



# USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul (SSN 708)

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## *Twice As Good*

USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul (SSN 708) has been at the forefront of submarine operations and training since being commissioned in 1984. This has included eight major deployments of significance to the national defense of the United States. USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul's exceptional performance during these missions resulted in the ship being awarded five Meritorious Unit Commendations in 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, and most recently 1991 for the ships operations in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

The ship has excelled in many other areas during her years of commissioned service, earning the Battle Efficiency "E" five times for 1986, 1988, 1989, 1996 and 2003. In January 1992, USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars for her deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and was the first submarine to carry Tomahawk Missiles specifically designated for use in strike warfare in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Following a shipyard availability in the Spring of 1992, the ship completed four highly successful deployments to the North Atlantic Ocean.

USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul will continue to be a leader among her peers and a formidable threat to those opposed to the people and ideals of the United States of America.

## ***SSN 708 Facts and Figures***

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co. and General Dynamics Electric Boat Div.
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 20 officers, 132 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles and MK48 ADCAP torpedoes, delivered from four torpedo tubes