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ADMIRAL ELMO “BUD” ZUMWALT JR.

PROJECT 60

*Zumwalt impacted innovation, modernizing the Navy
ON, ABOVE, and UNDER the sea!*

“Project Sixty”: A plan to drastically reduce excess ships in the fleet within 60 days. Through the project, Zumwalt came up with what he called a “high-low mix,” reducing the numbers of large single-mission vessels while keeping a higher number of smaller multi-mission ships.

AIR



Zumwalt sold a reluctant Congress on funding the Navy’s F-14 Tomcats after explaining the plane’s increased capability and lower manning and maintenance needs would actually save money. As a result, the F-14 served in the U.S. Navy for more than 30 years from 1974 to 2006.

SEA



Under Zumwalt’s leadership, the Oliver Hazard Perry-class guided missile frigate (FFG) provided increased capabilities at reduced costs. Described by former SECNAV Lehman as “one of the most successful shipbuilding programs in the Navy’s postwar history,” the Navy’s FFG program produced 51 ships that served the Navy for 38 years from 1977-2015.

UNDERWATER



When Zumwalt took command as CNO, the Navy was no longer building fleet ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs)—a situation Zumwalt considered to be a major threat to the Navy’s readiness and ability to defend America. He prioritized the modernization of the SSBN fleet and, as a result, the Navy now has the Ohio-class submarine. Thirty-five years after the first boomer was commissioned, all 18 boats remain in service today.