



## THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY AND PENNANT

The commissioning ceremony marks the acceptance of a ship as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment the commission pennant is broken, USS HELENA (SSN725) becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, whether we be at peace or at war.



The commission pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-of-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maarten Harpertszoon Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his intention to sweep the English from the sea. This gesture was answered by British Admiral William Blake, who hoisted a horsewhip, indicating his intention to chastize the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow commission pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.



The modern U.S. Navy commission pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.

# COMMISSIONING

**JULY 11, 1987**



**USS HELENA**  
**SSN725**



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS HELENA (SSN 725)  
FPO NEW YORK 09573-2405

11 July 1987

Dear Guests,

The commissioning ceremony has been a naval tradition for hundreds of years. To help you enjoy the ceremony more, the following comments are provided:

a. At the beginning of the ceremony, the ship is flying no colors. Therefore, platform guests are announced but naval honors are not rendered.

b. To place the ship in commission, Vice Admiral Cooper, the commissioning officer, reads the commissioning directive, the national anthem is played and flags are raised. These are the national ensign on the staff aft on the ship, the jack on the forward staff and the commissioning pennant on the pigstick attached to the aft end of the sail. All uniformed guests should render a hand salute during the national anthem.

c. I will then read my orders and assume command of and responsibility for the ship. Such orders are traditionally read to the crew so that each man knows who is in command.

d. The first watch is symbolically set as crewmembers lay below decks and man the rail and ship's equipment is tested (missile muzzle hatches are cycled, periscopes raised and lowered, and the fairwater planes and rudder operated).

e. The newly commissioned ship then renders full honors to the senior civilian and military officials present. Congressman Marlenee's flag (national ensign) will be hoisted at the pigstick while appropriate music is played, then the flag will be lowered. Admiral Busey's flag will be broken, appropriate music played and a seventeen gun salute fired. During these honors, uniformed guests should salute.

f. At the conclusion of the ceremony, sideboys will be paraded at the shore end of the brow, platform guests will be announced and piped over the side while those on the quarterdeck salute.

  
T. W. MOORE  
Commander, U.S. Navy



**ADMIRAL  
JAMES BUSEY  
U. S. NAVY**

**— PRINCIPAL —  
SPEAKER**

Admiral Busey, an Illinois native, was raised in the city of Urbana, where he attended the University of Illinois. He enlisted in the Navy in 1952. Assigned to the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in 1953, he was awarded his Navy wings of gold and commissioned an Ensign in August 1954. He holds an M.S. degree in management.

From 1954 through 1978 Admiral Busey held a variety of operational positions within the Navy's aviation attack community, including command of two squadrons: he was Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, the home of the Navy's West Coast Light Attack aviation; and as a flag officer he commanded the Pacific Fleet Light Attack wing during the introduction of the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft into the fleet. He has extensive combat experience.

Admiral Busey's assignments have been interspersed with several tours in key positions on senior Navy operational staffs. Among those, he was assigned twice to Commander Carrier Division FIVE, permanently deployed to the Western Pacific, where he was directly involved in planning and directing the aerial war over North Vietnam. He later served as Chief of Staff and Aide to Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group ONE in the Pacific.

In Washington, D.C., he served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in systems analysis; in the Office of the Under Secretary of the Navy as Auditor General of the Navy; and later with the Naval Material Command as Deputy Chief for Resource Management. Upon his promotion to Vice Admiral, he took command of the Naval Air Systems Command, where his responsibilities included procurement and maintenance of naval air assets. He assumed duties as Vice Chief of Naval Operations in September 1985 and was promoted to admiral. During this assignment, Admiral Busey was responsible for the daily planning, programming, and management of the U.S. Navy's global maritime interests and serving as the alternate Navy member of the Joint Chief's Staff.

On March 30, 1987, Admiral Busey was appointed Commander in Chief, Allied Forces Southern Europe and Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe.

Admiral Busey's personal decorations include the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Admiral Busey is married to the former Jean Cole of Sidney, Illinois. They have three children: Mrs. Angela Presto, Mrs. Nancy Wheeler, and James V.

**VICE ADMIRAL  
DANIEL L. COOPER  
U. S. NAVY**



**— COMMISSIONING —  
OFFICER**

Daniel L. Cooper was born and raised in East Liverpool, Ohio, the son of William B. and Rowena S. Cooper. He attended one year at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy, from which he graduated on June 7, 1957.

He initially served with the amphibious force on board USS CHILTON (APA 38), stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. In June 1959, at the completion of Submarine School, he reported to USS TRIGGER (SS564) in New London, Connecticut. TRIGGER's homeport shifted shortly thereafter to Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1963, Vice Admiral Cooper received an MBA degree from Harvard University through the Navy's Postgraduate Program in International Relations. During 1963 and 1964, he attended Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, Maryland, and then the SIC prototype in Windsor, Connecticut.

From December 1964 to March 1966, he served aboard USS HADDO (SSN604), then reported to USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN641) as Executive Officer on the blue crew. Both submarines operated out of Charleston.

In June 1968, he was ordered to duty in Washington, D.C., as Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Following brief tours on USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655) and USS QUEENFISH (SSN651), Vice Admiral Cooper was ordered to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and assumed command of USS PUFFER (SSN652) in January 1972.

He was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS PUFFER and reported in May 1974 to be Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management). In May 1976, Vice Admiral Cooper was ordered as Commander, Submarine Squadron 10 in New London, Connecticut. Three years later, he reported as Deputy to the Director, Strategic Submarine Division and Trident Program Coordinator on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. It was while in this position that he was selected for flag rank. Vice Admiral Cooper's first flag assignment was as the Deputy Commander/Comptroller, Naval Sea Systems Command, to which he reported in August 1980. Three years later, in May 1983, he was appointed by the President as the Director of the Budget and Reports, Office of the Navy Comptroller, and Director, Fiscal Management Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In September 1985, he reported as Director, Navy Program Planning on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and was promoted to Vice Admiral in November 1985. In August 1986, he assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He also serves as Commander, Submarine Allied Command Atlantic, a NATO post.

Vice Admiral Cooper is married to the former Betty Jane Ogilvie of East Liverpool, Ohio. They have two daughters, Amy Hughes of Groton, Connecticut, and Cynthia Cooper of Parkersburg, West Virginia.



# JAMES H. WEBB, JR. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON  
11 June 1987

Commander Thomas W. Moore, U. S. Navy  
PCO, HELENA (SSN 725)  
Groton, Connecticut 06340-4990


Dear Captain Moore:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and to your crew on the commissioning of HELENA.

It is your privilege to command the most modern attack submarine in the Navy. The latest technical advances in design and equipment for the carrying out of the ship's mission have gone into HELENA's construction. It is now your proud responsibility to bring your ship's fine potential to life by combining it with the spirit and professionalism of the American sailor.

Your ship now begins an active role in the fleet. You, and those who serve with you, are charged with the heavy responsibility of making HELENA a fully effective instrument in our nation's defense. May you meet with every success in assuming that responsibility.

Sincerely,

  
James H. Webb, Jr.



**ADMIRAL  
C.A.H. TROST  
CHIEF OF NAVAL  
OPERATIONS**



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Dear Captain Moore,

Please accept my congratulations on the commissioning of United States Ship HELENA. An unusual distinction and a special responsibility fall upon you as the first commanding officer.

The newest attack submarine in the fleet, HELENA brings to our operating forces afloat the most modern design and construction on the seas today. This ship cannot fulfill the role for which she was authorized by Congress, however, to contribute to the defense of our nation, unless she is manned by a dedicated crew capable of operating and maintaining her to the limit of her potential.

It is your responsibility to establish HELENA's capability. As your ship and crew perform, HELENA will develop a reputation that will endure over her years of service. Her character will depend, in no small measure, upon your leadership as her first commanding officer.

Your selection for this most important task is an honor and a responsibility. I have the fullest confidence you will execute it well.

Sincerely,

*C. A. H. Trost*  
C. A. H. TROST  
Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander Thomas W. Moore  
U. S. Navy  
PCO, HELENA (SSN 725)  
Groton, Connecticut 06340-4990



— LAUNCHING —  
28 JUNE 1986



*“In the name of the  
United States,  
I christen thee HELENA.  
May God bless her and  
all who sail in her.”*

*— Jean Cole Busey*



**JEAN COLE  
BUSEY**



---

**SPONSOR**

---

Jean Cole Busey is a native of Sidney, Illinois, and attended De Pauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.

Mrs. Busey has been actively involved in Wives' Clubs and community affairs wherever she has lived. While in Lemoore, California, for example, she was a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir, and taught classes.

She currently is serving as a member of the Board of Managers of the Navy Relief Society and as a board member of the Navy Wifeline Association.

Her interests include quilting, gardening, and traveling.

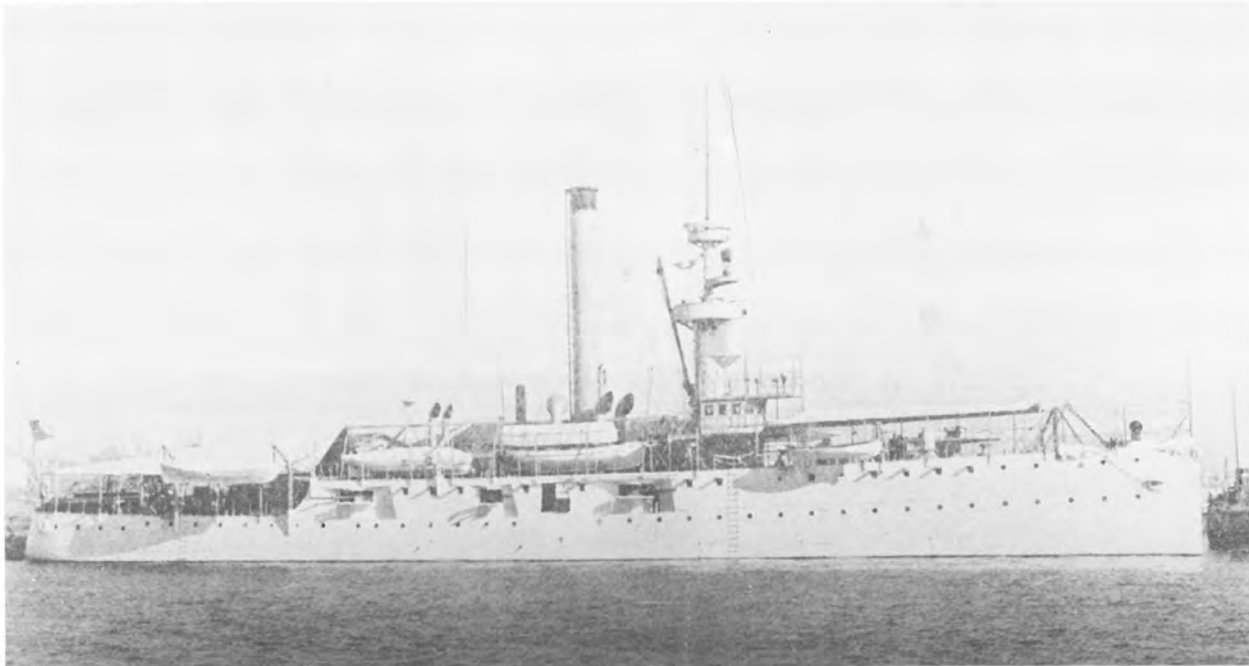
Admiral and Mrs. Busey have three children — Angela Presto, Nancy Wheeler, and James V.

# HISTORY OF SHIPS

## NAMED HELENA

The USS HELENA (SSN725), named for the city of Helena, Montana, is the fourth United States Ship to bear the name of HELENA. The first was a light draft gunboat used during the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, the second was a light cruiser deployed in the Pacific during the Second World War, and the third was a heavy cruiser that served in the Korean Conflict.

Commissioned on July 8, 1897, the first HELENA (PG9) saw extensive action in Cuban waters during the Spanish-American War, exchanging gunfire with the enemy batteries at Fort Tunas, Cuba. She participated in the closing of the Port of Manzanillo by sinking or destroying eight enemy vessels on July 18, 1898. On November 3, 1898, HELENA (PG9) sailed from Boston, Massachusetts, for the Philippines, where she provided naval gunfire support during the Philippine Insurrection.



The second HELENA (CL50) was commissioned on September 18, 1939, and was moored at Pier 1010, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the morning of December 7, 1941. Sustaining severe damage from Japanese torpedo bombers, HELENA (CL50) was repaired and returned to the western Pacific, where she earned seven battle stars and the first Navy Unit Commendation ever awarded. She was lost during the American invasion of New Georgia when hit by three Japanese torpedoes in rapid sequence; 739 of the 908 crewmembers were rescued by various means.



Launched on April 28, 1945, the third HELENA (CA75) was commissioned on September 4, 1945. HELENA (CA75) fought with pride during the Korean Conflict, earning four battle stars and the first Korean Presidential Unit Citation awarded to a naval unit.



Technology has dramatically changed the size and capabilities of naval warships since the original HELENA (PG9) served in the Spanish-American War, but the mission of the USS HELENA (SSN725) has not. That mission is to protect the interests of the United States of America.



**COMMANDER  
THOMAS W.  
MOORE**

**U.S. NAVY**

**COMMANDING  
OFFICER**

Commander Thomas W. Moore is from Riverton, New Jersey. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1967, he completed nuclear power training and submarine training.

In June 1969, Commander Moore reported to the USS FINBACK (SSN670) Precommissioning Unit. He served on FINBACK until May 1972, completing submarine qualification and serving as First Lieutenant, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Weapons Officer. He then reported to USS SPADEFISH (SSN668), where he served as Engineer Officer until May 1975.

Commander Moore's next assignment was to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, serving as Assistant Force Nuclear Power Officer. In November 1977, he reported to USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN644) (BLUE) as Executive Officer. In April 1981, after completing six POSEIDON deterrent patrols, Commander Moore was assigned to the staff of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare in Washington, D.C. In November 1983, Commander Moore assumed command of USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN644) (GOLD) at the completion of overhaul and conducted POSEIDON demonstration and shakedown operations and three successful strategic deterrent patrols. He reported to the HELENA (SSN725) Precommissioning Unit for duty as Prospective Commanding Officer in January 1986.

Commander Moore lives with his wife, Tina, and their two sons, Tom and Rob, in Charleston, South Carolina.

# LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

## PIETER A. VISSCHER

### U.S. NAVY

---

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

---



Lieutenant Commander Pieter A. Visscher is a native of New York State. He attended Jamestown College, Jamestown, North Dakota, and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in physics.

After working briefly at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana, he enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1970. Upon completing enlisted Naval Nuclear Propulsion Training in Idaho, he was accepted at Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, where he received his commission in April 1973.

Following officer Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program training and Naval Submarine School in Connecticut, Lieutenant Commander Visscher reported to the USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN663) and served a three-year tour in a variety of junior officer billets.

Lieutenant Commander Visscher's next assignment was to the Strategic Systems Project Office as Sonar Training Project Officer. In April 1980, he reported to USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655), where he served for two years as Engineer Officer after attending the Submarine Officer Advanced Course. He then reported to the USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSN611), where he served as Navigator for 18 months. Following a two-year tour at Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in New York as the Senior Evaluation Officer of the Plant Performance Evaluation Activity, he reported to HELENA (SSN725) Precommissioning Unit as Executive Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Visscher is entitled to wear the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Lieutenant Commander Visscher is single and resides in Groton, Connecticut.

# OFFICERS



LCDR JOHN C. ORZALLI  
Yuba City, CA  
ENGINEER



LT EDWARD L. PROCTOR III  
Tallahassee, FL  
NAVIGATOR



LT MARSDEN S. DAVIS  
Gradyville, PA  
COMBAT SYSTEMS  
OFFICER



LT DOUGLAS A. OSBOURN  
Elk Grove, CA  
SUPPLY OFFICER



LT MARK R. HANNEMAN  
Greendale, WI  
DAMAGE CONTROL  
ASSISTANT



LT RICHARD D. AYUSO  
Tacoma, WA  
COMMUNICATOR



LT GERARD C.  
WEATHERBY  
Rockville, MD  
SONAR OFFICER



LTJG MARK S. BOULDEN  
Virginia Beach, VA  
MAIN PROPULSION  
ASSISTANT



LTJG PAUL D. HULLINGER  
Milwaukee, WI  
CHEMISTRY AND  
RADIOLOGICAL  
CONTROLS ASSISTANT



LTJG DAVID A. SOLMS  
Boulder, CO  
REACTOR CONTROLS  
ASSISTANT



LTJG RONALD H.  
REIMANN, JR.  
Great Falls, VA  
ELECTRICAL OFFICER



LTJG DAVID L. FIELDS  
Toms River, NJ  
TORPEDO DIVISION  
OFFICER



**MASTER CHIEF  
RADIOMAN  
BYRON W.  
JOHNSON**

**U.S. NAVY**

**CHIEF OF  
THE BOAT**

Master Chief Radioman (Submarines) Byron W. Johnson is a native of Missoula, Montana. He is currently assigned as Command Master Chief/Chief of the Boat. Master Chief Johnson enlisted in the Navy in June 1964.

Following Enlisted Recruit Training and graduation from several service-connected schools, Master Chief Johnson completed his initial enlistment, serving in USS HARRY E. YARNELL (DLG-17) and USS EPPERSON (DD-719). He volunteered for submarine duty in 1969 and, after attending Enlisted Submarine School, reported to USS PUFFER (SSN652), where he completed his submarine qualification. Prior to reporting to the HELENA (SSN725) Precommissioning Unit, he served on the USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN658) (BLUE), USS DACE (SSN607), and USS BALTIMORE (SSN704), where he was assigned as Chief of the Boat. His shore assignments include U.S. Naval Communications Station, Norfolk, Virginia; instructor duty at the Naval Submarine School; and recruiting duty in Boise, Idaho.

Master Chief Johnson is entitled to wear the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, Good Conduct Medal with four Bronze Stars, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Expert Pistol and Rifle Medals, Meritorious Unit Commendation with two Bronze Stars, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, and the Battle "E" Ribbon. He is authorized to wear the Enlisted Submarine Insignia and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia.

Master Chief Johnson is married to the former Janice Lee Jennings of Ontario, Oregon. They reside in Ledyard, Connecticut.



MMCS(SS) ROGER J.  
DUMONT  
Sanford, ME



MMCS(SS) RUSSEL D.  
STODDARD  
Lewiston, MI



MMCS(SS) GUY L.  
MORTON  
El Paso, TX

**CHIEF  
PETTY  
OFFICERS**



RMCS(SS) MARK A.  
WALES  
Scottsdale, AZ



STSCS(SS) CRAIG A.  
POLING  
Ft. Worth, TX



MSC(SS) DENNIS B.  
COOK  
Novi, MI



ETC(SS) STEVEN E.  
DELISLE  
Albany, NY

**CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS (Cont'd)**



**MMC(SS) HENRY E.  
RASMUSSEN, JR.**  
Budd Lake, NJ



**EMC(SS) LLOYD D.  
MANN**  
Germantown, OH



**TMC(SS) STEVIE R.  
BARNETT**  
Matthews, MO



**HMC(SS) MICHAEL R.  
ASCHAUER**  
Waukesha, WI



**QMC(SS) ERIC A.  
CHURCH**  
Meriden, CT



**SKC(SS) ANTHONY C.  
HART**  
Atlanta, GA



**ETC(SS) CARL P.  
WEAVER, JR.**  
Fairplay, MD



**FTGC JAMES E.  
GOYET**  
Lyndonville, VT



**YNC(SS) DANIEL J.  
JEFFRES**  
Culbertson, NE

# SHIP'S CREW



MACHINIST'S  
MATE  
(ELT)



MM1(SS) KENNETH W.  
RYALL  
Garden City, MI



MM1(SS) JAMES E.  
DONLAN  
Southold, NY



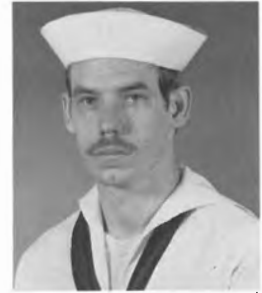
MM1(SS) ROGER A.  
BEALL  
Campbellton, FL



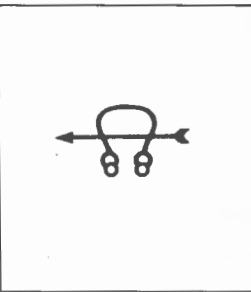
MM2 ROBERT D.  
PALMIERI  
Marshfield, MA



MM2 RONALD D.  
REDDICK  
Macon, GA



MM2 ROBERT J.  
MERCER  
Washington, PA



SONAR  
TECHNICIAN



STS1(SS) DAVID J.  
STAHURA  
Minneapolis, MN



STS1(SS) LEE B.  
BROKAW  
Lansing, MI



STS1(SS) ERIC S.  
CARLSON  
Fairview, PA



STS2(SS) JAMES M.  
MANOLAKIS  
Seney, MI



STS2(SS) JEFFERY E.  
McCARTHY  
Medford, OR



STS2(SS) RANDY L.  
CUNNINGHAM  
Fairburn, GA



STS2 PAUL K.  
JACKSON  
East Hampton, CT



STS3 ROBERT W.  
SCHEND  
Havre, MT



STS3 LARRY D.  
LATIMER  
Albany, TX



STS3 DAVID B.  
KIESEL  
Orlando, FL



STS3 TRAVIS A.  
GRAVELLE  
Moline, IL



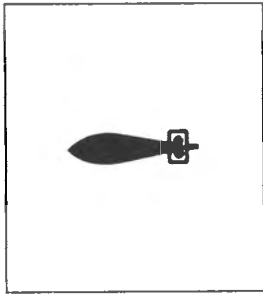
STS3 WILLIAM J.  
HILDEBRAND  
Pittsburgh, PA



STS3 JOHN T.  
WORTHINGTON  
College Park, MD



STS3 JACK J.  
LEBLOND  
Scarborough, ME



**TORPEDOMAN'S  
MATE**



**TM1(SS) STEVEN R.  
JUDSON**  
Flint, MI



**TM2(SS) JOSEPH E.  
NAULT**  
West Springfield, MA



**TMSN WILLIE E.  
PERKINS**  
Williamston, NC



**TMSA GERARD S.  
WILLIAMS**  
Patterson, NJ



**TMSN ROBERT K.  
SOLIS**  
Ozone Park, NY



**INTERIOR  
COMMUNICATIONS  
ELECTRICIAN**



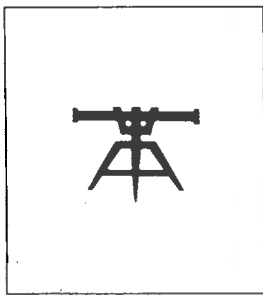
**IC2(SS) KEVIN J.  
GROSS**  
Woodlands, TX



**IC2(SS) GLEN M.  
PHILLIPS**  
Ashland, KY



**IC3(SS) LARRY D.  
NAYLOR**  
Odessa, TX



**FIRE CONTROL  
TECHNICIAN**



**FTG1(SS) STEPHEN P.  
NELSON**  
Sacramento, CA



**FTG2(SS) DARROL D.  
IVERSON**  
Missoula, MT



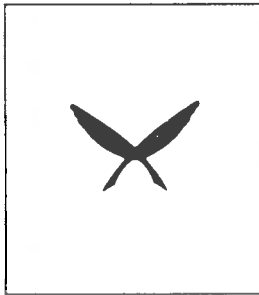
**FTG2 MICHAEL L.  
BROWN**  
Ogden, UT



**FTG2 EDWARD R.  
BRENNAN**  
Columbia, SC



**FTG2 JAMES H.  
ESTES**  
Corpus Christi, TX



**YEOMAN**



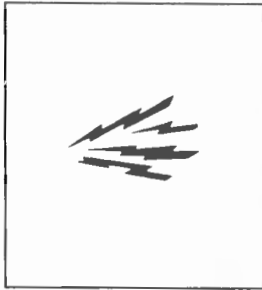
**YN1 ROBERT J. SIMS**  
Levittown, PA



**YN3 TERRY L.  
WALTON**  
Catron, MO



**YNSA GERRELL E.  
TUCKER, JR.**  
Jacobsburg, OH



**RADIOMAN**



**RM1(SS) STANLEY D. MILLER**  
Arlington, TX



**RM2(SS) WILLIAM B. LAWRIMORE**  
Dalzell, SC



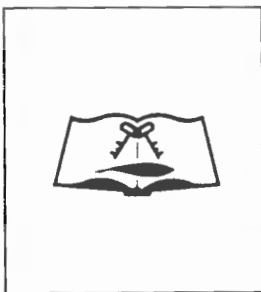
**RM2(SS) JOHN M. MORRISON**  
Elizabeth, PA



**RM3 MICHAEL D. STYPA**  
Bay City, MI



**RM3 ADAM J. WHEELER**  
Mannford, OK



**MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST**



**MS1(SS) RICKE E. WATTON**  
Bay City, MI



**MS2(SS) TIMOTHY J. GORDON**  
San Antonio, TX



**MS2(SS) ROBERT B. BELLOTTE**  
Gainesville, FL



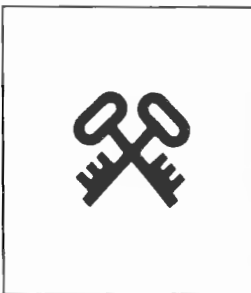
**MSSA TIMOTHY J. JAENT**  
La Grange, IL



**MSSA CRAIG S. BROWN**  
Picayune, MS



**MSSA EDWARD M. TRAVIS**  
Claremont, NH



**STOREKEEPER**



**SK3(SS) BRIAN S. DOUBLEDAY**  
Salem, CT



**QUARTERMASTER**



**QM1(SS) RICHARD P. GREND AHL**  
Moscow, ID



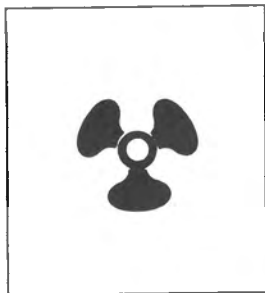
**QM1(SS) MICHAEL C. COOLEY**  
Greenville, SC



**QM3(SS) DAVID D. COOPER**  
Murfreesboro, TN



**QMSA RAYMOND A. RODRIGUEZ**  
Norwalk, CA



**MACHINIST'S  
MATE  
(AUXILIARY)**



**MM1(SS) ARTHUR D.  
PENDLETON  
Hopkinsville, KY**



**MM1(SS) DAVID G.  
GUTEKUNST  
Philadelphia, PA**



**MM2(SS) JAMES E.  
GARMANN  
Las Vegas, NV**



**MM2(SS) CARL J.  
EATON, JR.  
Newark, DE**



**MM2(SS) BRIAN K.  
REDDING  
Las Vegas, NV**



**MM2 JOSEPH R.  
BRANDER, JR.  
Avenel, NJ**



**MM3(SS) JAMES M.  
FAHY  
New York, NY**



**MM3 DANIEL E. A.  
FOSKETT  
Bremerton, WA**



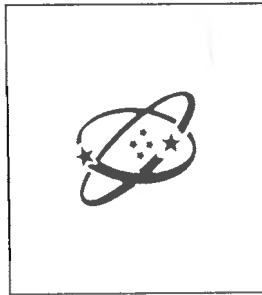
**MM3 BRIAN P.  
ARKLE  
Lompoc, CA**



**MM3 DARIN S.  
KELLER  
Fargo, ND**



**MM3 JEROME  
SABO  
Highland, IN**



**ELECTRONICS  
TECHNICIAN  
(NUCLEAR)**



**ET1(SS) PAUL R.  
PEARSON  
Bennett, CO**



**ET1(SS) MERRILL S.  
REYNOLDS  
Marblehead, MA**



**ET1(SS) TERRY R.  
MOORE  
Bartonsville, IL**



**ET2(SS) GREGORY A.  
STANEK  
Richmond, VA**



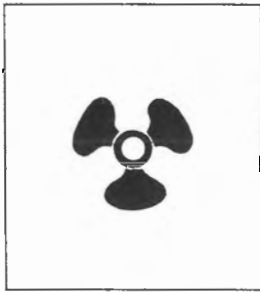
**ET2 GARY R.  
TEWKSBURY  
Stratford, CT**



**ET3 MICHAEL A.  
HOBBS  
Cincinnati, OH**



**ET3 KERRY L.  
KINCAID  
Shelby, NC**



**MACHINIST'S MATE  
(NUCLEAR)**



**MM1(SS) MARK E.  
MILLER**  
Danbury, CT



**MM1(SS) MARVIN E.  
TAYLOR**  
Lincoln, CA



**MM1(SS) RANDALL J.  
BOEREMA**  
Mission Viejo, CA



**MM1(SS) STEVEN J.  
BENEKE**  
Bark River, MI



**MM1(SS) HARRY  
JURICIC**  
Cleveland, OH



**MM1(SS) JOHN R.  
ECKARD**  
Key West, FL



**MM1 ANDREW A.  
FIELD**  
Surry, NH



**MM2 MICHAEL R.  
ARCHER**  
Great Falls, MT



**MM3 MICHAEL A.  
WUEBBEN**  
Rochester, MI



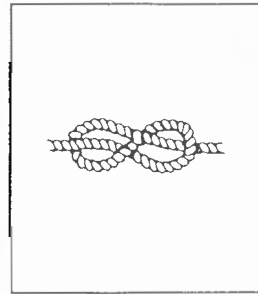
**MM3 LAWRENCE D.  
GILBERT, JR.**  
Sault Ste Marie, MI



**MM3 JAMES R.  
JENSEN II**  
Woodbury, MN



**MM3 JEREMY G.  
BROWNING**  
Poplar Bluff, MO



**SEAMAN**



**SN(SS) RONALD W.  
TUCKER**  
Truckee, CA



**SN WALTER B.  
DILLARD**  
Greenville, NC



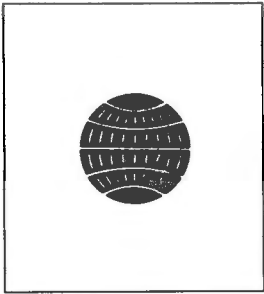
**FA RAYMOND R.  
SHURTER**  
Hazel Park, MI



**FN ROBERT J.  
MUELLER, JR.**  
Anderson, SC



**FA BARRY W.  
WALTRIP**  
Central City, KY



**ELECTRICIAN'S  
MATE**



**EM1(SS) DUANE F.  
MUCKLE**  
Bennington, VT



**EM1 GARY W.  
STOUT**  
Warrenton, VA



**EM1 JIMMY L.  
SPELLS**  
Camden, AR



**EM2(SS) MICHAEL L.  
ENGEL**  
New Blaine, AR



**EM2(SS) ALLEN P.  
GOBLE**  
Springfield, OH



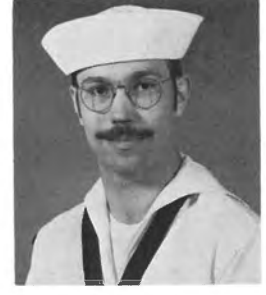
**EM2(SS) DAVID S.  
WELKER**  
Hayward, CA



**EM2 WARREN S.  
TOMPKINS**  
Reno, NV



**EM2 ROBERT R.  
CUMBERLAND**  
Akron, IN



**EM2 ANTHONY A.  
HOLMES**  
Clarksville, TN



**EM3 CLIFFORD W.  
COBLE**  
Canoga Park, CA



**EM3 KEVIN T.  
ROBINSON**  
Cherry Hill, NJ



**ELECTRONICS  
TECHNICIAN  
(NAVIGATION)**



**ET1(SS) DALE S.  
DELARUELLE**  
Green Bay, WI



**ET2(SS) THOMAS M.  
VANDIVER**  
Huntington Beach, CA



**ET2 WILLIAM L.  
BUNCH, JR.**  
Paradise, CA



**ET3 JAMES E. SMITH**  
New London, WI



**ET3 JON D.  
SIMONSEN**  
Fortuna, CA



**ET3 KEITH J.  
SWALLOW**  
Kalispell, MT



---

# THE CITY OF HELENA

---

Helena, the seat of Lewis and Clark County, is the capital city of Montana. It is nestled in the west central part of the state, a region rich in mineral and agricultural resources.

The Greater Helena area is home to 47,000 persons, many of whom make their livings in the city's biggest industry—state and federal government and its accompanying services. Also providing jobs are lead smelting, cement manufacturing, and gold and silver mining.

It was mining, in fact, that gave Helena its start. In 1864, four gold prospectors, discouraged after an unsuccessful summer, took their "last chance" and struck it rich in a promising gulch. Soon, cabins and tents lined the slopes of what they labeled "Last Chance Gulch." About a month after the discovery, Last Chance was renamed Helena.

By 1870, Helena was the most important community in Montana. Five years later, it replaced Virginia City as the capital of the territory. That set the stage for Helena's incorporation as a city in 1881 and its selection as the capital of the new State of Montana on November 8, 1889.

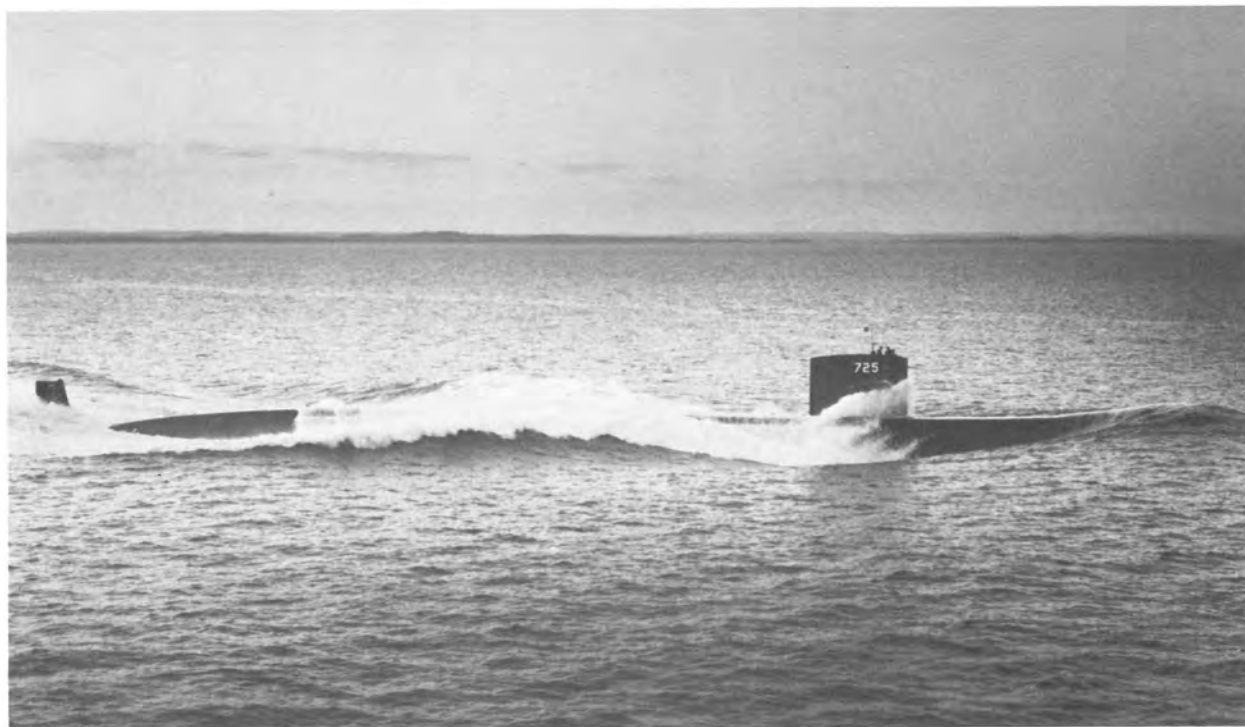
Its position as the state capital, its advantages as a trading center, and the completion of the Northern Pacific Railway in 1883, which gave it speedy transcontinental transportation, all stimulated urban growth.

Today, that growth continues as Helena moves into its second century. Education plays a major part in that growth. In addition to the public school system, Helena's educational facilities include Carrol College, founded in 1909, and a state vocational school.

The city boasts such cultural resources as the Helena Center for the Performing Arts and the award-winning Grand Street Theater, which provides a home for community theater groups.



# USS HELENA (SSN725)



LENGTH:	360 FEET
DISPLACEMENT: (SURFACED)	6135 TONS
(SUBMERGED)	6927 TONS
HULL DIAMETER:	33 FEET
DRAFT:	32 FEET
COMPLEMENT:	
OFFICERS	13
ENLISTED	114
TOTAL	127

USS HELENA is the latest addition to the LOS ANGELES Class, the Navy's newest class of nuclear powered attack submarines. They are the most advanced undersea vessels of their type in the world. Their mission: to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines and to protect our own naval interests.

The 360-foot, 6900-ton ships are well equipped to accomplish that task. Faster than their predecessors and equipped with highly accurate sensors and weapon control systems, they are armed with sophisticated Mark 48 antisubmarine torpedoes and the HARPOON guided missile. Twelve vertical tubes located in the bow provide the capability to launch TOMAHAWK cruise missiles. Each vessel carries a crew of 127: 13 officers and 114 enlisted men, all specialists in their respective fields.

Approval to proceed with this class resulted from a review of the U.S. Submarine Program conducted nine years ago by the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committee and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688), for which the class is named, was commissioned on 13 November 1976.



---

## WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION

---

### DEPARTED PLANKOWNERS

There are many people who have been assigned to HELENA Precommissioning Unit throughout the construction period and have departed for various reasons. Their efforts contributed directly to the successful completion of this fine ship, and we bid them fair winds and following seas.

LTJG MARLON S. CATALANO  
ICC(SS) HERBERT L. KENNEDY  
ET1(SS) DANIEL A. STARLING, JR.  
IC1(SS) FREEMAN A. FINKEL  
EM1(SS) MORRIS W. SANDERS

EM1(SS) WILLIAM V. REED  
MM2(SS) ANTHONY A. CATALANO  
SK2(SS) ORVIS P. HOLLEVOET, JR.  
EM2 THOMAS P. GORDON  
ET2 WILLIAM H. NEWPORT

## Coat of Arms

# USS HELENA (SSN725)

### BLAZON

*SHIELD:* Azure, a dolphin argent, langued gules, uriant palewise with the head in base entwined around the handle of a pickax or, and in dexter chief on a canton argent a gold nugget proper on a pellet.

*CREST:* On a wreath of the colors argent and azure, upon a mount vert, a naval crown or set with three jewels – azure, or, and gules – displaying two sails of the first, the dexter bearing a Korean taeguk and the sinister one a pomeis; all behind a boat hook and an Oriental polearm in saltire, both proper, and issuing from within the crown Triton with his dexter arm upraised to hurl an arrow or.

*MOTTO:* On a dark blue scroll lined gold the motto PROUD AND FEARLESS in gold letters.

### SYMBOLISM

*SHIELD:* The city of Helena and Montana, the Treasure State, are represented by the gold nugget and pickax and the prominence of gold and silver on the shield, alluding to the state motto, "Oro Y Plata." The blue field suggests the "Big Sky Country" of Montana and the oceans of the world. The pellet conveys the image of a submerged submarine and also refers to Montana's various mineral resources, including oil, coal, and copper. The dolphin represents the submarine and the U.S. Navy.

*CREST:* The three previous ships named HELENA and their proud heritage are recalled by the naval crown resting on a mount, which stands for the State of Montana, the name derived from the Spanish form of a Latin word meaning mountainous. The taeguk on the sail refers to the participation of the third HELENA (CA75) in the Korean War and the awarding of the Presidential Unit Citation of the Republic of Korea and the Korean Service Medal. On the remaining sail the pomeis, in conjunction with the three jewels in the band of the crown, symbolizes the Navy Unit Commendation awarded to the HELENA (CL50)—the first one awarded to a United States Navy ship.

The boat hook and Oriental polearm represent service in peace and in war of all the ships named HELENA; the polearm emphasizes the association of these vessels with service in the Orient. Triton (herald of Neptune) symbolizes submarine capabilities; his arrow refers to the versatility of modern sea-based weaponry.

### SEAL

The complete coat of arms in full color as in the blazon on a white oblong field enclosed by a dark blue border edged on the outside with a continuous gold rope and inscribed in gold with the words USS HELENA at the top and SSN725 below.



# THE OFFICERS AND CREW OF USS HELENA (SSN725)

*The officers and crew of USS HELENA (SSN725) have labored long and hard to produce the world's finest, most modern fast attack submarine. I congratulate each and every man for the success of his efforts and am confident this success will continue in the challenging years ahead.*

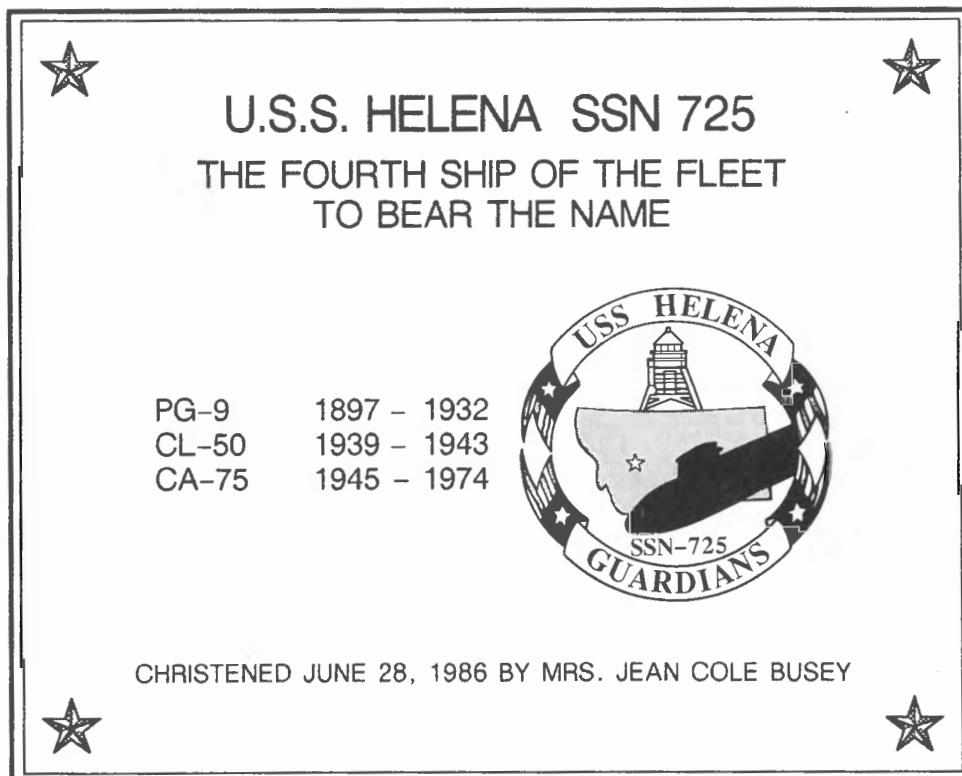
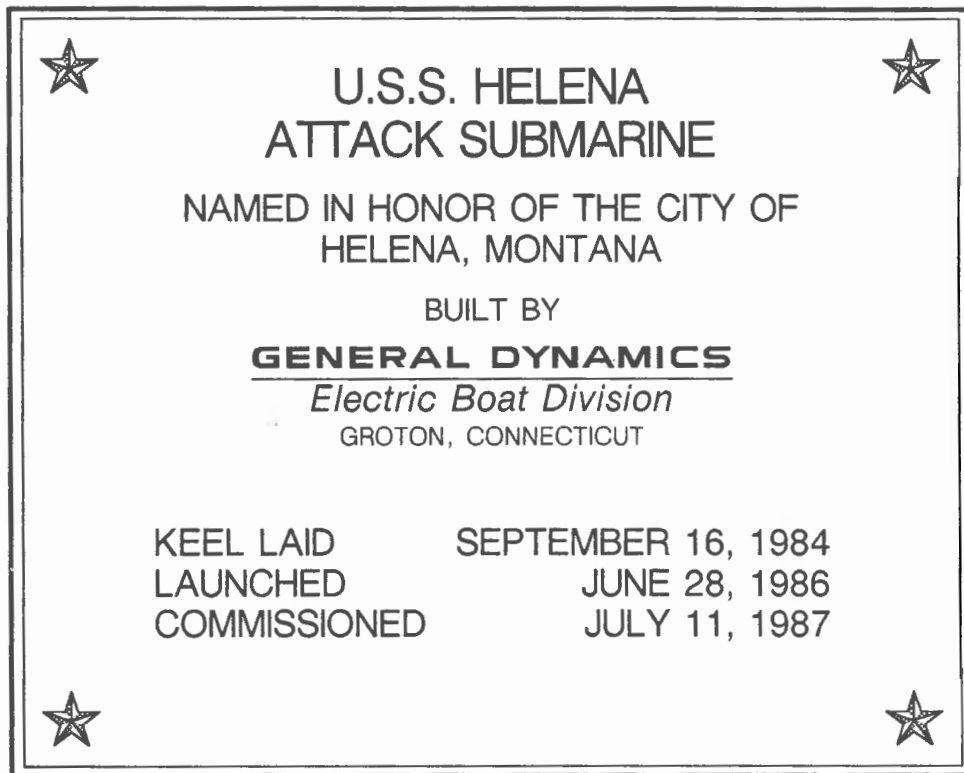


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. W. Moore".

**T. W. MOORE**  
Commander, USN  
Commanding Officer  
USS HELENA  
(SSN725)



# SHIP'S PLAQUES



**PG9**



**CL50**



**CA75**

---

*"Proud and Fearless"*

---

**SSN725**