



# USS SAM RAYBURN ASSOCIATION

SSBN 635 COMMISSIONED 1964

DECOMMISSIONED 1989

Serving as a Moored Training Ship (MTS) 1989 to present

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Sam Rayburn Association is dedicated to the memory of our fellow shipmates and the service they gave in the protection of our country. In the 1960's and 70's the cold war was at its height. Many people were called upon to serve in the defense of our country. This was also the time of Vietnam and the repercussions of that conflict. The SSBN fleet boats were, and still are, the deterrent force that helps to maintain peace through power. During the cold war our motto was "**41 for Freedom**". The 41 Fleet Ballistic Missile submarines were on station around the world protecting our freedoms. During WWII the submarine force comprised only 2% of the naval force, but this small force destroyed 55% of the Japanese maritime fleet. Never has such a small naval force accomplished so much. The cost was 3,500 sailors who quietly paid the ultimate price for fighting under the ocean.

To celebrate our fellow submariners the Sam Rayburn Association gathers every couple of years to share our stories and to pay tribute to the entire submarine force. Not only the submariners of our modern fleet but the ones that served and are still serving. The modern submarine force comprises less than 2% of the most elite naval personnel. During our reunion we are looking for merchants that are willing to give to our organization to assist us in raising funds to continue with our dedication to the US Veterans.

Thank you for any donation you are able to make. It is appreciated by the veterans of our organization. If you have any questions about the Sam Rayburn Association you can visit our web site at <http://ssbn635.org> You can also call or email the President of our organization or the reunion planner as noted above. Again Thank YOU for your support.

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