



USS Jacksonville (SSN 699)

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CDR John S. O'Neill Commanding Officer

Commander O'Neill, a native of Hamilton, Ohio, graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in May of 1985. Following graduation and commissioning, he attended Naval Nuclear Power School at Orlando Florida, the Naval Nuclear Prototype Training Unit at Windsor, Connecticut, and the Submarine Officer Basic Course, New London, Connecticut.

Commander O'Neill first assignment was onboard USS DALLAS (SSN 700) from April 1987 to June 1990. While assigned, he served in a variety of division officer billets. During his tour, the ship conducted one Northern Atlantic deployment and completed the Navy's first Depot Modernization Period for LOS ANGELES class submarines.

Commander O'Neill was next assigned as Flag Aide to Commander Submarine Groups SIX and TEN in Charleston, South Carolina and Kings Bay, Georgia from June 1990 to April 1992.

Commander O'Neill completed the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) in September 1992. Upon completion of SOAC, he was assigned as Engineering Officer onboard USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE) from October 1992 to July 1994, where he made three strategic deterrent patrols.

Commander O'Neill's next tour was on the staff of Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group TWO / Commander GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group where he served as Submarine Operations Officer and Assistant Operations Officer for the battle group from October 1994 to May 1996. During this tour the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group conducted a Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf deployment.

He then served on the staff of Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from June 1996 to February 1998.

Following completion of the Prospective Executive Officer Course, he served as Executive Officer of USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) from June 1998 to July 1999. During his tour ATLANTA conducted her final deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the EISENHOWER Battle Group and was decommissioned in March 1999.

His most recent assignment was at the United States Naval Academy where he served as Chairman of the Department of Professional Programs from August 1999 to August 2002.

Commander O'Neill's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (seven awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

The Bold One

USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) is named for Jacksonville, Fla. and is the first ship to bear its name.

Since being commissioned in May 1981, Jacksonville has been assigned to Submarine Squadron EIGHT homeported in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Bold One's operations have included a variety of fleet exercises and deployments including two around-the-world cruises in 1982 and 1985, deployments to the western Atlantic Ocean in 1983, 1986, 1993 and 1994, and deployments to the Mediterranean Sea in 1987 and 1993. In 1988, Jacksonville participated in a shock trials test program for Los Angeles class submarines, which was followed by a three year major modernization overhaul in Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

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