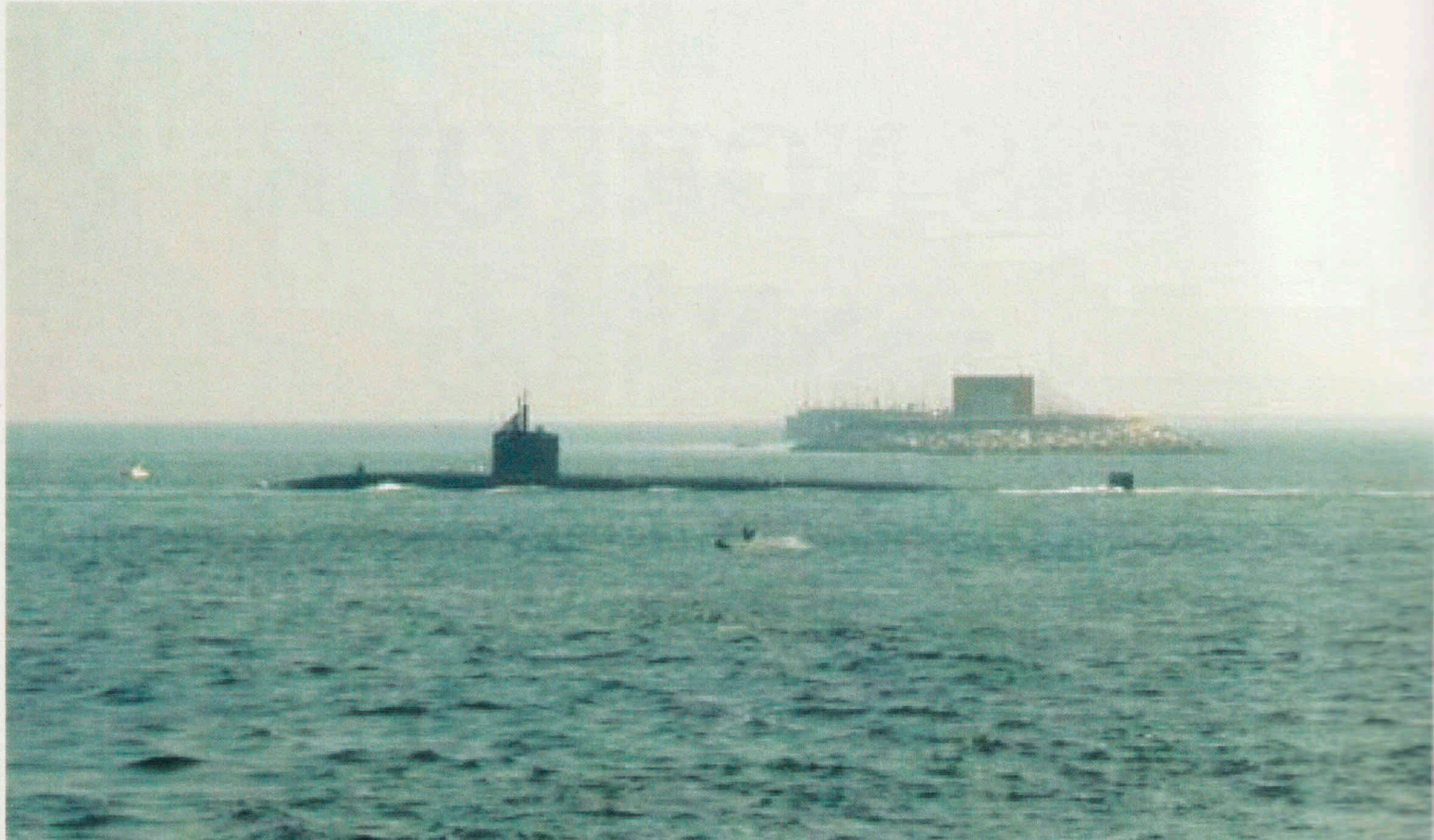


USS NORFOLK

(SSN 714)



Decommissioning Ceremony
11 December 2014



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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

LCDR DAN CURTIS, USN

REMARKS

CAPT PAUL SNODGRASS

COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON SIX

HONORABLE PAUL D. FRAIM

NORFOLK MAYOR

RDML (RET) JOSEPH KROL

COMMANDING OFFICER USS NORFOLK

25 JUN 83 TO 13 SEP 85

CDR CHRIS POLK

COMMANDING OFFICER USS NORFOLK

14 OCT 14 TO PRESENT

REPORT OF DECOMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

LCDR DAN CURTIS, USN

DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY



Captain Paul S. Snodgrass

Commodore

Submarine Squadron SIX

A native of Seymour, Indiana, Captain Snodgrass graduated from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 1989 with a B.S. in Mathematics. Upon graduation, he completed Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI followed by Nuclear Propulsion training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course. He holds a M.A. in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and Masters in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

Captain Snodgrass served his Junior Officer tour aboard USS BATFISH (SSN 681), where he completed a Mediterranean deployment. He was Engineer of USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750), where he deployed to FIFTH Fleet as part of the Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group. He served as Executive Officer of USS MAINE (SSBN 741)(BLUE), completing three strategic deterrent patrols. Captain Snodgrass commanded USS BOISE (SSN 764). During his tour, USS BOISE deployed to SIXTH FLEET and was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation. USS BOISE also completed a six month Docking Selected Restricted Availability in Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Captain Snodgrass served as a Shift Engineer at Moored Training Ship 626 in Charleston, SC, and was the Submarine Group SEVEN Representative in Guam, where he completed a Western Pacific Deployment aboard USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40). He has completed two tours on the staff of Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet, serving as Executive Assistant, Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team Senior Member, Allied Submarine Command Chief of Staff and Strategic Planning Officer. He is a certified Professional Engineering Manager with the American Society for Engineering Management and a member of the Project Management Institute. Captain Snodgrass took command of Submarine Squadron SIX in August 2014.



REAR ADMIRAL (RETIRED) JOSEPH J. KROL

Joseph J. Krol, Rear Admiral, United States Navy (Retired), is the Associate Administrator for the Office of Emergency Operations. In this role, he is the Director of the Office of Emergency Operations, which is responsible for emergency management policy and execution of emergency management support across the Department of Energy complex. Within the National Nuclear Security Administration, he also is responsible for emergency operations, involving nuclear, and radiological emergencies, both within the United States and abroad.

Admiral Krol graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1967, and spent the next 36 years on active duty, retiring on June 1, 2003. He assumed his present position on January 11, 2004. Throughout his naval career he had extensive experience in nuclear power and nuclear weapons as a nuclear submarine officer. He served in both nuclear fleet ballistic submarines and nuclear attack submarines.

This experience included a wide variety of technical operations in support of complex overhauls of nuclear reactor plants and advanced technical support of nuclear weapons. Admiral Krol commanded two Los Angeles class nuclear attack submarines and a Nuclear Attack submarine squadron. He also served in senior management positions at Naval Reactors and the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Upon attaining flag rank, he served in a senior intelligence position at the Pentagon, prior to a three-year tour in Japan, where he was in charge of submarine operations from Hawaii to the Suez Canal, an area that comprised over 40% of the world. His final active duty position was in the Pentagon, as both Deputy Director and Acting Director of worldwide operations and plans for the U.S. Navy.

Admiral Krol is the recipient of numerous personal and unit awards as result of his naval career.



Commander Christopher J. Polk

Commanding Officer

USS NORFOLK (SSN 714)

Commander Christopher J. Polk is a native of River Vale, New Jersey. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1997 with a B.S. in Systems Engineering. After graduation, he reported to NNPS Orlando, FL and NTPU Balston Spa, NY for nuclear power training.

In November 1998, he reported aboard the USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734)(BLUE) where he made five strategic deterrent patrols out of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. His duties included Electrical Assistant, Chemical Radiological Controls Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Tactical Systems Officer.

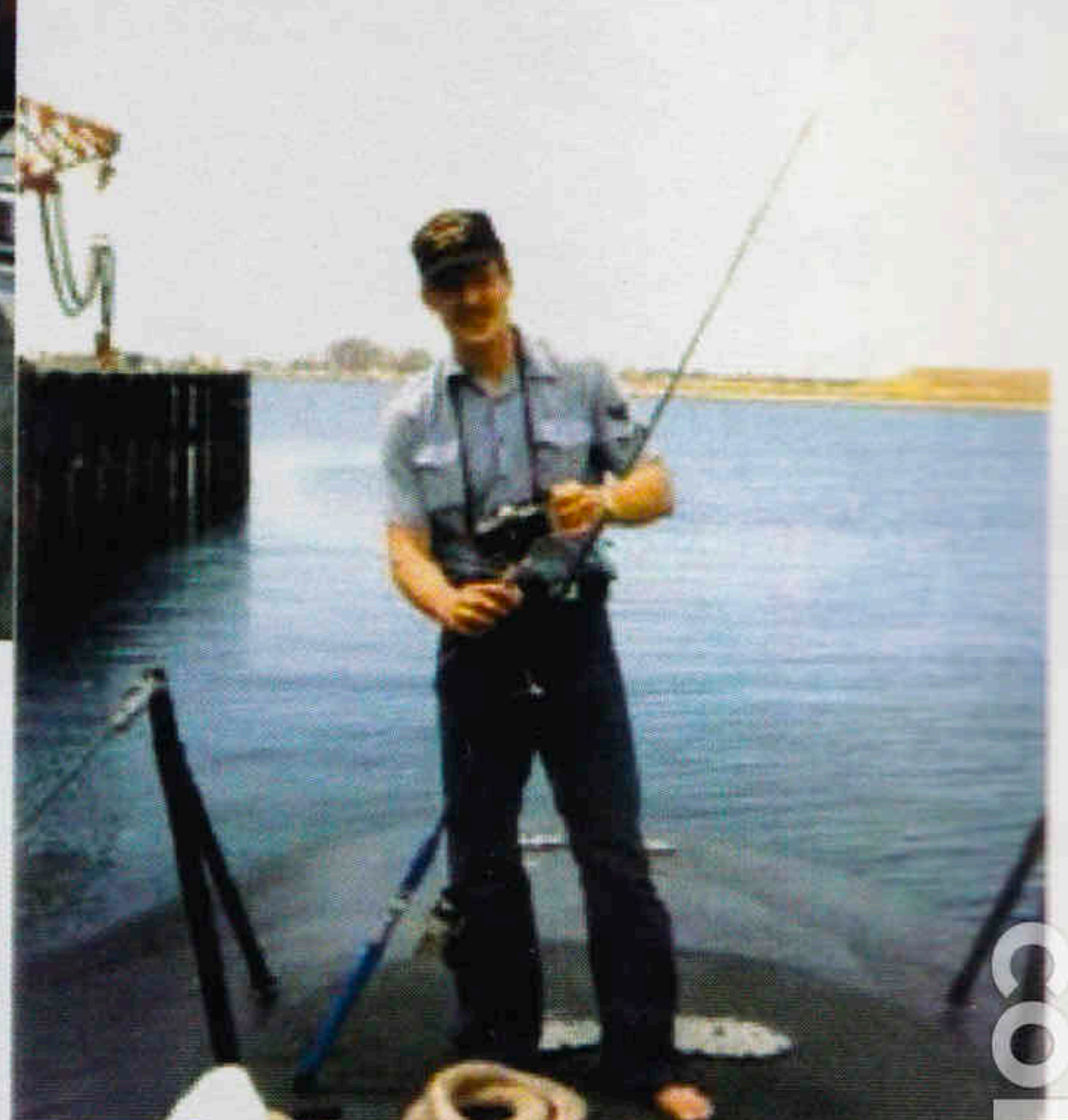
In June 2002, Commander Polk returned to the United States Naval Academy as part of the Naval Postgraduate School's Leadership Education and Development Program (LEAD). Upon graduation from the LEAD program, Commander Polk served as the Third Company Officer for almost two years before reporting to the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) in Groton, CT.

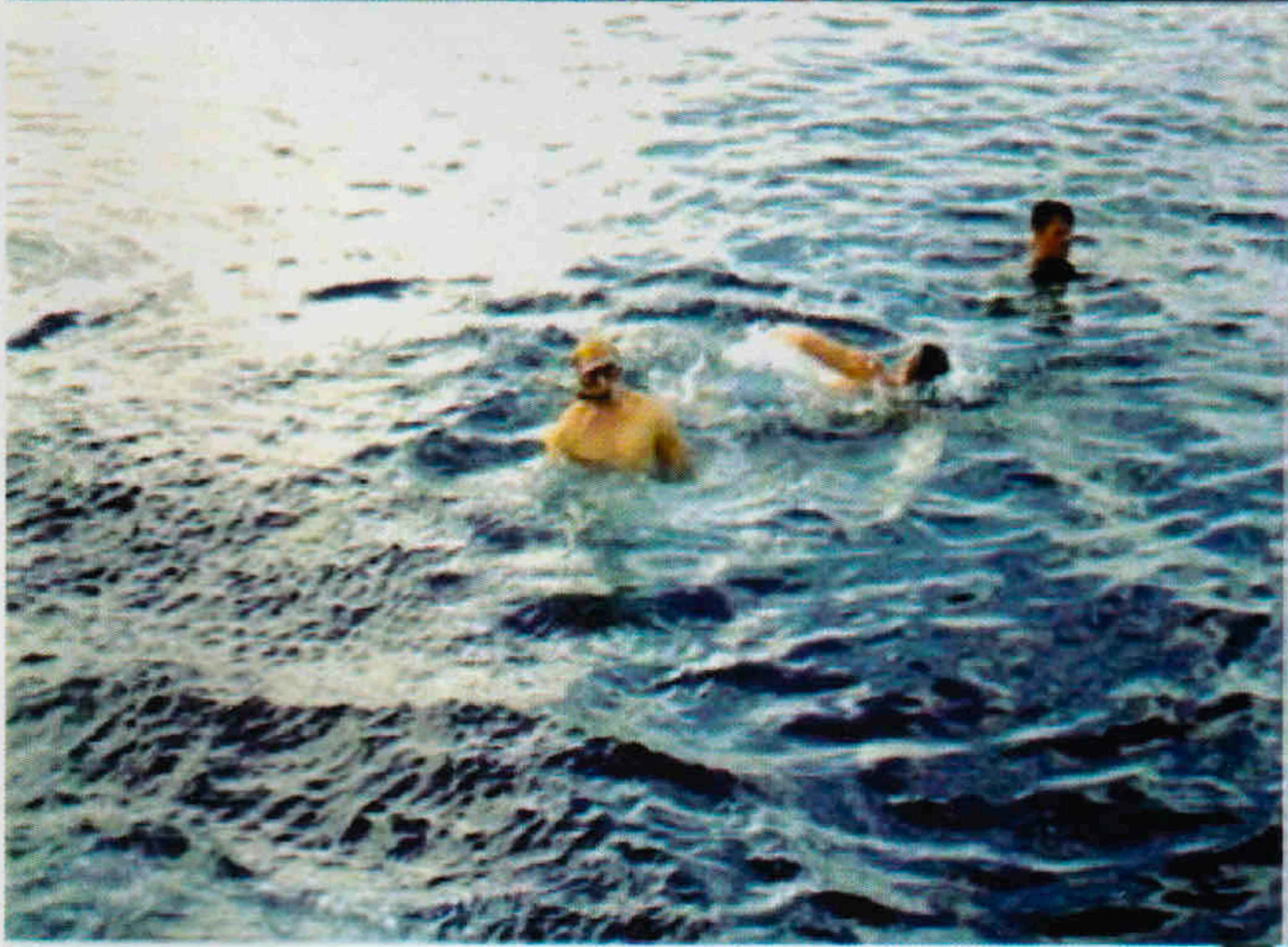
Following graduation from SOAC, Commander Polk reported aboard the USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) as the Combat Systems Officer. While on NORFOLK, he completed two CENTCOM deployments, a combat systems modernization, a nuclear weapon regeneration exercise, and qualified for command.

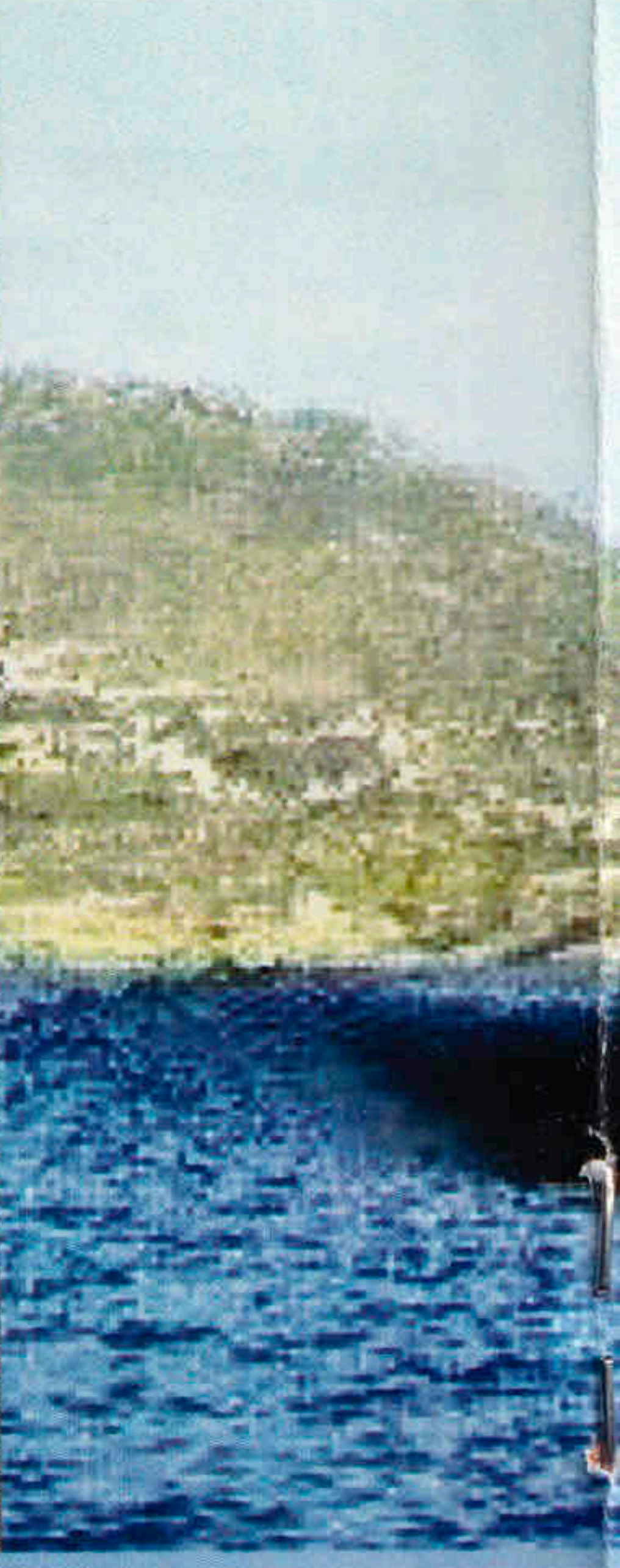
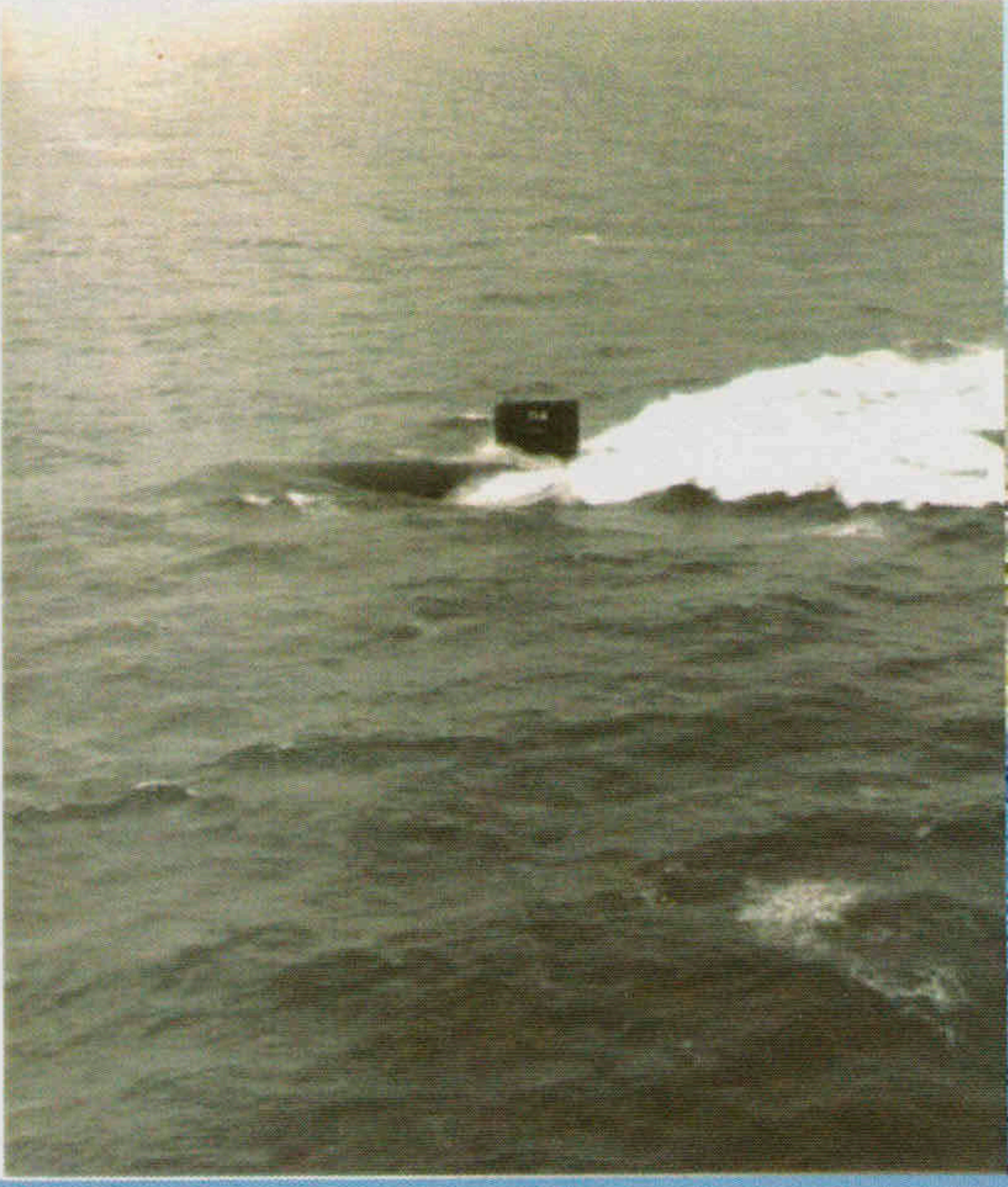
In August 2008, Commander Polk reported to the Naval War College in Newport, RI as a student in the College of Naval Command and Staff. He also was selected for the Maritime Advanced War Fighting School where he earned the additional qualification designation as a joint operational planner.

In December 2009, Commander Polk reported to USS GEORGIA (SSGN 729)(BLUE) to serve as Executive Officer. While onboard GEORGIA, He completed her first SSGN deployment cycle to AFRICOM, a major Maintenance Period, two Homeport Training Periods, and a Naval Special Warfare Operations Certification.

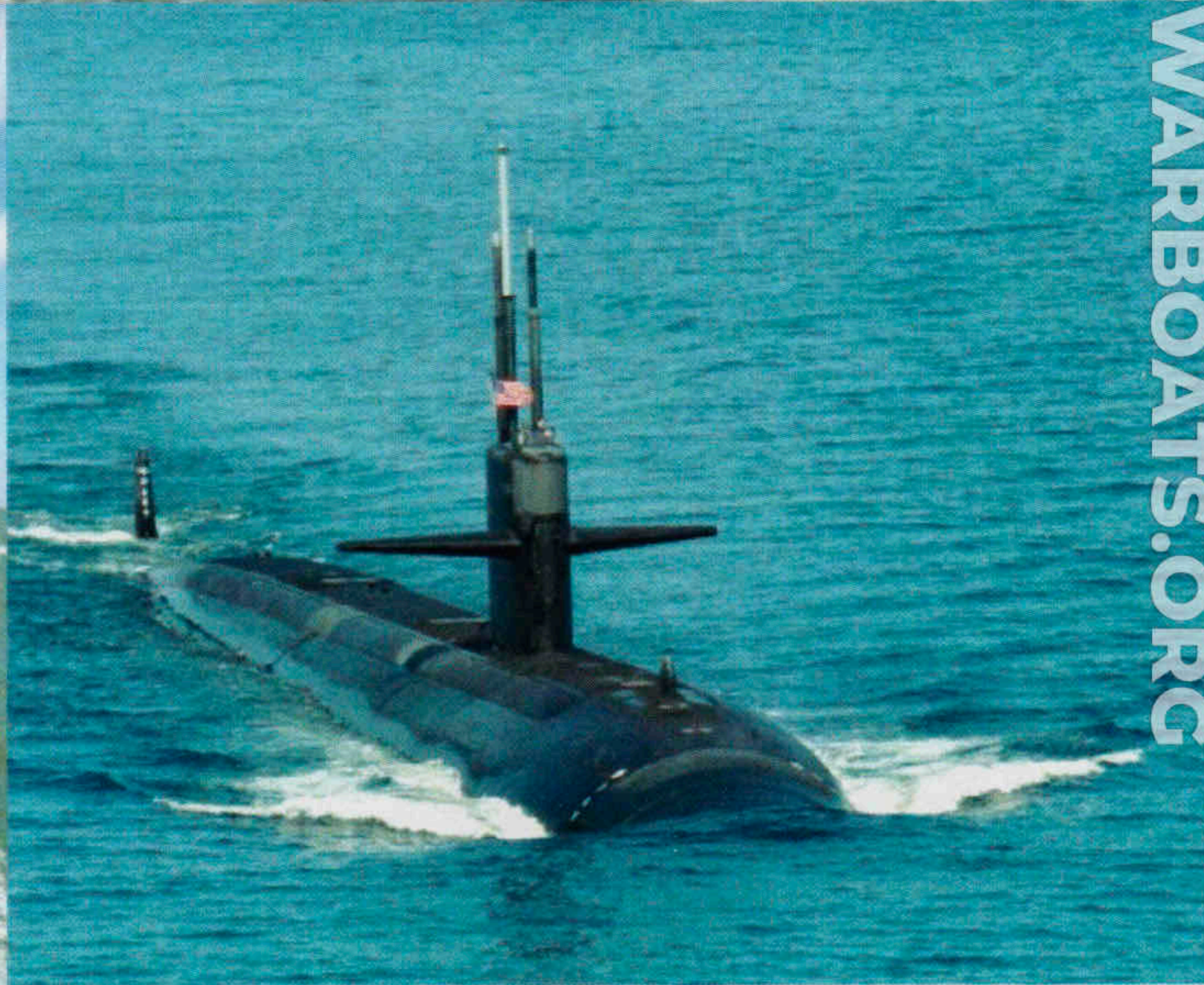
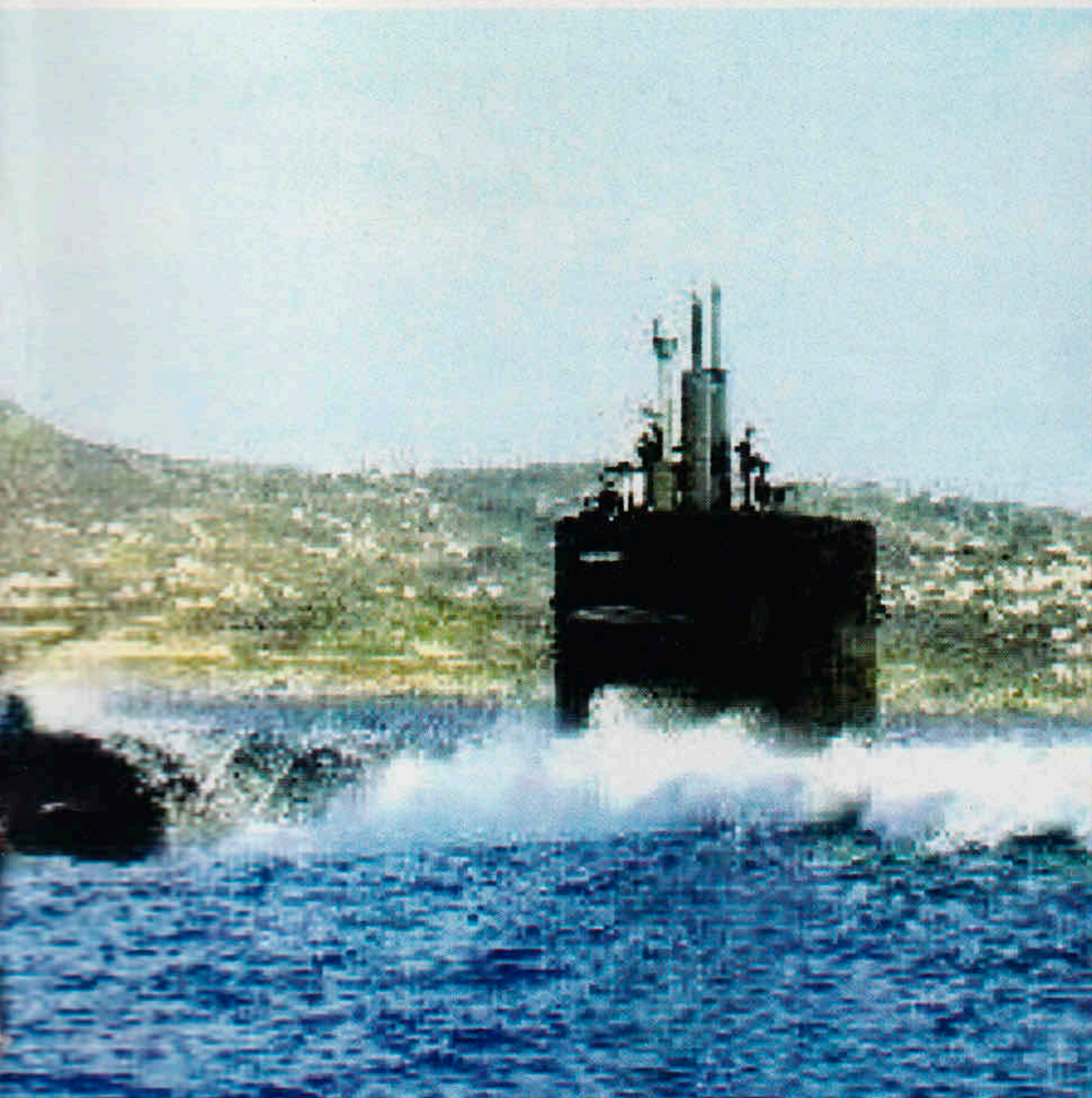
Commander Polk holds masters degrees in Leadership Human Resource Development, National Security and Strategic Studies, and Engineering Management. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, five Navy Commendation Medals and three Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals. He is married to the former Kelly A. Lanni of South Plainfield, NJ. They have four children Chloe Elizabeth, Thomas Christopher, Alexis Grace, and Jackson Christopher.







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Command at sea, with all its responsibilities and all its opportunities, is the goal of every line officer in the United States Navy aspiring to professional distinction. In time of peace, some officers wait and prepare for many years before command comes; in time of war, some find themselves thrust into command almost before they feel equal to its burden. To all, the experience of command is unforgettable – an important chapter in their lives, shared with the past and future generations of ship commanders in the unbroken continuity of the naval service.

Commanding Officers of USS NORFOLK (SSN 714)

CAPT Kenneth R. Karr	21 May 83	25 Jun 83
CDR Joseph J. Krol	25 Jun 83	13 Sep 85
CDR Alfred E. Ponessa	13 Sep 85	20 Aug 88
CDR John K. Harrup	20 Aug 88	19 Jan 89
CDR William Helfen	19 Jan 89	11 Feb 89
CDR Ralph H. Stoll	11 Feb 89	23 Jun 90
CDR Donald W. Randall	23 Jun 90	14 Nov 92
CDR William C. Ostendorff	14 Nov 92	17 Nov 95
CDR George M. Koucheravy	17 Nov 95	3 Apr 98
CDR Jeffrey L. Gernand	3 Apr 98	23 Jun 00
CDR James R. Righter, Jr.	23 Jun 00	23 Aug 02
CDR David J. Herman	23 Aug 02	3 Jun 05
CDR Scott F. Adams	3 Jun 05	6 Jul 07
CDR Troy S. Jackson	6 Jul 07	14 Aug 09
CDR Douglas A. Jordan	14 Aug 09	18 Nov 11
CDR Gregory M. Zettler	18 Nov 11	10 Oct 14
CDR Christopher J. Polk	10 Oct 14	

AWARDS And ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Battle "E" 1984, 1985, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2013

Arleigh Burke Award: 1999, 2010

Meritorious Unit Commendation: 1985, 1993, 1996, 2006

Navy Unit Commendation: 1999

Armed Forces Service Medal: 1993, 1996

DEPLOYMENTS

JUL-NOV 1984 Mediterranean

APR-JUN 1988 N. Atlantic

MAR-MAY 1989 N. Atlantic

MAR-MAY 1990 N. Atlantic

MAR-SEP 1993 Mediterranean

JUL-OCT 1995 N. Atlantic

JUL-DEC 1996 CENTCOM

NOV 1998 – APR 1999 EUCOM

DEC 2000 – MAY 2001 CENTCOM

FEB-MAR 2005 EUCOM

NOV 2005 – APR 2006 CENTCOM

DEC 2007 – MAY 2008 CENTCOM

MAR-AUG 2010 CENTCOM

MAY-NOV 2012 CENTCOM

FEB-AUG 2014 CENTCOM

DECOMMISSIONING WARDROOM

LCDR Peter D. French – Executive Officer

LCDR Towney G. Kennard – Engineer

LT Scotlin C. Bowden – Weapons Officer

LT Justin L. Middlebrook – Navigator

LTJG Adrian J. Holmes – Supply Officer

LT William L. Kincaid

LT John W. Mendenhall

LTJG Steven L. Snow

LTJG Christopher J. DeMatteo

LTJG Trevor C. Hagedorn

LTJG Erick J. Meckle

LTJG David B. Logan

LTJG Jinwoo J. Yoon

LTJG Andrew F. Austin



DECOMMISSIONING CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

LSCS(SS) Kevin M. Gibbs – COB

CSCS(SS) Rudolph D. Summers

FTC(SS) Ronald R. Barrow, Jr.

ETC(SS) Matthew C. Smith

STSC(SS) Roy Oro

MMC(SS) John S. Degroff

EMC(SS) Alexander J. Fritsch

ITSC(SS) Daniel J. Boevers

MMC(SS) Nathaniel R. Ranck

EMC(SS) Daniel P. Smith – EDMC

MMCS(SS) Anthony A. Amato

ETC(SS) Matthew J. Little

LSC(SS) Scott W. Ragsdale

MMC(SS) Benjamin E. Rosinus

ETC(SS) Jeffrey A. Hunter

ETC(SS) Michael A. Dlabaj

MMC(SS) Derelle Gladden



DECOMMISSIONING CREW

ET1(SS) David W. Alexander
MM1(SS) Ramsey C. Allen
STS3(SS) Dean R. Allen
ITS2(SS) Gavin S. Ayers
STS1(SS) Myroen L. Barrett
CS3(SS) Ronald Bass
MM2(SS) Caleb J. Bergthold
EM3(SS) Erik R. Boettcher
ET2(SS) Eric J. Bowden
CS3(SS) Robert W. Breit
MM2(SS) Scott R. Buckman
MM1(SS) Ryan J. Bukoskey
MM2(SU) Guy K. Carter
STS3(SS) John J. Cipriani
ET1(SS) Robert L. Collum
CS1(SS/AW) Joshua D. Conrad
ET2(SS) Matthew R. Cortes
MM1(SS) Matthew R. Coughlin
YN2(SS) Reuben L. Curley
ET3(SS) Joshua A. Davies
FT3(SS) Marico M. Dean
MM2(SS) Joshua A. Dinkins
EM2(SS) Colin P. Duckett
STS3(SS) Nickolas G. Farris
FT1(SS) Justin M. Floyd
ET1(SS) Patrick Z. Flynn
STS3(SS) Dyelan E. Fonville
EM1(SS) Andrew L. Foran
STS2(SS) Benjamin G. Foster
EM3(SU) Keagan R. Frazier
MM1(SS) Stephen A. Frye
ET3(SS) Charles J. Fulton
FT3(SS) Thomas J. Furman
ET3(SS) Jacob A. Garcia
MM2(SS) Nelson A. Garcia
EM1(SS) Mitchell C. Guthrie
CSSN(SS) Mark A. Hall
EM1(SS) Charles W. Hancock
EM3(SU) Paul J. Heilig
CSSN(SU) Mitchell C. Holloman
EM2(SS) Bradley P. Homme
STS1(SS) Justin M. Howard
ET1(SS) Michael C. Inman
MM3(SS) Christian A. Ithurralde
MMFA(SU) Tashan R. Jones
MM2(SS) Cory A. Kennedy
MM1(SS/DV) Justin K. Kloppenburg
FT2(SS) Christopher R. Larsen
YN3(SS) Tony A. Lewis
EM2(SS) Nicholas G. Lohnes
MM2(SS) Cristian D. Londono
ET1(SS) Phillip J. Maka
LS2(SS/SCW) Kristopher M. Maleport

MM2(SS) Bryan L. Marklay
MM1(SS) Lee J. Marshall
MM2(SS) Robert B. Martin
ET1(SS) Chris A. Mileski
ET2(SS) Alberto R. Montemayor
MM1(SS) Andrew J. Napoli
ET2(SS) Joshua J. Obregon
MM2(SS) Patrick A. Palmer
ET3(SS) Brandon R. Payne
MM1(SS) David A. Pierce
ITSSN(SU) Danny L. Pittman
ET3(SS) Alejandro A. Prado
STS3(SS) Nicholas J. Price
YN2(SS/DV) Benjamin R. Primmer
ET2(SU) William A. Proudfoot
MM2(SS) Elias J. Ramirez
EM2(SS) Tyler B. Reaves
MM1(SS) Marcus A. Rios
YN1(SS) Reginald J. Ritchie
MM2(SS) Terrence D. Robinson
FTSN(SS) Cesar Roman
MM1(SS) Jamie A. Rook
MM3(SS) Jarred M. Sadler
FT1(SS) Domingo I. Sanchez
MM1(SS) Anthony R. Sarti
ET1(SS) Jorden C. Saunders
LSSN(SS) David C. Schafer
MM1(SS) Travis A. Schuelka
MM2(SS) Erich T. Simpson
STS3(SS) Samuel S. Starnes
ET3(SS) Kyle R. Steadman
HM1(SS/FMF) Michael C. Stewart
STS1(SS) Daniel B. Stickney
MM3(SS) Joseph A. Stokely
ET2(SS) Herbert Tennant
MM3(SU) Payton D. Teter
MM2(SS) Frederick J. Tucker
MM3(SS) Adrian A. Vargas
ET2(SS) Bradley R. Vigor
MM3(SS) David A. Ward
ET3(SU) Cecil A. Waters
MM2(SS) Joe D. Watson
STS3(SS) Jullian T. Watson
MM2(SS) Patrick C. Whalen
ET1(SS) Daniel L. Whayland
STS1(SS) Jonathan P. Whitney
EM1(SS/DV) Alfred B. Whittington
ET3(SS) Jeffrey M. Wilhalme
ET2(SS) Donald G. Wilson
MM3(SS) Benjamin S. Wilttrout
ET1(SS) Justin W. Wiscons
STSSN(SU) Logan K. Woods

OFFICIAL EMBLEM

One of the many traditions associated with men of war throughout time has been the use of a unique emblem to identify the ship. During the initial phases of new construction, the NORFOLK held a competition to select the official emblem. Over 90 entries were submitted by the ship's company and the young men and women of the City of Norfolk school system. In August of 1982, the official emblem was selected and approved. The winning entry was submitted by John Pollock, a senior at Maury High School in Norfolk, and was unveiled at a ceremony during the City of Norfolk's Tri-Centennial Celebration.



"VI PER CONCORDIAM"

"Strength through Unity"

USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) is the United States Navy's 133rd nuclear powered submarine and 89th of the attack submarine fleet. She is the 24th Los Angeles Class nuclear powered fast attack submarine to be delivered to the Navy.

USS NORFOLK began her waterborne career on 31 October 1981 when she was launched in Newport News, Virginia. USS NORFOLK was christened by Mrs. Jane Dalton Weinberger, the wife of the Honorable Casper W. Weinberger, the Secretary of Defense.

USS NORFOLK was commissioned on 21 May 1983 by Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger in her namesake homeport of Norfolk.

USS NORFOLK brings to the fleet virtually unlimited endurance in her nuclear propulsion plant, the most advanced sonar and fire control systems on board submarines today, and an impressive underwater weapons launch system capable of firing MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Capable of sustained high-speed operations in direct support of the carrier task forces of the United States Navy, as well as independent operations of critical importance to national security, USS NORFOLK's crew of 17 Officers and 130 Enlisted men have received extensive training and experience in the complex ship control systems and employment of the sophisticated sensors and weapons systems onboard.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Awarded: February 20, 1976

Keel laid: August 1, 1979

Launched: October 31, 1981

Commissioned: May 21, 1983

Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding, Newport News, VA

Propulsion system: One nuclear reactor

Length: 360 feet

Beam: 33 feet

Draft: 32 feet

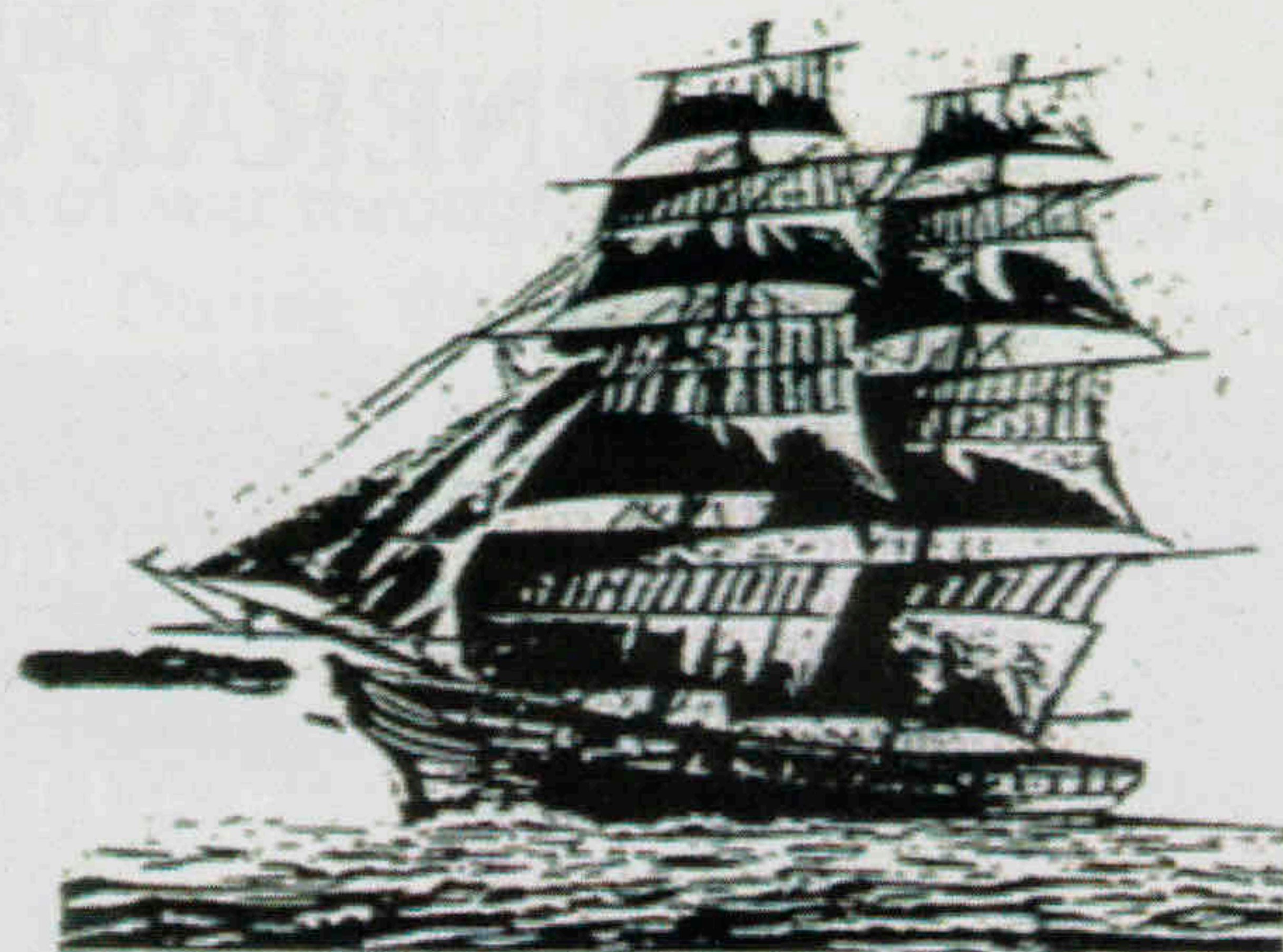
Displacement: (Submerged) 6,900 tons

Armament: Four 21 inch torpedo tubes for Mk-48 torpedoes and Tomahawk missiles

Cost: Approx. \$900 million

Homeport: Norfolk, VA

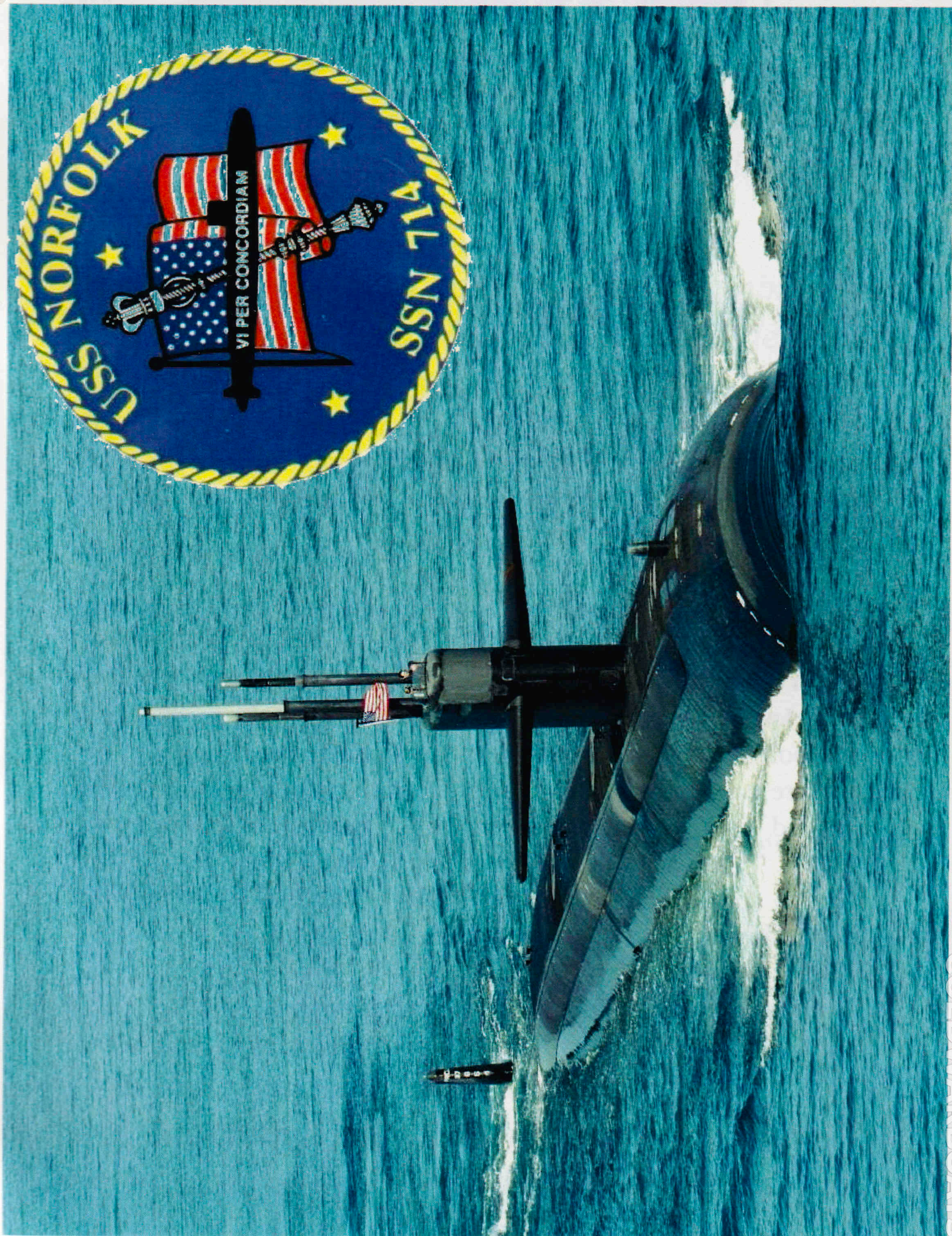
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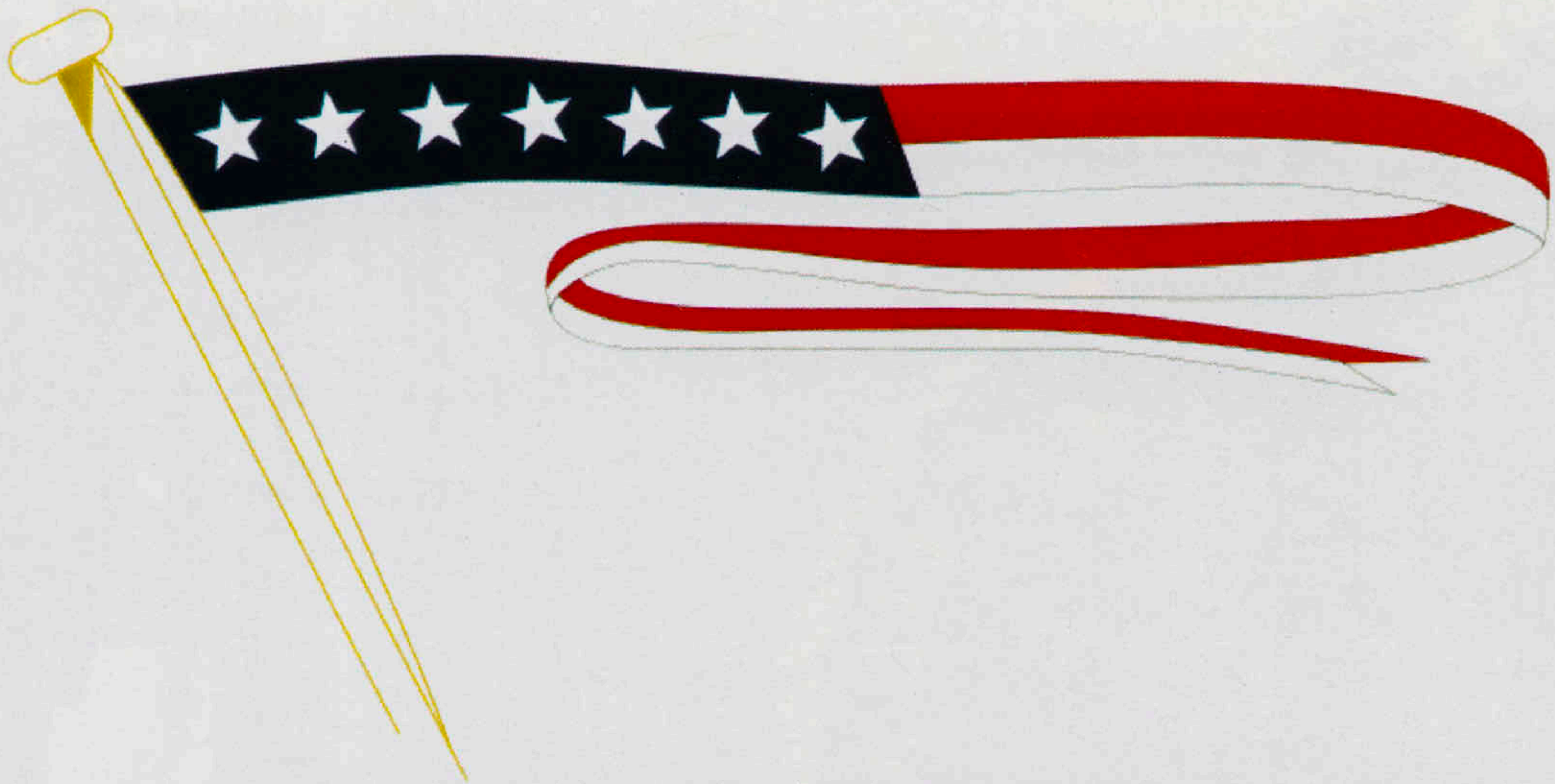


THE PAST SHIPS

The nuclear powered fast attack submarine USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) is the third naval vessel to be named after the City of Norfolk, Virginia. The first NORFOLK was a brigantine built by the City of Norfolk during hostilities with France in 1798. Captain Thomas Williams was appointed Commanding Officer and reported NORFOLK ready for sea on 9 September 1798. On 25 October 1798, the NORFOLK and two other vessels sailed from the port of Hampton Roads for the West Indies. Their purpose was to destroy French armed vessels and protect American maritime commerce. The vessel and her crew evaded capture by the French Navy and recaptured a small American vessel. Shortly thereafter, NORFOLK put in at Antigua and continued to sail near St. Kitts. In 1799, NORFOLK escorted several vessels to Philadelphia. After one last patrol on Santo Domingo station in which she captured a small sloop, NORFOLK was ordered to Baltimore where she was decommissioned and sold in November 1800.

The second NORFOLK (DL-1) was a submarine hunter killer ship and was the first major warship built after World War II. Her keel was laid on 1 September 1949, she was launched on 29 December 1951, and she was commissioned on 4 March 1953. She was designed to carry the latest radar, sonar, and weapons control systems. As a large destroyer designed on a light cruiser hull, she could carry a greater variety of detection equipment than the true destroyer and was much better suited for operations in all weather conditions. After her Caribbean shakedown cruises, she was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet for Destroyer Flotillas 2, 4, and 6. Between 1961 and 1967, NORFOLK served as the flagship of Commander, South Atlantic Forces during the UNITAS cruises around South America, where she performed Anti-Submarine Warfare training exercises with Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil. In 1968, NORFOLK was assigned duties as flagship for Commander, Middle East Forces. In October 1968, she returned to Norfolk where she was decommissioned on 15 January 1970.





THE COMMISSIONING PENNANT

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

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 Maarten Harpertzoon Tromp hoisted a broom at the 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 set the precedent for a long, narrow commissioning pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.

The modern U.S. Navy commissioning pennant is blue at the hoist with seven white stars and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly

The Submariners Prayer

Almighty, everlasting God, the Protector of all those who put their trust in Thee: hear our prayers in behalf of Thy servants who sail their vessels beneath the seas.

We beseech Thee to keep in Thy sustaining care all who are in submarines, that they be delivered from the hidden dangers of the deep.

Grant them courage, and a devotion to fulfill their duties, that they may better serve Thee and their native land.

Though acquainted with the depths of the ocean, deliver them from the depths of despair and the dark hours of the absence of friendliness and grant them a good ship's spirit.

Bless all their kindred and loved ones from whom they are separated.

When they surface their ships, may they praise Thee for Thou art there as well as in the deep.

Fill them with Thy Spirit and they may be sure in their reckonings, unwavering in duty, high in purpose, and upholding the honor of their nation.

Amen.



USS NORFOLK (SSN 714)
arrives Diego Garcia 27 July 2012