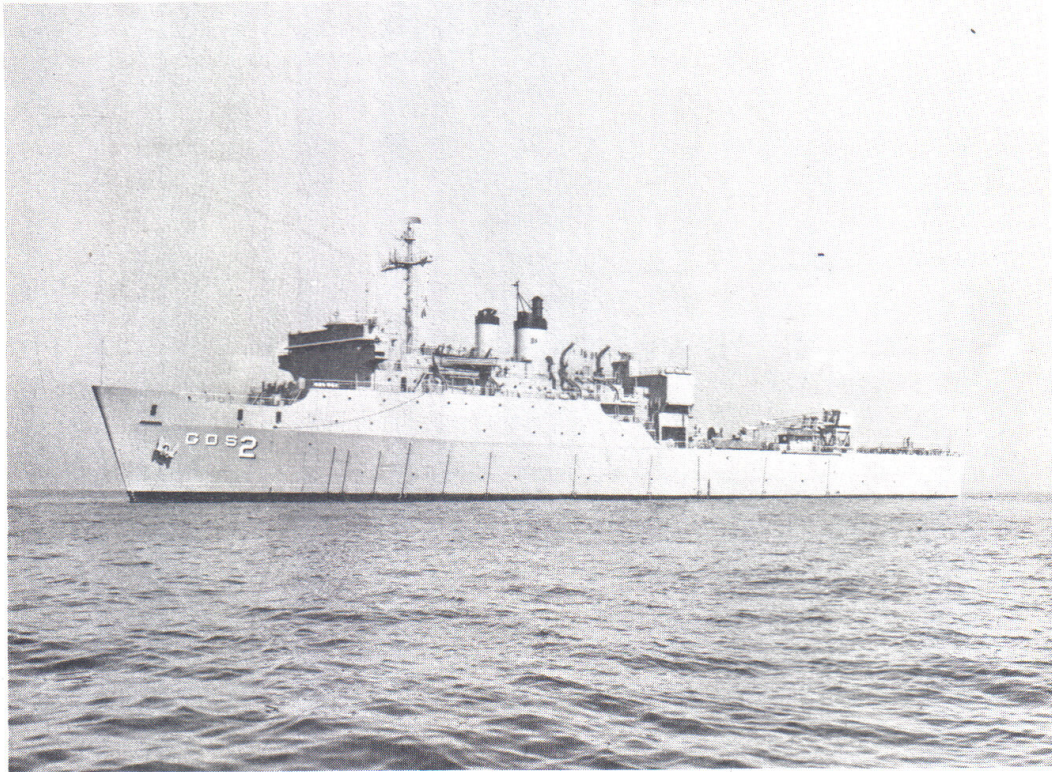


*Commissioning Ceremony*



**UNITED STATES SHIP POINT LOMA  
(AGDS-2)**

**3 JULY 1976  
NAVAL SUBMARINE SUPPORT FACILITY  
BALLAST POINT, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

U.S.S. POINT LOMA AGDS-2  
COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

*Musical Selections*  
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*Welcoming Remarks*  
Commander J. T. Worthington II  
Executive Officer  
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*Official Party Arrives*  
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*Invocation*  
Commander H. E. Lind, CHC, USNR  
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*Introduction of Distinguished Guests*  
Commander W. R. Whitmire  
Commanding Officer  
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*Principal Address*  
Rear Admiral J. G. Williams, Jr.  
Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet  
Representative, West Coast  
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*Hoisting of Commissioning Pennant*  
The Commanding Officer places the  
United States Ship Point Loma in commission  
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*Remarks by the Commanding Officer*  
Commander W. R. Whitmire  
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*Benediction*  
Commander H. E. Lind, CHC, USNR



Commander Wilson Royer Whitmire graduated from Coronado High School, attended Bullis Prep School in Silver Spring, Md., and was commissioned an Ensign upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1957. He then reported to the USS LEXINGTON (CVA-16), where he served for 18 months. This tour was followed by six months of instruction at the U.S. Naval Submarine School, New London, Connecticut.

After graduating from Submarine School, he served in the USS BUGARA (SS-331) for three years. He was then transferred to the U.S. Naval Guided Missile School, Dam Neck, Va. for course of instruction. In October 1962 he reported to the Submarine School and assumed the duties as Director of Polaris Navigation training. Upon completion of this tour in 1966 he was ordered to the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598) where he served as ship's Navigator. In 1967 he returned to the USS BUGARA (SS 331) as the Executive Officer and served there until 1969, at which time he reported to the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in the Operations Analysis curriculum.

Upon graduating, Commander Whitmire assumed command of the USS VOLADOR (SS-490). After completing his command tour, Commander Whitmire reported to the Bureau of Naval Personnel, where he was Branch Head, Officer Career Planning Board. In February 1974, Commander Whitmire became the first Commanding Officer of the USS POINT LOMA (AGDS-2).

Commander Whitmire is married to the former Sue Lovett Saufley of Standard, Kentucky. They reside in Coronado, California.