

USS TREPANG (SSN 674)
DECOMMISSIONING
CEREMONY



1 JUNE 1999

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington



Welcome

The Commanding Officer, Officers, and the Crew of USS TREPANG (SSN674) welcome you to the decommissioning ceremony. The ceremony today symbolizes a tribute to the ship on her decommissioning, the time honored end of a ship's life. This solemn occasion where the commission pennant, ensign, and jack are hauled down for the last time is a dedication to the total operational success of the ship and the men who sailed it.

The USS TREPANG (SSN 674) is the second United States Navy ship to bear this name. The first TREPANG (SS 412) was a World War II fleet diesel submarine commissioned on May 22, 1944. The SS 412 was a highly decorated ship of war, earning five Battle Stars, a Navy Unit Citation, and accounting for some 120,000 tons of enemy shipping sunk. The first USS TREPANG was decommissioned on June 27, 1946.

The present TREPANG is a nuclear powered attack submarine of the Sturgeon class built by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation. Her keel was laid on October 28, 1967 in Groton, Connecticut. The USS TREPANG was commissioned on August 14th, 1970.

Through twenty nine years of distinguished service, the USS TREPANG has deployed to the Northern Atlantic seven times, the Mediterranean Sea eight times, the Western Atlantic twice, and for her final deployment, conducted an around-the-world cruise traveling over 23,000 miles. For her excellent performance, USS TREPANG received two Battle Efficiency "E" awards, two Navy Unit Commendations, and five Meritorious Unit Commendations.

Program



Arrival of Official party

National Anthem

Invocation

Introduction

*Commander T. E. McCaffrey
Commanding Officer, USS TREPANG (SSN 674)*

Remarks

*Captain D.E. Baugh
Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard*

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*Commander T. E. McCaffrey
Commanding Officer, USS TREPANG (SSN 674)*

Reading of Orders

Lowering of Colors

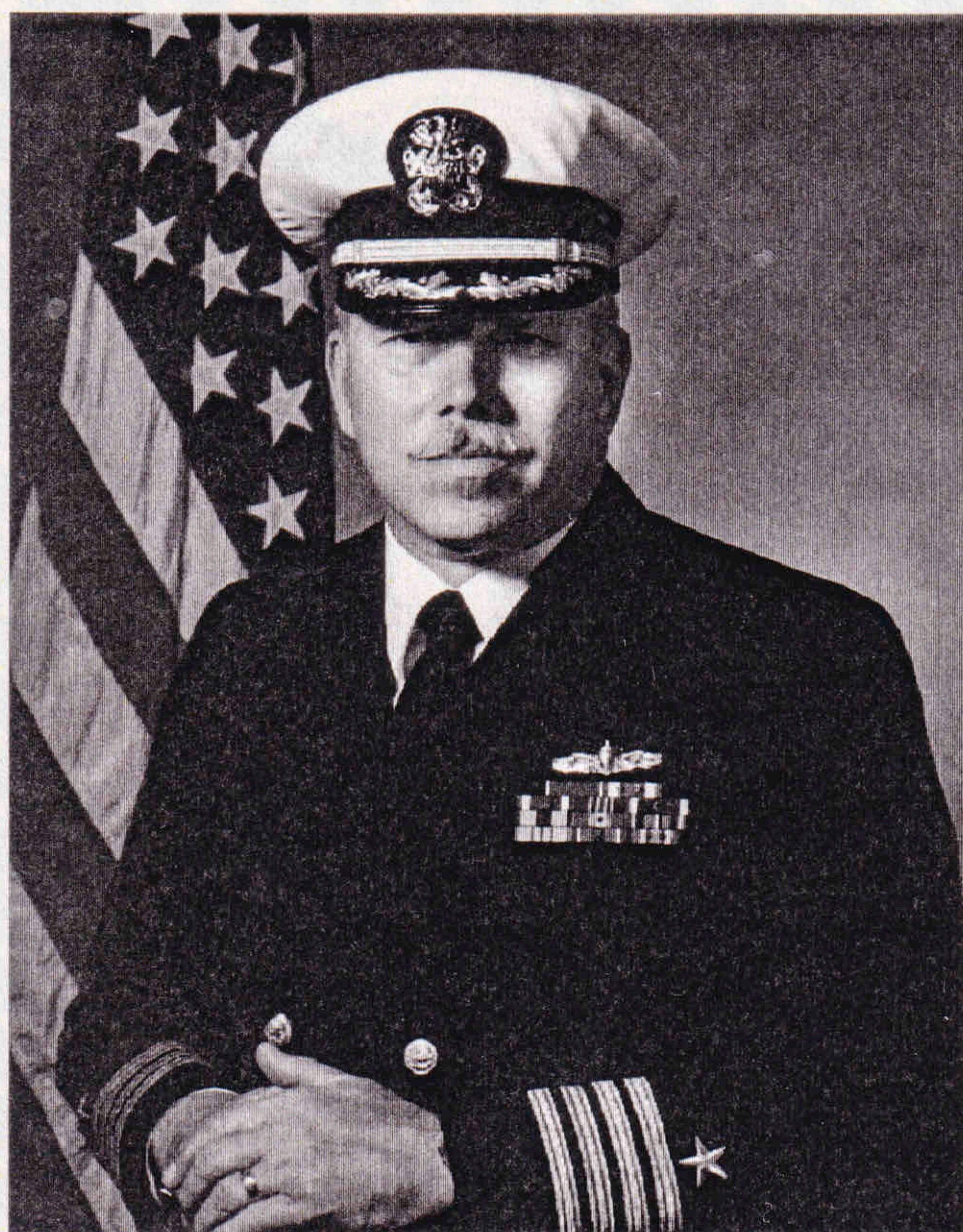
Presentation of Commission Pennant

Securing of the Watch

Decommissioning and Relinquishment of Command

Benediction

Departure of Official Party



**CAPTAIN
DALE E. BAUGH**
United States Navy
Commander
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard

Warfare Officer and as an Acquisition Professional.

Captain Baugh's sea assignments include two tours aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65), USS TEXAS (CGN 39), and service on the TEXAS precommissioning crew.

Captain Baugh's shore assignments include duty at UCLA as Assistant Professor, teaching Naval Engineering and Weapons Systems courses; Nuclear Surface Ship Project Officer and Engineering Officer for Supervisor of Shipbuilding, San Francisco, California; Deputy Materials Officer, Ship Material Division, COMNAVAIRPAC staff; Complex Overhaul Program Manager and Deputy Supervisor for Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, Newport News; Ship Material Officer, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet staff; with most recent assignment as Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Captain Baugh's decorations include the Legion of Merit; the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars; the Navy Commendation Medal; and various unit citations.

The son of Charles F. (deceased) and Evelyn Baugh; Captain Baugh was born in Alliance, Ohio, and married to the former Donna Marie Westcott of Vallejo, California. They have one young daughter, Charlee.



**COMMANDER
THOMAS E. MCCAFFREY**
United States Navy
Commander
USS TREPANG (SSN 674)

Commander McCaffrey is a Philadelphia native who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in December of 1979 with a Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering and a commission from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. After basic submarine training, he reported to USS SWORDFISH (SSN 589) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where he first served in the Engineering

Department and later as Weapons Officer for a Western Pacific Deployment. He then was Engineer Officer for five strategic deterrence patrols on USS MICHIGAN (SBN 727) (Blue) in Bangor, Washington. During this tour, he qualified for command and earned the Engineering and Battle Efficiency awards for excellence.

Commander McCaffrey directed the Plant Performance Evaluation Activity at the Naval Reactors Facility in Idaho Falls, Idaho from January 1988 to September 1990. He subsequently attended Stanford University where he earned a Master's degree in Business Administration. During this period, he also deployed to the Northern Pacific on USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN 695).

In September of 1992, Commander McCaffrey became Executive Officer on USS PASADENA (SSN 752) in San Diego, California and conducted a Battle Group deployment to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch. He remained in San Diego until September of 1997 serving as Chief Staff Officer of Submarine Squadron THREE, Executive Officer of USS SALT LAKE CITY (SSN 716), and Officer in Charge of the O'Kane Submarine Training Facility. In the winter of 1994, he deployed to the Western Pacific on USS PUFFER (SSN 652). Commander McCaffrey assumed command of the USS TREPANG (SSN 674) in New London, Connecticut on June 26, 1998.

Commander McCaffrey's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards). He is married to the former Karen Taylor of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. They have three daughters: Michelle, Cherie, and Nicole.



CDR D.R. SACKETT

CDR R.S. PERKINS

CDR J.R. LANG

CDR R.A. HISS

CDR R.G. JONES

CDR J.D. PORTER

CDR R.D. WOOLRICH

CDR A.L. EDWARDS

CDR B.M. AUCKLAND

CDR D.T. PHILIPP

CDR J.T. LOCKS

CDR R.M. ZALASKUS

CDR T.E. McCAFFREY

USS TREPANG (SSN 674)

COMMISSIONED 14 AUGUST 1970



THE COMMISSION PENNANT

At the moment the commission pennant is broken, a ship becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making her ready for any service required by our nation, whether at peace or at war.

The pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-o-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maarten Hapertzoon Tromp hoisted a broom at the masthead to symbolize his intention to sweep the English from the sea. This gesture was answered by British Admiral William Blake, who hoisted a horsewhip indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.

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



... Come my friends.
Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
For my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars...
Though much is taken, much abides.
And though we are not now
That strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven,
That which we are, we are
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

-Alfred Lord Tennyson, Ulysses

