



USS Dallas (SSN 700)

Commander Naval Submarine Forces
Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet

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CDR Gard Clark Commanding Officer

Commander Gard Clark is a native of Jamestown, New York and a 1981 graduate of Frewsburg Central High School and Jamestown Community College. He is a 1985 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied

Science, Computer Technology. In 1991, he received a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from the United States Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Upon completion of nuclear propulsion and basic submarine training, he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant on USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690). During this tour he participated in North Atlantic and Arctic operations.

In 1992, he reported to Kings Bay, Georgia as Strategic Weapons Officer on USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734)(GOLD). From 1994 to 1996 he served as Engineer Officer on USS NEBRASKA (SSBN 739)(BLUE) completing a total of seven strategic deterrent patrols and participating in the first visit of a Trident SSBN to the United Kingdom. From 1994 to 1996, he served as the Force Radiological Controls Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Force US Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia.

Commander Clark was Executive Officer on USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) from November 1998 to May 2000. NORFOLK deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and took part in Tomahawk missile strikes during Operation Allied Force.

In October 2000, Commander Clark reported as Officer-in-Charge, Moored Training Ship DANIEL WEBSTER (MTS 626) in Charleston, South Carolina. MTS 626 provides hands-on training and qualification of enlisted and officer nuclear propulsion plant operators before their assignment to the fleet.

Commander Clark has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards). He is married to the former Beth Jilek of Severna Park, Maryland. They reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

First In Harm's Way

USS Dallas (SSN 700) is the first United States Naval ship to bear the name of the City of Dallas, Texas. Dallas is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine of the Los Angeles class built by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation. She was launched on 28 April 1979 and placed in Commission on 18 July 1981. Dallas employs the latest advances in submarine technology in all areas including sonar, weapons, and propulsion. These characteristics make Dallas one of the Navys most effective and versatile ships in existence today.

Dallas was attached to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE, New London, Connecticut from her commissioning until September 1988. During this time she was involved in many essential research and development projects and overseas deployments.

Dallas completed the Navys First Depot Modernization Period (DMP) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine in September 1989. The completion of this shipyard period on schedule and within budget was a major success for USS Dallas and the Submarine Force. Upon completion of the DMP, Dallas was assigned to Comander, Submarine Squadron TWO at Groton, Connecticut.

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