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Today the GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER becomes the thirty-seventh Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine to join the United States' nuclear force.

Only the families of those involved realize the hours of work that this statement summarizes. At the same time they, best of all, can appreciate that this sacrifice was necessary to enable this ship to become, quoting Rear Admiral I. J. Galantin, Director of the Special Projects program, "a system of such invulnerability that it is the system of greatest assurance of retaliation, hence, of greatest effect as a deterrent."

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DR. LUTHER HILTON FOSTER

Principal Speaker

Dr. Foster, President of Tuskegee Institute, did his undergraduate work at Virginia State College and at Hampton Institute. He received his master's degree in business administration from Harvard University in 1936 and his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1951.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council of the Southern Education Reporting Service, a member of the Board of Trustees of the College Retirement Equities Fund, Resources for the Future, and serves on the United States Advisory Commission on International Educational and Cultural Affairs. Other memberships include the Vocational Rehabilitation and Educational Advisory Committee of the Veterans Administration; Advisory Committees on Farm Labor (National Sharecroppers Fund); Advisory Board A Southern Study in Higher Education (Department of Health, Education and Welfare); African Liaison Committee (American Council on Education); Air Force Academy Advisory Council; Committee on International Education (American Council on Education); and the Commission on College and Society (Association of American Colleges).

Dr. Foster is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and is a recipient of the Star of Africa (1958).

He lives with his wife, the former Vera Chandler, and their two children, Adrienne Maria and Luther Hilton III, at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.



GEORGE W

George Washington Carver was born in 1864 near Diamond Grove, Missouri. He was the son of former slaves of planter Moses Carver and only a few months old in the last year of the Civil War when he and his mother were stolen and carried into Arkansas by raiders. His mother disappeared but the young son was recovered from his abductors by Mr. Carver in exchange for a \$500 race horse.

After educating himself in the face of all the obstacles that abject poverty and race prejudice could devise, Carver advanced steadily to a high place in the scientific world. He received a Master of Science degree from the Iowa State College in 1896, then became a member of the faculty. In a short time, he was persuaded by Booker T. Washington to direct the Agricultural Department of the Tuskegee

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Alabama Normal and Industrial Institute.

In 1905, Carver became Director of the Agricultural Research and Experimental Station at Tuskegee, a position he held to the time of his death. For three decades, he was collaborator with the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Micology and Disease Survey. He found ways to improve Southern agriculture through soil conservation and crop diversification. He also found new uses for farm crops, wider uses of native plants and crops, and successfully explored ways to utilize waste products. In his laboratory he developed from the peanut 300, from the sweet potato 118, and from the pecan upward of 60 useful products. Cotton, cowpeas and wild plums also yielded new commodities of value. From his creative touch came synthetic marble from wood

shavings, hundreds of vegetable dyes, pigments from clay, rope, cordage, mats and carpet from okra fiber, and excellent fertilizers from the muck of swamps and leaves of the forest.

George Washington Carver refused staggering sums offered for the commercial exploitation of his inventions which he instead gave freely for the use of mankind. His distinguished service to humanity continues through the George Washington Carver Foundation which he established in 1910 and which was endowed by the total savings from his income of nearly a half century. He died, unmarried, in Tuskegee, Alabama, 5 January 1943. His service to humanity and the nation was recognized by the United States Congress which passed a resolution fixing the date of his death as George Washington Carver Day.



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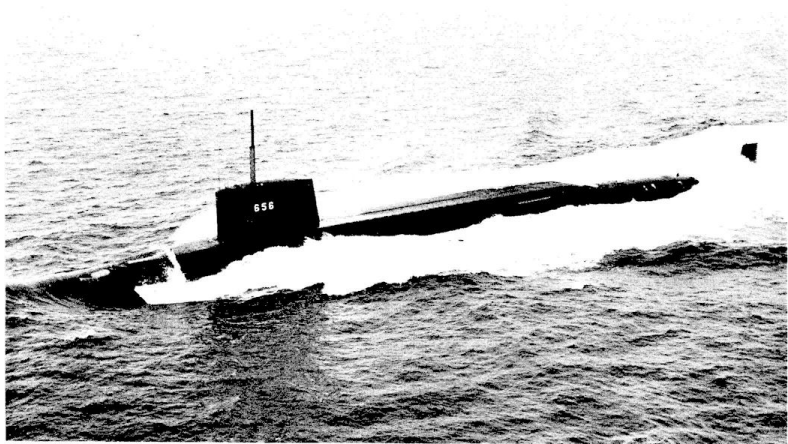
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U.S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER UNDERWAY



Capt. ROBERT D. DONOVAN, USN
Commanding Officer Blue Crew

Captain Robert D. Donovan is a native of Mason City, Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois and the U. S. Naval Academy, graduating from the latter in 1944. Prior to entering the submarine service in 1948, he served in destroyers.

Captain Donovan qualified in submarines while on board U.S.S. TRUMPETFISH (SS-425), received a Master of Science degree in Engineering Electronics in 1954, served as Executive Officer of U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS-323) and U.S.S. SEGUNDO (SS-398) and had his first command at sea in U.S.S. TANG (SS-563). He has also served on the Staffs of Submarine Squadron THREE and Submarine Development Group TWO.

In 1961, Captain Donovan commissioned U.S.S. JOHN MARSHALL (SSBN-611) as Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew, after completing five Polaris Patrols. Captain Donovan reported as Prospective Commanding Officer (BLUE) of U.S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN-656).

Captain Donovan is married to the former Mary Janet Mehan of Mason City, Illinois. They have one daughter, Shawn.



Lt. Cmdr. CARL J. LIDEL, USN
Commanding Officer Gold Crew

Lieutenant Commander Carl J. Lidel is a native of Chester, South Dakota. He served in the U. S. Air Force prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy in 1948. Following graduation from the Naval Academy in 1952, he was assigned to the U.S.S. OLMSTED in the Atlantic Fleet. He entered the submarine service in 1954.

Lieutenant Commander Lidel qualified in submarines aboard the U.S.S. PICKRELL (SS-524) and served in the U.S.S. BASS (SSK-2), U.S.S. CAPITAINE (AGSS-336) and the U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS-323) in the Pacific Submarine Force. In the Atlantic he has served in the U.S.S. HALFBEAK (SS-352) and as Executive Officer of the U.S.S. WOODROW WILSON (SSBN-624).

In March 1966 Lieutenant Commander Lidel reported as Prospective Commanding Officer (Gold) of the U.S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN-656). He has been selected for promotion to Commander.

Lieutenant Commander Lidel is married to the former Elaine Waddell of Morestown, New Jersey. They currently reside with their children, Susan, Paul, and Janet in Hampton, Virginia.



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COMMANDING OFFICER BLUE CREW

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CHIEF OF THE BOAT GOLD CREW

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 Grady Glen Biby, MM1(SS)
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 Frank Wilson Campbell III, SN(SS)
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 Warren Edward Johnson, Jr., RM2
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 James Kenna, RM3
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 Robert Wesley Lindsey, MM2
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 David Lee Snider, MM2(SS)
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 David Patrick Taylor, TM1(SS)
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 Douglas Freeland Walters, TM2(SS)
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 James David Williams, IC1(SS)
 James Douglas Wilson, MT3

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 Richard Warren Beckley, SK2(SS)
 Robert George Bert, Jr., MT2(SS)
 James Thomas Blair, MT3
 Thomas David Blanchard, FA
 Robert Edward Blevin, EN1(SS)
 Larry Wayne Brew, MT3(SS)
 Garry Coleman Browning, EM2
 George Michael Carden, CS1(SS)
 Robert Dean Chenoweth, MM1(SS)
 John Samuel Cherry, IC1(SS)
 Tom Chin, MT3(SS)
 David Alan Colbow, YN3(SS)
 Vincent William Conklin, MM1(SS)
 Daniel Joseph Corcoran, MM2(SS)
 John Patrick Cotter Jr., SN
 Bernard Earl Cox, MM1(SS)
 Franklin Delano Cromer, IC1(SS)
 Garnett Lee Curtis, MM2
 Daniel Joseph Daley, HM1(SS)
 William Harry Dean, EN1(SS)
 Donald William Del Core, ET1(SS)
 William Leslie Doe, EN1(SS)
 Edward Hill Dywer, EM1(SS)
 David Leroy Eberhardt, MT3(SS)
 David Kensing Ellis, FN
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 Johnnie David Foster, EN1(SS)
 David Michael Garrick, EN3
 Lawrence Gordon Gilley, Jr., QM2
 Burton Albert Gilliam, ENFA
 George Mackenzie Goodwin, ET1(SS)
 Frank Eugene Gramer III, ET2(SS)
 David Ronald Grande, MT3(SS)
 James Everett Gray, SN

Robert Eugene Hacker, EM2(SS)
 James Arthur Hayes, FTM2(SS)
 Michael Lamar Howington, STS3(SS)
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 George Weston Johnson, EN2(SS)
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 Robert William Polensky, IC2(SS)
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 Paul Joseph Roche, SN
 Paul Edward Rousseau, ETN2(SS)
 Carl Edward Sisco, MM2
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