



## USS ATLANTA (SSN-712)

**Motto:** *Resurgens (Latin: "Rise Again")*

**Callsign:** *November – Alpha – Yankee – Foxtrot*

USS Atlanta had a short career of only 17 years. However, during this career she accomplished many significant "Firsts" as well as successful clandestine operations of great importance in support of defending the United States during the Cold War.

- The **first** 688 class submarine to be certified to carry MK-48 Torpedo, MK-48 ADCAP Torpedo, Harpoon Missile and the Tomahawk Cruise missile.
- During her second year of service Atlanta spent 265 continuous days at sea in the Western Atlantic. (One of three very successful Western Atlantic Cruises.)
- She deployed for Six highly successful Mediterranean Cruises.
- The **first** Nuclear Powered submarine to directly support an Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).
- In March of 1983, USS Atlanta successfully fired a missile at the Destroyer USS Wood DD-715 off the coast of Puerto Rico with a live war-shot Harpoon missile. She won "Best ASW Unit" for her role in this exercise. (READEX 1-83)
- In June of 1983, for a 'Sinkex' of USS Bushnell AS-15 - USS Atlanta launched two war-shot Mk48 torpedoes to successfully complete the sinking exercise. Atlanta initially was to fire only one torpedo followed by a second from USS Finback SSN 670. A second war-shot torpedo was launched from Atlanta within 3 minutes of receiving the order to complete the sinking after the Finback failed to launch their torpedo. This feat earned Atlanta the highest tonnage ever to be sunk in peacetime as well as a "Clean Sweep".

- November 1983 – Atlanta passes all requirements and certifications becoming the first submarine authorized to deploy Submarine Launched Tomahawk Cruise Missiles.
- June 1984 – Atlanta becomes the very first Navy platform (not just submarine) certified to carry and deliver nuclear tipped Tomahawk cruise missiles. She had been outfitted with the necessary ‘Over the Horizon’ targeting systems just one year prior – a remarkable achievement to complete in just one year given the rigorous requirements of nuclear armament.
- Fall 1984 – Atlanta launches a war-shot Harpoon missile into the Troop Transport ship USS Clinton APA-144 as part of Readiness Exercise 2-84. She was awarded the “ASW – A” award from Submarine Squadron 8 for excellence.
- 1985 – Atlanta was chosen to be the test platform for the deployment mechanisms of a newly developed “Quick Strike Mine” system.
- November 1985 – Atlanta successfully conducted the East Coast’s first launch of an ‘Over the Horizon’ TLAM (Tomahawk Land Attack Missile) to an inland target.
- April 1986 – Atlanta was called upon for Operation El Dorado Canyon – The United States’ bombing raid conducted in response to Libyan aggression in Berlin.
- January 1989 – Atlanta was chosen as the test platform against the Air and Surface fleet’s new Mk50 Torpedo which was designed for use against the Soviet Union’s newest deep diving submarines. It was later determined – as part of this testing – that the Mk50 Torpedo was not a viable platform and therefore never went into production to the fleet. There is no measure available to calculate the amount of money saved by the fact that the Mk50 platform was never deployed.
- 1990 – Atlanta earns the National Defense Service Medal as part of the war against Iraq and terrorism.