



City Council

Special Recognition - USS Olympia

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize the USS Olympia, its Captain, officers and crew and thank them for their tremendous service to our nation.

Report

Issue:

Whether to recognize the USS Olympia, its Captain, officers and crew.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Mayor Selby and Councilmembers

Background and Analysis:

Recently the USS Olympia visited the Puget Sound and was welcomed on January 27 by Councilmember Jim Cooper. On January 28, Councilmembers Bateman and Cooper also hosted the Captain and some of the crew on the steps of Olympia City Hall.

The original USS OLYMPIA was a protected cruiser in active service from 1895 to 1922, most notably in the Spanish-American War, and presently a museum ship in Philadelphia.

The Olympia (SSN 717) submarine is the United States Navy's 95th of the attack submarine fleet. She was christened and launched at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydocking Company in Newport News, Virginia, on April 30, 1983, Mrs. Dorothy Williams served as sponsor of the ship; and was commissioned on November 17, 1984. In February of 1986, the submarine set sail for her new homeport in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The submarine is 362-feet long, displaces 6,900 tons and can be armed with sophisticated Mk-48 advanced capability torpedoes and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

In February 1986, Olympia set sail for her new homeport in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

In 1998, Olympia became the first Pacific-based submarine to pass through the Suez Canal in over 35 years.

September 3, 2002, since her commissioning the submarine has completed five deployments to the western Pacific including its most recent deployment where the crew directly participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

April 17, 2003 USS Olympia departed Pearl Harbor for a six-month deployment to conduct operations in the western Pacific.

Upon arrival in 7th Fleet AoR, USS Olympia joined Exercise Tandem Thrust, a tri-service exercise in the western Pacific, in the vicinity of the northern Marianas Islands. She successfully engaged opposition force submarines and earned the nickname "Silent Spear," by exhibiting tactical superiority during operations with the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Strike Group. After port visits to Saipan and Sasebo, Japan, the attack submarine transited to Chinhae, Republic of Korea, for a seven-day port visit.

October 23, USS Olympia returned to homeport after a routine six-month deployment. She supported a variety of operations and exercises throughout the deployment while assigned to the 7th Fleet area of operations in the western Pacific Theater. These included Exercise Tandem Thrust, a tri-service exercise designed to develop interaction between the services, and Exercise SHAREM 146, a major multi-national naval exercise with forward-deployed forces. The Olympia also conducted independent operations and a shallow water acoustic test. The crew visited liberty ports in South Korea, Japan, Guam and Saipan.

February 7, 2005 The Olympia departed for a scheduled western Pacific deployment, as part of the Vinson CSG.

August 6, USS Olympia returned to Pearl Harbor after a six-month underway period.

April 1, 2009 USS Olympia completed a three-year, \$190.5 million worth, Engineered Refueling Overhaul (ERO) at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

June 18, 2010 USS Olympia departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

August 16, The Olympia moored at Akasaki Pier in Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan, for a two-day port call.

October 10, The Los Angeles-class attack submarine made a brief stop at Okinawa, Japan, for personal transfer. Brief stop at Sasebo on Oct. 29.

November 5, SSN 717 pulled into Fleet Activities Yokosuka for a routine port call.

December 17, USS Olympia returned to Pearl Harbor after a six-month deployment.

December 15, USS Olympia finished undergoing deperming being the first submarine to complete this treatment at the new drive-in submarine magnetic silencing facility (MSF), at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam's Beckoning Point.

August 8, 2012 USS Olympia departed Pearl Harbor for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

February 2, 2013 The Olympia moored at Changi Naval Base in Singapore for a scheduled port visit.

March 4, USS Olympia returned to homeport after a seven-month deployment.

August 25, 2014 USS Olympia departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam for a scheduled western Pacific deployment.

February 25, USS Olympia returned to Pearl Harbor after a six-month deployment.

January 27, USS Olympia moored at Delta Pier South on Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton, Wash., for a three-day liberty visit to its namesake city.

Attachments:

Proclamation