USS Alexandria Returns to Naval Base Point Loma Following Seven-Month Deployment

NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA (May 15, 2025) Cmdr. Christopher Rose, center, commanding officer of the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757), observes mooring operations as the boat returns to Naval Base Point Loma following a 7-month deployment to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility, May 15, 2025. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Aaron T. Smith)
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SAN DIEGO – The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757) returned home to Naval Base Point Loma following a successful seven-month deployment to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility, May 15, 2025.

The Alexandria deployed in 2024 from its homeport of Naval Base Point Loma, California, on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of national security objectives. The submarine's operations throughout the Pacific Ocean underscore the United States' commitment to an Indo-Pacific that is free and open, connected, prosperous, secure, and resilient.

"This crew went above and beyond, no matter what was asked of them," said Cmdr. Chris Rose, Alexandria's commanding officer. "Deploying on submarines is a demanding but rewarding and consequential task. I could not be prouder of my crew's resolve over the past seven plus months in demonstrating every day what makes our boats and our crews the apex predators of the maritime domain."

While deployed, the Alexandria demonstrated the capability and professionalism of the Joint Force, conducting an integrated exercise with U.S. Marine Corps personnel assigned to Third Reconnaissance Battalion during and immediately after a scheduled port visit to Guam.

"This crew did a phenomenal job in all aspects of this deployment," said Master Chief Machinist's Mate (Auxiliary) Mitchell Gatton, Alexandria's chief of the boat. "I am especially proud of the 35 submarine warfare devices earned by Alexandria Sailors, which to me underscores the crew's commitment to continued growth and development."

Between operations and taskings, the crew also made a scheduled port visit to Busan, South Korea, underscoring the strategic and critical relationship between the United States and South Korea. Port visits like this reflect the United States' commitment to the Indo-Pacific region, and complement the many exercises, training, operations and other military cooperation activities conducted by U.S. submarine forces with our Republic of Korea Navy allies.

This visit also provided an opportunity for Alexandria's crew to gain a deeper understanding of Korean culture while enhancing interpersonal relationships with counterparts.

"I really enjoyed Busan, South Korea because I have never been to that part of the world," said Fire Control Technician 3rd Class Justin Guerra. "Port visits give us that time to explore new places, get some well-earned rest, and experience the culture, food, and hospitality of our Allied and partner nations."

Upon arriving home, and in support of a time-honored Navy tradition, Electronics Technician, Submarine, Navigation 3rd Class Dylan Caruthers was the first Alexandria Sailor to depart the boat for the "first kiss."

"I am thrilled to be home with my family and I'm proud of all the great work we accomplished on deployment," said Torpedoman's Mate 3rd Class Ezekiel Hamner. "This morning when I heard the order to station the maneuvering watch and send line handlers topside, it really hit that we were at the end of our deployment. It was an awesome feeling."

The USS Alexandria is the third ship to bear the name Alexandria. The unit's motto is "Twice as Strong," which denotes the fact that it is named for Alexandria, Virginia and Alexandria, Louisiana. She is the 46th Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine and was commissioned June 29, 1991.

The Alexandria is assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron 11, home to four Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines, which are capable of supporting various missions, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-ship warfare, strike warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.