

Inactivation Ceremony



*USS
Silversides (SSN 679)
17 December 1993*

Following 21 years of proud service



Their character! — they have also learned in the grimmest schools, precision and resolution. The sea endures no makeshifts. If a thing is not exactly right, it will be vastly wrong. Discipline, courage...and contempt for all that is pretentious and insincere are the teaching of the ocean and the elements...

INACTIVATION PROGRAM

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

Lieutenant Commander J. R. Tate, CHC, USN

WELCOMING REMARKS

Commander K. D. Milhoan, USN
Commanding Officer

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Captain S. W. Zavadi, USN
Commander Submarine Squadron SIX

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Captain John E. Allen, USN (Ret)

PRESENTATION

Commander K. D. Milhoan, USN
Commanding Officer

CEREMONIAL HAULING DOWN OF COMMISSIONING PENNANT

SECURE THE WATCH

BENEDICTION

Lieutenant Commander J. R. Tate, CHC, USN



Vice Admiral George W. Emery

COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE
U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

COMMANDER SUBMARINES
ALLIED COMMAND ATLANTIC

Vice Admiral George W. Emery is a native of Springvale, Maine. He is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 1963, and qualified in submarine in July 1966. He has served in five nuclear powered submarines and commanded USS GROTON (SSN 694) and USS OHIO (SSBN 726)(GOLD). Tours have included an assignment as division officer in USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619)(BLUE), instructor in Maryland; Engineer Officer, USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 693); Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Executive Officer, USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685); duty on the Staff, Director, Division of Naval Reactors, Department of Energy, Washington D.C.; Chief of Staff to Commander Carrier Group SEVEN (USS KITTY HAWK an USS CONSTELLATION Battle Groups); Deputy Director, Strike and Amphibious Warfare (OP-74); Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Under Secretary of the Navy, and subsequently, to the Secretary of the Navy. After selection to flag rank, Vice Admiral Emery became the Director, Total Force Programming/Manpower Division (OP-12) and subsequently Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Military Personnel Policy and Career Progression (PERS-2). Vice Admiral Emery was Commander Submarine Group FIVE prior to reporting as Commander Submarine Force, Atlantic. In August 1993, he assumed duties as Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He also serves as Commander, Submarines Allied Command Atlantic, a NATO post.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal (five awards) and several other individual, unit and service awards. Vice Admiral Emery is married to the former Patricia Lillian Kershaw of Sanford, Maine. Their son Robert, an Army captain, is an Apache helicopter pilot stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.



Captain Stephen W. Zavadil

**Commander
Submarine Squadron Six**

Captain Stephen W. Zavadil, a native of Annapolis, Maryland, graduated from the Naval Academy in June 1970. His first submarine assignment, following completion of Submarine School in December 1970, was to USS CLAMAGORE (SS 343), operating from Groton, Connecticut, where he served as Assistant Engineer, Communications Officer, Sonar Officer, and Weapons Officer. In September 1973, he continued his education, as a Burke Scholar, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which awarded him the degrees of Ocean Engineer and Master of Science in Ocean Engineering in January 1976. After nuclear propulsion training in Mare Island, California, and Idaho Falls, Idaho, Captain Zavadil reported to USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) (BLUE), operating from Holy Loch, Scotland, where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant from March 1977 to May 1979, completing four strategic deterrent patrols. He was next assigned as Navigator and Operations Officer on USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679) from June 1979 to February 1982. His tour on board included an Arctic deployment which saw the ship surface at the North Pole. As Executive Officer, Captain Zavadil served in USS LAPON (SSN 661) from June 1982 to February 1985. During his tour on board, the ship was awarded the FY 83 Battle "E", and completed a sixteen month overhaul ahead of schedule. On completion of this assignment, he assumed duty as the Submarine Warfare Analyst in the Office of Program Appraisal, the military staff for the Secretary of the Navy. After detaching from the Navy Staff in March 1987, Captain Zavadil completed prospective Commanding Officer training and assumed command of the USS GREENLING (SSN 614) in December 1987. He detached from GREENLING in May 1990 and reported to CINCLANTFLT for duty as Deputy Senior Member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. Upon completion of that assignment in May 1992, Captain Zavadil relieved as Commander, Submarine Squadron 6.

Captain Zavadil is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars and the Navy Achievement Medal with a gold star and various campaign ribbons. Captain Zavadil and his wife Cathie have one daughter, Briana and currently reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

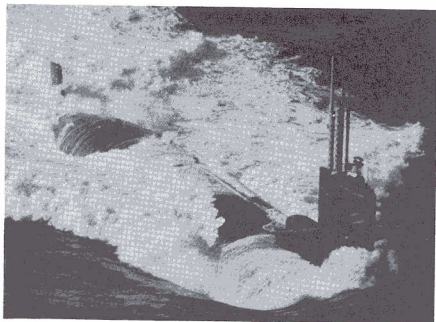


Commander Kenneth D. Milhoan
Commanding Officer
USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

Commander Milhoan was appointed to the United States Naval Academy from the state of Arizona. He graduated with merit in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. Commander Milhoan attended Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, Nuclear Prototype Training in Ballston Spa, New York and Submarine Officer Basic Course graduating in November 1978. In November 1978, Commander Milhoan reported to USS SAND LANCE (SSN 660) in Charleston, South Carolina. During this tour he served as Electrical Division Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant and Weapons Officer. The ship conducted a Northern Atlantic Deployment, a refueling overhaul in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, and a Mediterranean Deployment. The ship was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation. In July 1982, Commander Milhoan reported to USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) at Electric Boat, Groton, Connecticut as Damage Control Assistant. The ship completed new construction, shakedown operations and Post Shakedown Availability. From April to September 1984, Commander Milhoan attended Submarine Officer Advance Course. He then reported to USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716) as Engineer Officer. The ship conducted a Post Shakedown Availability in Newport News Shipyard, interfleet transfer to San Diego, California and a Western Pacific Deployment. The ship was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation. In December 1986, Commander Milhoan reported to USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731) in Bangor, Washington as Navigator. The ship conducted three patrols and was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E". In December 1988, Commander Milhoan reported to USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as Executive Officer. The ship conducted a Western Pacific Deployment and two Northern Pacific Deployments. The ship was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for fiscal year 1990 and 1991 and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. Commander Milhoan reported to the Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare) staff in June 1991. His duties included long range planning and budgeting. In April 1993, Commander Milhoan earned a Master of Science Degree in Information Management at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.

Commander Milhoan has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards). A native of Glendale, Arizona, Commander Milhoan is married to the former Thorrenna Kees of Hagerstown, Maryland. They have a son, Kevin and three daughters, Kathryn, Alicia, and Jaclyn.

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN-679)

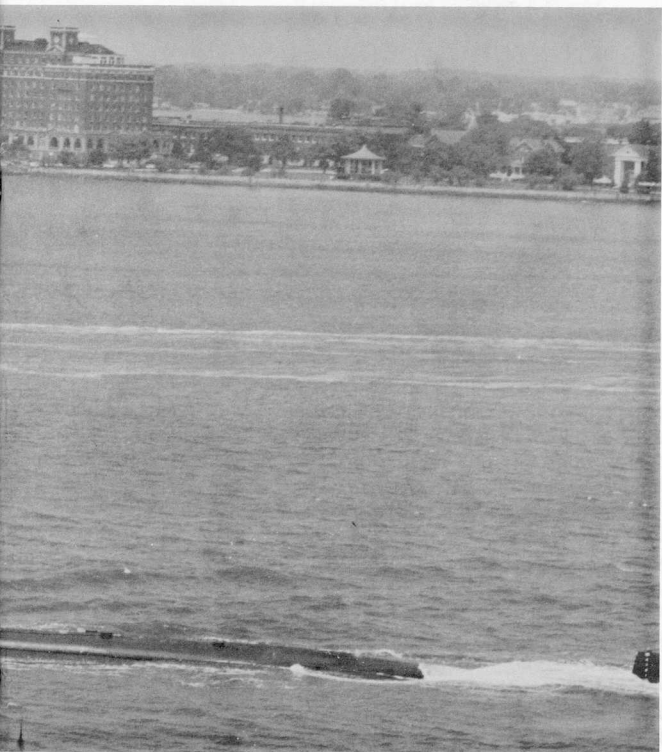


Launched on June 4, 1971 at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics in Groton, Connecticut, USS SILVERSIDES became the 100th ship to be commissioned in the Navy's nuclear-powered underseas fleet on May 5, 1972. The present SILVERSIDES, a Sturgeon-class attack vessel, bears little resemblance, beyond her name, to her diesel ancestor of World War II. With a submerged displacement of 4,967 tons and a capability of operating at speeds in excess of 20 knots and at depths greater than 400 feet, today's SILVERSIDES is a marvel of technical engineering.

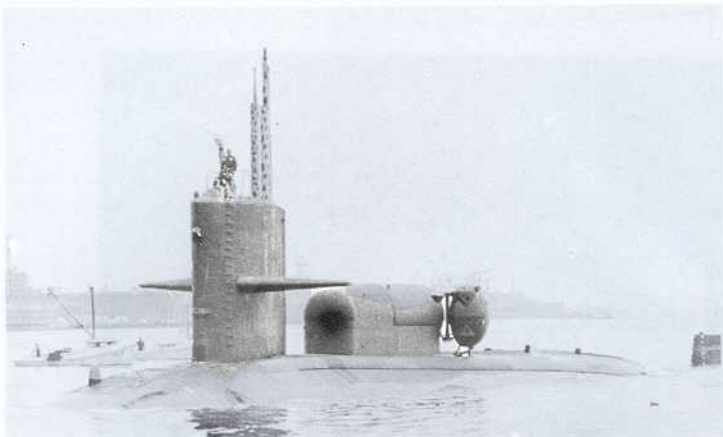
From a tactical point of view, SILVERSIDES' capabilities are virtually unlimited. Powered by a pressurized-water nuclear reactor and able to regenerate her own atmosphere, SILVERSIDES can deploy for extended periods underwater, the duration of her operations being limited only by the space available for food stores. Ranking with the quietest of all nuclear submarines, SILVERSIDES is particularly well suited to the performance of her stealthy missions for which she is supported by the most sophisticated sensory systems ever installed in a submarine. Her complex sonar and electronic suites permit detection and classification of a wide spectrum of emissions to provide early warning of enemy activity or to aid in the safe navigation of the ship. SILVERSIDES is equipped with a versatile weapons system designed to support the most advanced weapons in our undersea arsenal.



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May*



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1993



USS SILVERSIDES (SSN-679)

*****If You Have A Mission, We Have a Submarine*****

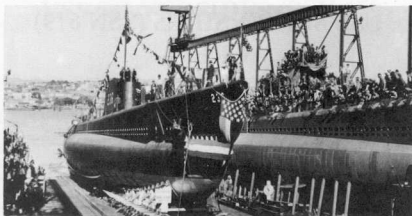
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***KEEL LAID November 28, 1969 LAUNCHED
COMMISSIONED
SPONSOR***

***June 4, 1971
May 5, 1972
Mrs. John Chafee***

***LENGTH
BEAM
MAXIMUM DEPTH
MAXIMUM SPEED
SUBMERGED DISPLACEMENT***

***300 Feet
32 Feet
In Excess of 400 Feet
In Excess of 20 Knots
4,967 Tons***



USS SILVERSIDES (SS-236)

The present USS SILVERSIDES (SSN-679) is the second submarine in the United States Navy to carry the name. the first SILVERSIDES (SS-236) was built at Mare Island Naval Shipyard and was commissioned on December 15, 1941. Armed with two deck guns and ten torpedo tubes (six forward and four aft), she plunged into a war torn Pacific Ocean and performed in a manner almost unparalleled in the annals of Naval history. With Commander Creed BURLINGAME, and later Commander John S. COYE, at her helm she engaged in 14 highly successful war patrols, receiving a Presidential Unit Citation and 12 battle stars for her outstanding performance. She recorded 24 Japanese merchantmen, four Japanese warships and one German warship sunk, as well as 15 Japanese ships damaged, totaling almost a quarter million tons of enemy shipping. During one patrol, SILVERSIDES was the scene of the first appendectomy to be performed aboard a submerged submarine. Following World War II, SILVERSIDES served for many years as a reserve training submarine in Chicago, Illinois. Finally, in 1969, the famous old boat was struck from the Naval Register to make way for her new namesake. She has since been opened to the public in Muskegon, Michigan as a museum and memorial dedicated to the 52 submarines lost during World War II. Several supporters of the SS-236 Memorial Foundation from the Michigan area rode SILVERSIDES during an underway "TIGER" cruise in July 1991.

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

CREW

OFFICERS

Commander Kenneth D. Milhoan
Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Commander Richard M. Myer, Jr.
Executive Officer

LCDR Charles J. Logan, Engineer Officer

LCDR David E. Herring, Navigator

LT William T. Buyers, Combat Systems Officer

LTJG Thomas J. Verry, Supply Officer

LT Chad E. Cape, Sonar Officer

LT Michael E. Elmstrom, PNEO

LT Daniel H. Druckenmiller, Main Propulsion Assistant

LT Erik R. Fino, Communications Officer

LT Terrance A. Brand, Damage Control Assistant

LTJG Michael C. Pittman, Chemistry/Radiological Controls Assistant

LTJG Roger L. Oberweiser, Reactor Controls Assistant

LTJG Rodney J. Ruff, Electrical Assistant

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

MMCM(SS) John R. Thompson
Chief of the Boat

MMCS(SS) Thomas Grainger

ETCS(SS) John G. Hazard

MMCS(SS) Fulford F. Munden

ICC(SS) Charles J. Wolfe

RMC(SS) Robert L. Berkley

TMC(SS) Robert L. Eskridge

STSC(SS) Donald B. Melton

FTC(SS) Peter J. Wetzelaer

QMC(SS) Kevin N. Greene

ETC(SS) Robert L. Wood

EMC(SS) David N. Burnette

EMC(SS) Christopher Crouse

MMC(SS) Shawn M. Quick

MSC(SS) Ricki J. Collins

SKC(SS) James T. Wescott

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

CREW

ENLISTED

ARCENEUX, MICHAEL J., EM1(SS)
 BAKER, MARK E., STS3(SS)
 BALL, JEFFREY M., MSSN(SU)
 BARIL, DAVID R., ET1(SS)
 BARNETTE, RICHARD W., FT1(SS)
 BARTON, TODD L., MM3(SS)
 BERRY, MATTHEW T., MM3(SU)
 BRASHEARS, STEVEN L., SA(SS)
 BROWN, GEORGE R., EM1(SS)
 BRYAN, WILLIAM M., EM1(SS)
 BUONVINO, JAYSON P., SKSN(SU)
 BURCH, SHERMAN L. JR., IC3(SS)
 BURT, JAMES R., RM3(SU) ODE,
 CALLAHAN, DOUGLAS A., MM1(SS)
 CANNON, TIMOTHY M., EM2(SS)
 CAMPBELL, DOUGLAS A., MM2(SS)
 CONNER, DAVID L., FT3(SU)
 COLE, JUSTIN M., MM3(SU)
 COOPER, WILLIAM J., FT3(SS)
 COX, JASON E., SR(SU)
 CRAIG, RANDALL D., TM3(SS)
 DAILEY, ARTHUR JR., MM2(SS)
 DERVAES, SCOTT D., ET3(SS)
 DILLEY, ROBERT E., MM2(SS)
 EATON, DAVID E., IC3(SS)
 EDDINGS, STEVE M., STS1(SS)
 ELEY, PAUL SEWARD, SKSA(SS)
 ENGLE, TOMAS M., ET2(SS)
 FAGUNDES, WILLIAM F., MM3(SS)
 FRIEND, ALAN C., IC1(SS)
 GEORGE, DEAN J., STS3(SS)
 GRAY, BRIAN E., ET2(SS)
 HALL, CULLEN B., MM3(SS)
 HARM, LANCE A., STSSN(SS)
 HARPER, LEO N., SR(SU)
 HAWORTH, AARON T., RM3(SS)
 HERCINGER, FRANK G., MM2(SS)
 HERRINGTON, KENNETH W., MM2(SS)
 HIMES, PAUL E., ET2(SS)
 HODGES, WILLIAM K., TM2(SS)
 JOHNSON, JASON O., MM3(SS)
 JOHNSON, WILLIAM B., MM2(SU)
 JULIUS, TODD E., QM3(SS)
 KEARNEY, KENNETH G., IC3(SS)
 KLINE, ERIC S., MM1(SS)
 LACKAS, JEFFREY M., ET2(SS/DV)
 LANG, DAVID L., TM2(SS)
 LARSON, LARRY K., MM1(SS)
 LEOPARD, KIRK K., HM1(SS)
 LONG, RODNEY A., MM2(SS)
 LOPEZ, FRANCISO A., STSSN(SS/DV)
 LUNSFORD, DANNY GENE, FR(SU)
 MADAYAG, ROBERT A III, ET3(SS)
 MALISE, THOMAS L., MM3(SS)
 MARTING, MATTHEW N., RM3(SU)
 MARTIN, ARTHUR J., STS2(SS)
 MAUDER, CHRISTOPHER "E", MS3(SU)

MAYFIELD, ROBERT L., STSSN(SS)
 MCCLARY, FRANKLIN L., TM3(SS)
 MCCUTCHEEN, RODGER E., MM3(SS)
 MCNEIL, ANDREW C., MM3(SU)
 MEADOWS, DUSTIN M., RM3(SS)
 MONROE, DOUGLAS C., MSSN(SU)
 MORAN, FRANK L. JR., EM1(SS)
 MUDD, JAMES R., MM1(SS)
 NELSON, ANTHONY R., STS1(SS)
 NICHOLAS, GLEN C., SR(SS)
 NIKLES, SCOTT, STS2(SS)
 NYGARD, JODY W., YN3(SS)
 ANTHONY B., MM3(SS)
 ODOM, DAVID S., ET2(SS)
 OHEARN, RICHARD J., QM1(SS)
 OWEN, LANCE A., STS3(SS)
 PAINTER, CHRISTIAN D., YN3(SS)
 PEPIN, MICHAEL A., QM2(SS)
 PHELPS, TERRY W., EM2(SS)
 POURIER, JOEL W., YN2(SS)
 RANDLE, ANTHONY E., MS2(SS)
 RAQUE, ROSS A., MM2(SS)
 REDDEN, STEPHEN P., EM2(SS)
 REED, ROBERT M., EM2(SS)
 REYNOLDS, JAMES J., MM1(SS)
 RICHARDS, GERARD J., ET3(SS)
 ROACH, RICKEY D., MS3(SS)
 ROBEY, THOMAS P., STSSN(SS)
 ROGERS, CHARLES E., FTG3(SS)
 SALVADORI, CHRISTOPHER J., FT2(SS)
 SARTWELL, JAMES E., FT1(SS)
 SCHLOTTFELD, EARL J., MM2(SS)
 SCHMITT, BRIAN P., ET1(SS)
 SCHULER, KIRBY J., YN1(SS)
 SCHULTE, SCOTTY E., EM2(SS)
 SHACKLE, JASON M., STS3(SU)
 SIZEMORE, KEVIN S., ET2(SS)
 SMITH, PATRICK L., TM1(SS)
 SMITH, VICTOR A., EM2(SU)
 STATON, DARYL D., ET3(SS)
 STRONCEK, PAUL D., ET2(SS)
 SWEITZER, PATRICK J., RM2(SS)
 TIMMONS, BRIAN P., MM3(SU)
 TOWNSEND, CORWAYNE D., EM2(SS)
 TYLER, CHRISTOPHER M., MS3(SS)
 VESSEY, SCOTT C., SN(SS)
 VOGEL, PAUL C., STSSN(SS)
 WALKER, SEAN D., MM3(SU)
 WALLS, ERIC O., TMSN(SU)
 WAMBOLDT, CHADD S., EM3(SS)
 WESTERWELLE, EUGENE L., MM1(SS)
 WHITE, JOHN A., RM1(SS)
 WIEDERMAN, GLENN L., MS2(SS)
 WYNNE, SCOTT G., MM2(SS)



COMMANDING OFFICERS

USS SILVERSIDES (SS 236)

CDR CREED C. BURLINGAME
CDR JOHN C. COYE, JR.
CDR JOHN C. NICHOLS

December 1941 - July 1943
July 1943 - December 1944
December 1944 - January 1947

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

CDR JOHN E. ALLEN
CDR RICHARD K. YOUNG
CDR EMERY A. REISTETTER
CDR MERRIL H. DORMAN
CDR WILLIAM A. WOOD
CDR JAMES W. SUHR
CDR DAVID O. SAMPLES
CDR WILLARD C. BUTLER
CDR KENNETH D. MILHOAN

May 1972 - April 1975
April 1975 - July 1978
July 1978 - December 1978
December 1978 - August 1982
August 1982 - August 1986
August 1986 - May 1989
May 1989 - January 1992
January 1992 - November 1993
November 1993 - Present

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679) AWARDS

- ★ Awarded Navy Unit Commendation - 1988
- ★ Awarded Meritorious Unit Commendation - 1989
- ★ Awarded Battle Efficiency "E" four times - 1973, 1978, 1988, 1989
- ★ Awarded ASW/Operations "A" four times - 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976
- ★ Awarded Engineering "E" six times - 1975, 1976, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1989
- ★ First deployment of DDS equipped SSN (637 Class) to Mediterranean Sea
- ★ Seven North Atlantic deployments
- ★ Two Arctic deployments - 1981, 1989
- ★ First submarine to circumnavigate North and Central America since Nautilus

USS SILVERSIDES (SSN 679)

COMMAND HISTORY

The present USS SILVERSIDES maintained the impressive reputation of the original SILVERSIDES which had a great record during WWII. Since commissioning, SILVERSIDES has conducted many significant and highly successful operations and deployments.

USS SILVERSIDES was launched on 4 June 1971 at General Dynamics shipbuilding in Groton, CT. Upon completion of sea trials, the ship was commissioned on 5 May 1972 and was assigned to Submarine Squadron FOUR in Charleston, S.C.

SILVERSIDES' first deployment was to the Mediterranean for six months commencing in August of 1973. During the deployment she participated in special operations associated with the YOM KIPPER War of October-November 1973. The ship received the Battle Efficiency "E" for the year.

SILVERSIDES' first north Atlantic deployment occurred in September and October of 1974 which included operations of great importance to the United States.

During 1976 SILVERSIDES conducted many operations and exercises which included two major exercises and one deployment for a CNO operation.

The ship changed homeports to Norfolk, VA in January 1977 and commenced overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The overhaul was completed over a month ahead of schedule setting several records for the shipyard. During this overhaul the ship received the upgraded digital fire control system and the AN/BQ55 Sonar system.

In 1978 the SILVERSIDES gained Harpoon missile capability and conducted the ship's second Mediterranean Deployment from September 1978 to March 1978. As a result of her overall outstanding performance throughout the fiscal year, SILVERSIDES was awarded her second Battle Efficiency "E" award.

On 16 July 1979 SILVERSIDES sank a remote controlled diesel submarine with a single MK48 warshot. In November of 1979 the ship participated in Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) operations, one of over a half dozen highly successful operations throughout the ship's history.

The ship departed for her first Arctic deployment in September of 1981 and became the fifteenth U.S. Nuclear Submarine to surface at the North Pole. While at the North Pole the flag flown from the bridge was one that had been flown from the U.S. Capital.

1983 was another busy year for SILVERSIDES which included a five month Mediterranean Deployment and providing support for Operation Urgent Fury in Grenada.

SILVERSIDES completed her fourth month Atlantic deployment in April 1984. During November 1984 SILVERSIDES transited to Bremerton, Washington via the Panama Canal for overhaul. Overhaul was officially ended on 31 July 1986 and the ship transited to Norfolk, VA.

Following overhaul SILVERSIDES continued where she left off, completing North Atlantic Deployments in 1987 and two in 1988. The ship received a Meritorious Unit Commendation for the 1987 deployment and a Navy Unit Commendation for her deployments of 1988. The ship was also awarded the Engineering "E" for 1988 and 1989.

SILVERSIDES' second Arctic Deployment occurred again and included surfacing at the North Pole. During the deployment SILVERSIDES became the first submarine since the USS NAUTILUS to circumnavigate North and South America.

SILVERSIDES received Dry Deck Shelter capability in January 1990 during a one month upkeep. Then following special warfare certification she became the first 637 class submarine to deploy to the Mediterranean with a Dry Deck Shelter embarked. During the deployment, she was tasked with several different assignments, including participation in Operation Desert Shield.

During the remaining years of SILVERSIDES commissioned service, she has had the highest Operational Tempo of any Submarine Squadron SIX unit, proving she was still a vital asset. During this period she became the Atlantic Fleet's primary Special Warfare submarine for exercises and operations. She participated in major multi-national exercises each year and completed two Mediterranean Deployments.

The deployment of 1992 had an operational tempo of over 90%, the highest ever for a Mediterranean deployment. The last deployment of SILVERSIDES continued the tradition set during her first. The deployment ended on 28 October 1993 and was highly commended, as a superb deployment by Admiral Boorda, Vice Admiral Lopez and Rear Admiral Jones, for several innovative operations and sustained superior performance which utilized every submarine warfare task.

SILVERSIDES has been a very active and vital member of the United States Submarine Force, successfully continuing the impressive reputation set by the original SILVERSIDES (SS 236) during World War II. Throughout her career, SILVERSIDES has been on the leading edge of submarine operations completing sixteen deployments and several other operations too numerous and classified to include.