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The salient features of USS SAM RAYBURN's insignia are emblematic of the life of Sam Rayburn. The white lone star on blue background indicates that Sam Rayburn was a Texan. A gavel and the U. S. Capitol dome are symbolic of the fame of "Mr. Sam" as Speaker of the House of Representatives. The two crews of the USS SAM RAYBURN are represented by the blue background and the gold strand rope around the circumference. The star is also representative of Polaris. The simple dignity of this insignia is intentional and is characteristic of Sam Rayburn's life and leadership.

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FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE
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Commanding Officer Gold Crew

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SAM RAYBURN is the twenty-eighth Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine to enter service as an essential element of America's powerful nuclear deterrent force. With her sixteen missile tubes housing the Navy's A-3, twenty-five hundred mile Polaris missiles, she is able to cover any target in the world.

This ship is named for one of the nation's foremost legislators and parliamentary technicians,

Samuel Taliaferro Rayburn of Texas (1882-1961). "Mr. Sam," as he was known by the entire nation, served in the House of Representatives for over 48 years and was Speaker more than twice as long as any predecessor. President Lyndon B. Johnson said at Keel Laying Ceremonies December 3rd, 1962, *"It is fitting that this vessel should bear the proud name selected for it . . . Sam Rayburn gave his life to the cause of protecting our freedoms and because he and men like him did so, we are strong and at peace today."*





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ACCEPTANCE OF THE SHIP FOR THE NAVY

Rear Admiral E. B. Taylor, USN, Commandant, Fifth Naval District

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Commander Cruiser/Destroyer Flotilla Four Band

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND AND SETTING OF THE WATCH

Captain O. H. Perry, Jr., USN

ING PROGRAM



BREAKING OF THE PERSONAL FLAG AND HONORS TO
THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE NAVY

The Honorable Paul B. Fay

BREAKING OF THE PERSONAL FLAG OF THE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

Admiral H. P. Smith, USN

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND OF THE GOLD CREW

Lieutenant Commander W. A. Williams, III, USN

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Vice Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, USN

ADDRESS

The Honorable Paul B. Fay

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICIAL PARTY AND SPONSOR

BENEDICTION

Commander Guy M. Leonard, CHC, USN

DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY



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Commanding Officer Gold Crew

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER BLUE

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER B. H. COLLIER
EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOLD

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LTJG T. E. MITCHELL
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LTJG R. M. URICE
LTJG A. B. CLASON
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LT R. W. MOYNAN
LTJG W. S. DRAPER, IV

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WEAPONS
ASSISTANT WEAPONS
COMMUNICATOR
ENGINEER
MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT
ELECTRICAL DIVISION
REACTOR CONTROL DIVISION
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT
MEDICAL
SUPPLY

LT E. A. MERRITT
LT J. P. LANGENHEIM
LT A. F. BLOCKINGER, JR.
LTJG R. E. WOOD
LT D. C. MINTON, III
LTJG J. W. BUSHARD
LT D. T. COWDRILL

LT W. G. CLAUTICE

LTJG W. B. HENDERSON

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KENNETH I. JOHNSON, ETC(88)
CHIEF OF THE BOAT BLUE

ROY L. JARWIN, EMC5(55)
CHIEF OF THE BOAT GOLD

BLUE

John W. Bellmer, EMCA(88)
George G. Bennett, TMCA(55)
Joseph A. Blair, EMCA(88)
Duane H. Brazier, MTCA(55)
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Francis J. Foley, RMCA(55)
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Jack S. Dowell, ETCA
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Ronald A. Gunn, MMCA(55)
Budd H. Huntington, Jr., ICCA(88)
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 James L. Boettcher, TM3
 Leo H. Borcharding, MM1
 Ardie E. Bowen, RM1
 Larry R. Bowen, FTM3
 Walter F. Bower, FTM1
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 James W. Clark, RM2
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 Francis P. Conrad, YN2(SS)
 Francis J. Crustwaite, ET1(SS)
 Carlton E. Cubbedge, CS1(SS)
 John G. Czausa, ETR2
 Thomas S. Crulewicz, FTM2
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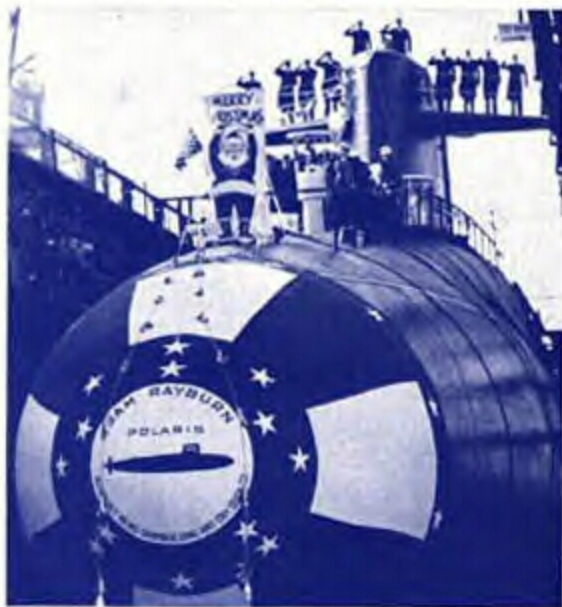
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 David A. McGrath, EM2(SS)
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SHIP'S STATISTICS

Keel Laid: 3 December 1962

Launched: 20 December 1963

Builder's Trials: 1 November 1964

Commissioned: 2 December 1964

Length: 425 feet

Beam: 33 feet

Maximum Depth: In excess of 400 feet

Maximum Speed: In excess of 20 knots

Submerged Displacement: 8,250 tons

Ship's Complement: 13 officers, 122 enlisted

Number of Missile Tubes: 16