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## **“God Grant the Weapon Never Be Used”**

Vice-Admiral Hugh Mackenzie

**A Conference Marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Navy’s  
Continuous At Sea Deterrent.**

**15/16 June 2018**

**Call for Papers**

**DEADLINE 22 December 2017**

15 June 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HMS *Resolution*, the Royal Navy’s first Polaris SSBN (Nuclear Ballistic Missile Submarine), commencing her first operational patrol. This conference, to be hosted by the National Museum of the Royal Navy at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum and Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower, will explore the history of the Royal’s Navy’s operation of the British nuclear deterrent. The conference will seek to join operational experience with academic analysis. Any methodological approach and any aspect of the history of this period will be very welcome, although the core subject matter will be the Royal Navy’s role as the operators of the principal delivery system since 1968.

Papers will be considered by an expert panel who will make the final selection. Those which address the following areas will be especially welcome:

- Experience of serving in or commanding SSBNs
- Operational history of the UK deterrent
- Deterrence theory
- Technology
- Costs of the deterrent and impact on wider UK defence spending
- Intelligence
- Impact of the British deterrent on international relations
- The future of the UK deterrent
- Social and cultural history of the nuclear deterrent.
- Moral and ethical issues, including protest and opposition.
- Material Culture: museum collections, submarines and other legacy evidence.
- Other perspectives, including those from the US, Soviet Union and France.

To submit a paper proposal please send a 300 word outline and a one page CV by 22 December 2017 to:

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