

FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE

SSBN 620

USS JOHN ADAMS



The USS JOHN ADAMS has adopted as the ship's insignia the coat-of-arms used by JOHN ADAMS. This insignia contains the motto, "LIBERATUM AMICITIAM RETINEBIS ET FIDEM" which may be translated: "You will preserve freedom, friendship, and faith".



With almost unlimited cruising range and with endurance limited only by the crew, the FBM nuclear submarine is capable of extended submerged operations in the international waters of the world which comprise about 70 percent of the earth's surface. Free of the need to surface or extend a snorkel above the surface for continuous operation, FBM nuclear submarines remain hidden by an oceanic curtain, their locations unknown to any potential enemy.

"This hand, to tyrants ever  
sworn the foe,  
For freedom only deals the  
deadly blow;  
Then sheathes in calm repose  
the vengeful blade,  
For gentle peace in freedom's  
hallowed shade."

JOHN Q. ADAMS

# VITAL STATISTICS AND HISTORY OF THE USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN620)

Length-----425 feet  
Beam-----33 feet  
Displacement surfaced-----about 7000 tons  
Displacement submerged-----about 8000 tons  
Speed-----over 20 knots  
Diving Depth-----over 400 feet

USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN620) is the Navy's seventeenth nuclear-powered Poseidon submarine. It is named for John ADAMS, the second President of the United States, and his son, John Quincy ADAMS, the sixth President.

The ship began her waterborn career on January 12, 1963 when she was launched at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She was placed in commission on May 12, 1964. She completed sixteen successful deterrent patrols while assigned to the Atlantic Fleet prior to entering Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, for overhaul and modernization in August, 1968. JOHN ADAMS completed overhaul in August 1969 and after an extensive shake down period returned to the line as a unit of the Pacific Fleet.

Upon completion of her thirty-second patrol, JOHN ADAMS entered Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire to commence overhaul/conversion to POSEIDON configuration. JOHN ADAMS completed this overhaul/conversion in a record time for this type of overhaul on April 15, 1976. In addition, JOHN ADAMS captured the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet "Golden Anchor" award for the highest first term and career retention in 1975.

Fast, silent, and virtually immune to surprise attack, JOHN ADAMS combines the almost unlimited endurance of nuclear power with the deterrent might of sixteen Poseidon missiles.

To take advantage of this endurance and might, JOHN ADAMS has two completed and equally trained crews (designated Blue and Gold), each of 140 officers and men. While one crew takes the ship on patrol, the other is in the homeport undergoing refresher training, taking leave, training new crew members, and in general, preparing to go back to sea.

## OFFICERS OF USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN620) (GOLD)

Commanding Officer - CDR G. E. BRAINERD  
Executive Officer - LCDR F. H. MALLEN

Navigator	LCDR T. L. BARKER
Engineer	LT R. R. GETZ
Weapons	LT E. J. CHAFFEE
Ass't Weapons	LT J. A. WERNER
Supply	LT D. C. JONES
MPA	LTJG J. J. HOWARD
DCA	LT P. F. TOMLINSON
E/IC	LTJG R. E. JOHNS
RC	LT W. G. KENNEDY
COMM	LT M. G. COOKSEY

THE CREW OF USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN620) (GOLD)

CHIEF OF THE BOAT - TMCS(SS) J. A. RIVORD

FTBC(SS) J. BLACKSHER	RMC J. BULLOCK	STSC(SS)(DV) M. COLLUM
MMCM(SS) F. HARDY	QMC(SS) W. LITTLE	MTC(SS) T. MILLER
ETC(SS) W. MOORE	EMC(SS) C. MULLEN	MSC(SS) H. NIX
ET1(SS) J. ADAM	MM2(SS) G. JOHN	MM1(SS) P. PRUITT
MT1(SS) R. ALLEN	FA(SU) K. JOLLY	QM3(SU) F. QUARTERMAN, Jr.
MM2 M. AULT	MT3(SU) J. JONES, Jr.	MM2 D. RARICK
FTB2(SS) D. AVERSA	SK2(SU) T. KAINE	MM3(SU) M. REDFERN
MT3(SU) M. AVLON	STS3(SS) G. KINCADE	MS1(SS) B. RICHARDSON
TM1(SS) W. BAILEY, Jr.	SN(SS) C. KING	STS3 L. RILEY
MT3(SU) J. BEANE	HM2(SS) D. KING	MM1(SS) W. ROOT
MM3 B. BIERDS	TM1(SS) J. KLEKOTKA, Jr.	IC2 A. ROSSI
MM3(SU) L. BLACKWELL	PN3(SU) J. KOCH	RM1(SS) G. SAMPLES
MM1(SS) L. BOOTHE	MMFN(SU) P. KOENIG	MT3(SU) A. SCHUSTER
MT2(SS) S. BOVE	MM3(SS) J. KOONCE	STS2 D. SETZER
TMSN(SU) M. BOWERS	MM1(SS) L. LEE	STB3(SU) H. SHAW, Jr.
MM2 D. BRYANT	RM3(SU) R. LEFFEL	MM1(SS) M. SHEARHOD
MS2(SS) M. BUNDOC	MM2 G. LOCKHART	ETN3(SS) W. SHULER
MT3(SU) T. CALLAHAN	STS3(SS) J. LOGGINS	MSSN(SU) D. SIPOWICZ
SN(SS) M. CAMPBELL	MT1(SS) LOWRIE	FN(SU) L. SMITH
RM1(SS) W. CAMPBELL	ETN2(SS) G. LOWTHIAN	STS3 K. SPIVEY
MM2 D. CARBERY	FTG1(SS) T. LUTHER	RMSN(SU) C. STEPHENSON
FTB2(SS) J. CLEMENTS	PNSN(SU) J. LYNCH	MM1(SS) J. STRONG, II
HM3(SS) C. COLLINS, Jr.	MM2 C. MAGISTRO	MSSN(SU) T. SUTLIFFE
SKSA(SU) J. CROSBY	MMFN(SU) S. MARTIN	SN(SU) J. SUTTON
MM1(SS) M. CROW	SA(SU) A. MARTINEZ	MMFN(SU) H. TANNER
MM1(SS) D. DAVILA	SN(SS) R. MCCULLOUGH	FTG2(SS) W. TANNER
ETN2(SS) R. DEFORE	MM1(SS) T. MELTON	MM2(SU) B. TAPLIN
EM2 B. DEGER	ET1(SS) F. MILLER	MM2 J. TAYLOR
ETR2 S. DELISLE	QM1(SS) H. MILLER	TMSN(SU) B. TERPSTRA
ETN2(SS) A. DESTEFANO	FN(SU) J. MILLER	ET1(SS) D. TESS
IC3(SU) D. DONOFRIO	ETR2 G. MIRFIN	EM1 J. TESSIER
FTB3(SU) D. DUNN	ETR2(SS) C. MORGAN	MM1(SS) D. TIBBS
ET1(SS) L. EARLEY	FTB1(SS) A. MOTICHKA	FTB1(SS) G. TOAY
TM1(SS) D. ELY	ET1(SS) W. MULCAHY	SK1(SS) S. TOLENTINO
MMFN(SU) R. FARWELL	IC1(SS) T. MYERS	ETN3(SU) A. TROUTMAN
SA(SU) T. FORTUNE	MM1(SS) P. NEAL	MM3(SU) S. TURKO
STS2(SS) B. GIBSON	EM2(SS) T. NICHOLSON	MM1(SS) C. TYNER
FN(SU) M. GILLEN	RM3(SU) C. OLMO, Jr.	MSSA(SU) C. VINCENT, Jr.
MM1(SS) R. GREENMAN	EM1(SS) D. O'NAN	RM2(SS) A. WAISANEN, Jr.
MSSN(SU) GRONSKI	IC3(SS) M. ORTUTAY	MMFN(SU) R. WARGO, Jr.
TM3(SS) W. GUNTER	MM2(SS)(DV) C. OSBORN	MT1(SS) D. WEISS
EM1(SS) W. HARVEY	IC2(SS) W. PATTON	STS3 J. WEST
YN2(SS) G. HASTINGS	IC3(SU) R. PERKINS, Jr.	MM3(SU) D. WHITTEMORE
MS2(SU) M. HENLYSHYN	SA(SU) R. PERRYMAN	ETN2(SS) P. WILCOX
SN(SS) H. HOBART	ETN2(SS) A. PIKE	QM3(SU) W. WILDE
MM2 D. HUDNUT	ETR2(SS) M. PRATT	STS1(SS) L. YATES
ETR2 T. JENNINGS	EM1(SS) J. PRESCOTT	