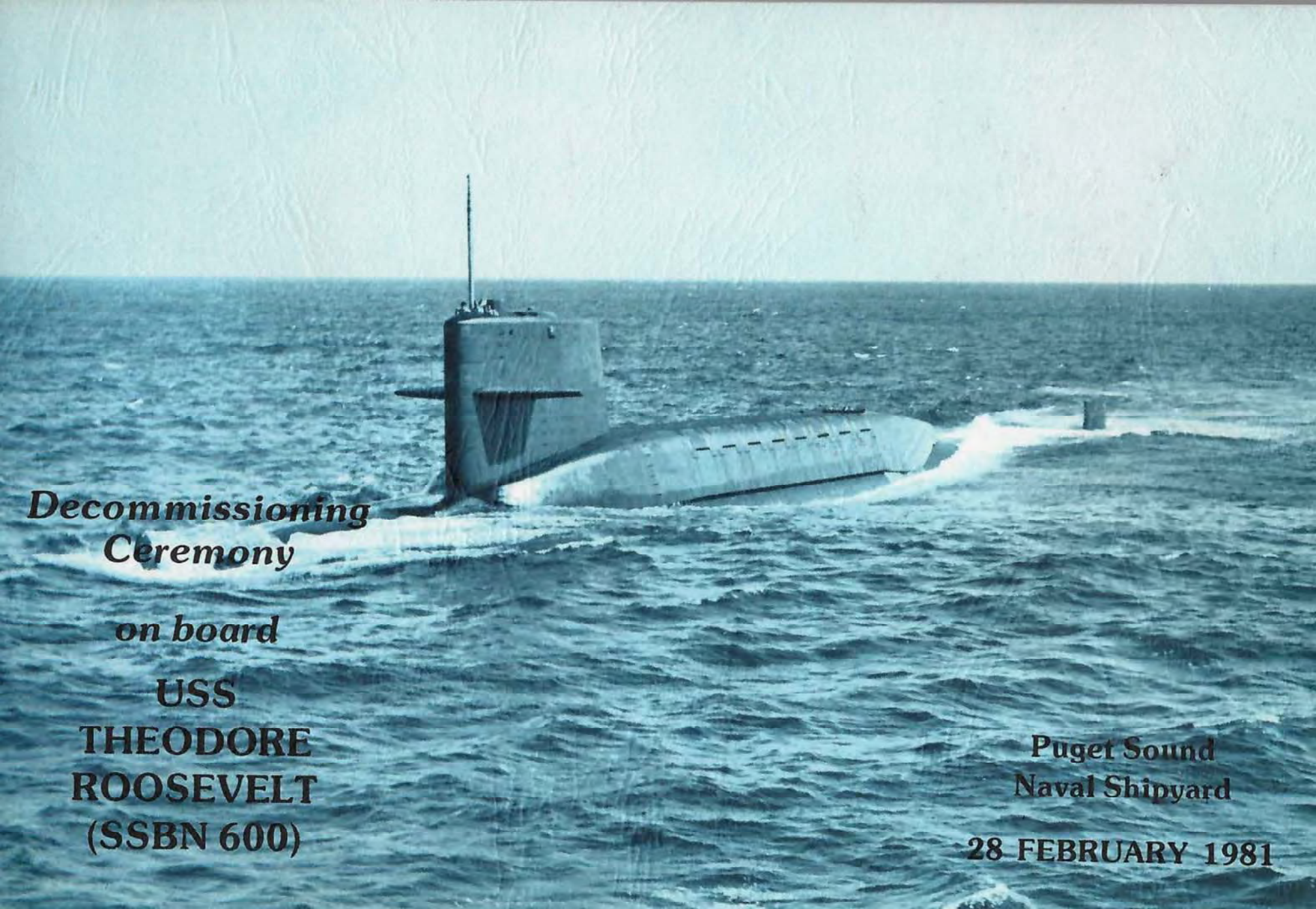


A photograph of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN 600) at sea. The submarine is viewed from a side-on perspective, showing its long hull and the large, boxy conning tower. A single mast with various antennas rises from the conning tower. The submarine is moving through the water, leaving a white wake behind it. The sea is a deep blue with small, choppy waves. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

***Decommissioning
Ceremony***

on board

**USS
THEODORE
ROOSEVELT
(SSBN 600)**

**Puget Sound
Naval Shipyard**

28 FEBRUARY 1981



The ship's colorful insignia shows President Theodore Roosevelt holding a Polaris submarine in his hands. This insignia was designed by Commander W. E. Sims, the ship's first commanding officer.



Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, is best known for his political achievements, his Spanish American War campaign as a "Rough Rider," and for his vigorous endorsement of the outdoor life.

Theodore Roosevelt also exerted a profound and beneficial influence on the development of our modern concepts of applied sea power. It is a very distinct honor for a United States Ship to be named after this gifted and farsighted patriot.

Of all the great men who have been active on our public scene, Theodore Roosevelt would have been among the first to comprehend the unique capability that the Polaris force confers on the United States; it is very much in line with his famous advice to "speak softly and carry a big stick." The silent Polaris fleet carries a very big stick indeed.

HISTORY OF USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600), the world's third Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, was built at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. Laid down initially as an attack submarine, the hull was lengthened during construction to accommodate sixteen Polaris tubes and their support systems. The ship was launched on 3 October 1959 by Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of the ship's namesake, and was commissioned on 13 February 1961. CDR W. E. SIMS, USN and CDR O. H. PERRY, USN took command of the first Blue and Gold crews, respectively.



USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT departed Mare Island for Cape Kennedy, enroute becoming the first ballistic missile submarine to transit the Panama Canal. She fired her first Polaris missile on the Atlantic Missile Range on 20 March 1961, and on 19 July of that year departed on her first strategic deterrent patrol. Between July 1961 and June 1965 USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT conducted seventeen successful patrols, operating out of the refit site at Holy Loch, Scotland.

Schedule

Band Selections



Official Party Arrives



The National Anthem



Invocation

Commander Roy O. Swift, CHC, USN



Introduction of Guest Speaker

Rear Admiral F. Warren Kelley, USN

Commander Submarine Group FIVE



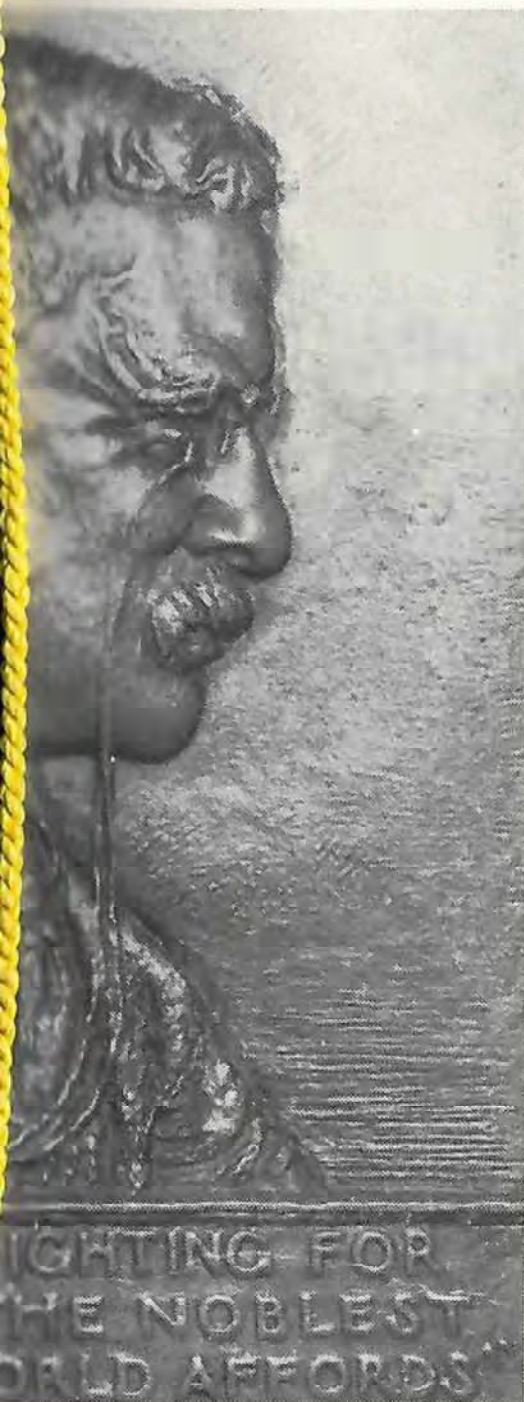
Remarks

Vice Admiral John G. Williams, Jr., USN

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare



of Events



Remarks and Reading of Orders

Commander John J. Hyland, III, USN

Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602)

Commander Philip G. Klintworth, USN

Commanding Officer, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)



Hauling Down of the Colors and Commission Pennant



Secure the Watch Transfer of Custody



Benediction



Crews Parade Off

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

Wardroom

CDR Philip G. Klintworth, USN

Commanding Officer

LCDR William A. Evans, IV, USN

Executive Officer

LCDR Larry W. Cook, USN

Engineer

LT Kevin P. Sheehan, USN

Navigator

LT Walter N. Flippin, USN

Main Propulsion Assistant

LT John E. Hevlow, USN

Damage Control Assistant

LT David J. Applegate, USN

Reactor Controls Assistant



LT Robert A. Love, USN

Engineering Assistant

LT David L. Rice, USNR

Assistant Weapons Officer

LT Robert C. Sanderson, Jr., USN

Assistant Weapons Officer

LTJG Charles A. Layne, USNR

Communications Officer

LTJG Thomas M. McMahon, USN

Electrical Assistant

Chief Petty Officers

FTCS(SS) Robert L. Toll, USN

Chief of the Boat

ETC(SS) Henry H. Germer, Jr., USN

EMC(SS) Jeffrey B. Kelly, USN

MMC(SS) Dewayne R. Talley, USN



HMC(SS) Roger B. Hedges, USN

RMC(SS) Juan S. Sannicolas, USN

ETC(SS) Joel E. Siler, USN

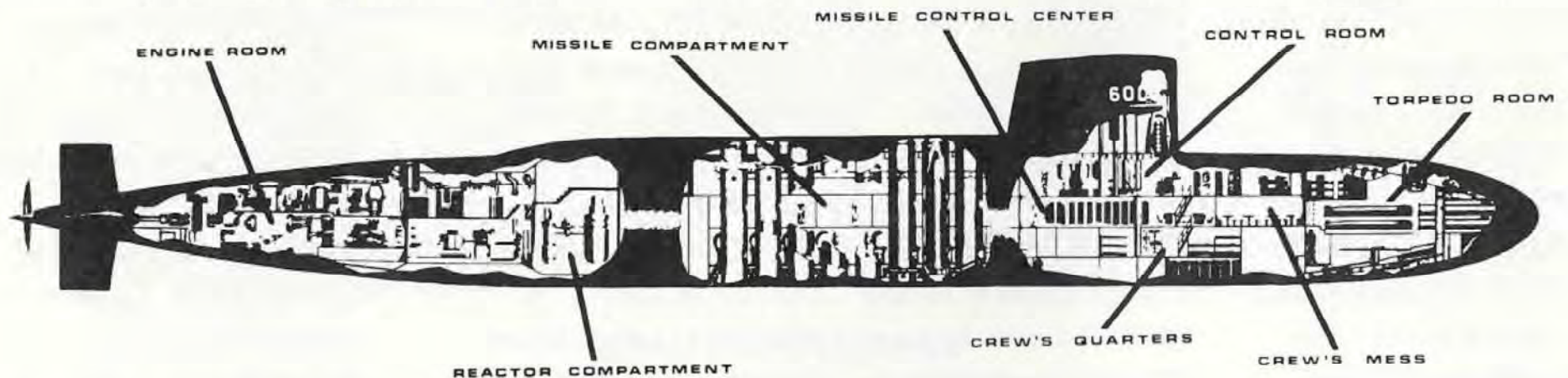


DECOMMISSIONING CREW

YN1(SS) Dennis E. Barrington	MM3(SS) Juan M. Galvan	MM2(SS) James M. Martin	EM2(SS) Ronald J. Squiers
RM2(SS) Reuben N. Bazan	MM1(SS) James M. Grassi	MM3(SS) Charles M. McConaughay	STS3(SS) Jay E. Stark
IC2(SS) Peter J. Bendorf	IC2 Timothy S. Haller	MM1(SS) Lee R. McMullen	MM2(SS) Henry J. Stone
FTB3(SS) David E. Benefiel	IC3(SS) Darrell R. Heim	EM1(SS) Billy D. Meyers	FTG1(SS) Donald D. Stoneberger
IC2(SS) James M. Berbells	IC3(SS) Jody J. Hopponen	EM2(SS) Roy G. Miller	MM2 Randy W. Stutler
MM1(SS) Robert L. Brown	STS2(SS) Daniel W. Hulet	EM2(SS) Michael R. Ney	FTB1(SS) Edward W. Talbert
MT2(SS) Nicholas F. Cassoni	ET2(SS) William C. Hyland	ET3 Juan M. Perla	SN(SS) Lloyd R. Tarver, Jr.
YNSN(SS) Robert J. Cox	MM1(SS) Gar W. Johnson	MM3(SS) Edward A. Rivard	EM1(SS) Earl R. Trail
DK3(SS) Jose C. Crespo	ET1(SS) Terry W. Johnson	SKSN(SS) Randy R. Rogers	STS1(SS) Eduardo Villarreal
MM2(SS) Scott J. Dabell	MT3(SS) Robert A. Keck	MM2 David G. Shoemaker	MT2(SS) Calvin L. Webster
MM1(SS) David W. Davidson	YN2(SS) Mark J. Lunsford	MM1(SS) Daniel E. Smith	ET1(SS) Curtis A. Wetter
MM1(SS) Robert L. Detweiler	MM3(SS) Robin T. Mahoney	SK1(SS) Rogato C. Soriano	ET2(SS) David G. Wilson
MM1(SS) James J. Dillon	MM2(SS) Duane E. Martin	QM2(SS) William R. Spencer	MM1(SS) Jimmey J. Wilson
			ET1(SS) Roy L. Wiltse

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT

SSBN 600



Length: 382 feet

Beam: 33 feet

Number of Dives: 611

Total Nautical Miles Steamed: 433,735

USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600)

COMMANDING OFFICERS

BLUE CREW

CDR W. E. Sims, USN

February 1961 - May 1963

CDR F. W. Graham, USN

May 1963 - June 1965

CDR H. Bucknell, USN

June 1965 - June 1967

CDR A. B. Crabtree, USN

June 1967 - July 1969

CDR D. T. Lewis, USN

July 1969 - November 1973

CDR C. H. Otto, USN

November 1973 - June 1977

CDR P. G. Klintworth, USN

June 1977 - February 1981



GOLD CREW

CDR O. H. Perry, USN

February 1961 - June 1963

CDR H. Bucknell, USN

June 1963 - January 1967

CDR D. S. Boyd, USN

January 1967 - July 1969

CDR F. L. Wadsworth, USN

July 1969 - April 1971

CDR P.E. Burcher, USN

April 1974 - September 1976

CDR E. D. Hux, USN

September 1976 - September 1978

CDR H. A. Oliver, USN

September 1978 - November 1978

