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Jim Higgins US Navy (1965 -1976)

Graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1969. Completed graduate school in California and Naval Nuclear Power Training in Md. and Ct. and then was off to my first submarine, the USS Nathan Hale, SSBN 623 (B). I was stationed at Pearl Harbor on Oahu (tough duty!), but the Hale sailed out of Guam, from where I completed three 60-day Polaris deterrent patrols in the western Pacific. On board I served as Sonar Officer and Auxiliary Div. Officer. After this I taught for two years at the Bainbridge nuclear power school. Then, it was off to my second submarine, the USS Billfish, SSN-676 for duty in Portsmouth, NH and New London, Ct., as Weapons Dept. Officer. We made one trip to the Mediterranean, where I got to sail submerged through the straits of Gibraltar. I left active duty in 1976 as a Lieutenant.