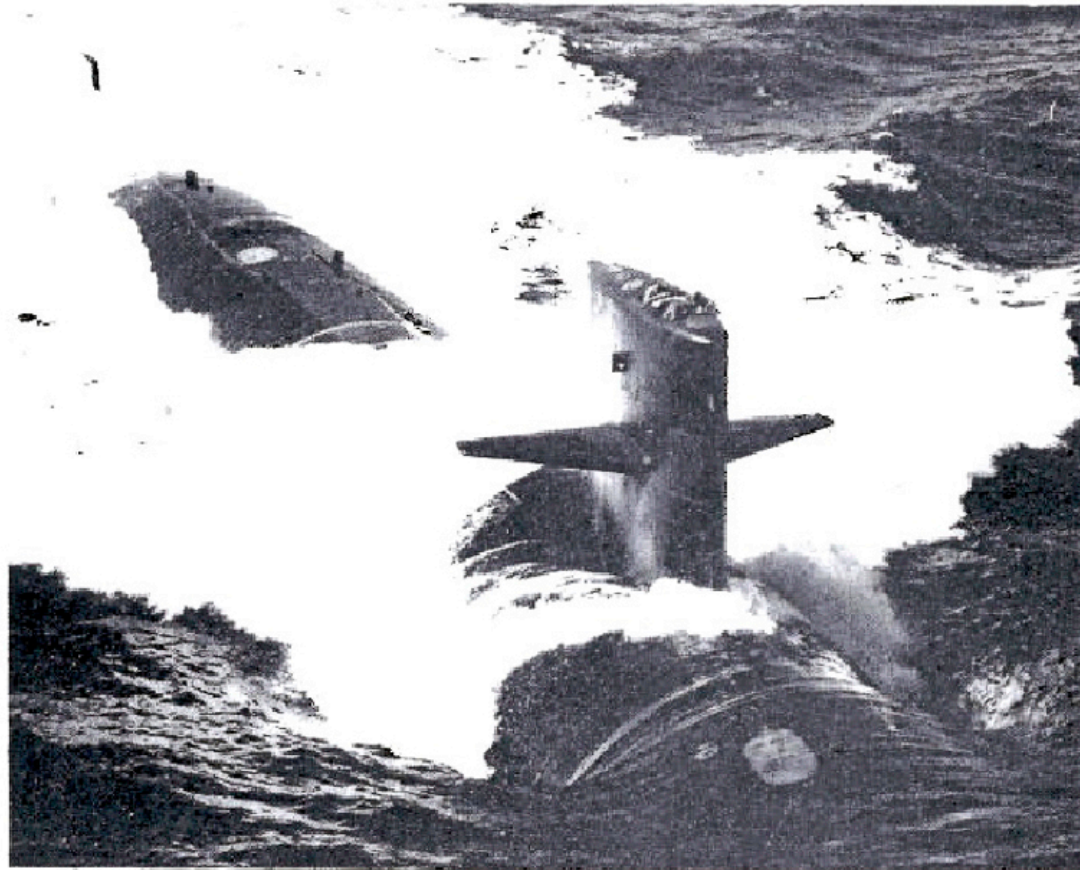


USS WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680)



WELCOME ABOARD

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FLEET POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 09501



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MRS. ANDREW R. GRAINGER

**THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. BATES
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
1950-1969**



U.S.S. William H. Bates is named in honor of the late United States Representative William H. Bates of Massachusetts, a man devoted to the vital importance of the nation's seapower. He served in the U.S. Navy for ten years, resigning his commission as Lieutenant Commander after being elected to Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, George J. Bates. Congressman Bates served as representative from Massachusetts' sixth district from 1950 until his death in June 1969, becoming the senior Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee and the second ranking House member of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee. He was a vigorous advocate and effective supporter of the development of nuclear power for Naval vessels.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCIES

In the event of an emergency, stand fast but clear of all passageways and watertight doors so that ship's crew may be free to proceed to the scene. The crewman in charge of the compartment will direct your movements and keep you informed as soon as possible.

CAUTION

Do not attempt to operate any equipment, twist knobs, flip switches, or turn any valves without the assistance of a crew member. Please observe all warning signs.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The ship has a Hospital Corpsman available at all times and he should be consulted for any illness or injury that may occur during the cruise. It is recommended that persons susceptible to motion sickness obtain medication prior to getting underway. The Hospital Corpsman may be contacted through the Chief of the Watch in Control.

SECURITY

Most features of the ship are of a classified nature. In addition, Sonar Control, Radio, ECM Room, Sonar Equipment Space, Nucleonics Laboratory, and all spaces aft of the Operations Compartment are security areas and only authorized personnel are permitted. Information concerning speed depth, weapons, fire control, sonar, ECM and the propulsion plant are classified.

ORDERS

If you are under military orders, please turn your orders in to the Yeoman in the ship's Office directly aft of the Operations Compartment access ladder. Your orders will be endorsed and ready for you to pick up at the end of your visit.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Berthing is assigned visitors embarking upon their arrival. Please use only the berth assigned you so that you can be located if necessary.

Heads and washrooms are located in the Operations Compartment Middle Level. Before using a head for the first time please consult a member of the crew for flushing procedures. Do not discard any solid object, no matter how small into the water closet as it may foul the seat of the overboard discharge valve.

Showers may be taken anytime, but because the number of shower facilities is very limited, showers should be taken as expeditiously as possible. There is no restriction on water. However, the ship's water making capacity, however large, precludes the "wasting" of water.

Messing arrangements have been made for you and you have been assigned a specific area and time to eat. All meals must be served in shifts so you are requested to be punctual in your arrival for meals and not to linger over coffee after finishing. Meals will not be announced but will be served on time. Smoking is normally permitted throughout the ship except in bunks, bilge areas, or in the vicinity of pyrotechnics or oxygen stations, however, the smoking lamp may be put out for certain evolutions.

CALLS

For embarked visitors, calls are made by the Duty Steward in the Wardroom and by the messenger from control for other berthing areas. Any of these persons will ensure that a visitor is called at any particular time he may designate.

