



USS Providence (SSN 719)

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

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Commanding Officer

Commander Kan, a native of Springfield, Virginia, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1984. Following nuclear power and submarine training, he reported to USS VON STUEBEN (SSBN 632 GOLD) in Kings

Bay, Georgia, and completed five Strategic Deterrent Patrols. He then served on the Chief of Naval Operation's staff in the Strategic and Theater Nuclear Warfare Division (OP-65) from December 1988 to January 1991.

In June 1991, Commander Kan completed the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course and was assigned as Navigator on USS ASPRO (SSN 648) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During his tour, the ship completed a Northern Pacific operation and a Western Pacific deployment. After two years aboard ASPRO, he transferred to San Diego, California, where he joined Cruiser Destroyer Group Five as the Submarine Liaison Officer and completed a Western Pacific deployment aboard USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63). From August 1995 to August 1997, he served on the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Shipbuilding then reported as Executive Officer on USS PASADENA (SSN 752) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During his tour, PASADENA completed a Western Pacific deployment and Western Pacific operation. In November 1999, he was assigned to the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources and Requirements (N8).

Commander Kan assumed command of USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) in December 2001. He is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Providentia Remedium Belli

Providence (SSN 719), named for the capital city of Rhode Island, is the fifth ship of our Naval History to bear the name. The first three were Sloops and Gunboats of the American War for Independence. The original, built about 1770 as the Sloop Katy, was the first ship of Rhode Island Colonial Navy. In 1775, now named Providence, she fired the first rebel broadside of the Revolutionary War. Late in 1776, she was John Paul Jones' first command. Throughout her career she captured or sank 40 ships.

The second Providence, built in Rhode Island in 1776, served with honor as flag ship to Commodore Whipple. The third, an Army Gondola, was attached to Brigadier General Benedict Arnold's command on Lake Champlain in 1776.

The fourth Providence, a Cleveland Class cruiser, was commissioned in 1945 and recommissioned in 1959 as a guided missile cruiser. She was decommissioned in 1978 and is mothballed in Washington.

Technology has dramatically changed the size and capabilities of naval warships since the original Providence set sail against the British in 1775. However, all these proud vessels have shared a common mission -- to protect and defend the United States against all enemies. The tradition continues.

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