

## USS FLORIDA (SSGN 728) Blue and Gold Crews



USS FLORIDA is the third ship in the TRIDENT submarine class. She is the first submarine and the sixth U.S. Naval vessel to bear the name of the state and on January 14, 2003, the FLORIDA became the first OHIO - class submarine to launch a Tomahawk

cruise missile.

The USS FLORIDA is one of just four modified TRIDENT submarines that now serves as a guided missile platform and supports special forces operations.

In order to maximize utilization of the ship, it is manned by two crews (BLUE and GOLD crews). In this manner, the ship can remain deployed while the GOLD crew travels from its Kings Bay, GA homeport and relieves the BLUE crew, on station – and then this cycle is repeated several months later.

The Palm Beach Council of the Navy League is proud to sponsor the USS FLORIDA and provides annual Engraved Plaque and Cash Award to the ship's selected outstanding performers

- Sailor of the Year
- Junior Sailor of the Year
- Junior Officer of the Year

Additionally, the leaders of the USS FLORIDA are invited to and frequently attend the annual Navy Birthday Ball put on by the Palm Beach Council each October.



**Palm Beach Council President Ken Lee exchanges challenge coins with the BLUE crew Chief of the Boat while the XO, LCDR Theron Davis, looks on.**