

U.S.S. ALBACORE

AGSS-569



Portsmouth, New Hampshire

- EXPLORE** A U.S. Navy Submarine.
- SEE** How a crew of 55 men worked and lived aboard a 205' by 27' submarine.
- LEARN** About Albacore's 19 years of unusual and fascinating service.
- READ** As you walk through the Memory Garden, the names of many who gave their lives for their country in the United States Submarine Service.
- REMEMBER** All United States Submariners as you walk through Albacore Park—a memorial to all those who served in the submarine service.

Built at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the U.S.S. ALBACORE served with the United States Navy from 1953 to 1972. ALBACORE never fired a weapon. ALBACORE never went to war.

With the motto *Praenuntius Futuri* (Forerunner of the Future), ALBACORE's mission was experimental: to be designed and redesigned, adapted and readapted, her structural modifications ultimately developing into a prototype submarine.

ALBACORE's teardrop hull design was a triumph, making her the world's fastest submarine at that time. It became a model for contemporary submarines for many countries.

Used for testing control systems, dive brakes, sonar systems, escape mechanisms and all manner of innovative theories, ALBACORE was truly a laboratory afloat.

Summer Hours 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Everyday
Memorial Day-Columbus Day

Winter Hours 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Columbus Day - Memorial Day Closed Tuesday & Wednesday

Admission

Adults, \$5.00; Children 7-17, \$3.00; Children under 7, Free
Military, \$4.00; Family, \$10.00
Group Tours by Arrangement

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* AGSS: Research Submarine. ALBACORE was the first of this class.

U.S.S. Albacore was retired to the Naval Base, Philadelphia, September 1, 1972.

Ten years later, Portsmouth City Councilman Bill Keefe, a maritime enthusiast, had a dream; U.S.S. ALBACORE should be returned to her birthport, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and opened to the public.

Two years, reams of paperwork, and hundreds of committee meetings later, U.S.S. ALBACORE was towed up the Piscataqua River to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard April 29, 1984.

Plans were made to bring ALBACORE ashore May 4, 1985. A railroad bridge was dismantled and a cut was made through a dual roadway in order to position ALBACORE next to her permanent berth on the land.

A system of locks was used for floating the 1,200-ton submarine into position, and on October 2, 1985, at 8:30 a.m., U.S.S. ALBACORE settled onto her permanent concrete cradle at the center of Albacore Park.

Today Albacore Park includes a Visitor's Center. Books and submarine gifts are sold at the Visitors Center. Adjacent is the Memorial Garden, a tribute to all of the crews and officers who have been lost in the Submarine Service. Rest rooms and ample parking are provided. Albacore Park is conveniently located one-quarter mile from Exit 7 on I-95.

