



USS Hampton (SSN 767)

Commander Naval Submarine Forces
Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet

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CDR Robert P. Burke
Commanding Officer

Commander Robert Burke, a native of Portage, Michigan, graduated from Western Michigan University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Following commissioning via Officer Candidate School in Newport,

Rhode Island, he entered nuclear power training.

He reported to USS VON STEUBEN (SSBN 632)(BLUE) for his first submarine assignment in October 1986, where he completed five strategic deterrent patrols. He served in a variety of assignments including Communications Officer, Damage Control Assistant, Reactor Control Assistant and Electrical Officer.

Commander Burke then served for two years at Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida as an instructor and Director of the Officer Department Electrical Engineering Division. During that time, he also completed a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Central Florida.

In October of 1992, he reported as Engineer Officer on USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738)(BLUE), completing the post-construction shakedown availability and four patrols. In December 1995, Commander Burke reported to Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as a junior member of the Pacific Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board.

Commander Burke served as Executive Officer of USS BREMERTON (SSN 698) from March 1998 to March 2000. During his tour, BREMERTON completed several successful operations, including a Western Pacific Deployment, and earned the Coast Guard Unit Commendation (with Operational Distinguishing Device), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. In April of 2000, Commander Burke reported to the Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division (N13), for assignment as the Submarine Officer Community Manager/Nuclear Officer Program Manager.

Commander Burke personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards).

Qui Desiderant Pacem Preparate Bellum

The submarine HAMPTON is the fifth military vessel to bear that proud name.

Built at Norfolk Navy Yard in 1862, CSS Hampton was the first American vessel to bear the name. The vessel was burned by the Confederates as they evacuated Richmond on April 3, 1919.

The second Hampton (SP 3049) was a 48-ton tugboat built in 1905 and chartered by the Navy in 1918. It served on general harbor duty in Hampton Roads under the 5th Naval District until being returned to the original owner in 1919.

The next vessel to bear the name, PCS 1386 (later designated Hampton) was commissioned November 4, 1944. It operated as a training ship until struck from the Navy list on July 1, 1959 and sold.

The fourth Hampton (APA 115), an amphibious ship, was commissioned February 17, 1945. The ship was decommissioned in Norfolk April 30, 1946.

The nuclear powered attack submarine USS Hampton (SSN 767) was commissioned November 6th, 1993. The ship's sponsor was Mrs. Laura Y. Bateman, wife of Virginia Congressman Herbert H. Bateman.

Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36,8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes