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# USS OMAHA SSN-692 MEMORIAL 2025



# **USS OMAHA SSN-692 MEMORIAL OUTLINE**

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# 1995 Request to the US Navy



City of Omaha

April 19, 1995

The Honorable John H. Dalton  
Secretary of the Navy  
1000 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The nuclear submarine USS Omaha (SSN 692) is undergoing decommissioning and retirement activities. City officials and interested citizen groups have formed a committee to explore the possibility of preserving some of this naval history for this boat's namesake, the City of Omaha. We are interested in receiving selected artifacts from the USS Omaha for suitable display for our citizens.

Our committee is chaired by City Councilmember Richard Takechi. The Committee is reviewing two potential display sites, either of which would make excellent locations for a formal display of USS Omaha artifacts.

We respectfully request your assistance to obtain appropriate items from the USS Omaha. We have tentatively identified such items as the commissioning plate, the bell, silver service or selected china pieces, flags or holiday colors, awards, certificates or plaques. We are willing to accept other items you might be able to suggest. All artifacts would be incorporated into a historically significant display at a City museum or Freedom Park which currently serves as a home for the USS Hazard.

In our efforts to secure such items, we have sent copies of this letter to our Nebraska congressional delegation - Senators J. J. Exon, Bob Kerrey, and Congressman Jon Christensen. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the feasibility of such a project.

Very respectfully,

Hal Daub  
Subby Anzaldo  
President  
Omaha City Council

Richard Takechi  
USS Omaha Committee, Chairman  
(402) 444-5528

\* Mayor Hal Daub's Letter



In April 1995, the City of Omaha formed a committee to explore the possibility of preserving some of the naval history of the USS Omaha for display in the city. Items such as the commissioning plate, the boat's bell, selected China pieces, flags, and others were acquired and displayed at Freedom Park through 2007.



# USS OMAHA SSN 692

## December 2011



City of Omaha  
Jim Suttle, Mayor

December 6, 2011

Naval Sea Systems Command  
614 Sincard Street, SE  
STOP 7012 - Attn: Christopher Knoble, PMS392H3  
Washington, D.C. 20376-7012

RE: Obtaining the Sail and Fins of the USS Omaha, SSN 692

Dear Mr. Knoble:

On behalf of the citizens of Omaha, Nebraska and our honored veterans, I formally request that the sail and fins of the decommissioned USS Omaha, SSN 692 be gifted to the City, pursuant to federal statute 10 Lise 2572. The sail and fins will be placed on permanent display at Freedom Park, located on the banks of the Missouri River near downtown Omaha.

The citizens of Omaha have enjoyed a warm and close relationship with their namesake boat. Crew members have made several trips to the city, visiting with schools, attending local events and functions, sharing their lives with enthusiastic, land-locked citizens. In return, many citizens have had the opportunity to visit the boat, briefly observing and experiencing life on a submarine.

This memorial exhibit will not only serve to preserve the bond developed between the submarine and the city, but as a reminder of the awesome responsibility and privileges of a free society.

Very truly yours,

Jim Suttle  
Mayor Jim Suttle

### \*Mayor Jim Suttle's Letter

cc: Melinda Pearson, FAIA  
Director, Omaha Parks, Recreation & Public Property Department

#### Parks, Recreation & Public Property Department

Omaha/Douglas Civic Center  
1819 Farnam Street, Suite 701  
Omaha, Nebraska 68183-0701  
(402) 444-5900  
F.A.C. (402) 444-4921



#### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND  
1333 ISAAC HULL AVENUE SE  
WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20376-0001

IN REPLY REFER TO

4520  
Ser 392H3/0691  
December 27, 2011

City of Omaha Parks, Recreation &  
Public Property Department  
Attn: Mayor Jim Suttle  
Omaha/Douglas Civic Center  
1819 Farnam Street, Suite 701  
Omaha, Nebraska 68183-0701

Dear Mayor Suttle:

Subject: DONATION OF EX-OMAHA (SSN 692) SAIL STRUCTURE,  
FAIRWATER PLANES, AND UPPER RUDDER

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 2011 formally requesting the transfer of the sail structure, fairwater planes, and upper rudder of the decommissioned U.S. Navy submarine ex-OMAHA (SSN 692), for permanent display at Freedom Park, located on the banks of the Missouri River near downtown Omaha.

The navy strongly endorses the display of naval vessels and their artifacts to help preserve and commemorate their histories and to honor the service of their crews. Under Title 10 U.S.C. Section 7545, the Navy can donate portions of hulls and other items to qualified organizations at no cost to the United States. As such, the Navy is honored to approve the City of Omaha's request and authorizes the transfer of the sail structure, fairwater planes, and upper rudder to the City of Omaha for the public memorial.

The costs to prepare ex-OMAHA structures for shipment, all transportation costs, and costs to set up and maintain these items in a manner that recognizes the proud history of the former USS OMAHA will be accomplished at no cost to the United States beyond the normal final disposition costs; these costs are the responsibility of the City of Omaha.

Ex-OMAHA was inactivated in FY95 and placed in long-term storage at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF). Final disposition action, Reactor Compartment Disposal and Hull Recycling (RCD/RCYC), is ongoing and structures authorized for transfer are available immediately. The sail structure and upper rudder are located at PSNS&IMF. The fairwater planes were removed from ex-OMAHA during inactivation to support an active submarine repair. Replacement fairwater planes are located at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY). Due to limited storage space at the naval shipyards, immediate

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# USS OMAHA SSN 692 History

## Operational

- **Mission:** Deter & defeat communist Soviet Union forces. Soviets had > 3:1 numerical advantage
- **Crew:** Submarine force is exclusively volunteer. Single crew operated & maintained sub 365 days/yr.
- **Service:** Launched 21 Feb 1976, commissioned 11 Mar 1978 in Groton CT. Transferred to Pacific Fleet 22 Jul 1979 conducted eight extended deployments, decommissioned 5 Oct 1995.

## Post Decommissioning

- **19 Apr 1995:** City formally requests components to build memorial to namesake.
- **12 Oct 2000:** USS Cole attack delays recycling of USS Omaha.
- **6 Dec 2011:** City reaffirms continued desire to build memorial after long delay.
- **19 Apr 2013:** Groundbreaking ceremony conducted Levi Carter Park.

# USS OMAHA SSN 692



- **USS Omaha was the fifth Los Angeles Fast Attack Submarine built**
- **Commissioned on March 11, 1978**
- **Length: 362 feet**
- **Beam: 33 feet**
- **Crew of 12 Officers and 115 Enlisted**

# USS OMAHA SSN 692



- Decommissioned on October 5, 1995
- Berthed at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA
- Scrapping was delayed due to the USS Cole Incident

# **USS OMAHA SSN 692 Project**

- **Phase 1**
  - Transport Components
  - Initial Site Prep
- **Phase 2**
  - Refurbish Components
  - Installation on Site
- **Phase 3**
  - Complete Hull
  - Initial Landscaping
- **Phase 4**
  - Complete Walkways
  - Interpretive Exhibits
  - Donor Plaques
- **Phase 1**
  - Completed June 2015
  - (Cost- \$ 181,198 Paid)
- **Phase 2 (16%)**
  - Completion April 2026
  - Cost- \$ 314,463
- **Phase 3 (22%)**
  - Completion October 2026
  - Cost- \$ 439,126
- **Phase 4 (62%)**
  - Completion May 2027
  - Cost- \$ 1,243,756
  - Cost Estimates as of July 2025

**Total Cost Remaining \$ 1,997,345**

includes Design & Construction Admin & Contingency Costs

# Freedom Park

The initial thought was to locate the USS Omaha at Freedom Park. That changed after the Summer 2011 Missouri River Flood.



Instead of relocating  
Freedom Park,

It was decided to  
find a location just  
for the USS Omaha  
&  
the USS Nebraska.  
(Future Plan)

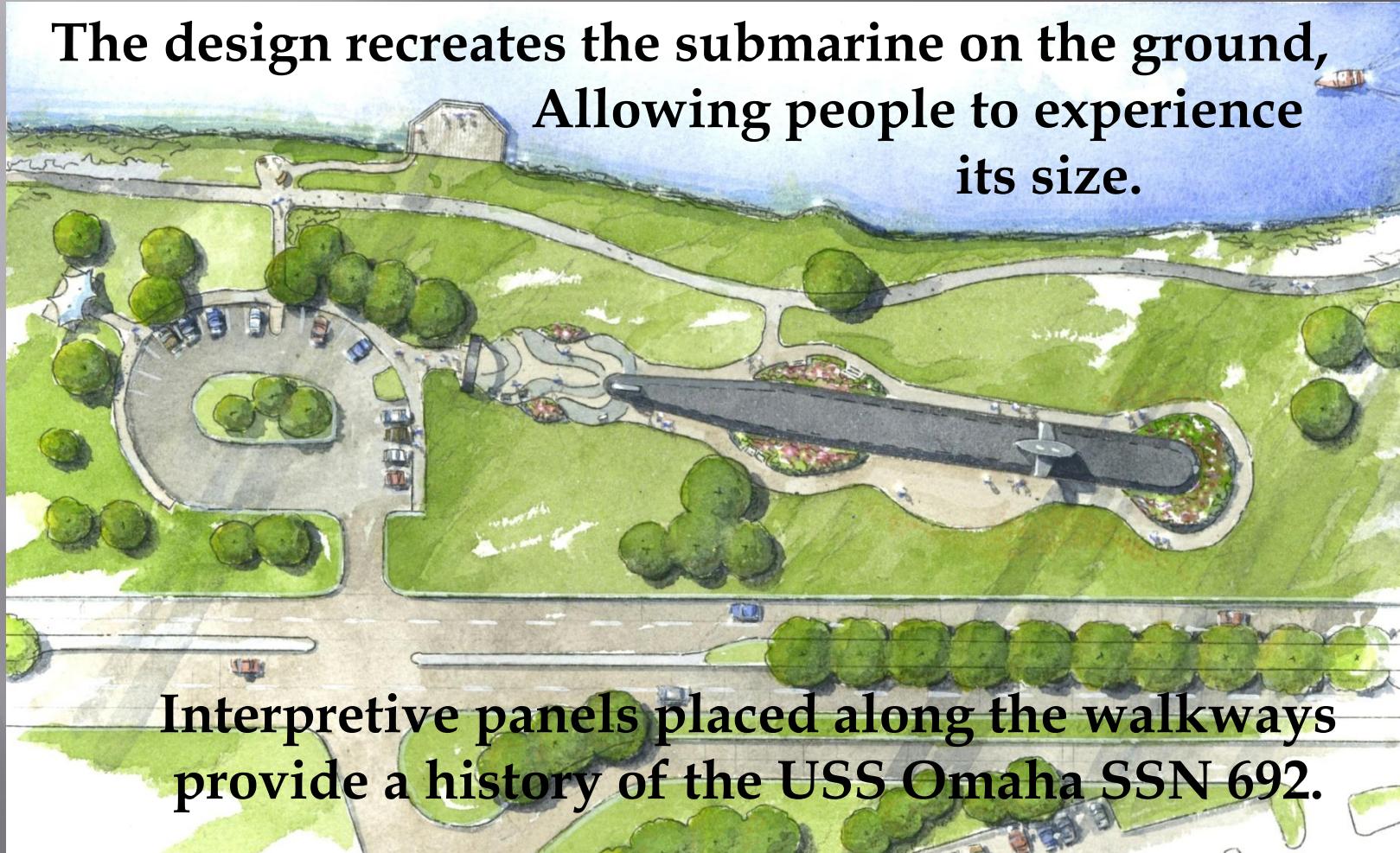
Levi Carter Park,  
located along Abbott  
Drive, was chosen as  
the site.



# USS OMAHA SSN 692

## THE SITE PLAN

The design recreates the submarine on the ground,  
Allowing people to experience  
its size.



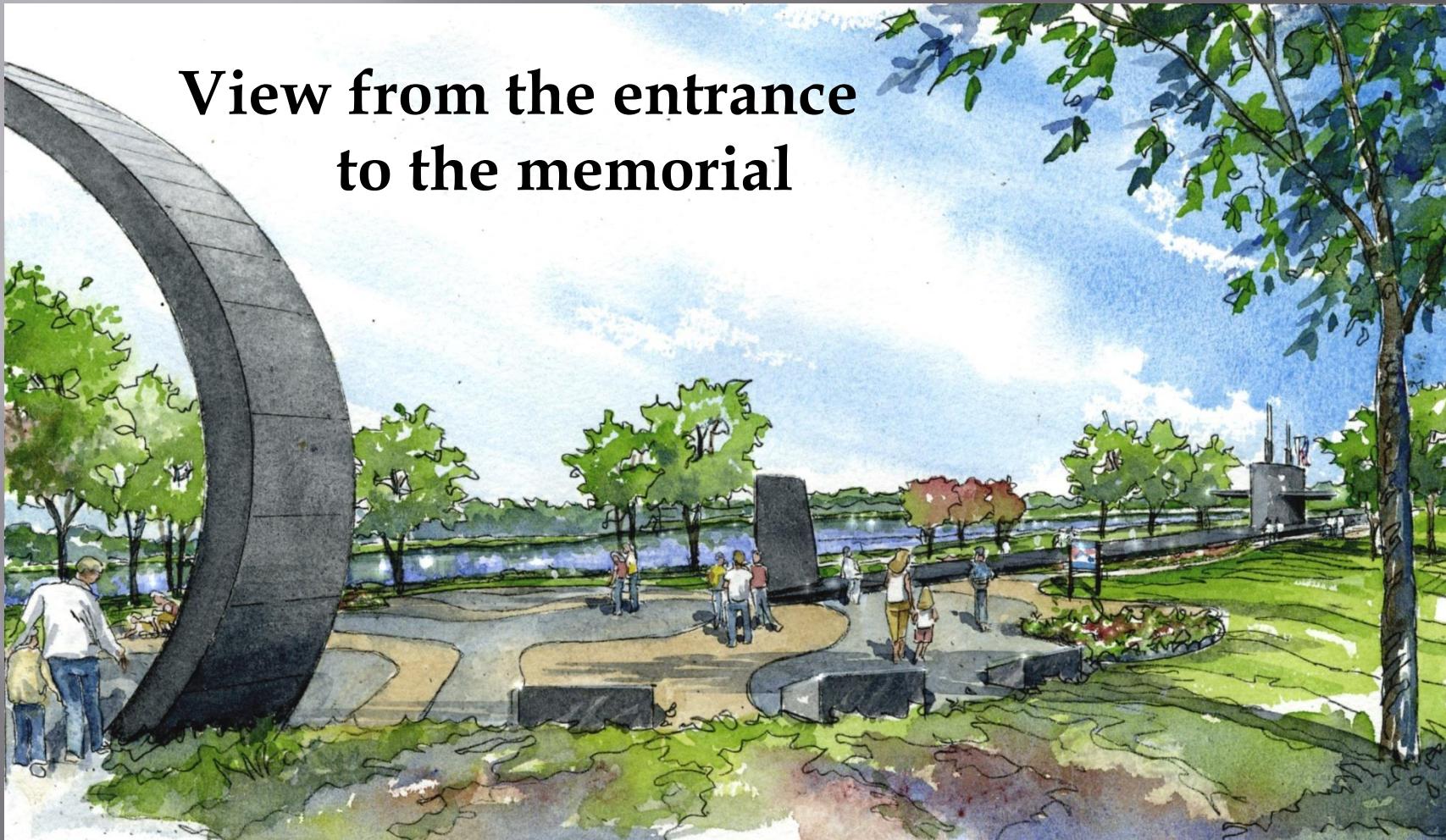
# USS OMAHA SSN 692

Aerial view looking southwest  
towards downtown Omaha



# USS OMAHA SSN 692

**View from the entrance  
to the memorial**



# USS OMAHA SSN 692



View from the memorial looking  
back towards the entrance

# USS OMAHA SSN 692 PHASE 1 EXECUTION



2012

UPPER HALF OF THE RUDDER WITH YOKE  
ATTACHED ARRIVES IN OMAHA

# Groundbreaking Ceremony

## 19 April 2013



# PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the concrete pads for the sail and rudder.



2015

# CONCRETE POUR

Concrete pad for the sail being constructed.



# CONCRETE FOOTINGS

View south from the finished Sail Pad to the finished Rudder Pad



2015

View of the finished Sail Pad

# WHY NOW?



Omaha Airport Terminal Renovation & Addition	\$950 Million
Omaha Airport Business Park	\$ 90 Million
Levi Carter Park Sports Complex & Community Center	\$ 45 Million
Omaha Innovation District	\$ 30 Million
Omaha Inland Port Authority Future Housing	\$ 30 Million
Boyd Park Baseball Complex Renovation	\$ 10 Million
Levi Carter Park Trail Extension/Completion	\$2.9 Million
Jerry Parks (Football) Renovation	TBD

USS OMAHA SSN 692 MEMORIAL \$2 MILLION

**USS OMAHA SSN 692 RELAUNCH 2025**



THE  
BEGINNING

It's Time to  
“Git-R-Done”

USS OMAHA SSN 692  
RELAUNCH 2025

# USS OMAHA CALL TO ACTION

United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation (USSVCF)

a 501(c)(3) EIN 95-4830806

<https://www.usscvf.org/donate.html>

Email- [treasurer@ussvcf.org](mailto:treasurer@ussvcf.org)

ATTN: OMAHA MEMORIAL FUND  
PO Box 1063  
Groton, CT 06340-1063  
Phone (360) 337-2978

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

QUESTIONS:  
USSVI MARLIN BASE  
[www.marlinbase.org](http://www.marlinbase.org)  
Mark Thompson

## USS OMAHA SSN 692 RELAUNCH 2025

# USS OMAHA CALL TO ACTION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT or  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## REQUESTS :

Joe Higgins Call/Text (402) 515-5563  
Email- LeviCarterNeighborhood@gmail.com



## LEVI CARTER LAKE SHORELINE CLEANUP

CONTACT- Joe Higgins Call/Text (402) 515-5563  
Levi Carter Sherman Neighborhood Association

# USS OMAHA SSN 692 RELAUNCH 2025

# USS OMAHA ACTION COMMITTEE

Mark

Thompson

USSVI Marlin Base,  
Base CDR  
USN LCDR Ret

Dennis  
Bryers

Park Planner,  
Retired

Jay  
Armstrong  
Community Member,  
USN Vet

Lauren

Marie Foster

Omaha Parks &  
Recreation  
Board Chair

Joe

Higgins

Levi Carter Sherman  
Neighborhood Assn  
OIPA CAC USN Vet

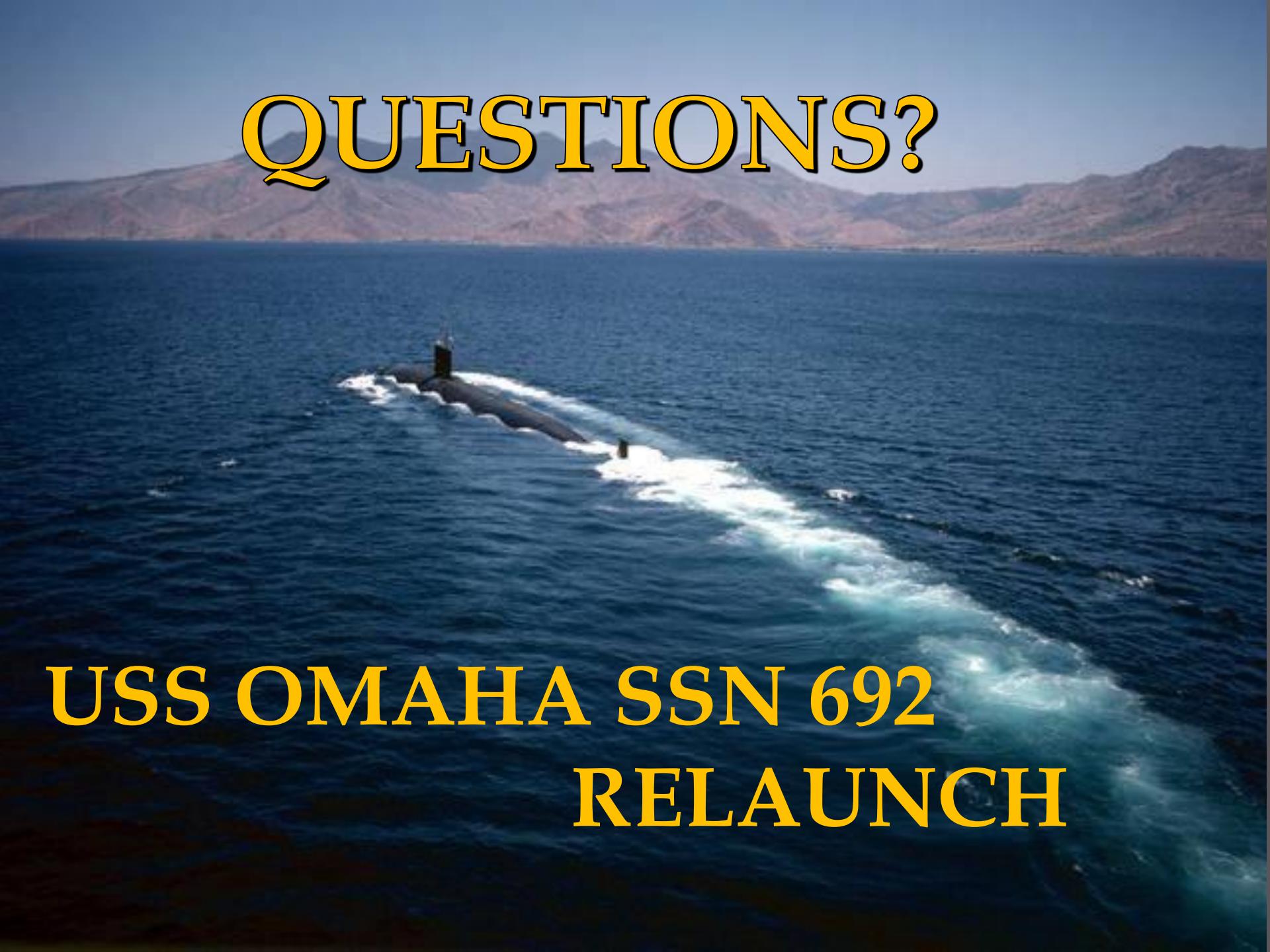
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RELAUNCH 2025

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## RELAUNCH 2025

# QUESTIONS?

A submarine is shown sailing on a dark blue ocean. It is moving from the left side of the frame towards the right, creating a white wake behind it. In the background, there are several large, rugged mountains under a clear blue sky.

USS OMAHA SSN 692  
RELAUNCH

# **USS OMAHA SSN692**

## **RELAUNCH 2025**



**PRESENTED BY:**

**Mark Thompson, USN LCDR Ret  
US Submarine Veterans, Inc. USSVI  
Marlin Base CDR**

**Joe Higgins, President (USN Vet)  
Levi Carter Sherman Neighborhood Assn.  
CAC- Omaha Inland Port Authority**



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1993 - Present**



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