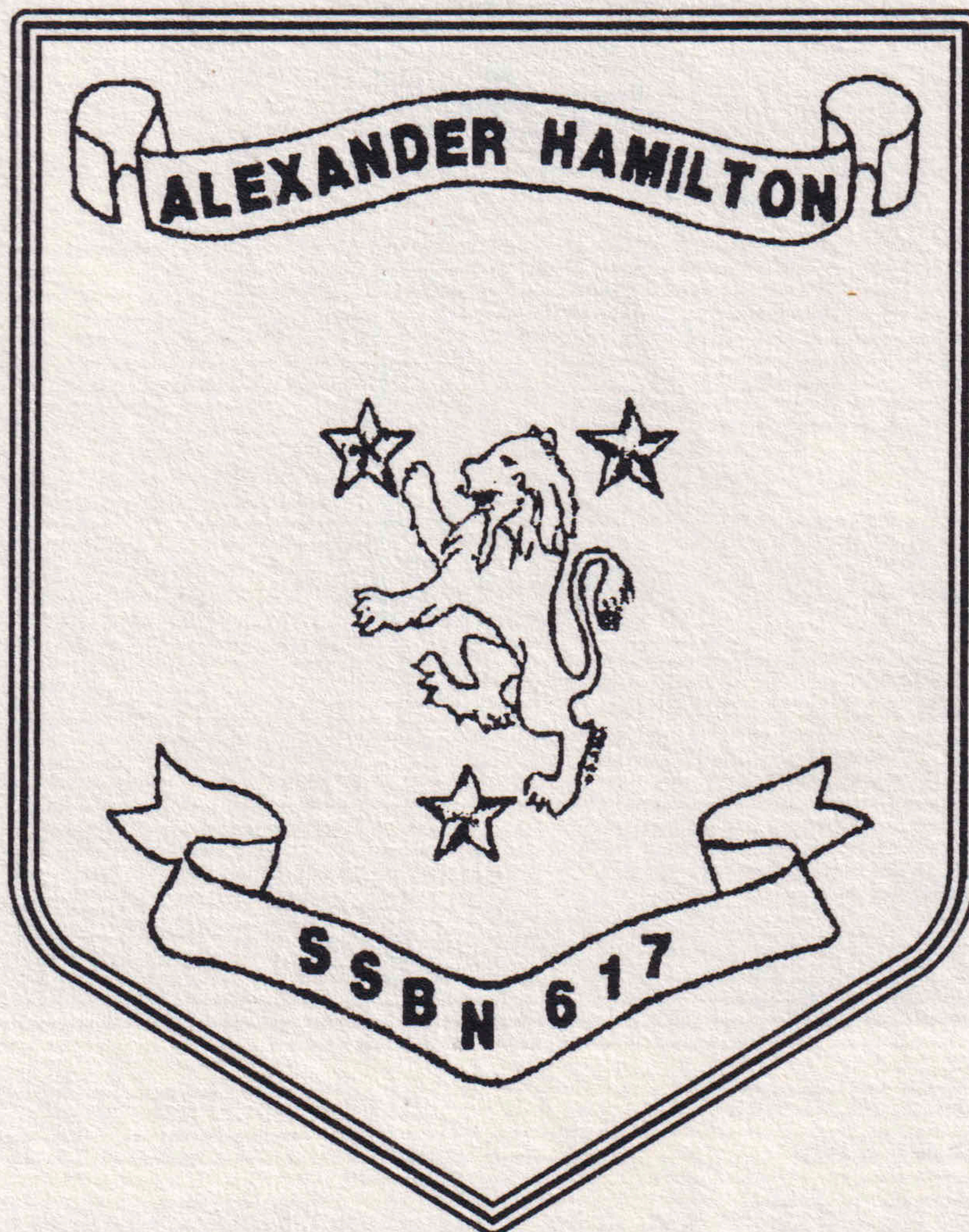
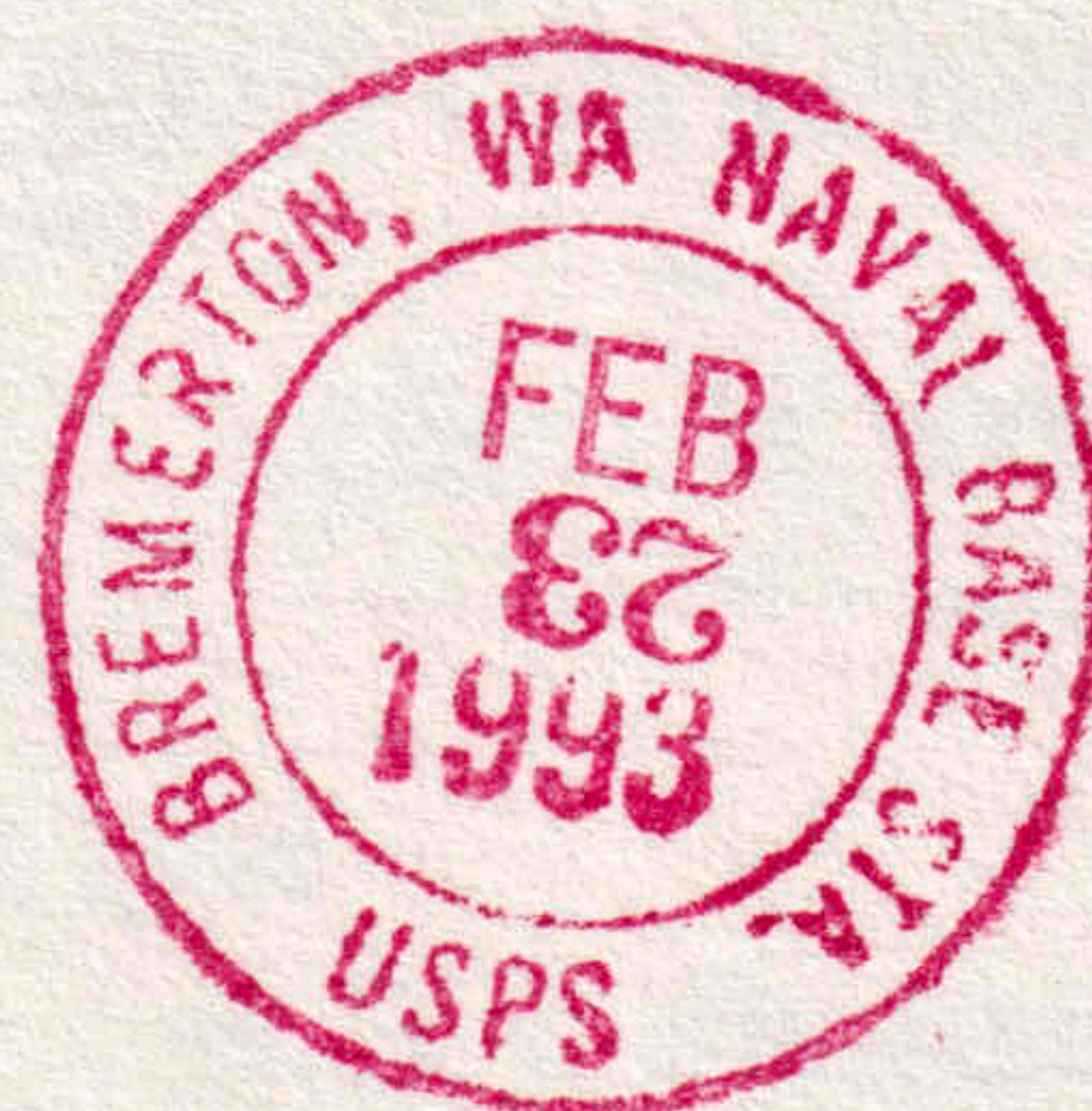


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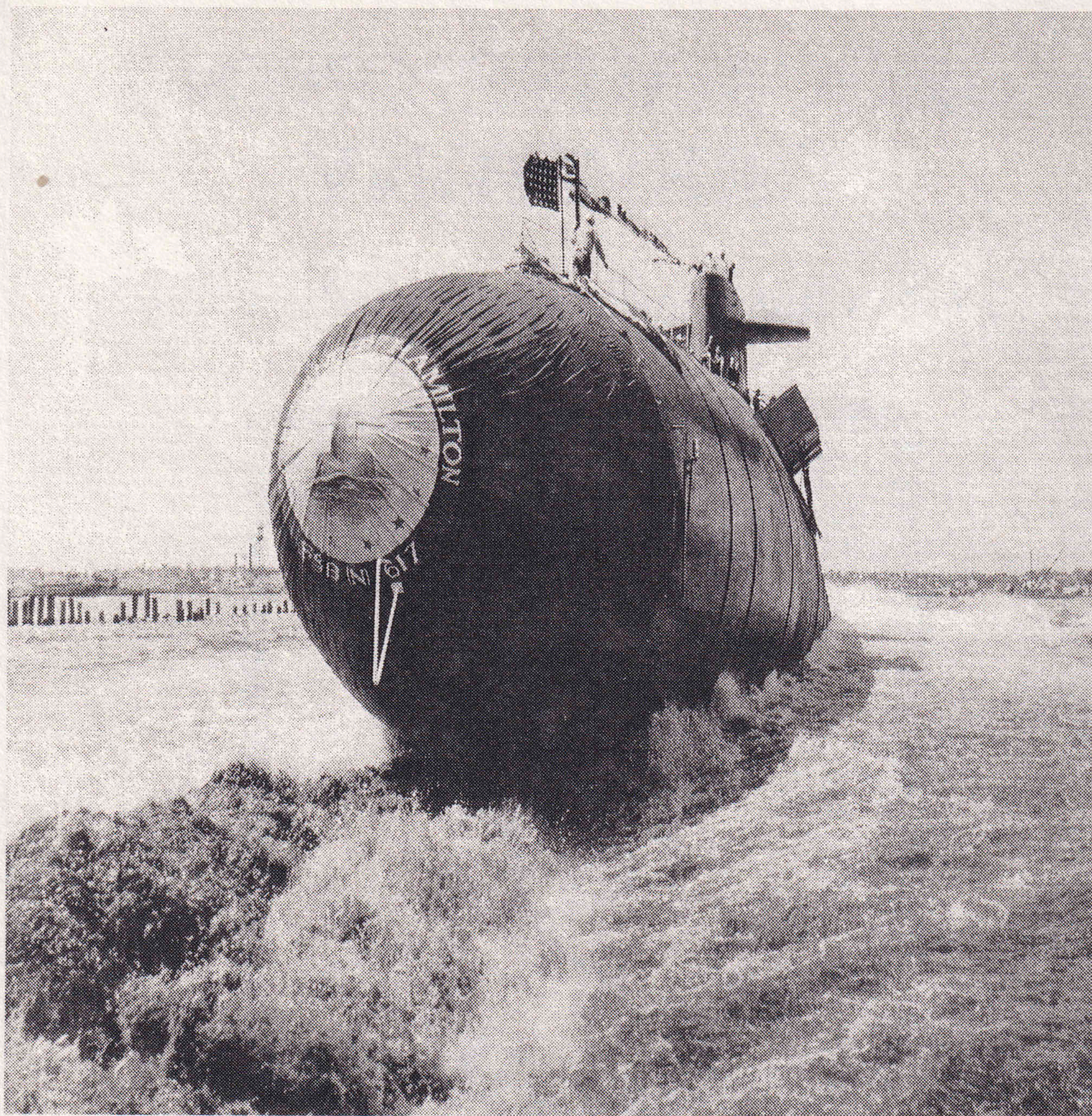
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## **Commanding Officers of USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617)**

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### **- GOLD -**

CDR B. F. SHERMAN, JR.

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CDR H.E. LYON

JAN 66 - AUG 67

### **- BLUE -**

CDR N. B. BESSAC

JUN 63 - JUN 65

CDR C.D. SUMMIT

JUN 65 - MAY 67

### **FIRST OVERHAUL**

CDR W.A. MILLER JUN 67 - JUN 68

EB DIV. GROTON

CDR W. A. WILLIAMS III

JUN 68 - MAY 70

CDR S.S. SKORUPSKI

MAY 70 - JAN 73

CDR W. A. MILLER

JUN 68 - JAN 70

CDR H. C. SCHRADER, JR.

JAN 70 - JAN 73

### **SECOND OVERHAUL**

CDR S. S. SKORUPSKI, JR. JAN 73 - APR 75

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA

CDR M. G. ALDEN

APR 75 - OCT 77

CAPT R. S. BADGETT

OCT 77 - DEC 81

CDR L. P. GEBHARDT

DEC 81 - APR 86

CDR S. S. SKORUPSKI, JR.

APR 75 - MAY 75

CDR J. R. FUQUA, JR.

MAY 75 - SEPT 78

CDR M. V. FRIEDMAN

SEPT 78 - NOV 82

CDR C. G. MENDENHALL III

NOV 82 - OCT 86

### **THIRD OVERHAUL**

CDR D. C. WELLING OCT 86 - JUN 89

BREMERTON, WASHINGTON

CDR H. R. BISHOP

JUN 89 - MAY 91

CDR D. C. WELLING

JUN 89 - OCT 89

CDR R. M. HARDING

OCT 89 - MAY 91

### **CREW CONSOLIDATION - MAY 1991**

CDR R. M. HARDING

MAY 91 - JUL 92

CDR B. J. WEGNER

JUL 92 - FEB 93



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LT GLENN R. FOSTER, Assistant Engineer

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QMC(SS) STHPHEN H. FRIEDLEY  
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## **History of USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617)**

The keel was laid at General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division in Groton, Connecticut on 26 June 1961. As the second Lafayette Class submarine, the USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON was the first ship in the United States Navy to bear the name of the American patriot.

USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON was launched August 18, 1962. The ship was christened by Mrs. Valentine Hollingsworth, Jr., the sponsor and Alexander Hamilton's great-great-great granddaughter. Sea trials began on April 7, 1963. During the period from April 7 until June 12, seven different sea trials were conducted.

On June 27, 1963, ALEXANDER HAMILTON was commissioned at Groton, Connecticut two years and one day after the keel was laid. The ship's first commanding officers were Commander N. B. Bessac, USN (Blue Crew) and Commander B. F. Sherman, Jr., USN (Gold Crew). On 28 June the shakedown cruise began which culminated with the launching of two A2 Polaris Missiles on 9 August. On March 16, 1964, ALEXANDER HAMILTON was deployed to Rota, Spain where Polaris patrols were conducted as a unit of Submarine SIXTEEN.

From March 16, 1964 until January 1965, ALEXANDER HAMILTON conducted all Polaris patrols from Rota, Spain.

In January 1965, ALEXANDER HAMILTON was transferred to Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN and deployed for further missile patrols.

On June 18, 1967, the ship started its first major overhaul at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, in Groton, Connecticut. The overhaul was completed in June 1968 nearly two months ahead of schedule. After post-overhaul shakedown, the ship loaded missiles and began patrol fifteen. In June 1968, ALEXANDER HAMILTON became a unit of Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN and began operations from Rota, Spain where patrol fifteen through thirty-one were conducted.

In January 1973, ALEXANDER HAMILTON changed homeport to Newport News, Virginia. This lengthy conversion period resulted in changing the type of missile carried to a more complex Poseidon missile. The overhaul was completed by January 1976 and the ship was subsequently assigned to Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN, completing strategic deterrent patrols thirty through sixty.

In January 1985 Commander C. G. Mendenhall accepted the prestigious 1985 Secretary of Defense Award for Maintenance Excellence. The honor was bestowed in light of ALEXANDER HAMILTON's sixty-ninth strategic deterrent patrol, the most ever for an SSBN.

In May 1986 in support of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II), plans were made to decommission the ALEXANDER HAMILTON.



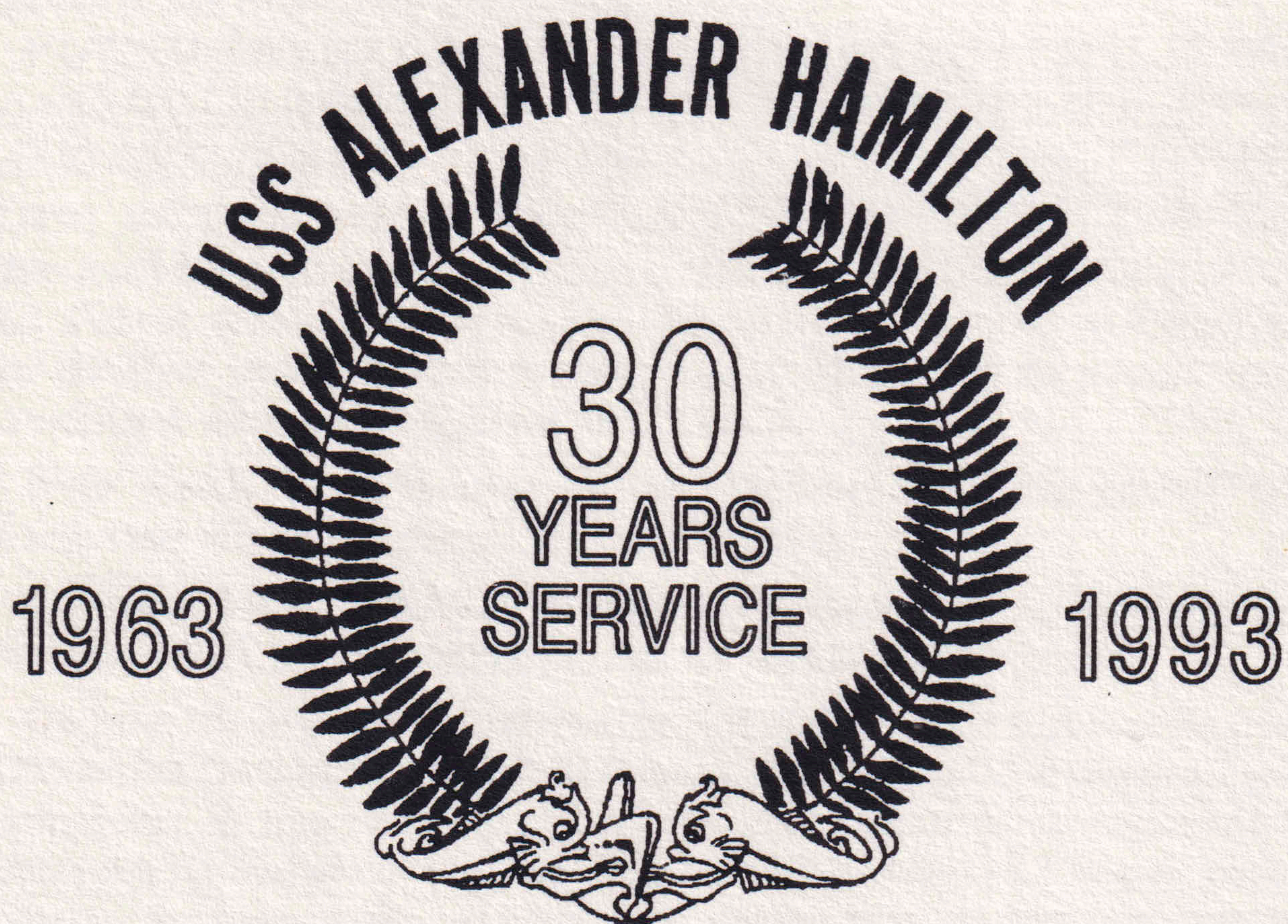
However, as a result of the grounding of USS NATHANIEL GREEN (SSBN 636) the decision was changed to overhaul rather than decommission the ship.

In November 1986, ALEXANDER HAMILTON was transferred to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington for refueling and overhaul. In December 1988, the ship returned to Squadron FOURTEEN and completed strategic deterrent patrols seventy through seventy-three.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON pulled into Charleston, South Carolina in June 1991 to offload missiles in preparation for a return to the Pacific for decommissioning. August 23, 1991 marked official transfer to Submarine Group NINE, Naval Submarine Base Bangor.

April 28, 1992 marked the 1000th dive for the ALEXANDER HAMILTON. The most dives ever recorded for an SSBN. The final total of 1,002 dives was achieved on May 1, 1992. USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBN 617) will be decommissioned on February 18, 1993.





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