



Commander John P. WEIKERT, a native of Vero Beach, Florida, graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1959 and received a Masters of Science from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1970. He has served in both Fleet Ballistic Missile and Attack nuclear submarines.

Commander WEIKERT served as Navigator on the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) and as Executive Officer on the USS SEAHORSE (SSN 669). For service on the USS SEAHORSE he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal with star. He is authorized to wear the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia for his participation in four POLARIS Patrols.

Commander WEIKERT is single.

FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE

SSBN 609

Sam Houston



GOLD CREW

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USS SAM HOUSTON (SSBN 609)

USS SAM HOUSTON was the third nuclear powered submarine and the first 608 class SSBN to be built at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. The keel for this revolutionary weapons system was laid on 28 December 1959. On 2 February 1961, the ship was christened "SAM HOUSTON" by Mrs. John B. Connally, wife of the then Secretary of the Navy. The launching followed an address by the late Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, USN, in which he remarked, ... "The recent development of nuclear propulsion has probably done more for the submarine than for any other type of vessel and when equipped with the POLARIS missile system, the submarine becomes one of the deadliest weapons in our arsenal." The ship slid down the ways as the nation's seventh POLARIS submarine.

Upon completion of sea trials, SAM HOUSTON was commissioned on 6 March 1962. Thereafter she departed on initial shakedown cruise, fired her first missiles and subsequently departed on her first patrol on October 1962.

The third patrol provided two historic "Firsts" in FBM submarine history. SAM HOUSTON was the initial FBM submarine to deploy to the Mediterranean and join the NATO Forces there, and also the first POLARIS submarine to make a port-of-call during a patrol, when she made a short operational visit to Izmir, Turkey.

SAM HOUSTON was overhauled after her seventeenth POLARIS deterrent patrol. Following overhaul SAM HOUSTON operated out of HOLY LOCH, SCOTLAND until the summer of 1970 at which time she shifted to the advanced site at ROTA, SPAIN. The Secretary of the Navy awarded SAM HOUSTON the Meritorious Unit Commendation for performance during a mission conducted in the Fall of 1969.

After her 36th POLARIS patrol, SAM HOUSTON commenced her second overhaul at Charleston Naval Shipyard in November 1972. This overhaul included refueling of the nuclear reactor, converting the weapons systems for the A-3 missile and the capability to fire the most modern torpedoes available in the fleet today.

To date, SAM HOUSTON has more than six years submerged in the service of her country.

Present Commanding Officers.....Commander Ronald J. WILTSIE (Blue)
Commander John P. WEIKERT (Gold)

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(GOLD CREW)

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