



USS Miami (SSN 755)

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Commanding Officer, USS Miami (SSN 755)



Commander Wiegand, a native of Wisconsin, graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Metallurgical Engineering and was commissioned through the NROTC Program.

Commander Wiegand has served the submarine

force on both coasts at sea. His first sea tour was aboard USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) from 1987 to 1990, where he served in various engineering and operations billets. During his tour onboard INDIANAPOLIS, Commander Wiegand also participated in a Northern Pacific Operation and qualified Officer of the Deck onboard USS OMAHA (SSN 692). In 1993, he reported aboard USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN 634), where he served as Navigator for two strategic deterrent patrols and earned the Battle "E". Commander Wiegand then transferred to the USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762) in 1994 where he served as Navigator/Operations Officer and prepared the crew of COLUMBUS for its first Western Pacific deployment. COLUMBUS earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation for this deployment. His Executive Officer tour was aboard USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) from 1998 to 2000. HONOLULU earned the Battle "E" in 2000.

From 1990 to 1992, he was assigned on the Naval ROTC staff at the College of the Holy Cross as an instructor and class advisor. In 1992, Commander Wiegand earned a Masters in Business Administration degree from Clark University. In 1996, he was assigned as a junior member of the COMSUBPAC Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team. From 2000 to 2002, CDR Wiegand served on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe as Fleet Undersea Warfare Officer, and Command Center Chief during Operation Enduring Freedom.

A Proud History

USS Miami (SSN 755) is the third ship of the United States Navy named for the city of Miami, Florida.

The first USS Miami, a side-wheel, double-ended gunboat was launched by Philadelphia Navy Yard, 16 November 1861, and commissioned 29 January 1862. The gunboat was decommissioned at the end of the Civil War, sold at auction, and continued to serve American commerce until 1869.

The second USS Miami, a light cruiser, was built by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, launched 8 December 1942, and commissioned 28 December 1943. She earned six battle stars for operations in the Marianas, Western Caroline Islands, Leyte Gulf, Luzon, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. USS Miami (CL 89) was decommissioned in 1947.

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