



USS Norfolk (SSN 714)

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CDR David J. Herman Commanding Officer

Commander Herman, a native of California, graduated from California Maritime Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nautical Industrial Technology.

Following commissioning and nuclear power training, he reported aboard USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) in January 1987. While on board he completed one Mediterranean deployment and one North Atlantic deployment prior to detaching in January 1990.

From 1990 to 1992, he served as the Fire Control and Communications Tactical Development Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE. While serving in this assignment, he received a Master of Science in Ocean Engineering from the University of Connecticut.

Commander Herman's next assignment was as Engineer Officer aboard USS TOPEKA (SSN 754) from July 1992 to November 1995. While aboard TOPEKA he completed two Western Pacific deployments to the Arabian Gulf and one Northern Pacific deployment. Following his Engineer Officer tour he served as a member of the Atlantic Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from December 1995 to December 1997.

Commander Herman next reported to USS SEAWOLF (SSN 21) in Groton, Connecticut where he served as Executive Officer, from March 1999 to November 2000. Additionally, he served as Executive Officer, USS CONNECTICUT (SSN 22) during the ship's post construction at sea period from June to August 2000. Following these tours, Commander Herman served as the Navy's House of Representatives Deputy Director for Liaison Affairs on the Naval Office of Legislative Affairs Staff.

Commander Herman's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards) and various other unit commendation and service awards.

Strength Through Unity

The nuclear powered fast attack submarine USS Norfolk (SSN 714) is the third naval vessel to be named after the City of Norfolk, Virginia. The first Norfolk was a brigantine built by the City of Norfolk during hostilities with France in 1798. On Oct. 25, 1798, Norfolk and two other vessels sailed from the port of Hampton Roads for the West Indies. Their purpose was to destroy French armed vessels and protect American maritime commerce. She was decommissioned and sold in November 1800.

The second Norfolk (DL-1) was a submarine hunter killer ship and was the first major warship built after World War II. Her keel was laid Sept. 1, 1949, launched Dec. 29, 1951 and commissioned March 4, 1953. She was designed to carry the latest sonar, radar, and weapons control system. As a large destroyer designed on a light cruiser hull, she could carry a greater variety of detection equipment than the true destroyer and was much better suited for operations in all weather conditions. She was decommissioned on Jan. 15, 1970.

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