

MEMBERS of the LAUNCHING CREW

List of launching crew members printed in the *The Day*, New London, CT., January 21, 1954:

CDR	Eugene	P.	"Dennis"	Wilkinson
LT	Dean	L.		Axene
LT	Leslie	D.		Kelly, Jr.
LT	John	H.		Nicholson
LT	John	H.		Ebersole
LTJG	David	S.		Boyd
TMC(SS)	Leroy		"Pappy"	Ingles
YN1(SS)	Clare	B.		Billing
RM3(SS)	Thomas	J.		Brames
ICCA(SS)	Francis	T.		Duba
EMCA(SS)	Robert	R.		Dunn
EN1(SS)	Ralph	V.		Foster
EMCA(SS)	Wesley	L.		Headington
ENC(SS)	John	C.	"J.C."	Kerr
FT1(SS)	John	J.		Krawczyk
ENCA(SS)	Richard	K.		Mixon
MM1(SS)	David	A.		Phoenix
QM1(SS)	Lyle	B.	"Doggy"	Rayl
EMCA(SS)	Robert	W.		Ullman

It was also reported that Lawton Geiger of the Atomic Energy Commission was also assigned to the craft.

Notes:

1. Several crew members coming from Idaho got stuck in Chicago's O'Hare airport due to snow and/or fog and missed the launching. They watched the launch on TV.
2. LT Kenneth M. Carr [RADM, USN, Ret.] also missed the event because he was snowed in ... in Virginia.
3. EN1(SS) Otto H. Welper missed the launch because he was in the hospital in Idaho wearing a body cast. Otto had partied one night, missed the bus the next morning, and had to drive out to the site. On the drive he fell asleep at the wheel, ran off the road into a gulley, took out a power/telephone pole, and when the wires broke, the site shut down due to a power failure.

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