

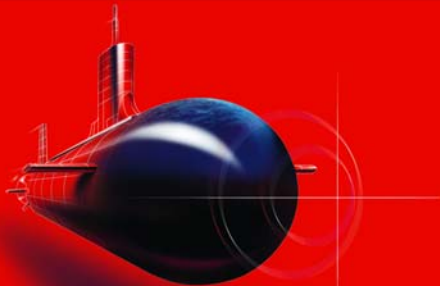


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On July 31, 2004, Laura Welch Bush, First Lady of the United States and Ship's Sponsor, christened the second *Virginia*-class submarine, *Texas* (SSN 775), at Northrop Grumman Newport News.

Mrs. Bush, a native Texan, also visited Newport News on July 12, 2002 to authenticate the keel for *Texas*, the first milestone in the ship's construction.

Since then, *Texas* has transformed into the world's most modern, sophisticated and technologically-advanced vessel. Equipped to move at submerged speeds of more than 25 knots and collect critical intelligence, the 377-foot *Texas* will support a spectrum of special warfare requirements, such as search and rescue and reconnaissance.

Many talented shipbuilders from Northrop Grumman Newport News and General Dynamics Electric Boat are responsible for the construction of *Texas*, one of the first warships designed for the post-Cold War environment. They build *Virginia*-class submarines, such as *Texas*, under an innovative teaming agreement announced in 1997.

*Texas* will ensure continued U.S. undersea warfare superiority, in part because of these shipbuilders who work with a great sense of pride, a trait befitting of the ship's namesake state.