IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Observer	**Ship/Organization**
QM2 J. M. Delvalle	USS SIMPSON

Cover Photo: The **USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN-705)** is the eighteenth fast attack submarine of the *Los Angeles* class built at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, CT and commissioned January 8, 1983. She was named for the major seaport city of Corpus Christi, TX which was founded in 1839 and is the second naval vessel to bear the name. **CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI** was designed to seek and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships, project power ashore with Tomahawk cruise missiles and Special Operations Forces, carry out Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, support Carrier Strike Groups and engage in mine warfare. **CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI** is 360 feet long, has a beam of 33 feet, displaces 6,900 tons, carries Tomahawk missiles and MK-48 torpedoes. In 2002 she arrived at her new homeport of Guam as the first *Los Angeles* class fast attack submarine and was the first to deploy to the western Pacific. Guam's location offers significant savings in both time and distance for submarines and provides increased days of operations, exercises and engagement to help close the gap in meeting mission and contingency response requirements. Her crew consists of 14 Officers and 123 Enlisted.