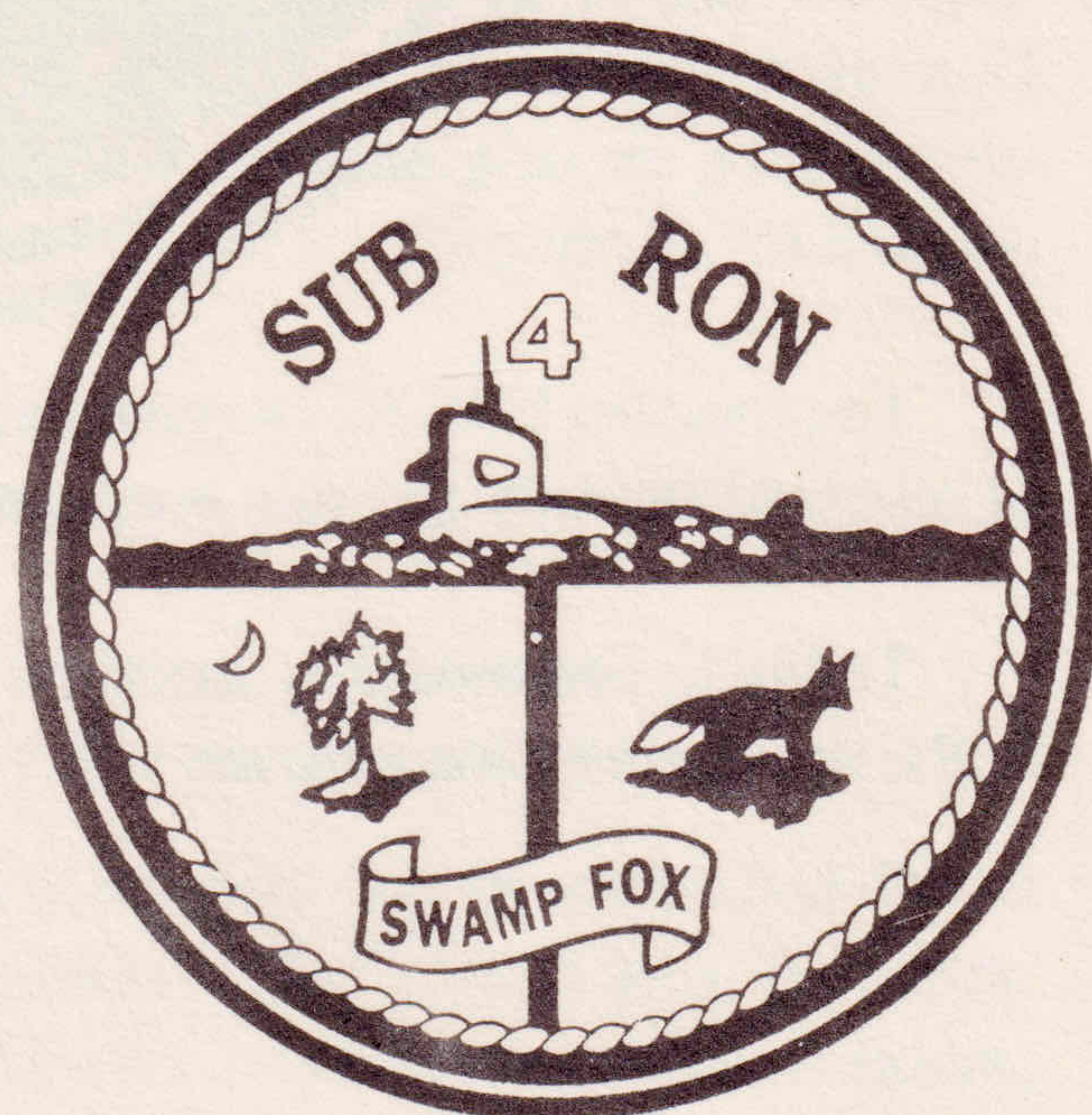
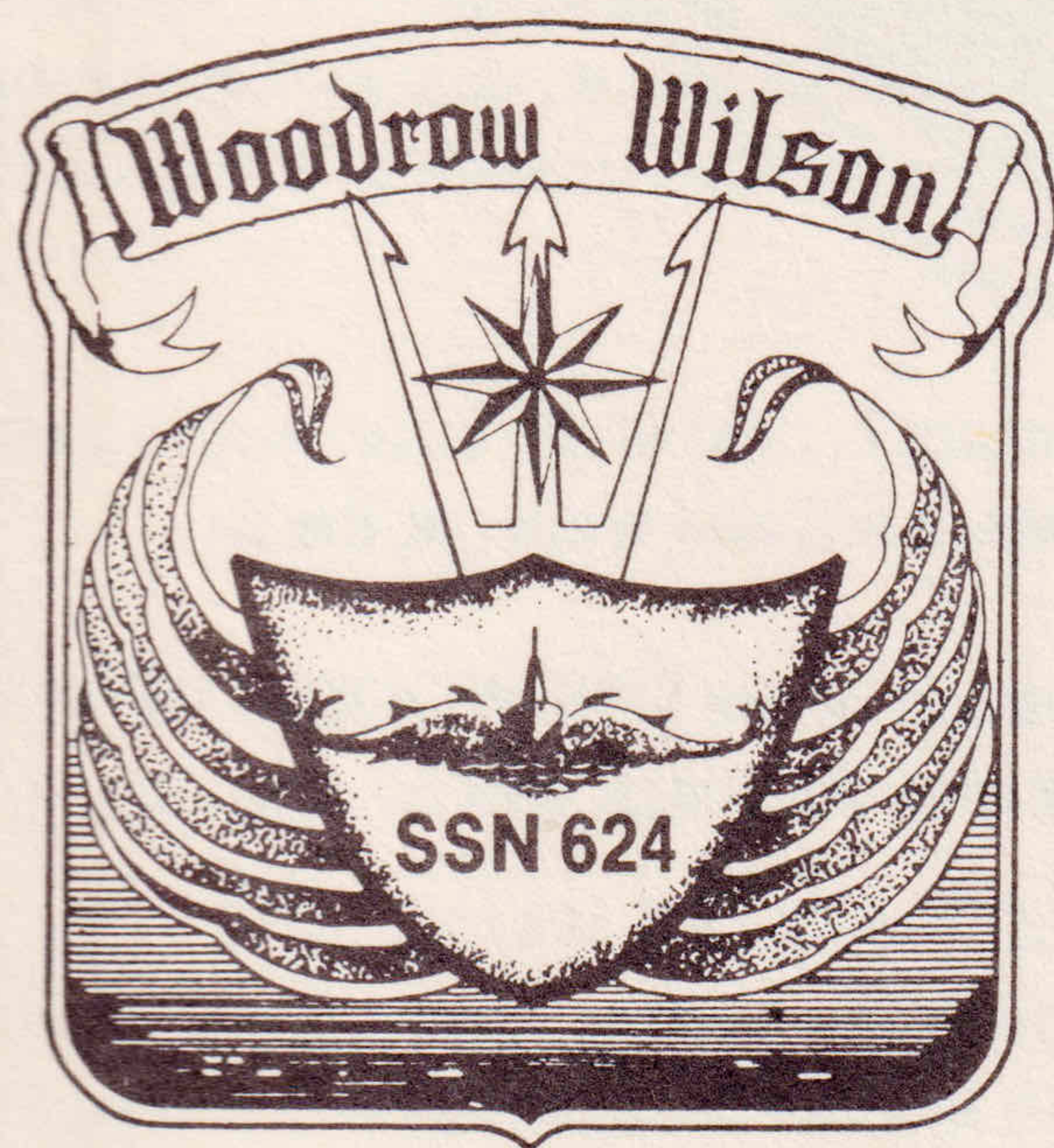
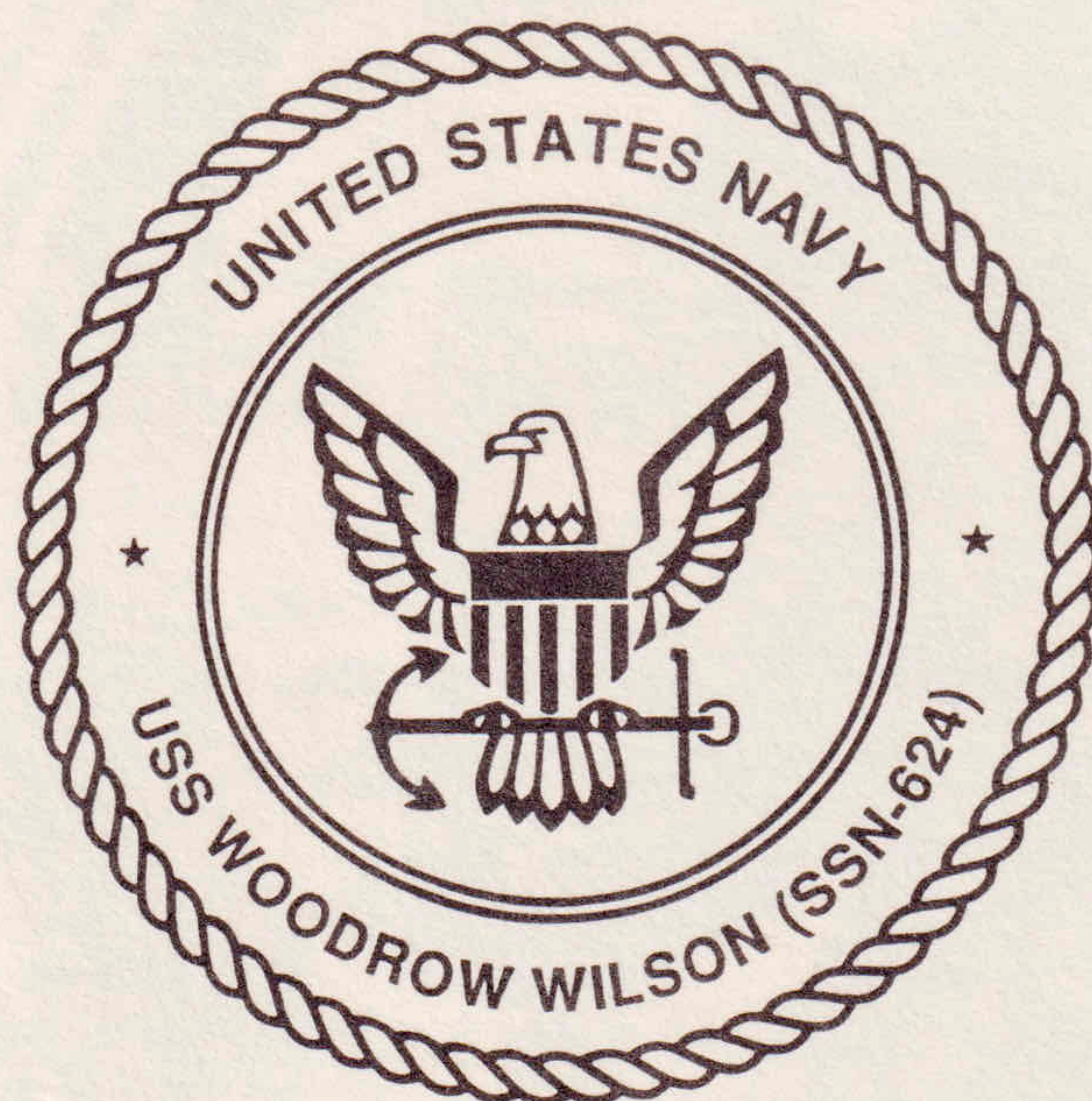


UNITED STATES SHIP WOODROW WILSON SSN-624



INACTIVATION CEREMONY

24 September 1993



THE COMMISSION PENNANT

The commission pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-of-war. Today it is a distinctive mark of a ship of the Navy in commission and is flown from the masthead, except when displaced by the personal flag of an admiral or commodore aboard a flagship.

It is said the commission pennant dates back to the 17th century war between Holland and England. A Dutch Admiral hoisted a broom at the masthead, indicating his intention to sweep the English from the sea. This gesture was answered by an English Admiral who hoisted a horsewhip, indicating his intention to chastise the Dutchman - which he did. Ever since that time the narrow, coachwhip pennant symbolizing the original horsewhip, has been the distinctive mark of a ship of war adopted by all nations.

The modern U.S. Navy commission pennant is blue at the hoist, with a union of seven white stars and two horizontal stripes, a red and white, at the fly.

Today to ceremonially mark the inactivation of the USS WOODROW WILSON, the commission pennant will be struck and the watch will be secured.



USS WOODROW WILSON (SSN 624) is the first ship of the United States Navy to bear the name of the twenty-eighth president of the United States. Woodrow Wilson was a brilliant constitutional theorist, lawyer, teacher, university president, governor of New Jersey, and is considered foremost among our intellectual presidents. He was a man whose vision and dynamic leadership culminated in the attainment of significant domestic advances, and the capable execution of our national commitment in the first World War.

HISTORY OF USS WOODROW WILSON

USS WOODROW WILSON is a product of the strategic deterrent philosophy and was one of the original "FORTY-ONE FOR FREEDOM" construction of 41 SSBNS. Her keel was laid on 13 September 1961 at Mare Island Naval Shipyard at Vallejo, California. She was launched on 22 February 1963 with Miss Eleanor Axson Sayre, the granddaughter of former President Woodrow Wilson, as sponsor. WOODROW WILSON made her maiden voyage on 20 October 1963.

After completing Builder's Trials and Preliminary Acceptance Trials, the commissioning of USS WOODROW WILSON took place on 27 December 1963 at the Building Yard with Commander (Later RADM) C.N. Mitchell, USN, becoming the Blue Crew Commanding Officer and Commander (Later RADM) W.N. Dietzen, USN, the Gold Crew Commanding Officer. The Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was the principal speaker.

On 9 February 1964 WOODROW WILSON departed Vallejo for passage through the Panama Canal to join the Atlantic Fleet. Following demonstration and shakedown operations off the Florida Coast and subsequent post-shakedown availability at Charleston Naval Shipyard, WOODROW WILSON departed on her first patrol in July 1964. Upon completion of this patrol she put into Rota, Spain, to join Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN. Twelve Polaris patrols were successfully completed out of Rota.

In May 1967 WOODROW WILSON was transferred to Submarine Squadron FOURTEEN at Holy Loch, Scotland. After completing her seventeenth patrol, she commenced a thirteen month overhaul availability at Newport News, Virginia in May 1968.

In March 1970 WOODROW WILSON completed her first patrol in the Pacific, the eighteenth since being commissioned. Operating out of Guam as part of Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN, WOODROW WILSON continued to carry out her deterrent role and completed 13 additional patrols.

In July 1973, USS WOODROW WILSON transited the Panama Canal and joined the Atlantic Submarine Force for overhaul and Poseidon conversion at Newport News, Virginia.

The highlights of the overhaul period included reactor core refueling plus the installation of Poseidon (C-3) missiles, BQR-15 sonar array, BQR-20 processor, WLR-9 active sonar interceptor and modification to carry the MK-48 torpedo. WOODROW WILSON reported to Submarine EIGHTEEN in Charleston, South Carolina following shakedown.

In 1978, WOODROW WILSON joined Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN in Rota, Spain, and in 1982, rejoined Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN.

WOODROW WILSON was awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN Battle Efficiency "E" for 1985 and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation in 1987, prior to crew combination for a refueling overhaul at the Charleston Naval Shipyard.

In July 1990, WOODROW WILSON completed overhaul at Charleston Naval Shipyard and was converted to an attack submarine (SSN). She remained an asset of Submarine Squadron EIGHTEEN completing various services in the local operating areas and established herself as the Atlantic Fleet's premier Special Forces platform during Exercise PHANTOM SHADOW '91.

In January 1992, WOODROW WILSON was transferred to Submarine FOUR in Charleston, South Carolina. Since this time, she has completed a 5 month Mediterranean Sea and two highly successful WESTLANT deployments as an attack submarine. Additionally, the ship has participated in several Special Forces exercises including SWAMPFOX 92, BOSUN DIVER 4-92 and 1-93, and OCEAN VENTURE 93.

After thirty years of service including 71 strategic deterrent patrols, WOODROW WILSON is scheduled to undergo inactivation at Charleston Naval Shipyard in November 1993.



THE SHIP'S EMBLEM

The design shown above was originally selected as WOODROW WILSON's ship plaque design by a vote of her crew on 12 April 1963. The shield represented the protection the ship's strategic weapons systems would provide the nation throughout her lifetime. This shield was adorned with the insignia of the "silent service", a submarine flanked by the sailor's friends, the dolphins. The center star represented Polaris, the North Star and guiding body of mariners and the namesake of the first fleet ballistic missile system deployed onboard WOODROW WILSON. The Trident represented the three-pronged spear carried by Poseidon, Greek god of the sea and patron deity of sailors.

This design was conceived by Mr. Antonin Dooroff while working in the Design Division of Mare Island Naval Shipyard during the ship's construction. A native of Kiachta, Siberia, Mr. Dooroff graduated from Russia's National Military Academy in 1919 and served as a member of the Counter-Revolutionary (White Russia) Army until 1921 when he escaped from his homeland by way of China and eventually settled in Seattle.

In 1992, the original design was modified slightly, as shown on the front cover, in recognition of WOODROW WILSON's conversion to an attack submarine by deleting the ballistic "B" from the ship's hull designation.



CAPTAIN STANLEY R. SZEMBORSKI
COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON FOUR

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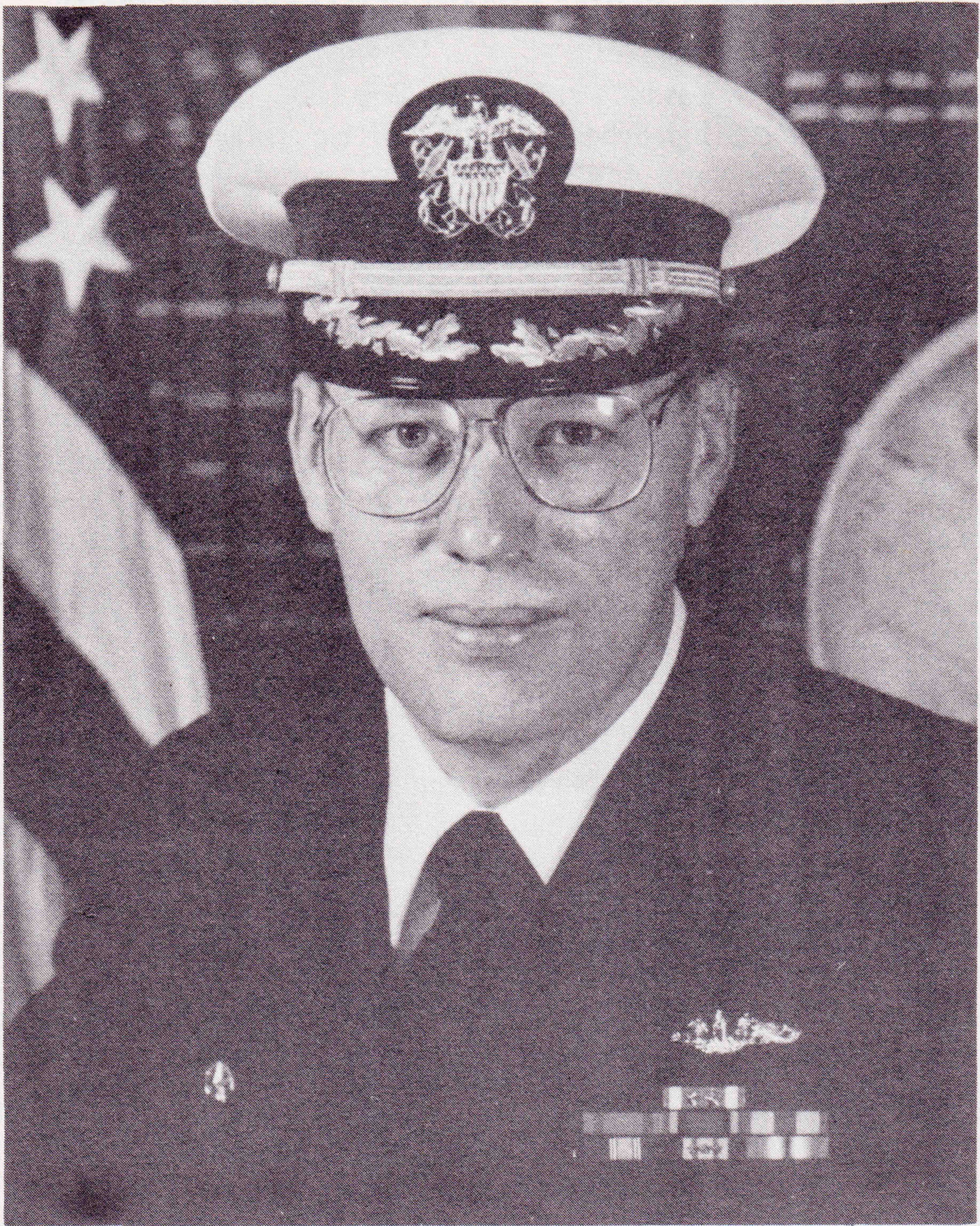
Captain Szemborski was born in Paterson, New Jersey and was valedictorian of Don Bosco Technical High School Class of 1967. He graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1971 and earned a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School in 1972.

Following completion of nuclear power training, Captain Szemborski served aboard the USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625) where he completed three strategic deterrent patrols and a refueling overhaul. In 1977 he reported to USS OMAHA (SSN 692) where he served as Engineering Officer during two Western Pacific deployments. During this tour, USS OMAHA was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation and achieved an overall grade of excellent on an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). He also served as the commissioning Executive Officer on USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719).

Captain Szemborski commanded USS CHICAGO (SSN 721) from March 1987 to November 1989. During this period the ship completed a sixteen month post shakedown availability and the first Western Pacific deployment with a tactically loaded vertical launch Tomahawk missile system. Following this deployment USS CHICAGO was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Pacific Fleet Golden Anchor Award and both the Submarine Squadron Eleven Battle Efficiency and Engineering Excellence Awards. He subsequently commanded USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) for four months during preparation for a depot maintenance period.

Captain Szemborski's shore assignments include a tour as Material Officer on the staff of Submarine Squadron Fourteen in Holy Loch, Scotland, the Submarine Squadron Eleven Deputy Commander for Training, the Submarine Force Maintenance Officer on the staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare), the Appropriations Matters Assistant for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management) and as Deputy Director of the Investment and Development Division in the Office of the Comptroller of the Navy.

Among other awards Captain Szemborski is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal with four gold stars. He is married to the former Barbara Jo Burton of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. They have six children: Robert, Katherine, JohnPaul, Mary, Michael and Matthew. Robert is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and is pursuing a career in Naval Aviation.



COMMANDER MARSHALL T. PAGE
USS WOODROW WILSON

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Commander Page, a second generation Naval Officer, grew up around U.S. Navy bases around the world. Graduating from the University of Delaware in 1974, Commander Page received his commission from Officer Candidate School in May 1975. He completed Nuclear Power training at Bainbridge, Maryland and Windsor, Connecticut.

In December 1976, following completion of basic Submarine School he reported to USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675) in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as Electrical Officer, Reactor Control Officer, and Weapons Officer.

In January, 1980, Commander Page reported to Nuclear Power School in Orlando where he was an instructor and Division Director for Electrical Engineering in the Officer Department for two years. Following advanced submarine school in 1982, he relieved as Navigator and Operations Officer on USS ASPRO (SSN 648).

Commander Page was next assigned to the Commander, Submarine Force, Atlantic Fleet operations staff where he was the fast attack submarine scheduler for two years. He then relieved as Executive Officer on USS SUNFISH (SSN 649) in 1988 taking the ship out of non-refueling overhaul.

Commander Page has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

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Commander Marshall T. Page, USN

Commanding Officer, USS WOOD

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INACTIVATION CREW

OFFICERS

CDR MARSHALL T. PAGE, USN, COMMANDING OFFICER

LCDR Raymond A. Shriver, USN

LCDR Michael B. McLean, USN

LCDR Robert P. Lunt, USN

LT Timothy F. Seibert, USN

LT Michael R. Schwarze, USN

LT Joseph M. Frisco Jr., USN

LT Stephen E. Robinson, USN

LT John T. Buthod, USN

LT Scott C. Schwind, USN

LT Matthew K. Junker, USN

LT Aaron J. Ayer, USN

LT Gerald W. Mackaman, USN

LT Matthew E. Simms, USN

LT David M. Sanders, USN

LTJG Edward S. Dunton, USN

Executive Officer

Engineer Officer

Weapons Officer

Navigation/Operations Officer

Supply Officer

Main Propulsion Assistant

Communicator

Assistant Engineer

Electronic Material Officer

TM/FTG/Strategic Weapons

Sonar Officer

Reactor Controls Assistant

Damage Control Officer

Electrical Officer

Chemical Radiological Officer

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

FTCS(SS) James A. Miller, USN, CHIEF OF THE BOAT

ETCM(SS) Terry G. Doty, USN

STSCS(SS) Calven D. Lindeman, USN

TMC(SS) Reginald J. Brown, USN

MMC(SS) Thomas E. Follas, USN

ETC(SS) Ronald S. Garner, USN

RMC(SS) William M. Kasten, USN

SKC(SS) Leon P. Leidy, USN

MMC(SS) Charles B. Mathis, USN

EMC(SS) Robin D. Osmer, USN

MMC(SS) William N. Stowers Jr., USN

ETC(SS) Charles R. Weaver, USN

ENG Dept Enlisted Advisor

Sonar

Torpedo

Auxiliary

Reactor Controls

Communications

Supply

3M Coordinator

Electrical

Machinery

Electronic Material

CREW

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

SONAR DIVISION

STS1(SS) G. W. Marvin, USN
STS1(SS) R. R. Vannevel, USN
STS2(SS) A. G. Madril, USN
STS2(SS) D. A. Ettien, USN
STS2(SS) J. Ege, USN
STS2(SS) M. J. Perry, USN
STS3(SS) R. O. Hartman, USN
STS3(SU) J. W. Bair, USN

DECK DIVISION

SN(SU) L. W. Robinson, USN
FA(SU) R. Howell, USN
SR(SU) K. S. Kasey, USN
SR(SU) T. L. Billett, USN

TORPEDO DIVISION

TM2(SS) J. F. Owens, USN
TM3(SS) J. R. Darley, USN
TM3(SS) M. R. Davenport, USN

STRATEGIC WEAPONS DIVISION

FTB2(SS) J. E. Courtney, USN
FTB2(SS) A. O. Beasley, USN
MT2(SS) R. S. Mercado, USN
MT2(SS) W. A. Bieleski, USN
MT3(SS) J. T. Spyker, USN

FIRE CONTROL DIVISION

FTG2(SS) P. M. Wright, USN
FTG2(SS) B. K. Barnes, USN
FTG2(SS) C. F. Stone, USN
FTG3(SS) J. E. Swanson II, USN

NAVIGATION/OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

ELECTRONIC MATERIAL

ET1(SS) P. A. Vargas, USN
ET1(SS) J. B. Kuykendal, USN
ET1(SS) P. J. Springmeyer, USN
ET2(SS) J. A. Lane, USN
ET2(SS) R. M. Lee Jr., USN
ET2(SS) R. E. Ghery, USN
ET3(SS) M. E. Stover, USN
ET3(SS) T. M. Collins, USN
ET3(SS) S. C. Humpert, USN
ET3(SU) D. W. Redington, USN
ET3(SU) R. L. Craig, USN
ETSN(SS) L. Manipon, USN

RADIO DIVISION

RM1(SS) J. A. Murphy, USN
RM2(SS) D. A. Cassidy, USN
RM2(SS) M. D. Hahn, USN
RM2(SS) J. E. Brannon II, USN
RM3(SU) R. M. Rogerson, USN

QUARTERMASTER DIVISION

QM1(SS) E. Sutton, USN
QM1(SS) C. Gorham, USN
QMSN(SU) R. G. Newsome, USN

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

FOOD SERVICE DIVISION

MS1(SS) C. King Jr., USN
MS2(SS) D. R. White, USN
MS3(SS) T. L. Atchison, USN
MS3(SS) L. J. Vogrich, USN
MS3(SS) B. D. Adkison, USN
MS3(SS) J. D. Hendry, USN

STORES DIVISION

SK2(SS) B. K. Mack, USN
SKSN(SS) S. A. Alkire, USN

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

YEOMAN

YN1(SS) R. B. Gordon, USN
YN3(SS) J. R. Colclough, USN
YN3(SS) J. "S" Miller, USN

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

HM1(SS) M. A. Korth, USN

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

MACHINERY DIVISION

MM1(SS) D. J. Tello, USN
MM1(SS) K. M. Loverin, USN
MM1(SS) C. M. Parkes, USN
MM1(SS) R. C. Wheeler, USN
MM2(SS) D. L. Green, USN
MM2(SS) M. C. Alteri, USN
MM2(SS) E. Garcia, USN
MM2(SS) S. M. Sprouse, USN
MM2(SS) D. F. Moody, USN
MM2(SS) K. W. Morrow, USN
MM3(SS) M. P. McCown, USN
MM3(SU) D. E. Limbaugh, USN

AUXILLIARY DIVISION

MM1(SS) H. D. Drew, USN
MM1(SS) E. R. Hermanson, USN
MM1(SS) S. A. Peterson, USN
MM1(SS) M. A. Pruitt, USN
MM2(SS) K. A. Ertell, USN
MM2(SS) K. V. Bazen, USN
MM2(SS) M. Colon Jr., USN
MM2(SS) J. K. Summer, USN
MM3(SS) J. W. Jordan, USN
MM3(SS) D. L. Miller, USN
MM3(SS) J. Rudofski, USN
MM3(SU) B. C. Spivey, USN
MM3(SU) W. J. Strickland, USN
MM3(SS) D. Thompson, USN

ELECTRICAL DIVISION

EM1(SS) D. L. Shaffer, USN
EM1(SS) E. "H" Johnson, USN
EM1(SS) P. D. Willy, USN
EM2(SS) R. A. Derrick, USN
EM2(SS) R. E. Williamson, USN
EM2(SS) R. J. Kuntz, USN
EM2(SS) K. L. Severson, USN
EM2(SS) K. L. Terry, USN
EM2(SS) J. E. Groseclose, USN
EM2(SS) T. K. McBride, USN
EM3(SU) J. K. Partlow, USN

REACTOR CONTROLS DIVISION

ET1(SS) A. H. Harris, USN
ET1(SS) A. A. Guenther, USN
ET1(SS) M. P. Nicholson, USN
ET2(SS) A. F. McCutchen Jr., USN
ET2(SS) S. A. Benefield, USN

REACTOR LABORATORY DIVISION

MM1(SS) J. W. Young, USN
MM1(SS) T. L. Knox, USN
MM2(SS) J. D. Fontenot, USN
MM2(SS) D. R. Lanouette Jr., USN
MM2(SS) D. A. Tilton, USN

INTERIOR COMMS DIVISION

IC1(SS) J. D. Drawdy, USN
IC2(SS) W. A. Herzig, USN
IC2(SS) S. L. Sanders, USN
IC3(SS) H. Sims, USN
IC3(SS) E. A. Reid, USN

PREVIOUS BLUE CREW COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander C. N. Mitchell, USN
(2 February 1963 - 31 March 1966)

Commander J. M. Donlon, USN
(31 March 1966 - 20 May 1968)

Commander E. A. Till, USN
(20 May 1968 - 30 April 1970)

Commander G. A. Weber Jr., USN
(30 April 1970 - 29 June 1971)

Commander F. W. Kelley, USN
(29 June 1971 - 30 August 1971)

Commander J. H. Cook III, USN
(30 August 1971 - 12 June 1973)

Commander W. W. Wigley, USN
(12 June 1973 - 30 June 1976)

Commander C. E. Schmidt, USN
(30 June 1976 - 4 December 1979)

Commander A. R. More, USN
(4 December 1979 - 31 March 1984)

Commander G. L. Detter, USN
(31 March 1984 - 4 February 1987)

Commander C. C. Peterson, USN
(4 February 1987 - 7 August 1989)

Commander G. A. Dilgren, USN
(7 August 1989 - 10 April 1992)

PREVIOUS GOLD CREW COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander W. N. Dietzen, USN
(16 April 1963 - 7 July 1966)

Lieutenant Commander E. A. Till, USN
(7 July 1966 - 4 July 1969)

Commander J. R. Ramzy, USN
(4 July 1969 - 12 June 1973)

Commander W. W. Wigley, USN
(12 June 1973 - 15 October 1975)

Commander A. O. Howard, USN
(15 October 1975 - 30 June 1978)

Commander R. J. Lewis, USN
(30 June 1978 - 17 February 1982)

Commander K. T. Hoepfner, USN
(17 February 1982 - 1 November 1985)

Commander C. C. Peterson, USN
(1 November 1985 - 7 August 1989)

Commander G. A. Dilgren, USN
(7 August 1989 - 10 April 1992)

