



# USS Albany (SSN 753)

*To the Beach, and Beyond!*

USS Albany is the 43rd nuclear-powered fast attack submarine of the Los Angeles Class. It was launched on June 13, 1987 as the last submarine to slide down the incline of greased wooden shipways at Newport News Shipbuilding. Submarines are now assembled on level land using modular construction.

Albany was the last U.S. submarine built via the traditional "keel up" ship construction method. Thus, it was the last submarine to "launch" down the shipway.

In addition to representing the end of an era, Albany's commissioning on April 7, 1990 marks the beginning of an advanced design of the 688 class attack submarine. Improvements over previous ships include retractable bow planes, arctic ice breakthrough capability, vertical launch tubes for the Tomahawk cruise missile, and the AN/BSY-1 Submarine Advanced Combat System.

Nuclear powered submarines use the best of advanced technology to achieve the attributes of stealth, endurance and freedom from logistics support, and firepower. This combination of attributes is not duplicated in any other platform. Submarines are a vital part of the Navy's "Forward... From the Sea" doctrine, bringing to bear proven shallow water operational capabilities including mine warfare, covert coastal surveillance and intelligence gathering, operations with special forces, and combat search and rescue.

Further, the submarine's ability to strike targets at, below and beyond the water's surface makes it a potent asset in the nation's arsenal. If you want a look at what she looks like, watch the movie Hunt for Red October. The American submarine Dallas is the same class Attack Submarine as Albany. The Dallas was commissioned eight years earlier but the changes wouldn't be obvious.

USS Albany was the fifth ship of the U.S. Navy to be named for Albany, New York. The contract to build her was awarded to Newport News Shipping Building and Dry Dock Company in Newport News on November 29, 1983 and her keel was laid down on April 22, 1985. She was launched on June 13, 1987 sponsored by Nancy M. Kissinger, wife of Henry Kissinger, and was commissioned on April 7, 1990 with Cmdr. Daryl R. Anderson in command.

As far as where Albany is serving or which waters she's cruising, sorry, that information is classified.

## USS Albany (SSN 753) Facts

### Ship's Crest:



### Ship's Command:

Commanding Officer: Cmdr. Mark Merrick, USN  
Executive Officer: Lt. Cmdr. Robert Jezek Jr., USN  
COB: STSCS(SS) Michael Nichols, USN

### Ship's Motto

"Still Making History"

### Ship's Facts and Figures:

Homeport:	Norfolk, Va.
Keel Laid:	April 22, 1985
Christened:	June 13, 1987
Commissioned:	April 7, 1990
Length:	360 ft
Beam:	33 ft
Displacement:	6,300 tons
Speed:	15-32 knots

