virginia. She has been an independent consultant since 1996.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BAND SELECTION
U. S. Atlantic Fleet Band

ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

NATIONAL ANTHEM
All guests should rise

INVOCATION

WELCOMING REMARKS
*Commander Maurice M. Montana,
Commanding Officer*

REMARKS
*Captain Robin J. White, USN (Retired)
Commissioning Commanding Officer*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Captain Michael C. Tracy

Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT

REMARKS OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

The Honorable Owen Pickett

CEREMONIAL HAULING DOWN OF

COMMISSIONING PENNANT

PRESENTATION

SECURE THE WATCH

BENEDICTION



The Honorable Owen Pickett

House of Representatives

Congressman Owen Pickett (D-VA) who represents the Second Congressional District of Virginia, was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986 and was re-elected to his 7th term November 1998.

The Second District includes Virginia Beach and about two-thirds of Norfolk. It is home to the largest military complex in the nation with facilities serving commands of the Navy, Army, and Coast Guard, as well as the NATO Atlantic Command.

He is a member of the National Security Committee and the Resources Committee. He is the ranking member of the subcommittee on Military Research and Development and serves on the subcommittee on Water and Power Resources of the Resources Committee.

Pickett is currently serving as Chairman of the Congressional Study Group on Germany. He is also a member of the Congressional Study Group of Japan and the Duma-Congress Study Group. In May of 1998, he participated in the first Congress-Bundestag-Japanese Diet Trilateral Seminar.

He is an outspoken advocate for a strong, technologically superior military and is tenacious in supporting military bases in his district. Other issues in which he has taken a strong position in supporting are the U. S. flag merchant fleet, private property rights, public education, veterans programs and a balanced federal budget.

Representative Pickett was born in Hanover County, Virginia, the youngest of three children. His father served in WWI and died when Pickett was only seven years old, forcing his mother to work outside the home to support the family.

He attended the public school system and is a graduate of Virginia Tech and the University of Richmond School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Virginia and the District of Columbia and is also a Certified Public Accountant.

Pickett has been active in community organizations as a member of, among others, the Ocean Lions Club, Princess Anne Ruritan Club, Princess Anne Rotary Club, Masons, bar organizations and professional accounting associations. He was a founding member of Meals on Wheels of Virginia Beach and Virginia Beach Hospice. He is married to the former Sybil Catherine Kelly, has three daughters and seven grandchildren.



COMMANDER MAURICE M. MONTANA, USN

Commanding Officer, USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)

Commander Maurice M. Montana, a native of Lindenhurst, New York, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following nuclear power training in Orlando, Florida and Idaho Falls, Idaho, Commander Montana was assigned to USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) for his initial sea tour, where he served as a Division Officer from January 1981 to December 1984.

From March 1985 to October 1986, Commander Montana served as the Combat Systems Officer in USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) making deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and North Atlantic Ocean.

Graduating with honors from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in May 1987, Commander Montana then served as the senior Tactics Instructor at Submarine Training Facility, San Diego from June 1987 to July 1989.

In July 1989, Commander Montana reported for duty as the Navigator and Operations Officer onboard USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716). He served in that capacity until December 1991, making deployments to the Western and Northern Pacific Oceans.

From May 1992 to March 1994, Commander Montana made three strategic deterrent patrols while serving as Executive Officer of USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728)(BLUE).

Commander Montana's most recent assignment was on the staff of the Commander in Chief United States Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska, where he served as the Strategic Communications Systems Branch Chief.

Commander Montana's awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

He is married to the former Deborah Lee Sandbloom of Jamestown, New York. They have three children: Christopher, Courtney and Nicholas.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN S. O'NEILL
UNITED STATES NAVY
EXECUTIVE OFFICER USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)



Lieutenant Commander O'Neill, a native of Hamilton, Ohio is a 1985 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Following his commission on 22 May 1985, he attended Naval Nuclear Power School at Orlando Florida, the Naval Nuclear Prototype Training Unit at Windsor, Connecticut, and the Submarine Officer Basic Course, New London, Connecticut.

His first assignment was onboard USS DALLAS (SSN 700) from April 1987 to June 1990. While assigned, he served in a variety of division officer billets. During his tour, the ship conducted one Northern Atlantic deployment and completed the Navy's first Depot Modernization Period for LOS ANGELES class submarines.

Lieutenant Commander O'Neill was next assigned as the Flag Aide to Commander Submarine Groups SIX and TEN in Charleston, South Carolina and Kings Bay, Georgia from June 1990 to April 1992.

Following completion of the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, he was assigned as Engineering Officer onboard USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE) from October 1992 to July 1994, where he made three strategic deterrent patrols.

Lieutenant Commander O'Neill's next tour was on the staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWO / Commander GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group where he served as the Submarine Operations Officer and Assistant Operations Officer for the Battle Group from October 1994 to May 1996. During this tour the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group conducted a Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf deployment.

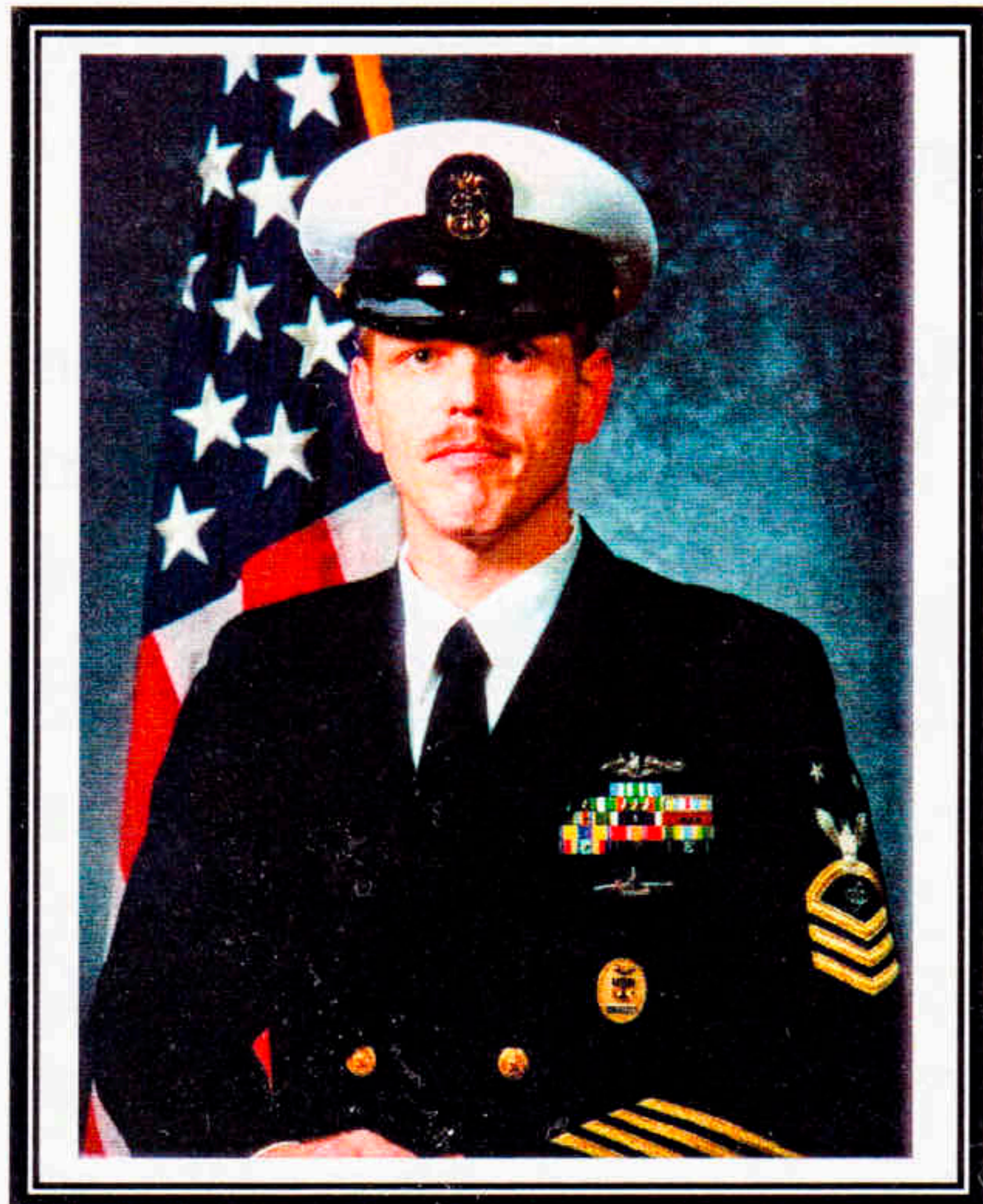
His most recent assignment was to the staff of Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from June 1996 to February 1998. He assumed duties as Executive Officer of USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) in June of 1998.

Lieutenant Commander O'Neill's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

Lieutenant Commander O'Neill is married to the former Shelley Roberts of Brenham, Texas. They reside in Norfolk, Virginia with their three children, Conner, Carey, and Cullen.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN MASTER CHIEF (SS)

ROBIN C. SPELMAN UNITED STATES NAVY



Master Chief Spelman, a native of the Tidewater area, is a graduate of Frederick Military Academy. He enlisted in the United States Navy on December 12, 1979. Following Basic Training in Great Lakes, Illinois he attended Quartermaster "A" School and Basic Enlisted Submarine School.

His first submarine was the Los Angeles attack submarine USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) where he initially served as a Quartermaster of the Watch and later as the Assistant Navigator until November 1986. During this six and a half year tour of duty he advanced from Seaman Apprentice to First Class Petty Officer and was selected as Sailor of the Year in 1985.

Master Chief Spelman's next assignment was to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as a SUBLANT Quartermaster of the Watch and an Administrative Assistant in the Operations Department.

His next two assignments included the USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN 644) and USS SIMON BOLIVER (SSBN 641) homeported in Charleston, South Carolina. He served as the Navigation\Operations Department Leading Chief and Assistant Navigator on each of these assignments.

Master Chief Spelman's next duty station was U.S. Strategic Command, Special Activities in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served as the senior Quartermaster for SSBN Operations. During this tour of duty he screened for Chief of the Boat and earned the 9579 NEC. He graduated with "Military Excellence" from the Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, Rhode Island.

His awards include the Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), and the Good Conduct Medal (four awards).

Master Chief Spelman resides in Portsmouth, Virginia with his wife April and their three children Michael, Amanda, and Robin Jr.

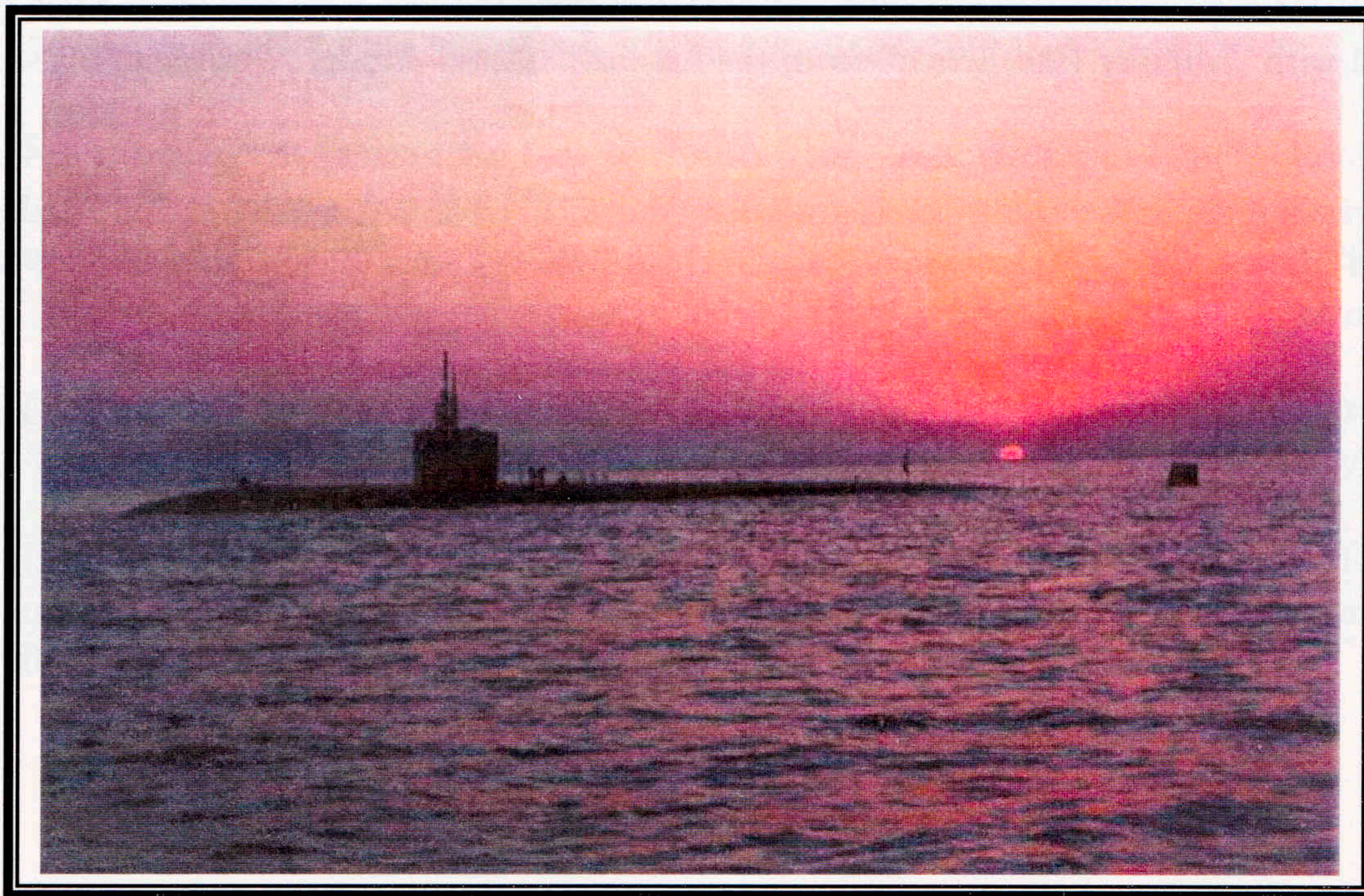
Submariner's Prayer

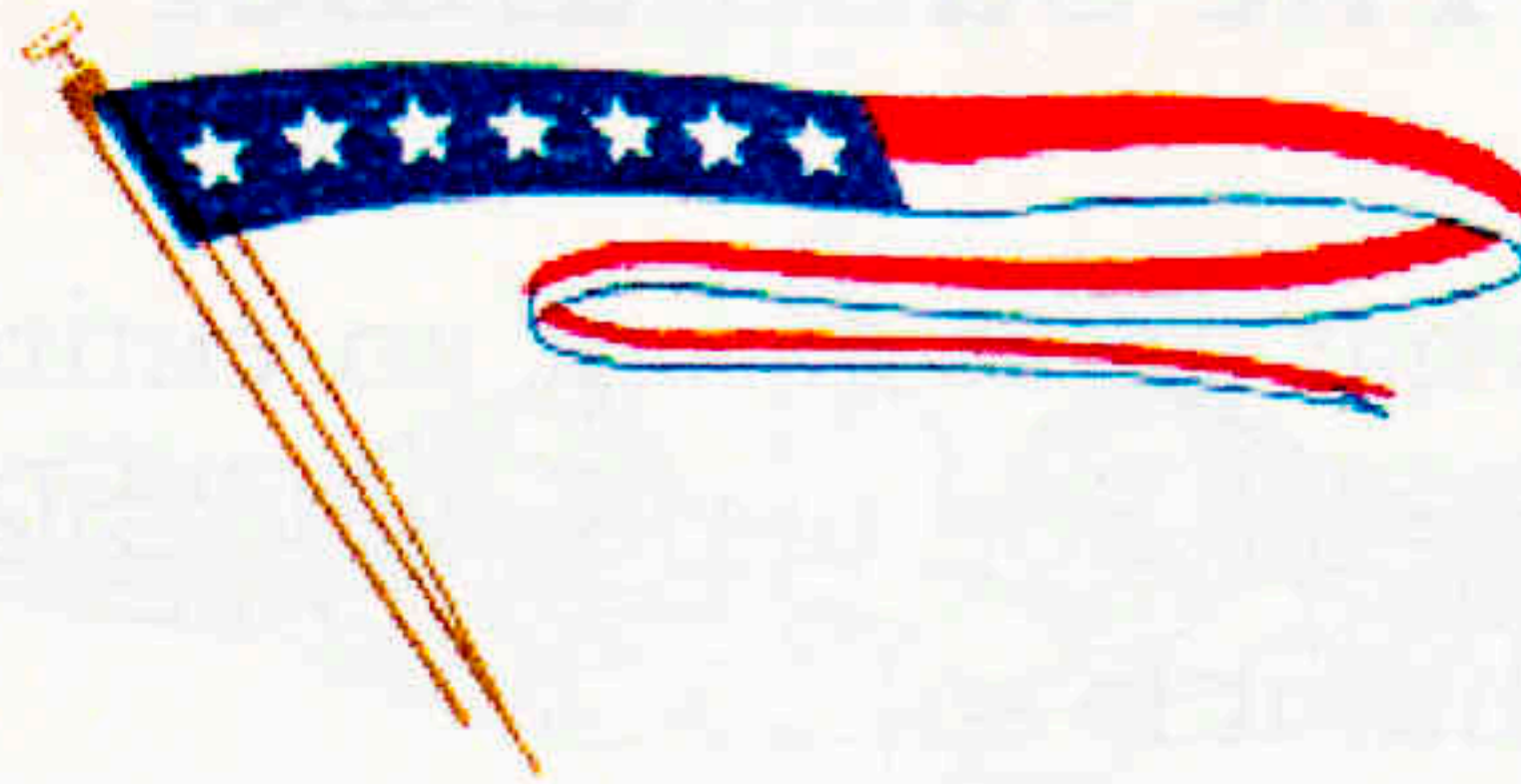
Eternal God, whose creative hand turned primeval seas into oceans wide, and whose omnipresent love can be as keenly felt beneath as above their undulating surface; descend with us now into the silent depths of our unfailing guide.

We men of the silent service are grateful to be among the few ever to thrill with the excitement of a dive, and sheer ecstasy of each surfacing. May we never look upon these maneuvers as mere routine, for each is an experience fresh with challenge and no little danger. May we be ever alert to our individual duties realizing that so much depends on our doing our duty without error.

May we remember the new member of our crew who is to make his first descent, and breathe a prayer that he shall be a good submariner. May we, who know what it is to follow a course, also know Him, who said "I am the way." May we, who gulp in hastily the first breaths of fresh air as it rushes down the hatchway following every dive, know also thy refreshing spirit.

May we who know the necessity for companionship feel our partnership with thee when the hatches are dogged and when we are rigged for diving. When all else of the surface world has been closed out, may we feel thee in every compartment, as near to us as throbbing engines, pinging sonar and the hissing of compressed air. And when, as aging submariners our souls have descended into the depths of eternity, may the final call to us be "surface, surface, surface," in the name of Him who rides as the unseen crewman on every ship at sea. Amen.





The Commissioning Pennant

The ship's Commissioning Pennant, a replica of which appears above, symbolizes the order to active service. As such, it is flown continuously by each Navy ship from the moment she is commissioned until that final moment, years later, when she is retired from active service. Traditionally, the commissioning pennant is replaced with a new one at each change of Commanding Officer. The outgoing Commanding Officer is then presented with the pennant flown during his command of the ship.

At the moment the commissioning pennant is broken, a ship becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who together with his ship's officers and men, has the duty of making her ready for any service required by our nation.

The commissioning pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-of-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maarten Harpertszoon Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his intention to sweep the English from the sea. British Admiral William Blake answered this gesture by hoisting a horsewhip, indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long narrow commissioning pennant, symbolizing the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.

The modern U.S. Navy commissioning pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly. In lieu of a commissioning pennant, flagships fly Admiral's personal flags, hence the name flagship.

The Submariner

Only a submariner realizes to what great extent an entire ship depends on him as an individual. To a landsman this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so!

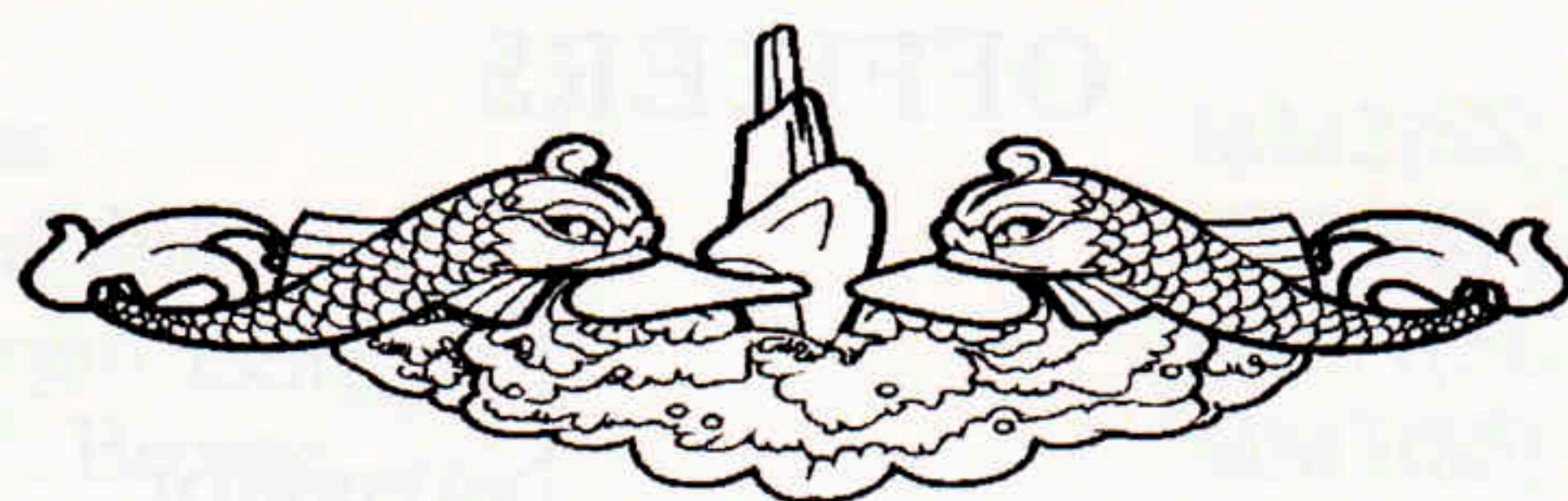
A submarine at sea is a different world in herself, and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of submarines, the Navy must place responsibility and trust in hands of those who take such ships to sea.

In each submarine there are men who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to each other. These men are ultimately responsible to themselves and each to the other for all aspects of operation of their submarine. They are the crew. They are the ship.

This is perhaps the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as a submariner that he can escape the grasp of responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small, nevertheless, it is the spur which has given the Navy its greatest mariners -- the men of the Submarine Service.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the proud and time-honored title of -- Submariner.





Dolphins

Dolphins, the insignia of the United States Navy Submarine Service, identify the wearer as "Qualified in Submarines." This designation requires months of intensive effort to master the intricacies of the submarine's construction and operation. Officer Dolphins are gold, while Enlisted Dolphins are silver.

The submarine insignia, adopted in March 1924, is a bow view of a submarine proceeding on the surface with bow planes rigged for diving, flanked by dolphins in horizontal position with their heads resting on the upper edge of the bow planes. The dolphins on this insignia are symbolic of a calm sea and are the traditional attendants of Poseidon, Greek god of the sea.

In more recent times, dolphins for specialist officers in the Submarine Force have been developed. These include the Engineering Duty Officer, Medical Officer and Supply Corps Dolphins.

Regardless of the color of the pin or the insignia at the center, dolphins are worn with pride by members of the Submarine Force.

USS ATLANTA (SSN 712)

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Supply Officer
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Communications Officer
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Reactor Controls Assistant
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Sonar Division
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