



USS Alexandria (SSN 757)

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CDR David M. Hendricks Commanding Officer

Commander Hendricks, a native of Abingdon, Virginia, graduated from the University of Virginia in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering (with distinction), and was commissioned through the NROTC program.

Following graduation, he completed nuclear power training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course prior to assignment aboard USS PHOENIX (SSN 702). During his tour he served as Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Sonar Officer as PHOENIX completed deployments to the Mediterranean, Western Atlantic, and North Atlantic.

In October 1987 he reported as a submarine watch officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and in June 1988 was selected as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

After graduating from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, Commander Hendricks reported as Engineer Officer in USS GUITARRO (SSN 665) where he completed a deployment to the Eastern Pacific. Following GUITARRO's decommissioning in May 1992 he reported as Combat Systems Officer in USS ATLANTA (SSN 712).

Commander Hendricks reported in July 1993 as the submarine post-department head detailer at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, DC. He then went on to serve as Executive Officer in USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)(BLUE) from January 1996 to June 1997, completing three strategic deterrent patrols.

Following his tour he was assigned as exchange officer with the Royal Australian Submarine Squadron in Perth, Western Australia where he supervised first of class torpedo trials on the COLLINS' class submarine and completed the Naval War College Joint Professional Education Phase I correspondence course.

Commander Hendricks has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with four gold stars, the Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star, and various campaign and unit awards.

Twice As Strong

The submarine Alexandria (SSN 757) is the third vessel to bear the name that is shared by the cities in both Louisiana and Virginia.

The first boat named Alexandria was a side-wheeled steamer built at Plaquemine, Louisiana in 1862, and commissioned in December of 1863. From its commissioning until the end of the Civil War, the steamer was assigned to the Mississippi squadron. It operated in the 1st District which encompassed the area between Donaldsonville, Louisiana and Cairo, Illinois.

The vessel was sold at Mound City, Illinois, in August of 1865.

The second Alexandria (PF-18) was a patrol escort launched on January 15, 1944, at Lorain, Ohio, by the Amercian Shipbuilding Company under a Maritime Commissioning contract. After being commissioned on March 11, 1945, the vessel reported to the Atlantic Fleet. The Coast Guard stationed Alexandria off Newfoundland on weather patrol from June of 1945 to February of 1946. The boat was decommissioned on April 10, 1946, and sold one year later.

Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36,8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes