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As a young man, raised by a widowed mother in central France, he was always restless as he pursued his passion of being a chef. In France at the time, "apprenticeships" involved working and studying under leading chefs and traveling to other countries to learn new cuisines and cooking methods - which he did. He loved and learned in these "apprentice stages" in Paris, the Cote d'Azur, Cuba, America and Morocco (where he almost left his new family were it not for a last minute visa to the US).

I still vaguely remember our first months/years after arriving in Flushing, NY. As a 4 year old, it was easy for me to learn English - not so for my parents. My father was then "Sous Chef" at the prestigious Plaza Hotel in New York City. We then moved on from place to place as my father progressed up the ranks in the culinary world. To West Virginia (The Greenbrier Hotel), Cleveland (The Union Club), Los Angeles (The Ambassador Hotel), St. Louis and finally back to New York (The Park Lane Hotel). I was 10 and longing for stability!

It came time when my father became Executive Chef at the Park Lane and subsequently at the ever-famous **Toot's Shore** restaurant. We finally had found stability when my parents bought our first home on Long Island, New York, and he became the Executive Chef at the United Nations - a position he held for nearly 10 years. We are very proud of. We lived in New York until he retired in February 1967 and bought a restaurant in Belgium ("Le Val Vert"). He returned to the U.S. in 1972 and finished his career teaching Culinary Arts at the prestigious **Culinary Institute of America** (CIA, Hyde Park, N.Y.) and finally at **Johnson & Wales Culinary College** (Providence, R.I.) where he taught until he died in 1977, passing on his knowledge to future chefs.

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En France, en ce temps-là, l'apprentissage consistait à travailler pour apprendre de nouvelles méthodes de cuisine sous l'autorité de grands «chefs». C'est ce qu'il a fait: il aimait apprendre durant ces stages à Paris, sur la Côte D'Azur, à Cuba, et au Maroc. Un visa de dernière minute pour les USA lui a été octroyé.

Je peux vaguement me rappeler nos premiers mois et nos premières années à Flushing, New York. A 4 ans, il m'a été facile d'apprendre l'anglais, mais mes parents ont eu plus de mal. Mon père était alors «sous-chef» au prestigieux **Plaza Hotel** à New York. Nous le suivons dans sa carrière qui progressait dans le monde culinaire. De l'Ouest de la Virginie (Le Greenbrier Hotel), à Cleveland (Union Club), Los Angeles (Ambassador Hotel), St. Louis et finalement ce fut le retour à New York (Park Lane Hotel). J'avais 10 ans, attendant de nous fixer un peu, je rêvais de stabilité!

Elle vint quand mon père est nommé «Exécutive Chef» au Park Lane Hotel et par suite au très fameux Toot's Shore Restaurant. Nous avions enfin trouvé la stabilité et mes parents ont acheté leur première résidence à Long Island N.Y. Mon père devient alors «Exécutive Chef» aux Nations Unies, poste qu'il conservera pendant presque 10 ans. Nous resterons à New York jusqu'à sa retraite en 1967. Il acheta alors un restaurant en Belgique près de Bruxelles - «Le Val Vert», exploité pour presque 6 ans.

Il retourne à New York en 1972 et finira sa carrière en enseignant les Arts Culinaires à l'école prestigieuse «**Culinary Institute of America**» (Hyde Park, NY) et au «**Johnson & Wales Culinary Collège**» (Providence, R.I.) où il a enseigné jusqu'à sa mort en 1977, transmettant son savoir aux futures cuisiniers américains. Lui aussi ayant transmis son savoir à beaucoup de futures chefs aux Etats Unis.

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Onishi was instrumental in leading Japanese immigrants to Texas. In 1903 he returned home and brought the first group of rice-farming immigrants to Texas the following year. During their first year of operation, they grew a Japanese short-grained variety of rice that was respected for its hearty nature. That type of rice grew very well in the rich Texas soil and yielded a far greater output than was produced by other Texas rice farmers.

The farming venture soon became well known, but the fact that most of the immigrants who populated the Onishi farm were men created a problem of stability. Without wives, the men could not be expected to remain on the farm and build their own future in Texas. To resolve this problem, Onishi returned to Japan in 1909 to recruit women who would marry his workmen. Many of the women who returned with him came to be known as "picture brides," because they agreed to marry men they had never met. Their only "contact" came from photographs that were exchanged between the prospective bride and groom. Once both parties were in agreement, a wedding ceremony was held in Japan (without the groom) that enabled the bride to go to America. This wedding process was critical after 1908, because the [Gentlemen's Agreement](#) made it impossible for Japanese women to enter the United States unless they were married to American men.

The Onishi family continued to prosper during the era of World War I. However, when the Great Depression hit and the price of rice dropped, many Japanese rice farmers failed and they left Texas. The ones who remained formed an organization to pool their money and loan it to those who most needed help. By this time, Rihei Onishi had moved his family to Massachusetts and only his sons remained in Texas. (This studio portrait was taken c.1910 and was obtained from the Institute of Texan Cultures, 86-299.)



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Rihei Onishi [Kaeda Akiyama] () ジャーナリスト・米農家 /node/548134
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東京日刊紙の時事新報の記者であった大西理平は、1903年に裕福なワイン商人の従兄弟の大西虎一と初めて渡米しました。彼らは、テキサス州での米栽培の可能性に感銘を受け、すでに定住していた日本人農家の西原家の近くにあった約300エーカー(約367,253坪)の土地を購入しました。

大西氏は、日本人移民をテキサス州に連れてきた立役者でした。彼は、1903年に帰国し、その翌年に米を栽培する第1回日本人移民農家集団を初めてテキサス州に連れて行きました。彼らは、1年目の農業活動で、豊富な収穫で評判が高かった日本の短粒米を栽培しました。このお米の種類は、テキサス州の肥沃な土壌で育ち、他のテキサス州の農家よりもはるかに豊富な収穫量をあげることができました。

この農業ベンチャービジネスは、すぐに有名になったといえ、大西氏の農場で居住していたほとんどの農民が男性だったことが安定性の大きな問題となりました。これらの男性は、妻を持たなければ、農場に残り、テキサス州で将来を築いてもらおうことが期待できなかったからです。この問題の解決策として、大西は、他の男性労働者と結婚したい女性を探るために1909年に日本へ帰国しました。彼がテキサス州に連れてきた多くの女性は、会ったことがない男性と結婚することに同意したこと、「ビッグチャーブライド(写真花嫁)」と呼ばれるようになりました。彼・彼女の唯一の「接点」は、花嫁候補者と花嫁候補者の写真交換だけでした。両者が縁談を承諾してから、花嫁がアメリカにいたりけるように花嫁不在の結婚式が日本で行われました。日本人女性はアメリカ人男性と結婚しないと、アメリカ合衆国に入国できないとの日米紳士協定が存在していたので、この婚姻方法は、1908年以降、重要な役割を果たしました。

大西家は、第一次世界大戦中に繁栄を続けましたが、大恐慌の到来で米の価格が下落し、多くの日本人の米農家が失敗に陥わり、テキサス州を去りました。テキサス州に残った日本人は、資金を出し合って、支援を必要とする人々に融資するために団体を結成しました。このころの大西理平は、ご家族と共にマサチューセッツ州に移住し、息子達だけがテキサス州に残りました。(このスタジオ写真は、1910年に撮影され、テキサス文化研究所から入手しました:86-299)

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Constantine "Connie" Foltis [Constantine Foltis Memorial Foundation] (Dec. 1929 - June 16, 2011) Naval Architect /node/434039
Constantine "Connie" Foltis was born in New York City on December 1, 1929, and died at Bailey Family Center for Caring of Community Hospice in St. Augustine, Florida, on June 16, 2011. Those who knew him at the center would never forget his generosity, talent, laughter, friendship, love, and compassion. [Read more](#)



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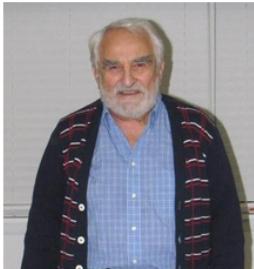
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Constantine "Connie" Foltis (December 1, 1929 - June 16, 2011) Naval Architect

Connie excelled at school where he focused mainly on technical subjects. After graduating from Brooklyn Tech High School, he went on to obtain degrees in [Naval Architecture](#) and [Marine Engineering](#) at the University of Michigan. He began his career in naval architecture at the Rosenblatt Shipyard in Seattle.

Connie married after graduating from college and raised two daughters, Christine Robinson and Rosemary Foltis, who live in the Washington Metro Area. He taught them to sail and ski as well as other interests. Connie sailed, took photographs, skied downhill skier as he lived and traveled around the U.S., Europe, and the Caribbean.

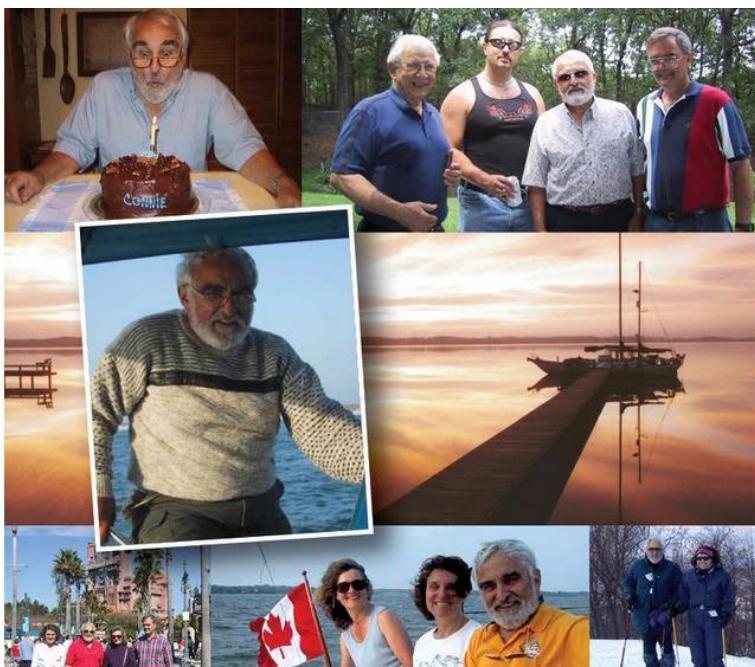
Connie began his 30-year Federal Government career as a marine engineer and naval architect at the Maritime Administration in Washington, D.C. Here he received a Department of Transportation Award for Superior Achievement. Prior to his retirement, he helped create a design for offloading cargo ships still used around the world.

Connie always sailed, raced and taught family members and friends to sail. He sailed at the [University of Michigan Sailing Club](#) where he made life-long friendships. He later sailed at clubs near Seattle, in Maryland, in Virginia, and in Florida. He timed his retirement to sail back from England with friends. Later, he sailed and lived on his 52-foot yacht, Nightwind, before setting down roots in Palatka on the St. Johns River near St. Augustine, Florida.

Connie helped others throughout his lifetime. Brought up with animals, Connie often gave homes to them. He volunteered to help schools, served on boards, and provided expert advice to many public and private groups. Connie shared good times and bad with his friends and family, sharing laughter and helping many through hard times.

The [Constantine Foltis Memorial Foundation](#) raises awareness and support to foster the healing bond between people and animals. The foundation [partners](#) with related organizations and causes that help both people and animals recover from hard times.

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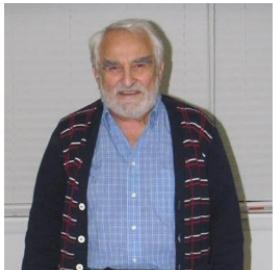
Constantine "Connie" Foltis [Constantine Foltis Memorial Foundation] (Dec. 1, 1929 - June 16, 2011) Ναυπηγός /node/548538
 Ο Κωνσταντίνος (επίσης γνωστός ως Κόνι) Φόλτης γεννήθηκε στη Νέα Υόρκη την 1η Δεκεμβρίου 1929, και απεβίωσε στο Οικογενειακό Κέντρο Φροντίδας Bailey για Κοινωνική Φροντίδα Τέλος Ζωής στην πόλη του Αγίου Αυγουστίνου την 6 Ιουνίου 2011. Όσοι τον γνώριζαν στο κέντρο δεν θα ξεχάσουν ποτέ την γενναιοδωρία του, το ταλέντο του, το γέλιο του, τη φιλία του, και την ευσπλαχνία του. [Read more](#)



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Constantine "Connie" Foltis Ναυπηγός



Constantine "Connie" Foltis (December 1, 1929 - June 16, 2011) Ναυπηγός

αξιοθεάτων και ανθρώπων, τις οποίες συχνά επεξεργάζονται και εμφάνιζε ο ίδιος στο προσωπικό του ακοτενό θάλασσα.

Ο Κόνι μεγάλωσε στο Φλόριντα της Νέας Υόρκης μαζί με τη δύο μεγάλυτερες αδελφές του ονομάζονταν Σέλεν και Τζίνη. Η εκτεταμένη οικογένεια του Κόνι παραθερείαν έδειχνε χρόνο στο εξοχικό της οικογένειας στο Σέλεπερ Άιλαντ κοντά στα Χαμόποια στο Λονγκ Άιλαντ. Και ο ίδιος και οι οικογένεια του λέπευαν το Σέλεπερ Άιλαντ, το οποίο και παρέμεινε επίκεντρο ενδιόφεροντος κατά όλη τη διάρκεια της ζωής του. Εκεί ανακάλυψε το πέδιο του για την ιστοπλοΐα και επδίδει μεγάλη σημασία για τη φωτογραφία. Τράβηξε χλιδής φωτογραφίες

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Ο Κόνι ήταν δικαιούμενος μαθητής στο σχολείο όπου σαχολήθηκε κυρίως με τεχνικά μαθήματα. Μετά την αποφόρηση του από το Τεχνικό Λύκειο του Μπρούκλιν, συνέχισε με την απόκτηση πιπάχων Ναυπηγού και Μηχανολόγου Ναυτιλίας από το Πανεπιστήμιο του Μαϊάκιαν. Σενίγησε την καριέρα του ως ναυπηγός στο Ναυπηγείο Ρόσενμπλατ στο Σέργι.

Μετά την αποφόρηση του από το πανεπιστήμιο, ο Κόνι παντρεύτηκε και ανέδειχε δύο κόρες, την Κριστίν Ρόυμπιντον και την Ρόζαρι Φόλτη, οι οποίες κατοικούν στην μητροπολιτική περιοχή της Ουάσινγκτον. Τις έμαθε ιστοπλοΐα και καθώς και άλλα χόμια. Ο Κόνι ήταν ιστοπλούς, φωτογράφος, στιλέρ χιονοδρόμου, και έζησε και ταξίδια στης ΗΠΑ, την Ευρώπη και την Καραϊβική.

Ο Κόνι έκανε την τρικοποιητή θητεία του με την Οικοσιακή Κυβέρνηση ως Μηχανολόγος Ναυτιλίας και Ναυπηγός με την Διοίκηση Ναυτιλίας στην Ουάσινγκτον. Εκεί και έλαβε το Βραβείο Ανώτερου Επιπλέοντος του Υπουργείου Μεταφορών. Πριν από την συνταξιδόθηση του, συνέβαλε στη δημιουργία αγχείου για την εκφόρτωση φορητών πιλοίνων που εξακολούθει να χρησιμοποιείται σήμερα παγκοσμίως.

Ο Κόνι πάντα ασχολούνταν με την ιστοπλοΐα, συμμετείχε σε αγώνες ιστοπλοΐας, και διδάσκε την ιστοπλοΐα σε οικογενειακά μέλη και φίλους. Άνηκε στον Ομίλο Ιστοπλοΐας του Πανεπιστημίου των Μαϊάκιαν όπου και έκανε δια-βιου φίλες. Αργότερα άντικε σε αγώνες ιστοπλοΐας κοντά στο Σημάτι, στις πολιτείες του Μέριλαντ και της Βιρτζίνιας, και στη Φλόριντα. Συνέδεσε την συνταξιδόθηση του με την διεκπεραίωση ιστοπλοϊκού ταξιδιού από την Αγγλία μαζί με φίλους. Αργότερα, έπλευσε και έζησε πάνω στο γιατ 52-ποδιών του, Nightwind (Νυχτερίνος Άνεμος), πριν εγκατασθεί στην Παλάκια στον ποταμό του Αγίου Ιωάννη κοντά στην πόλη του Αγίου Αυγουστίνου στην Φλόριντα.

Ο Κόνι καθ' όλη τη ζωή βοηθούσε τους άλλους. Έχοντας μεγαλώσει κοντά σε ζωή, ο Κόνι συχνά τα υιοθετούσε. «Την εθελοντής σε σχολές, μέλος συμβούλων, και εμπειρογνόμων για πολλούς δημόσιους και ιδιωτικούς οργανισμούς. Ο Κόνι μοιραζόταν και τις καλές και τις κακές στημένες με τους φίλους και την οικογένεια του, με γέλιο και χαρά και βοηθώντας πολλούς στις δύσκολες στιγμές.

Το Ίδρυμα Κωνσταντίνου Φόλτη συμβάλλει στην ευαισθητοποίηση και προώθηση του θεραπευτικού δεσμού μεταξύ των ανθρώπων και των ζώων. Το Ίδρυμα συνεργάζεται με συναρπατικούς οργανισμούς και κινήστρα που βοηθούν τόσο τους ανθρώπους όσο και τα ζώα να συνέρθουν από δύσκολες στιγμές.



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Albert "Chew" Kullen was born in Baltimore, Maryland, the oldest of four children. His parents, Sam and Mary Kulchinsky, were Jewish immigrants from Russia and, in addition to a rich appreciation for their heritage, they afforded their children a unique distinction. Although born in different months, each of Chew's younger brothers, Harry and Sol, were also born on the 27th and his sister, Sarah, married a man born on the 27th.

Chew grew up in Baltimore, but he left high school early to help his parents support the family. He briefly moved to New York City, where he met his future wife, Irene, and they had one daughter, Marilyn. Returning to Baltimore, he began a career in the vending machine business, which then included slot machines. To many, his personality made him seem like a real-life "Damon Runyon" character. Early on, as co-owner of Andrews Vending Co., he learned to cope with the downsides of his job. Like many of his peers, he was investigated by nearly every law enforcement agency concerned about the potential for illegal activity. The results of every investigation were always the same—no racketeering connections, no tax dodging, and no hoodlum activity.

Through sheer charisma and intelligence, Chew soon became the leading spokesperson for the slots industry. Because of his growing prominence in the state's political arena, in 1946 he and his brothers—who were also making names for themselves in the advertising and printing worlds—changed their last name to Kullen. Kullen was easier to pronounce than Kulchinsky, especially when Chew was advocating for legislation to keep slots legal in the state. More than anyone else, he was statistically aware and verbally vocal about the positive economic effects that slots had on both the county and the state, including generating hundreds of well-paying jobs.

His impact on Anne Arundel County was far greater than just being the most well-known advocate for his industry in the state. He was a tireless campaigner for the **North Arundel Hospital**, and his efforts, along with those of the machine operators he represented, were driving forces in its creation. He was an annual sponsor of the baseball league and of numerous causes to improve the health and well-being of his fellow county residents. Yet, above all, he was a man who always demonstrated fairness in his business dealings that even the most formidable critics of his industry admired.

Chew Kullen died in 1968 of a sudden heart attack while working at his Glen Burnie office. He left behind a legacy of integrity, honesty and leadership in an industry that would ultimately cease to exist in his area. (Photograph of Chew Kullen and Sam Kulchinsky from the Kullen Family Archives.)

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His next major accomplishment came when Governor Jose Figueroa asked him to lay out a **pueblo** at the Solano mission and authorized him to free the Indian workers and distribute the mission lands and assets to settlers. This colonization plan was designed to prevent further extension of the Russian establishment of **Fort Ross**. As a reward for his success, he was given approximately 44 acres in the Petaluma Valley to develop as his own private **rancho**. This agricultural empire and his already-established civil and military powers made him one of the wealthiest and most influential men of his day in California.

In 1841 the Russians decided to abandon their outposts at Bodega and Fort Ross and offered to sell the fort to Vallejo. After several months of delays in the negotiations, the fort was purchased by John Sutter. This setback reinforced Vallejo's belief that California would be better served if it were ruled by the United States rather than Mexico City. In 1846 a group of unruly frontiersmen "attacked" the pueblo of Sonoma, arrested Vallejo and imprisoned him in Sutter's fort. They then raised a newly designed flag—the Bear Flag—over Sonoma. Within a month, the U.S. flag was raised in California, and the new officials released Vallejo and allowed him to return home. Sadly, he found that during his imprisonment and loss of power, his rancho was looted of its cattle, horses and other assets by the **Bear Flaggers** and Captain John C. Fremont. Despite this action, Vallejo sided with the Americans in the Mexican War (1846–1848).

In 1848 Vallejo was one of eight Californios elected to the California Constitutional Convention. He then served three terms in the state legislature. Because his lands had been granted by the Mexican government, he spent much of the next decade successfully defending his land rights. He wrote his multivolume history of California to document the role played by Californios. The town of Vallejo, California, bears his name. In 1965, a Benjamin Franklin Class Ballistic Missile Submarine named for him as the **SSBN-658** was launched, and remained proudly in service until it was decommissioned in 1995. (The photograph is from the collection of The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, POR.2.)

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Su siguiente logro importante ocurrió cuando el Gobernador José Figueroa le solicitó diseñar y establecer un pueblo en la misión Solano y lo autorizó a liberar a los trabajadores indígenas y a distribuir las tierras de la misión y los recursos a los colonos. Este plan de colonización tenía el objetivo de evitar que se siguiera extendiendo más el establecimiento ruso en Fort Ross. Como recompensa por su éxito, se le adjudicaron a Vallejo aproximadamente 44 acres en el Valle de Petaluma para establecer su propio rancho privado. Este emprendedor agricultor sumado a sus poderes civiles y militares ya reconocidos lo convirtieron en uno de los hombres más ricos e influyentes del momento en California.

En 1841 los rusos decidieron abandonar sus puestos de avanzada en Bodega y Fort Ross y ofrecieron vender el fuerte a Vallejo. Luego de varios meses de demora en las negociaciones, el fuerte fue comprado por John Sutter. Este revés reforzó la idea de Vallejo de que sería mejor para California estar bajo el gobierno de Estados Unidos que el de la Ciudad de Méjico. En 1848 un grupo de colonizadores rebeldes "atacaron" el pueblo de Sonoma, arrestaron a Vallejo y lo mantuvieron prisionero en el fuerte de Sutter. Luego izaron una bandera recientemente creada —la Bandera del Oso—sobre Sonoma. Al término de un mes, la bandera de Estados Unidos flameaba en California, y los nuevos funcionarios liberaron a Vallejo y le permitieron regresar a casa. Desafortunadamente, al llegar halló que durante su encarcelamiento y pérdida de poder, su rancho había sido saqueado por los partidarios de la Bandera del Oso y del Capitán John C. Fremont, quienes se llevaron todo su ganado, caballos y demás bienes. A pesar de esta acción, Vallejo tomó partido por los americanos durante la Guerra de Méjico (1846-1848).

En 1848 Vallejo fue uno de los ocho californianos elegidos para formar parte de la Convención Constitucional de California. Luego estuvo durante tres períodos en la legislatura del estado. Dado que sus tierras le habían sido concedidas por el gobierno mejicano, dedicó gran parte de la década siguiente a defender exitosamente sus derechos sobre estas tierras. Escribió su historia de California en varios volúmenes para documentar el rol que desempeñaron los californios. La ciudad de Vallejo, en California, lleva su nombre. En 1965 se lanzó un Submarino de Misiles Balísticos clase Benjamin Franklin que se denominó en honor de él SSBN-658. Este submarino continuó en servicio hasta que fue desmantelado en 1995. (La fotografía pertenece a la colección de la Biblioteca Bancroft, Universidad de California, Berkeley, POR 2.)

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