

ADM Stanley Guy Catola
Eternal Patrol: 20 May 2016



Rear Admiral Stanley Catola passed away 20 May 2016 after a 7 year battle with Alzheimer's. He was a proud member of USSVI Base 51 in Las Vegas NV.

Admiral Catola was laid to rest today at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City NV. In attendance was his only son Steven, relatives, several members of Base 51, American Legion. A USAF rifle squad fired a nine gun salute.

Admiral Catola qualified aboard the diesel submarine USS BLUEGILL. After attending Nuclear Power School he served in both weapons and engineering departments aboard USS Triton. He served as Engineering Officer aboard USS Andrew Jackson, then to USS Tautog as Executive Officer.

He commanded the USS Andrew Jackson gold crew as well as the USS Henry Stimson during her conversion to carry the Poseidon Missile. He served as Senior Member of the Nuclear Propulsion Board and Commander In Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet staff.

Admiral Catola commanded Submarine Squadron 14 in Holy Loch, Scotland and Submarine Group 6.

Rest your oar Admiral, we have the watch





DEDICATION CEREMONY of the LOST SUBMARINES MEMORIAL by BASE 51 Las Vegas

The Ceremony consisted of several dignitaries from the NV State Legislature and NV Congressman Heck along with representatives from Governor Sandoval's office.

From inception to completion, the idea for this memorial came from Base 51 COB Barry Katz. Base 51 members made this a reality. Approximately 100 dignitaries, Base 51 members, families and friends attended the ceremony. The Tolling of the Boats covered the period from 1900 founding of the submarine force thru 1968, also remembering all submariners that have departed on Eternal Patrol since even when the submarine was not lost.

One of our attendees and Base 51 members was ADM Stanley G. Catola, who is a very well know & respected member of the submarine community.



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From: Director, Naval Warfare
To: Rear Admiral Stanley G. Catola, USN

Subj: LETTER OF RECOGNITION

1. On the occasion of your retirement, it is my privilege to recognize formally your accomplishments during thirty years of service to the United States Navy. During this period our Navy has undergone extensive growth and development to which you have contributed as an early nuclear submariner. Your professional expertise significantly aided the expansion of our Navy's strategic role and her tactical warfighting capabilities.
2. Early tours of duty aboard the destroyer USS SUTHERLAND (DDR 743) and the diesel submarine USS BLUEGILL (SS 242) followed your graduation from the Naval Academy and commissioning as an Ensign in 1956. Upon completion of Nuclear Power School in 1961, you served in both Weapons and Engineering billets aboard USS TRITON (SSN 586), the only U.S. submarine ever powered by two reactors and the largest submarine in the world at that time. Diverse experience in these varied billets laid the underpinnings for your future development.
3. In 1964 you reported as Engineering Officer of the Gold Crew in USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619), successfully completing five strategic deterrent patrols.
4. In 1967, you advanced to Executive Officer aboard the attack submarine USS TAUTOG (SSN 639), thus rounding out your submarine background. Largely due to your dedication and hard work, TAUTOG received the Navy Unit Commendation and you were awarded your first Navy Commendation Medal.
5. Your first command was the USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) (BLUE), from April 1970 until October 1972. In two years the ship completed 5 strategic deterrent patrols; additionally, she was awarded the POLARIS/POSEIDON Trophy as the most outstanding SSBN, and a Meritorious Unit Commendation. Personally, you received a second Navy Commendation Medal and your first Legion of Merit.
6. Due to the extraordinary success of your first command, you moved on to command the USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) (GOLD Crew) until 1974. You converted her to carry the Poseidon Missile and led her through post-conversion shakedown operations and a strategic deterrent patrol. Your efforts were recognized by award of the Meritorious Service Medal and the position as Senior Member, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

7. Your experience in ballistic missile submarine repair and operations, and your nuclear reactor expertise led to command of Submarine Squadron Fourteen in Holy Loch, Scotland from June 1976 until October 1978. Submarine Squadron Fourteen earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation; you, your second Legion of Merit.

8. In 1978, you reported to the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C.; first, as Deputy Commander for Fleet Support then as Principal Deputy Commander for Logistics. During that time, after only 22 years of commissioned service you were selected for Flag rank and awarded a third Legion of Merit upon completion of the assignment.


9. You served as Project Manager of the Trident System Project in the Naval Material Command from July 1981 through July 1983. You were personally responsible for the development, construction, acceptance testing and delivery of the complete Trident Weapon System. Specifically, your determination ensured that, upon delivery, the first Trident Missile Submarine, the USS OHIO, met or exceeded all performance requirements.

10. In 1983 you returned to the fleet as Commander, Submarine Group Six. You commanded one attack submarine squadron and two ballistic missile submarine squadrons, including the first Atlantic Fleet squadron to carry the Trident I missile. You established the Trident missile facility at Kings Bay, Georgia. Upon completion of your tour you were awarded a fourth Legion of merit.

11. Throughout your career, you have driven the development of the modern ballistic missile submarine, from engineering plant to weapon system, and have contributed significantly to the development of the Navy's strategic role. In 1985 you expanded your horizons to cross-platform issues, and brought your technical leadership and numerous substantive enhancements to Naval Warfighting in OP-095 as Deputy Director of Naval Warfare. You have now been awarded awarded your fifth Legion of Merit.

12. In overview, yours has been a career of total excellence -- your accomplishments and those of the commands you have led will influence our Navy positively for years to come. You and your wife, Helen, are a strong Navy family which has represented our country in an exceptional manner. The Navy has gained considerably from your dedication and professional competence, as have your shipmates from your strength of character and warmth of personality. We remain in your debt as shipmates, forever.

Most sincerely and with
continuing best wishes,


JAMES R. HOGG
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy