

Decommissioning Ceremony USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706)

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Monday, 27 February 2017
“Over thirty-four years of proud service”



christening the ship (May 21, 1983)



FOLLOWING SEAS"

Senator and Mrs. Pete Dominici



“FAIR WINDS AND



Commanding Officer's Welcome

On behalf of the present officer's and crew of USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706), I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all of ALBUQUERQUE's loyal crew, her supporters, and honored guests. Today we celebrate a culmination of over thirty-four years of distinguished service in the defense of our nation. We are proud of ALBUQUERQUE's superior reputation, her remarkable record of performance and many accomplishments.

Today's ceremony is a tribute to this ship and her crew, both past and present, as we celebrate the USS ALBUQUERQUE'S decommissioning. We are glad you could join us to witness this historic event.

Fair winds and following seas.

Donald I. Tenney

Commander, United States Navy

Commanding Officer

USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706)

Schedule of Events

Master of Ceremonies

Lieutenant Commander Douglas R. Kramer, USN
Executive Officer

Musical Interlude

U.S. Navy Band, Northwest

Arrival of the Official Party

Parade the Colors

Naval Base Kitsap Color Guard

National Anthem

Invocation

Lieutenant Commander Jackson, CHC, USN
Chaplain

CREW

Fire Control Division

FT1(SS) Donald J. Moss
FT2(SS) Vincent R. Gonzales
FT3(SS) Aaron R. Pederson

Electrical Division

EMN1(SS) Aaron R. Jenkins
EMN1(SS) Sean K. Ronnfeldt
EMN1(SS) Derrick T. Feaster
EMN1(SS) Juan C. Lopez
EMN1(SS) Richard J. Maschek
EMN3(SS) Tyler A. Bullock

Torpedo Division

MMW1(SS) Zac T. Roach
MMW2(SS) Demetress L. Turner
MMW3(SS) Brandon O. Brown

Sonar Division

STS1(SS) Alexander D. Nguyen
STS2(SS) Nicholas Godding

Navigation Division

ETV2(SS) Edward T. Kim
ETV2(SS) Simon I. Kurciski
ETV3(SS) Kameron D. Stowe



CREW

Reactor Laboratory Division

MMN1(SS) Mark F. Keener
MMN1(SS) G. S. Shillington
MMN2(SS) Jordan Baker

Machinery Division

MMN1(SS) Matthew K. Bryant
MMN1(SS) William Espersen
MMN1(SS) Gary D. McNeely
MMN1(SS) Jonathan W. Miller
MMN1(SS) Robert J. Scheiss
MMN1(SS) Brian D. Firmin
MMN1(SS) Alan D. McCue
MMN1(SS) Paul E. Tanner
MMN2(SS) Brandon P. Bonn
MMN2(SS) Leonardo Brown
MMN2(SS) John A. Brillhart
MMN2(SS) Tony A. Bueras
MMN2(SS) Craig J. Deforge

Communication Division

ETR2(SS) Ryan M. Niemela
ETR2(SS) Gregory M. O'Neill
ETR2(SS) M. T. Torrefiel
ETR2(SS) Adam M. Voncannon
ETR3(SS) Devin J. McDonald
ETRSN(SS) Trey J. Freitag

Cyber Division

ITS2(SS) Ian F. McDermott

Auxiliary Division

MMA1(SS) Anthony E. White
MMA2(SS) Thomas P. Igoe
MMA2(SS) Scotty Justus
MMA2(SS) Kyle Shipley
MMA3(SS) Kyle J. Malone
MMA3(SS) Drake L. Vega

Reactor Controls Division

ETN1(SS) Nicholas B. Balik
ETN1(SS) Joshua A. Young
ETN1(SS) Preston D. Conley
ETN1(SS) Christopher Dunning
ETN1(SS) John M. Phillips
ETN2(SS) Victor I. Urrea
ETN2(SS) Jacob C. Goodale
ETN2(SS) Andre P. Gombas

Food Service Division

CS1(SS) Larry D. Hoogstraten
CS3(SS) John A. Dixon
CS3(SS) Jamar Williamson

Executive Division

YN3(SS) Coree M. Mays

Supply Division

LS1(SS) Argel V. Bautista
LS3(SS) Oniel Vega

Welcoming Remarks

Commander Donald. I. Tenney, USN
Commanding Officer, USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706)

Remarks & Introduction of Guest Speaker

Captain N. Humm, USN
Commander, Submarine Squadron 19

Remarks of Guest Speaker

Rear Admiral John W. Tammen, USN
Commander, Submarine Group 9

Secure the Watch/Lower the Commissioning Pennant

Departure of Official Party





ALBUQUERQUE STATISTICS

LENGTH:360 FEET
 BREADTH:.....33 FEET
 DISPLACEMENT:.....6,900 TONS
 SPEED: GREATER THAN 25 KNOTS
 DEPTH:..... GREATER THAN 800 FEET
 KEEL LAID:..... 27 DECEMBER 1979
 LAUNCHED: 13 MARCH 1982
 COMMISSIONED:.....21 MAY 1983
 COMPLEMENT: 17 OFFICERS
 138 ENLISTED

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

STSCS(SS) Neal I. Bederson

Chief of the Boat

MMNCM(SS) Ryan D. Parsons

Engineering Department Master Chief

MMACS(SS) Christopher H. Ruth

Auxiliary Division Leading Chief Petty Officer

YNCS(SS) Trev D Lawrence

Leading Yeoman

HMCS(SS/FMF) Stuart E. Baird

Medical Department Representative

ETRC(SS) Ryan M. Flores

Communications Division

MMWC(SS) Gregory C. Jefferson

3M Coordinator

ETVC(SS) Joshua W. King

Navigation Division

CSC(SS) Christian Venegas-Ramirez

Culinary Division Leading Chief Petty Officer

EMNC(SS) Christopher S. Wilfert

Electrical Division Leading Chief Petty Officer

EMNC(SS) Tony S. Ojeda

Command Career Counselor





It is a naval tradition that dates back centuries for every ship to design and fly their own Battle Flag. It is a tradition deeply rooted in pride, and history that embodies the spirit and legacy of each ship which is what we celebrate here today. The Albuquerque's battle flag shown above is decorated with the crest, and motto of the ship as well as her decorations over 34 years of service. It also includes the silver and gold dolphins which represents the crew and all those who have served aboard her. The ship's nickname on the left, the "Sure Shooter" was earned in 1999 after executing 10 successful tomahawk strikes during Operation Noble Anvil, one of the ship's proudest achievements. The 10 missile patches on the left represent each missile fired during that campaign. Finally the whale clutching a torpedo and tomahawk represent the weapons capability of the USS Albuquerque.

Captain Brian N. Humm **Commander, Submarine Squadron 19**

Captain Brian Humm was raised in Park Ridge, IL, a suburb of Chicago. He graduated in 1987 from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in History. He is married to the former Julie Seidel, also of Park Ridge. They have three children: Maggie, Curtis, and Fritz.

Captain Humm served at sea as a Junior Officer on USS TINOSA (SSN 606), Engineer on USS TAUTOG (SSN 639) and Executive Officer on USS FLORIDA (BLUE)(SSBN 728). He commanded USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) from May 2005 to July 2007 and most recently USS OHIO (SSGN 726) BLUE from November 2010 to December 2012.

Ashore, he served as the Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Submarine Group TWO in Groton, CT and the Squadron THREE Engineer in Pearl Harbor, HI. In August 2004 he completed a tour as the Submarine Executive Officer/Post-Executive Officer Detailer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Millington, TN. Following command of Buffalo, he was the Senior Member, Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team, Pacific Fleet Submarine Force and served in J8 at U.S. Strategic Command as Chief of the Space and Global ISR Division.

Captain Humm earned a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University and completed the Air Command and Staff Course of the Air War College; both via distance learning.

The CREST of USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706)

Military units have historically employed emblems as a means of organizational identification. Designed during the new construction period, the chosen insignia becomes an integral part of the ship's ongoing history. Closely associated with the crew and its reputation, the emblem is proudly displayed on a wide variety of official documents and memorabilia.

The ship's crest...The crest of USS ALBUQUERQUE recalls the proud traditions of the people of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico, as well as the previous ship to bear that name. In understanding the symbolism of this crest, the crew is reminded of their special bond to the people and the history of New Mexico. To others, the crest will serve as a proud statement that the crew carries forward those traditions in faithful and excellent service.

The circle of red braid... The red braid encircling the seal represents eternal commitment of the crew to the values of pride, patriotism, honor and tradition.

Gold and burgundy... The colors of the state flag of New Mexico, which honor Isabella of Castile and the conquistadors who explored in her name. The conquistadors carried the red and yellow Cross of Burgundy Flag, the military flag of Spain.

State outline... Demonstrates the pride in the great state of New Mexico.

Red sun symbol... The red sun symbol proudly displayed on the New Mexico Flag honors the Zia, an indigenous American Indian tribe of New Mexico. The sun symbolizes the Circle of Life: four winds, four seasons, four directions, and four sacred obligations. The circle binds the four elements of four together.

The submarine silhouette... Striking in its appearance, the bow-on perspective of a nuclear submarine is unmistakable. Bold and steadfast, it serves as a warning of the ship's resolute commitment to defending freedom.

Silentum Excubitor... The ship's motto, "Silent Guardian."



THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Albuquerque, the ship's namesake city, was founded in 1706 by Spanish explorers and named for the Duke of Albuquerque. Located in rich farmland in the Rio Grande Valley, Albuquerque lies at an elevation of nearly 5,000 feet and is surrounded by the Sandia mountains.

Today, Albuquerque is a commercial, military research and finance center which boasts a population of over 500,000. In addition to high-technology industries such as Sandia National Laboratories and Kirkland Air Force Base, Albuquerque hosts over 700 firms which produce a wide variety of goods from processed foods to electrical machinery. The city also offers outstanding recreational areas for skiing, hiking and camping.

USS ALBUQUERQUE enjoys a unique, mutually supportive relationship with the city of Albuquerque. At the ship's commissioning in 1983, the mayor of the city presented a set of keys for a new Rolls Royce to the Commanding Officer. The first skipper to pilot the submarine up the Rio Grande to Albuquerque for a port visit will win this prize. At each Change of Command, these keys are turned over to the new Commanding Officer by the Mayor or his representative.



Captain Brian N. Humm
United States Navy
Commander
Submarine Squadron 19

Donald I. Tenney **Commander, U.S. Navy**

Commander Tenney enlisted in the Navy in 1989. He completed Nuclear Propulsion training and then served aboard USS Florida (SSBN-728) (Blue) as a Reactor Operator. He subsequently attended the University of Arizona where he graduated in 1996 with a BS degree in Nuclear Engineering and received a commission through the Enlisted Commissioning Program.

His first sea tour after commissioning was as a division officer on USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720) where he served as Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and Communicator. He later served as engineering officer on USS Wyoming (SSBN 742)(GOLD), and as executive officer on USS Texas (SSN 775).

Ashore Commander Tenney served as a shift engineer on Moored Training Ship 626, as a member of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, as a member of the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team, and as Deputy Commander for Readiness at Submarine Squadron 11. He also attended the Naval War College where he was awarded a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Commander Tenney is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards) and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards).

In 1995, upon completion of her WESTLANT deployment, ALBUQUERQUE made a port visit to Rosyth, Scotland and also participated in a NATO exercise, STRONG RESOLVE. After taking some well deserved leave during stand down, the crew spent most of the year preparing for another mission.

In 1997, upon the completion of her maintenance availability, ALBUQUERQUE deployed to the North Atlantic and participated in NATO exercise LINKED SEAS and saw port visits in Norway, Scotland, and Portugal. As the year came to an end, ALBUQUERQUE was awarded with the Battle "E" award and recognized as the top submarine in Submarine Squadron TWO. In 1998, after completing several Joint Task Force exercises, she entered the drydock and saw the completion of several maintenance milestones that included a highly complex Resin discharge and modifications to the Radio Room that allowed the crew to send and receive e-mails while at sea.

In 1999, upon completion of Joint Task Force exercises, ALBUQUERQUE headed towards the Mediterranean Sea for a deployment that saw combat action in Operations NOBLE ANVIL/ALLIED FORCE. During the deployment the ship hosted numerous dignitaries to include former President George H. Bush, Mr. Sandy Berger, National Security Advisor, and ADM Frank Bowman, Naval Reactors.

In 2001, ALBUQUERQUE started a refueling overhaul at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. With a period of 22.3 months in length, ALBUQUERQUE was praised as having the fastest and most cost-effective Refueling Overhaul in shipyard history.

ALBUQUERQUE returned to Groton, CT in May 2003. The rest of the year was spent conducting local operations and a weapons system upgrade. Most of 2004 was spent at sea preparing for the ship's first deployment since the shipyard. Later that year ALBUQUERQUE conducted a six-month deployment as part of the TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group and made port calls in Scotland, Bahrain, Portugal, Seychelles, and Crete.

In 2006, ALBUQUERQUE was deployed to CENTCOM theater with the IWO JIMA Expeditionary Strike Group and was then deployed to the SOUTHCOM theater the year after.

In 2009, ALBUQUERQUE completed a change of homeport from Groton, CT to San Diego, CA in order to maintain 60% of the submarine force in the Pacific in line with the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review. In 2011, she conducted a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and made port visits to Brisbane Australia and Yokosuka, Japan. ALBUQUERQUE also participated in exercise TALISMAN SABRE.

In 2013, ALBUQUERQUE returned to the Western Pacific for another successful deployment and port visits to Thailand, Japan, and Saipan. The ship also participated in several exercises with the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force and Royal Thai Navy.

ALBUQUERQUE completed her final deployment in the CENTCOM theater on August 21, 2015. During the deployment, she conducted several missions vital to national security, participated in multinational exercises with the Royal Australian Navy, and visited ports in Stirling, Australia and Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory.

Throughout her thirty-three years of service to our nation, USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) completed over 21 deployments combined in the Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and Southern and Central Command areas of responsibilities. She has been awarded three Navy Unit Commendations, four Meritorious Unit Commendations, and four Battle Efficiency "E" awards.

The History of USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706)

USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) is the second United States Warship to be named after Albuquerque, New Mexico. The first was USCGS ALBUQUERQUE (PF7), a patrol frigate commissioned in December 1943 and was decommissioned in February 1953.

The current USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706), a nuclear-powered fast attack submarine of the LOS ANGELES-class, was constructed at Electric Boat Shipyard in Groton, Connecticut. She was launched on March 13, 1982, and commissioned on May 21, 1983. ALBUQUERQUE is the nineteenth ship in the class.

In October 1983, CAPT Hartman was relieved as Commanding Officer by CDR Scott L. Sears. ALBUQUERQUE spent the remainder of 1983 engaged in operations at sea completing a variety of tests, examinations, certifications, and inspections in which she successfully completed a battery of major command inspections to include her first Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, Supply Management Inspection, and MK48 Torpedo Certification program.

In 1984, ALBUQUERQUE successfully completed her maiden deployment in the Atlantic Ocean, in which the entire crew was qualified "Blue Nose" for crossing the Arctic Circle.

In 1985, after additional repairs in the shipyard and installation of the Tomahawk Land Attack Missile system, ALBUQUERQUE prepared for another deployment and successfully completed another round of major command inspections and work ups. Shortly after returning from deployment in the Atlantic, she hosted a formal dinner onboard for HRH Crown Prince of Belgium. After Submarine Command Course operations in Port Everglades, FL, the year was capped off with a successful Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection.

Following a major Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) exercise that also included a port visit to Haakonsværn, Norway and Carrier Battle Group operations, in 1988, ALBUQUERQUE conducted sound trials and ADCAP torpedo target services at the Atlantic Underwater Test and Evaluation Center in the Bahamas. After a Selected Restricted Availability and Pre-Overseas Movement Workup, she commenced a North Atlantic deployment. In 1989, after returning from deployment, ALBUQUERQUE conducted Midshipman operations and hosted Secretary of the Navy Richard Cheney.

During 1990, ALBUQUERQUE deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, where she participated in many national and international fleet exercises. Upon return to homeport, she immediately underwent a Depot Modernization Period and shifted homeports from Groton, CT to Portsmouth, NH. ALBUQUERQUE deployed again in 1992 with the KENNEDY carrier battle group and visited the ports of Naples, Italy and Athens, Greece. Shortly after, she represented the U.S. Submarine Force in exercise NIRIIS, a multi-national exercise sponsored by the Hellenic Navy.

In 1993, ALBUQUERQUE participated in exercise MAGELLAN in the central Mediterranean and Ionian Seas. Throughout the year ALBUQUERQUE completed several classified operations at sea and made port visits to France, Italy, United Kingdom, and Canada. In 1994, ALBUQUERQUE commenced the New Year with an intense upkeep in the shipyard that saw the upgrades of many major ship's systems. Later that year, she was deployed to the Western Atlantic for classified operations.



Commander Donald I. Tenney
United States Navy
Commanding Officer
USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706)

Rear Admiral John W. Tammen Commander, Submarine Group 9

Rear Adm. John Tammen is a native of Washington Township, New Jersey. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and earned his master's degree in engineering management from Old Dominion University.

His career as a nuclear submarine warfare officer includes assignments aboard USS Plunger (SSN 595) as a division officer, USS Nevada (SSBN 733) as the engineer officer and then USS Providence (SSN 719) as the executive officer. Subsequent command assignments include commanding officer of USS Georgia (SSBN/SSGN 729), from March 2002 until December 2004, and commodore of Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 19 from July 2008 until July 2010.

Ashore, he has served as officer in charge of Combat Systems Training Team on the staff of Commander, Submarine Group 5; squadron engineer on the staff of Commander, SUBRON-17; Force Nuclear Power officer for the Atlantic Submarine Force; executive assistant to the director Submarine Warfare Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N77); deputy division chief for Joint Capabilities Division (Joint Staff J8); section head for Platforms, Payloads and Budget in Undersea Warfare (OPNAV N97); military assistant and chief of staff for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs (OEPP), the Honorable Sharon Burke; and deputy director for Undersea Warfare (OPNAV N97).

As a flag officer, he served as the deputy director, Plans and Policy (J5) at U.S. Strategic Command.

Tammen is currently the commander, Submarine Group 9, Naval Base Kitsap, Washington.

His personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards) and various unit awards.



COMMANDING OFFICER

Captain Richard H. Hartman

New Construction ~ October 17, 1983

Commander Scott L. Sears

October 17, 1983 ~ December 3, 1986

Commander John T. Byrd

December 3, 1986 ~ August 25, 1989

Commander James C. Kane

August 25, 1989 ~ May 29, 1992

Commander Michael R. King

May 29, 1992 ~ April 6, 1995

Commander Leonard A. Zingarelli

April 6, 1995 ~ June 24, 1997

Commander Stephen G. Gabriele

June 24, 1997 ~ December 1, 1999

Commander Jerry K. Burroughs

December 1, 1999 ~ June 7, 2002

Commander Stuart B. Munsch

June 7, 2002 ~ June 27, 2005

Commander Robert I. Douglass

June 27, 2005 ~ October 12, 2007

Commander Michael G. Badorf

October 12, 2007 ~ July 23, 2010

Commander Christopher J. Cavanaugh

July 23, 2010 ~ August 23, 2013

Commander Trenton D. Hesslink

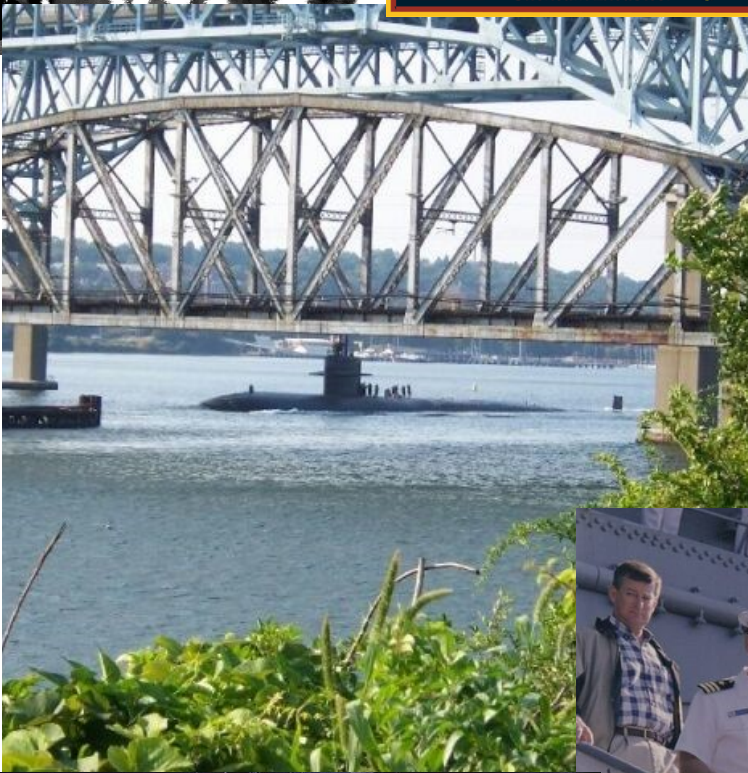
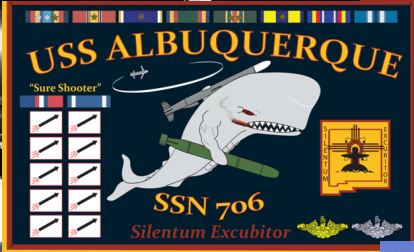
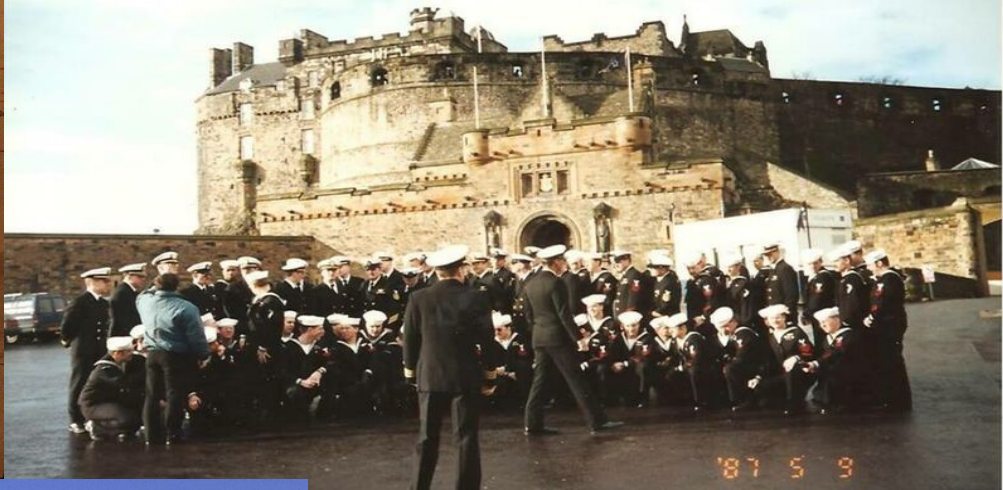
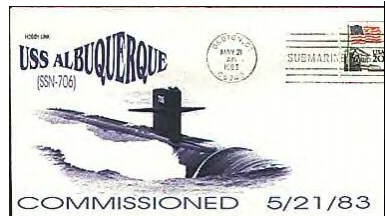
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Commander Donald I. Tenney

August 28, 2015 ~



Rear Admiral John W. Tammen
United States Navy
Commander Submarine Group 9



Capt. HARTMAN

