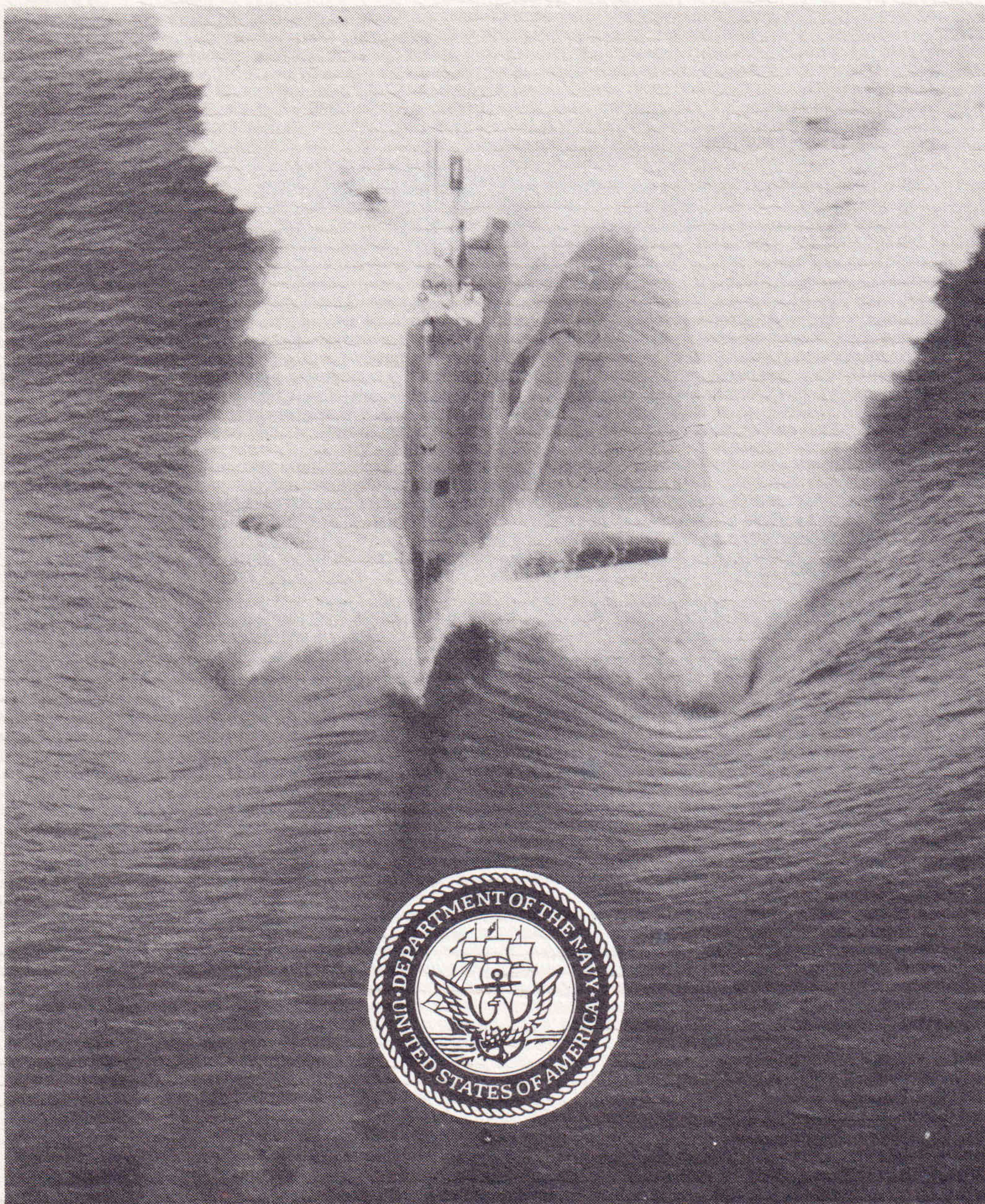


USS SHARK
(SSN 591)

Change of Command



9 FEBRUARY 1990
ALDEN PARK
MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD
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THE CEREMONY



The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and personnel of the command the continuity of the command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The change of command of a naval unit activity is nearly unique in the world today; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.



Change of Command

Commander Russell M. Carr
United States Navy

Relieved By

Commander William R. Large III
United States Navy

as

Commanding Officer
USS Shark (SSN 591)



**COMMANDER
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Commander Russell Morgan Carr was born 20 July 1949 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is a 1971 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Following Nuclear Power Training in Mare Island, California and Idaho Falls, Idaho and Submarine School in New London, Connecticut he reported aboard USS LAPON (SSN 661) where he participated in two Mediterranean Sea deployments. He has served as an instructor at NPTU Idaho Falls and completed the Submarine Officers Advanced Course, graduating with distinction. He then served aboard USS PARGO (SSN 650) as Engineer Officer during a period when the ship was awarded both the Battle Efficiency and Engineering "E". He served next as the Material Officer on the staff of Submarine Group SEVEN, Yokosuka, Japan before assignment as Commissioning Crew Executive Officer aboard USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) where he participated in a Mediterranean Sea deployment and served until December 1985.

Commander Carr assumed command of USS SHARK (SSN 591) on 22 August 1986 and has since completed deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and to South America for Unitas XXIX, has participated in several fleet exercises including Solid Shield and MARCOT, and has conducted a successful MK 48 Service Weapons Test. He has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with three gold stars, the Navy Unit Commendation, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Commander Carr currently resides in New London, CT with his wife Vonice and their two sons, Shamus and Liam.



**COMMANDER
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Commander LARGE graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Following graduation, he attended nuclear power training and Naval Submarine School.

Commander LARGE served on USS DRUM (SSN-677) from October 1972 until March of 1975, qualifying in submarines and holding positions as 1st Lieutenant, Electrical Officer, Damage Control Assistant and Weapons Officer. His next tour was aboard the USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN-618) during a refueling overhaul serving as Damage Control Assistant and Communicator. In December 1976, he reported to Naval Submarine School as a staff instructor teaching the advanced sonar curriculum.

Upon graduating from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) in June 1979, Commander LARGE served as Operations Officer and Navigator on USS SEADRAGON (SSN-584).

Commander LARGE's first tour on the USS SHARK (SSN-591) came as the Navigator from April 1981 to June 1983. He then reported to the USS SEAWOLF (SSN-575) where he served as the executive Officer until May 1987.

Commander LARGE Relieved as Commanding Officer USS PLUNGER (SSN-595) in January 1988. During his two year command tour the ship earned a Navy Unit Commendation.

Commander LARGE is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star, Navy Unit Commendation with two bronze stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Battle Efficiency Award, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal and Sea Service Ribbon with four bronze stars.

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COMMAND AT SEA

THE PRESTIGE, PRIVILEGE AND BURDEN OF COMMAND

By Joseph Conrad

Only a seaman realizes to what an extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landman, this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend — but it is so.

A ship at sea is a distant world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units, the Navy must place great power, responsibility and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command.

In each ship there is one man who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one who alone is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gun-firing and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship.

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small; nevertheless command is the spur which has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the highest time honored title of the seafaring world — “CAPTAIN.”



**FORMER
COMMANDING OFFICERS
USS SHARK (SSN 591)**



COMMANDER J.F. FAGAN, JR.

COMMANDER Z.D. ALFORD

COMMANDER J.M. DONLON

COMMANDER R.L. KELSEY

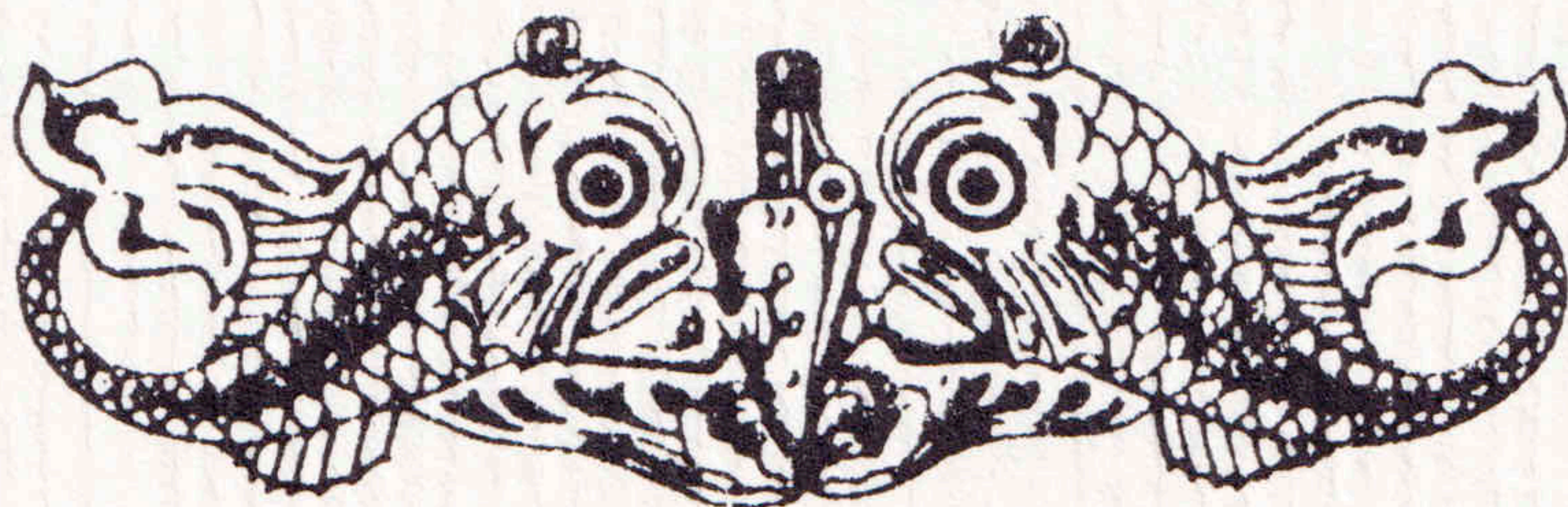
COMMANDER D.L. SELF

CAPTAIN J.M. VAN METRE

COMMANDER J.A. MARSHALL

COMMANDER H.M. ANDERSON

COMMANDER G.W. JACKSON



OFFICERS

LCDR EDMOND G. WILSON
Executive Officer

LCDR HOWARD F. REESE
Engineer Officer

LT TIMOTHY E. PARNELL
Navigator/Operations Officer

LT PETER D. MARTINO
Weapons Officer

LT ERIC H. JOHNSON
Prospective Nuclear Engineer Officer

LT THOMAS D. KRAEMER
Main Propulsion Assistant

LT DAVID E. MUSSER
Assistant Engineer Officer

LT GEORGE B. DRESSER J.R.
Chemistry Radiological Controls Assistant

LT BRIAN K. CABANA
Reactor Controls Assistant

LTJG JOHN F. MYERS IV
Electrical/Interior Communications Officer

LTJG EBER L. VERHOVSEK
Damage Control Assistant

LTJG JAMES W. KELLERMAN
Supply Officer

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

MMCS(SS) JESSE R. WARE
Chief of the Boat

EMCS(SS) TERRY L. JENSEN

MMCS(SS) GEORGE W. WARD

SKC(SS) LEE L. ALONSO

MMC(SS) JOHN M. CRONIN

ETC(SS) STEVEN E. DELISLE

MARK G. FERGUSON

EMC(SS) THOMAS T. HOEFS

ICC(SS) MICHAEL J. HURLEY

MMC(SS) STANLEY E. KNOKEY

HMC(SS) RODGER L. TALBOT

USS SHARK

The Ship

USS SHARK (SSN 591) is the sixth ship and fourth submarine of the United States Navy to bear the name. The first SHARK was a 198-ton schooner of 12 guns launched in 1821. She was followed by SHARK (SS8), Commissioned in 1917 but only served for two years. The fourth and fifth SHARKS ((SS 174 and SS 314) served with distinction and were lost in combat during World War II.

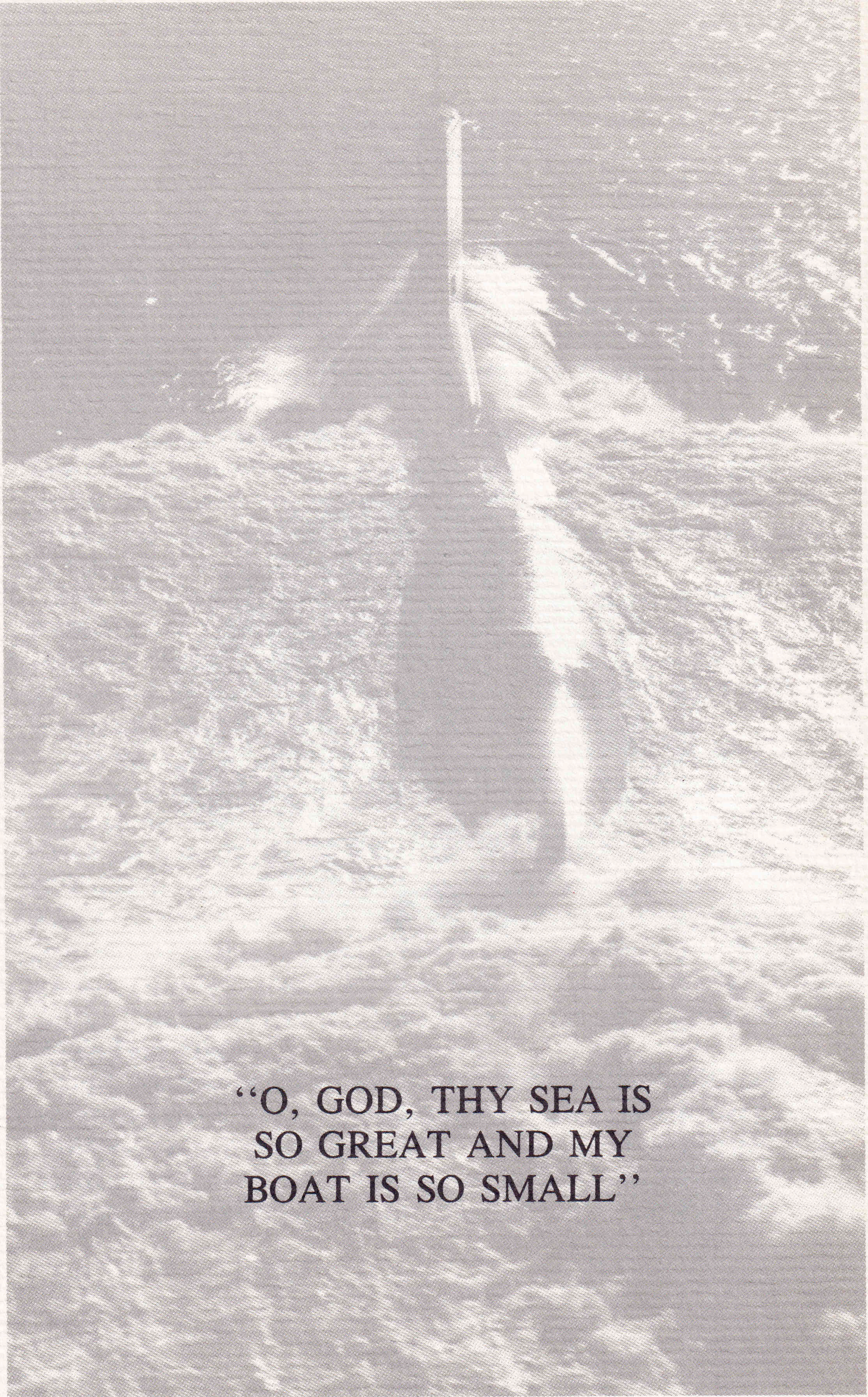
The current SHARK (SSN 591) is a Skipjack class nuclear powered fast attack submarine that combines modern developments in high speed submarine design with propulsion by nuclear power. This marriage yields maneuverability and endurance far in excess of that experienced in a conventionally powered submarine.

SHARK is powered by one pressurized water nuclear reactor driving a single screw, is 251 feet in length, draws 28 feet of water, has a beam of 31 feet and displaces 3,500 tons submerged. She is capable of speeds in excess of 20 knots and can dive to depths in excess of 400 feet. SHARK is operated by 13 officers and 112 enlisted personnel.

SHARK was commissioned in Newport News, Virginia on 9 February 1961. Since then, she has achieved an enviable record of firsts, including the distinction of being the first nuclear powered submarine to serve with the United States Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea (1961) and the first U.S. nuclear submarine to exercise with a French nuclear submarine (1984). SHARK has been awarded the Atlantic Fleet Majorie Sterrett Battleship Award based on overall performance of a ship, two Navy Unit Commendations, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, the Atlantic Fleet Golden Anchor Award and was nominated twice for the Atlantic Fleet Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy.

Under Commander Carr's command USS SHARK (SSN 591) has completed deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, and to South America for UNITAS XXIX, plus participated in several fleet exercises including Solid Shield and MARCOT, has conducted a successful MK 48 Service Weapons Test, and has commenced its inactivation at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.





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