



## PRESENTATION

of

### U.S.S. THRESHER (SSN-593) MEMORIAL

U. S. Navy Chapel, Portsmouth, N. H.

Saturday — 3 August 1963 — 1100

INTRODUCTION            CDR Karl G. Peterson, CHC, USN

PRAYER                    LCDR Kevin Keaney, CHC, USN

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL    CDR Dean Axene, USN  
First Commanding Officer  
of U.S.S. THRESHER

UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL    R. L. Estes, IC-2  
P. D. La Riviera, HM-1

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MEMORIAL    . RADM C. J. Palmer,  
USN, Commander, Ports-  
mouth Naval Shipyard

PRAYER                    LCDR Asa W. Jones, CHC, USN

TOLLING OF BELL                "Living Memorial Organ"

NAVY HYMN WITH CHIMES            Mr. Nelson Ward

## HISTORY OF THE USS THRESHER (SS(N)593)

The USS THRESHER (SS(N)593) was the lead ship of the world's most advanced class of nuclear submarines. She was the result of experience gained in nearly 47 years of submarine design and construction work at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. In early 1956 the design of the ship was begun.

On 28 May 1958 the keel was laid. THRESHER was 278 feet long, 32 feet wide and displaced about 4300 tons when submerged. The pre-commissioning detail was assembled on 1 June 1960 and began the arduous task of organizing and training the crew to operate this new prototype.

History was made by THRESHER at her launching on 9 July 1960 when she became the first submarine ever to be launched bow first. After thirteen more months of dedicated, tireless labor by the skilled men and women of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, THRESHER was commissioned on 3 August 1961 and made ready for sea.

THRESHER has been and is a source of great pride to all the military and civilian personnel of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the U. S. Navy. She performed every assigned mission with efficiency and effectiveness. In the performance of her duties in the great continual struggle to preserve world peace, THRESHER and the 129 gallant men aboard made the supreme sacrifice. These men and this ship have not served in vain.

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