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USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN-633)





SHIP'S INSIGNIA

The insignia of the USS CASIMIR PULASKI symbolizes her role as a deterrent force. The atom represents the nuclear propulsion system which allows her to remain submerged for long periods; The missile, her deadly retaliatory power; The globe, her ability to roam the vast seas undetected. The motto of the PULASKI—"PER TRIDENTEM LIBERTAS"—Freedom through Seapower—calls attention to her role in preserving our Country's freedom and way of life through strength.

THE MAN

USS CASIMIR PULASKI is named for Count Casimir Pulaski, the Polish patriot who came to the aid of the American Revolution following the exile from his native land. He distinguished himself in several battles, and was appointed Brigadier General and Chief of the Calvary. However, he later resigned his commission in order to raise an independent corps, The Pulaski Legion. This unit was instrumental in the defense of Charleston, South Carolina in 1779. Pulaski was mortally wounded during the seige of Savannah and died on board the American ship Wasp, on October 11, 1779 at the age of 32.

THE SHIP

USS CASIMIR PULASKI is the twenty-eighth Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine in a Fleet of forty-one, and the fifty-third nuclear submarine to be launched. She was launched 1 February, 1964 at the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Conn. under the sponsorship of Mrs. John A. Gronouski, wife of the Postmaster General. PULASKI was commissioned on 14 August, 1964 and has completed many deterrent patrols in the defense of her country, with more than three years of submerged operations.

She is about 425 feet in length, 33 feet wide, and displaces 8200 tons submerged. There are 16 vertical tubes located amidships, which can launch ballistic missiles while submerged. The ship is powered by a nuclear propulsion plant, which with other special equipment, allows the submarine to remain submerged for extended periods of time.

THE MISSILE CONCEPT

With almost unlimited cruising range and with endurance limited only by the crew, the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine is capable of extended submerged operations in the international waters of the world which comprise about 70 percent of the earth's surface. Free of the need to surface or entend a snorkel above the surface, FBM nuclear submarines remain hidden by the ocean, their locations unknown to any potential enemy. The Fleet Ballistic Missile powered by solid propellant, is ready to launch within minutes of receiving the command without the need for a long count-down. Mobile, hidden, ready for instant action (or carefully considered delayed action), the Fleet Ballistic Missile system provides the United States with a powerful deterrent to those who might start a global war.