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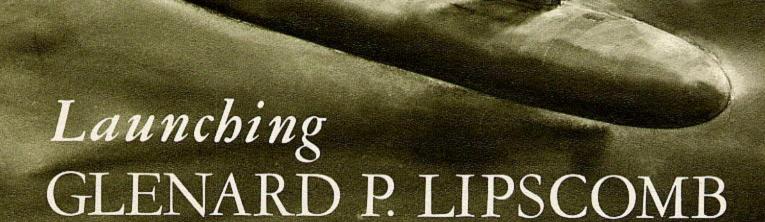
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SSN 685

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National Anthem United States Submarine Base Band

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Introductions Joseph D. Pierce

General Manager, Electric Boat Division

Vice President, General Dynamics

Remarks David S. Lewis

Chairman of the Board, General Dynamics

Introductory Remarks Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., USN

Chief of Naval Operations

Introduction of Principal Speaker The Honorable John W. Warner

Secretary of the Navy

Address The Honorable Melvin R. Laird

Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs

Introduction of Sponsor Vice Admiral H. G. Rickover, USN

Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program

Christening Mrs. Glenard P. Lipscomb

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Matrons-of-Honor



MRS. GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB





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The sponsor at today's launching is Mrs. Glenard P. (Virginia) Lipscomb, wife of the late Congressman Lipscomb for whom the ship is named. Mrs. Lipscomb is attended by her daughters, Diane (Mrs. Louis Grasso) and Joyce (Mrs. Robert Murrell) as matrons of honor. Mrs. Grasso and Mrs. Murrell officially signified the laying of the keel in June, 1971 by welding their initials to it.

Virginia Lipscomb was born in Binghamton, N. Y., but as a child moved with her family to California. She worked in the field of apparel design until her marriage to Congressman Lipscomb in 1936. Throughout her husband's career in government, first in the California State Legislature and later in Congress, she provided active support.

Mrs. Lipscomb is a member of the Atwater Baptist Church in Los Angeles, an honorary lifetime member of the Parent-Teacher Association, and a member of the Los Feliz Women's Club. She has also devoted considerable time to Red Cross work and the Florence Crittenton Home in Washington, D.C.



Mrs. Lipscomb, Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee, Vice Admiral H. G. Rickover, and Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird look on as Joyce and Diane examine their freshly welded initials on the keel of the USS Glenard P. Lipscomb.

While her husband was in the House of Representatives, she was an active member of the Congressional Club and served as the club's vice president.

Diane Grasso attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Maryland, and the University of Maryland.

Joyce Murrell also attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, and graduated from California Western University in San Diego, California.



Mrs. Lipscomb authenticated the keel of the nuclear frigate CALIFORNIA, DLGN36, on January 23, 1970, accompanied by her daughter Diane and Secretary of Defense Laird. The CALIFORNIA is the first of a series of nuclear frigates being built as the result of a fight in the mid-1960's between the Congress and the Department of Defense. Congressman Laird and Congressman Lipscomb were leaders in the fight for nuclear frigates. Congressman Lipscomb's words engraved on the CALIFORNIA keel plaque are:

"Future generations of Americans will recognize that it was Congress that had the foresight, wisdom, and courage to take this initiative to strengthen the defense of our Nation."

At the CALIFORNIA keel laying, Secretary Laird said:

"The additional radius of action which the CALIFORNIA and her successors will provide to naval forces will be of great value to the defense of our country and to the defense of our allies. This is particularly important, as we face the inescapable reality of what the Soviet Navy is doing in expanding seapower throughout the world."



THE HONORABLE GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB

This ship is named for the Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb, who served as Congressman from the 24th District of California from 1953 until his death on February 1, 1970.

Congressman Lipscomb was born in Jackson, Michigan but lived most of his life in Los Angeles, California. He attended Los Angeles city schools, the University of Southern California and Woodbury College.

Congressman Lipscomb was elected to the California State Legislature in 1947 where he served until elected to Congress in 1953. During the 1952 presidential campaign, he was in charge of the Washington office of Senator Richard Nixon, who was the Republican nominee for Vice President.

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chairman of the California Republican Delegation in Congress.

Congressman Lipscomb was a long time proponent of naval nuclear power. The quotation on the plaque attached to the keel is taken from a statement he made on the House floor in September 1968, when the Department of Defense was considering cancellation of the turbine electric drive submarine and termination of the construction of nuclear attack submarines.

He was also a leader in the fight for nuclear frigates. In a speech on the House floor on October 13, 1966 on "The Need for Nuclear Frigates Now" he said:

> "It would be a mistake to build new surface warships for our firstline naval striking forces — warships that will still be in our fleet into the 21st century — and not provide them with the increased military effectiveness afforded by nuclear propulsion."

In support of nuclear frigates in 1967 he said: "The Department of Defense should proceed with the contracts for construction of both nuclear-powered frigates in fiscal year 1968 as soon as practical. We must get on with building more nuclear-powered surface escorts for our nuclear carriers."



THE HONORABLE MELVIN R. LAIRD

In June 1973, Mr. Laird was named Counsellor to the President for Domestic Affairs, following four years of distinguished service as Secretary of Defense. Mr Laird's career in government began in 1946, when he was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate. In 1952, Mr. Laird was elected to Congress, where he served eight successive terms. Mr. Laird was a member of the Appropriations Committee for seven

years, the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Health, Education and Welfare and Labor Appropriations, and a member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, where he developed a close association with the late Congressman Glenard P. Lipscomb. During his congressional career, Mr. Laird served as Chairman of the House Republican Conference, was a member of the Republican Coordinating Committee, and was both Vice Chairman (1960) and Chairman (1964) of the Republican National Platform Committee.

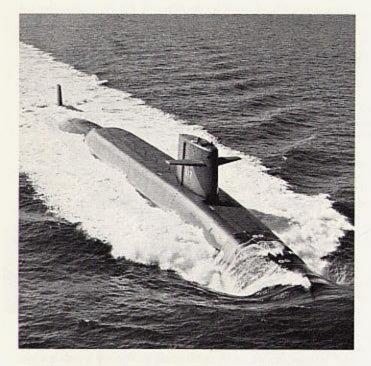
Both as Congressman and Secretary of Defense, Mr. Laird has been a strong advocate of the nuclear Navy. Vice Admiral Rickover, summarizing the history of naval nuclear propulsion in Congressional testimony, said:

"Secretary of Defense Laird was a leader in the fight for a nuclear Navy during his 16 years in the Congress, and he has been a constant supporter of the nuclear propulsion program in his present position."

Mr. Laird served in the Navy as both an officer and enlisted man during World War II. He received the Purple Heart, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with five battle stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one battle star, and other decorations for duty aboard the destroyer USS MADDOX.

Mr. Laird received a B.A. degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He is author or editor of several books and articles dealing with public policy. Among other honors, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the American Political Science Association. Mr. Laird was born in 1922.

Mr. Laird is no stranger to Electric Boat Division nor to submarine programs; he delivered the principal address when his wife sponsored the nuclear attack submarine TREPANG in September 1969, and at the keel laying of this ship.



"Nuclear-powered submarines are the backbone of our Nation's most powerful deterrent force. They also provide the Navy with a powerful attack capability to protect our vital sealanes..."

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy - February 1968

THE GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB

Today's launching of the USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN685) is the result of years of effort by Vice Admiral H. G. Rickover and the Navy to develop a nuclear-powered submarine for which quietness is the primary design objective. The LIPSCOMB is one of two new types of submarines now under construction by the United States.

Since 1964, Admiral Rickover has voiced his concern for the need for such a ship. In 1968, when the Department of Defense was considering cancellation of the ship, the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy held special published hearings on the nuclear submarine program. In the forewords to those hearings, the Joint Committee expressed its strong support for an aggressive nuclear submarine development and specifically stressed the Committee's support for the SSN685. During those hearings, Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, then Chief of Naval Operations, and now Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated:

"We do have a growing threat in terms of the development of submarines by the Soviet Union. We need to examine every technical approach which will lead to a submarine superior to those that they may develop.

"Consequently we propose to follow two approaches.

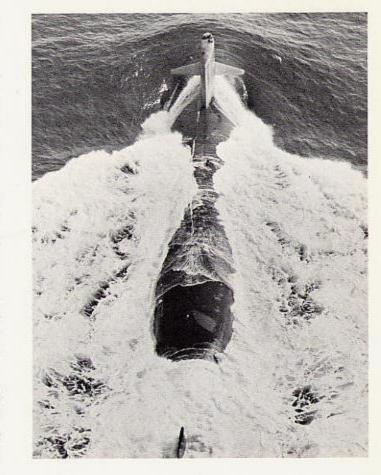
One is to build a submarine which has a maximum speed and minimum noise. (SSN688 Class)

"Second, with respect to the electric-drive submarine, we would expect to build the quietest submarine that is feasible to build in order to test it in an operational environment and, therefore, develop from these two submarines the best characteristics possible which we can use in later developments in the mid-1970 period and later." (SSN685)

During these same hearings, Admiral Rickover noted: "We need the electric-drive submarine even more today than when it was originally approved . . . if we are to remain competitive with the Soviets in submarines, we must act without the delay which in recent years has characterized our own attempts to improve nuclear submarines."

In 1968, both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees issued reports recommending a continuing nuclear attack submarine construction program, development of a high speed submarine (SSN688 Class), and continuation of the electric-drive submarine project (SSN685).

The Glenard P. Lipscomb (SSN685) is being built as a one of a kind nuclear attack submarine. Its turbine electric drive system in combination with other advanced silencing techniques will provide extremely quiet operation. The lessons learned from this ship will influence future submarine design.





Senator Hugh Scott, Vice Admiral H. G. Rickover, Secretary of the Navy John W. Warner and David Lewis, Chairman of the Board, General Dynamics, look on as Mrs. Scott examines her freshly welded initials in the keel section of the USS Philadelphia, first LOS ANGELES Class submarine being built by Electric Boat Division.

FUTURE NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES

Los Angeles Class High Speed Attack Submarines

The LOS ANGELES Class has higher speed capability than its predecessors; it will also have the most advanced anti-submarine warfare capabilities.

Approval to proceed with this important new class of high speed submarines resulted from investigations of the U. S. Submarine Program conducted five years ago by the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

Keels for six LOS ANGELES Class submarines have been laid. A total of 18 have been authorized through fiscal year 1973.

Tactical Cruise Missile Submarines

Development has been started for tactical cruise missiles capable of being launched from our submarines against enemy ships and other targets while remaining beyond the enemy anti-submarine range. The Soviets have 65 cruise missile submarines, 40 of which are nuclear-powered. The United States has none.

TRIDENT Submarines

In his statement to the House Armed Services Committee

on the proposed Fiscal Year 1974 Defense budget, the then Secretary of Defense, Elliot L. Richardson, stated on April 10, 1973:

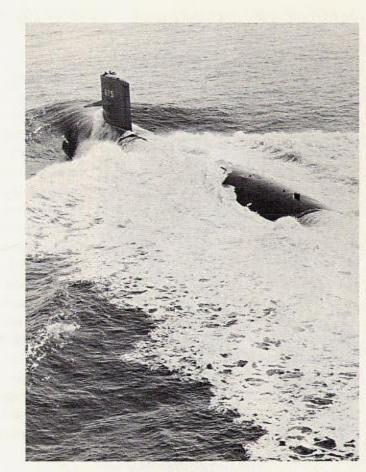
"To provide for the longer term modernization of the sea-based strategic missile forces, the TRIDENT program is being pursued. The TRIDENT program is designed to ensure the maintenance of an effective sea-based strategic missile force in the future, to provide a significant hedge against the possibility of Soviet technological breakthrough, and to establish an orderly replacement program for POLARIS submarines.

The TRIDENT submarine will provide a launch platform incorporating the latest submarine survivability features when it becomes operational in 1978."

Congress approved funds in Fiscal Year 1973 to procure long leadtime items for the initial TRIDENT submarines. Funds to construct the first TRIDENT submarine and to procure additional long leadtime items for others are included in the proposed Fiscal Year 1974 Defense budget.

Other Nuclear Submarines

Nuclear submarines in commission, listed on the following page, include 41 of the POLARIS/POSEIDON missile-firing type, 60 attack type and one deep-submergence research vehicle. Submarines under construction in addition to the turbine-electric drive submarine GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN685) are the LOS ANGELES Class and the last four of the STURGEON Class.



NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES IN COMMISSION

NUCLEAR ATTACK SUBMARINES

Nautilus (SSN571)

Seawolf (SSN575)

Skate (SSN578)

Swordfish (SSN579)

Sargo (SSN583)

Seadragon (SSN584)

Skipjack (SSN585)

Halibut (SSN587)

Scamp (SSN588)

Sculpin (SSN590)

Shark (SSN591)

Snook (SSN592)

Permit (SSN594)

Plunger (SSN595)

Barb (SSN596)

Tullibee (SSN597)

Pollack (SSN603)

Haddo (SSN604)

Jack (SSN605)

Tinosa (SSN606)

Dace (SSN607)

Guardfish (SSN612)

Flasher (SSN613)

Greenling (SSN614)

Gato (SSN615)

Haddock (SSN621)

Sturgeon (SSN637)

Whale (SSN638)

Tautog (SSN639) Grayling (SSN646)

Pogy (SSN647)

Aspro (SSN648)

Sunfish (SSN649)

Pargo (SSN650)

Queenfish (SSN651)

Puffer (SSN652)

Ray (SSN653)

Sand Lance (SSN660)

Lapon (SSN661)

Gurnard (SSN662)

Hammerhead (SSN663)

Sea Devil (SSN664) Guitarro (SSN665)

Hawkbill (SSN666)

Bergall (SSN667)

Spadefish (SSN668)

Seahorse (SSN669)

Finback (SSN670) Narwhal (SSN671)

Pintado (SSN672)

Flying Fish (SSN673)

Trepang (SSN674)

Bluefish (SSN675)

Billfish (SSN676) Drum (SSN677)

Archerfish (SSN678)

Silversides (SSN679)

William H. Bates (SSN680)

Batfish (SSN681) Cavalla (SSN684)

FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES

George Washington (SSBN598)

Patrick Henry (SSBN599)

Theodore Roosevelt (SSBN600)

Robert E. Lee (SSBN601)

Abraham Lincoln (SSBN602)

Ethan Allen (SSBN608)

Sam Houston (SSBN609)

Thomas A. Edison (SSBN610)

John Marshall (SSBN611)

Lafayette (SSBN616)

Alexander Hamilton (SSBN617)

Thomas Jefferson (SSBN618)

Andrew Jackson (SSBN619)

John Adams (SSBN620)

James Monroe (SSBN622)

Nathan Hale (SSBN623)

Woodrow Wilson (SSBN624)

Henry Clay (SSBN625)

Daniel Webster (SSBN626)

James Madison (SSBN627)

Tecumseh (SSBN628)

Daniel Boone (SSBN629)

John C. Calhoun (SSBN630)

Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN631)

Von Steuben (SSBN632)

Casimir Pulaski (SSBN633)

Stonewall Jackson (SSBN634)

Sam Rayburn (SSBN635)

Nathanael Greene (SSBN636)

Benjamin Franklin (SSBN640)

Simon Bolivar (SSBN641)

Kamehameha (SSBN642)

George Bancroft (SSBN643)

Lewis and Clark (SSBN644)

James K. Polk (SSBN645)

George C. Marshall (SSBN654)

Henry L. Stimson (SSBN655)

George Washington Carver (SSBN656)

Francis Scott Key (SSBN657)

Mariano G. Vallejo (SSBN658)

Will Rogers (SSBN659)



RESEARCH SUBMARINE

NUCLEAR POWERED SURFACE SHIPS

	Ship	Ship
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	Authorization	Delivery
USS Enterprise CVAN65	1958	1961
USS Nimitz CV AN68	1967	1973
USS Dwight D.		
Eisenhower CVAN69	1970	1975
Unnamed CVN70	1974	1980
GUIDED-MISSILE CRUIS	FDS	193550
USS Long Beach CGN9	1957	1961
OSS LONG BEACH CONS	1907	1901
GUIDED-MISSILE FRIGA	TES	
USS Bainbridge DLGN25	1959	1962
USS Truxtun DLGN35	1962	1967
USS California DLGN36	1967	1973
USS South Carolina		
DLGN37	1968	1974
USS Virginia DLGN38	1970	1975
USS Texas DLGN39	1971	1976
Unnamed DLGN40	1972	1976
Unnamed DLGN41		
Unnamed DLGN42		

Advanced procurement funds for DLGN's 41 and 42 were appropriated in the FY's 1970-71 shipbuilding programs. In May 1971, the Defense Department announced that these two frigates are not to be built. House Armed Services Committee Report #92-1149 of June 19, 1972, on the Fiscal Year 1973 defense procurement authorization bill, "directed" the Department of Defense "to review planned shipbuilding programs with the aim of re-starting the nuclear frigate construction program next year."



USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9) — USS ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65) — USS BAINBRIDGE (DLGN-25) Nuclear Task Force One Shown at the start of its historic 30,000-mile cruise around the world in 1964.

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(Based on unclassified data released by U.S. Navy dated June 1973)

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NOTE: The USSR currently has two aircraft carriers under construction	Total
Total	Destroyers 100 Ocean Escorts 66
Ocean Escorts	Frigates
Destroyers	Helicopter Carriers
Cruisers 28 Frigates 20	Antisubmarine Carriers
Helicopter Carriers	Attack Carriers
U.S.S.R. MAJOR SURFACE COMBATANTS	U.S. MAJOR SURFACE COMBATANTS

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Missile Patrol Craft 135 Other Patrol Craft 415 Amphibious Ships 105 Mine Warfare Ships 280 Auxiliaries 700	Missile Patrol Craft 0 Other Patrol Craft 15 Amphibious Ships 60 Mine Warfare Ships 15 Auxiliaries 149
Total	Total



USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685)



WELCOME ABOARD

USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685)



Built by
GENERAL DYNAMICS
ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION
GROTON, CONNECTICUT

KEEL LAID LAUNCHED COMMISSIONED 5 June 1971 4 August 1973 21 December 1974



Sponsor

Mrs. Virginia Lipscomb



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Congressman Lipscomb is survived by his wife, Virginia, and two daughters, Diane Lipscomb Grasso and Joyce Lipscomb Murrell.



MRS. VIRGINIA LIPSCOMB Sponsor

Mrs. Virginia Lipscomb was born in Binghamton, New York, but moved to California as a child. She attended Belmont High School in Los Angeles where she met her husband. She devoted much of her adult life to being his partner and helpmate.

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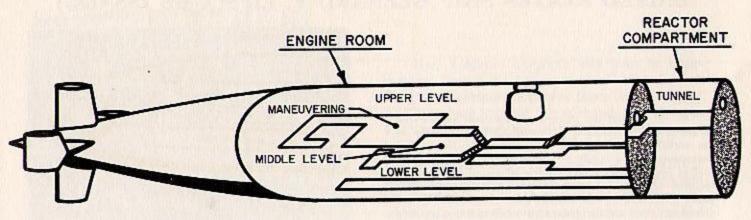
Mrs. Lipscomb christened the submarine bearing the name of her husband at the launching ceremony on 16 August 1973 at Electric Boat Company.

UNITED STATES SHIP GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN685)

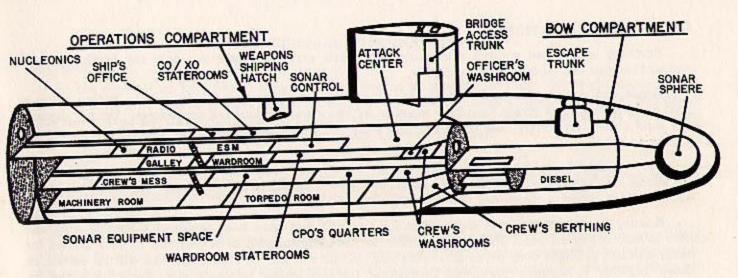
As are all nuclear powered submarines, GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB is capable of operating independently of the earth's atmosphere for long periods of time. This characteristic is a result of power generation by a pressurized water reactor and associated steam plant which requires no oxygen supply or atmospheric exhaust. The power generated by the reactor provides propulsion and drives auxiliary turbine generators which provide the ship with all necessary light and electrical power. To support human life in this enclosed environment, the ship is completely air-conditioned and the atmosphere is highly controlled to prevent buildup of any toxic substances hazardous to life or equipment.

GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685) is in a single ship class, 365 feet long with a beam of 31 feet and a displacement of 6400 tons submerged. Her mission is to seek out and destroy enemy ships. To accomplish this mission GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB has highly advanced detection and weapons control systems. Combined with long-range torpedoes and the SUBROC missile, these systems permit detection and destruction of enemy ships and submarines at great distances.





ENGINEERING — These spaces provide room for the turbines which produce electrical power and the propulsion turbine generators which drive the ship. The propulsion turbine generators are accompanied by the main motor which transmits the power to the shaft, ultimately turning the screw to give motion to the ship.



OPERATIONS — This area, between the bow compartment and engineering spaces, provides space for navigational equipments ship control, and various habitability areas. The radio room, sonar room, officers staterooms, wardroom, and ships offices are also contained herein. The lower level of the operations compartment is primarily occupied by the torpedo room.

BOW COMPARTMENT — This portion of the boat is primarily a habitability space sleeping 67 men. Quarters for the chief petty officers are found here as are the diesel generator and the forward escape trunk.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Berthing is assigned visitors embarking upon their arrival. Please use only the berth assigned you so that you can be located if necessary.

Heads and washrooms are located in the Operations Compartment Middle Level. Before using a head for the first time please consult a member of the crew for flushing procedures. Do not discard any solid object, no matter how small into the water closet as it may foul the seat of the overboard discharge valve.

Showers may be taken anytime, but because the number of shower facilities is very limited, showers should be taken as expeditiously as possible. There is no restriction on water. However, the ship's water making capacity, precludes the "wasting" of water.

Messing arrangements have been made for you and you have been assigned a specific area and time to eat. All meals must be served in shifts so you are requested to be punctual in your arrival for meals and not to linger over coffee after finishing. Meals will not be announced but will be served on time. Smoking is normally permitted throughout the ship except in bunks, bilge areas, or in the vicinity of pyrotechnics or oxygen stations, however, the smoking lamp may be put out for certain evolutions.

CALLS

For embarked visitors, calls are made by the Duty Mess Services Specialist in the Wardroom and by the messenger from control for other berthing areas. Any of these persons will ensure that a visitor is called at any particular time he may designate. You may leave your name for a call at any time with the Chief of the Watch in Control.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, stand fast but clear of all passageways and watertight doors so that ship's crew may be free to proceed to the scene. The crewman in charge of the compartment will direct your movements and keep you informed as soon as possible. You will receive instructions on the use of emergency air breathing masks (EAB's) soon after arrival on board.

CAUTION

Do not attempt to operate any equipment, twist knobs, flip switches, or turn any valves without the assistance of a crew member. Please observe all warning signs.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

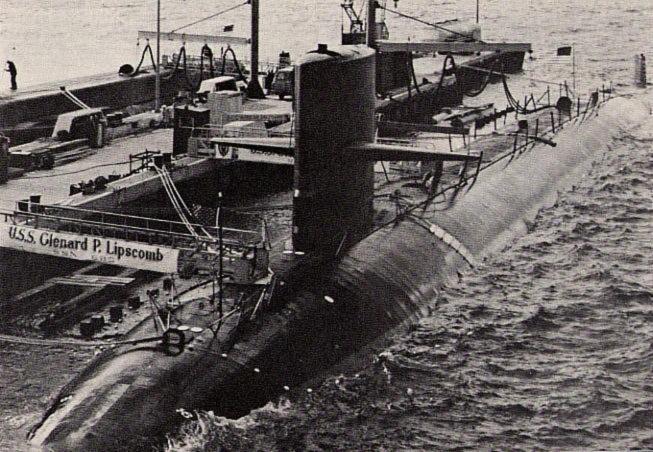
The ship has a Hospital Corpsman available at all times and he should be consulted for any illness or injury that may occur during the cruise. It is recommended that persons susceptible to motion sickness obtain medication prior to getting underway. The Hospital Corpsman may be contacted through the Chief of the Watch in Control. Additionally, film badges, and/or T.L.D.'s will be issued to those persons whose work on board may involve exposure to radiation. Please return these to the Hospital Corpsman prior to your departure.

SECURITY

Most features of the ship are of a classified nature. In addition, Sonar Control, Radio, ECM Room, Sonar Equipment Space, Nucleonics Laboratory, and all spaces aft of the Operations Compartment are security areas and only authorized personnel are permitted. Information concerning speed depth, weapons, fire control, sonar, ESM and the propulsion plant are classified.

ORDERS

If you are under military orders, please turn your orders in to the Yeoman in the ship's Office directly aft of the Operations Compartment access ladder. Your orders will be endorsed and ready for you to pick up at the end of your visit.



INSIGNIA/SHIP'S SEAL

The insignia is in the shape of a shield, symbolic of defense and representative of USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB's primary mission — defense of the country.

The mace in the center of the insignia is emblematic of authority and power and symbolic of respect and discipline; both characteristics of the man Glenard P. LIPSCOMB. The mace is also a weapon of offense in war, another mission of the ship, USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB. Finally, the mace depicted in this insignia is the symbol of the office of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America where the Honorable Glenard P. LIPSCOMB served, a representative from the state of California.

The nine stars signify the nine consecutive terms, 1953 to 1970, Glenard P. LIPSCOMB served in the House of Representatives.

The two dolphins are a legendary symbol of the sea and the creatures which live within the sea, the natural habitat of USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB. The dolphins are also the traditional emblem of the United States Submarine Service of which the ship LIPSCOMB is a unique and distinct part.

The colors, blue and gold, are the traditional colors of the United States Navy.

