

USS BLUEFISH



**USS BLUEFISH
(SSN 675)**

INACTIVATION

**17 JANUARY 1996
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE
PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII**

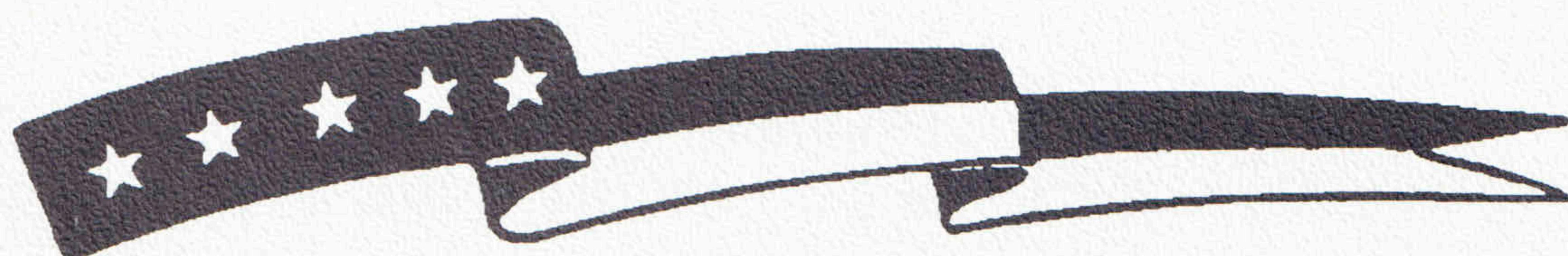
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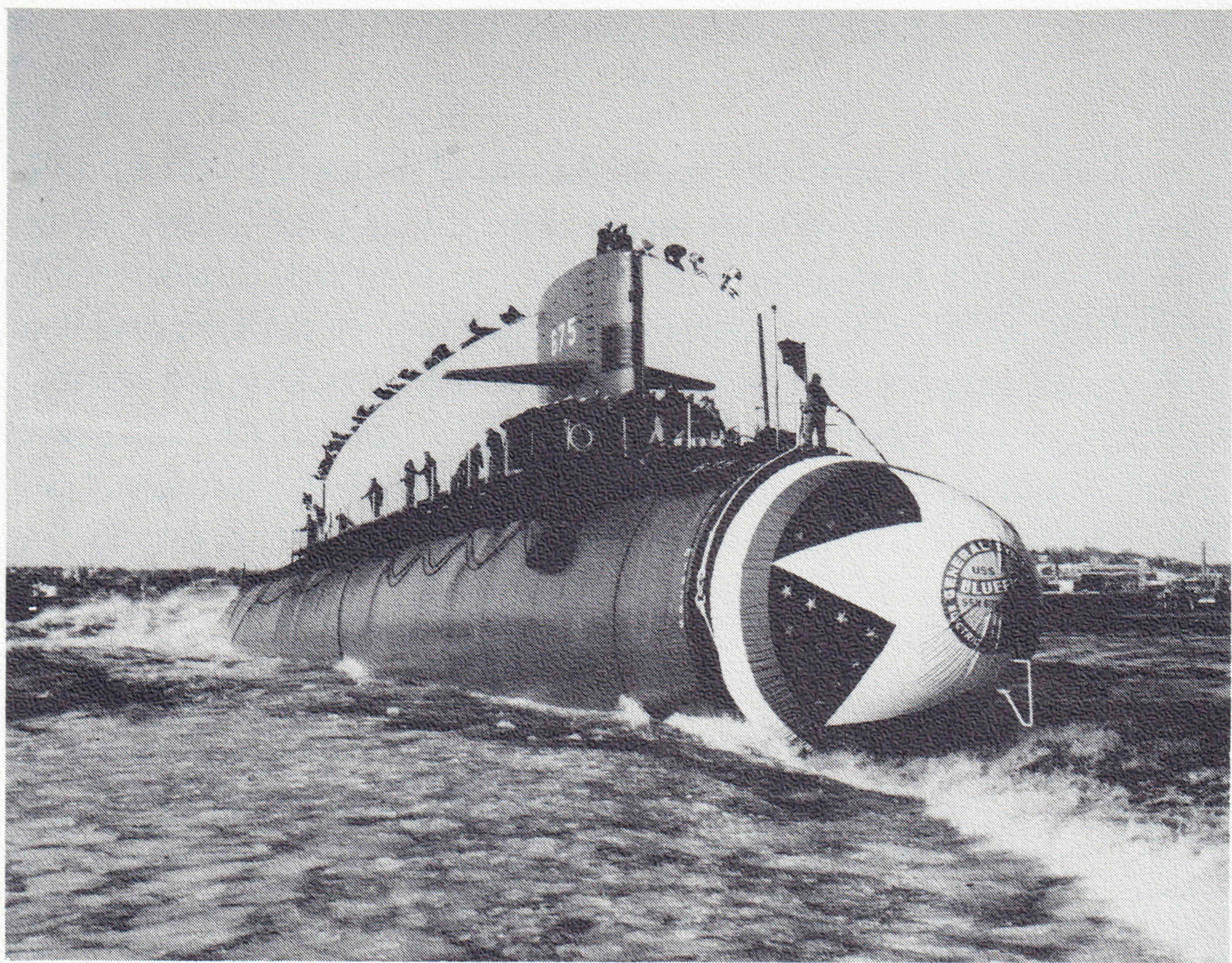
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THE INACTIVATION CEREMONY

The inactivation ceremony marks the end of the service life of a ship as well as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment that the commissioning pennant was initially broken, USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675) became the responsibility of the Commanding Officer who, together with his crew, had the duty of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, whether we be at peace or war. When the commissioning pennant is struck for the last time, USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675) will have completed her gallant service to our nation.



The commissioning pennant is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maartin Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize that he had swept the British from the Dungeness. The following year British Admiral William Blake hoisted a horsewhip to his masthead, indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow, commissioning pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive mark of a ship of war.



LAUNCHING



ARRIVAL PEARL HARBOR

INACTIVATION PROGRAM

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

INVOCATION

Lieutenant Randall B. Craft, CHC, USN

INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Captain Donald P. Miller, USN
Commander Submarine Squadron ONE

REMARKS

Rear Admiral Jon M. Barr, USN
Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

REMARKS

Commander Richard C. West, USN
Commanding Officer, USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)

CEREMONIAL INACTIVATION

BENEDICTION

Lieutenant Randall B. Craft, CHC, USN

DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY

MUSIC

Naval Station Band

RECEPTION

Lockwood Hall



REAR ADMIRAL JON MICHAEL BARR
U. S. NAVY
COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE,
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

A native of New Jersey, Rear Admiral Barr graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1961. After graduation, he completed nuclear power training and attended Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

Rear Admiral Barr reported to USS SNOOK (SSN 592) in January 1963, serving in Operations, Engineering and Weapons Departments. Following duty on SNOOK, Rear Admiral Barr was an instructor for two years at the Naval Nuclear Power School, Mare Island, California.

In 1968, Rear Admiral Barr reported to USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628) and served as Navigator and Operations Officer. In April 1972, he reported to USS BARB (SSN 596) as Executive Officer. Rear Admiral Barr assumed command of the Naval Nuclear Power School, Bainbridge, Maryland in 1974, and moved the school to Orlando, Florida in 1975.

Rear Admiral Barr took command of USS SCULPIN (SSN 590) in November 1977. In November 1979, he was assigned as prospective Commanding Officer of USS BOSTON (SSN 703), commissioned in January 1982. Rear Admiral Barr served as Commanding Officer of USS OHIO (SSBN 726) (BLUE) from February 1983 to August 1984. Following command of OHIO (BLUE), he served as Commander, Submarine Squadron 17, the Navy's only operational Trident submarine squadron, and commanded Submarine Group 9 as additional duty from July to September 1985.

From March 1986 to January 1988, Rear Admiral Barr served as Deputy Director of the Attack Submarine Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare). Following selection for flag rank in December 1987, he was assigned as Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center. In July 1989, he was named Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application, Office of Defense Programs, U. S. Department of Energy. From July 1991 to July 1993, Rear Admiral Barr served as Commander, Navy Recruiting Command.

Rear Admiral Barr assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet on 30 July 1993.

Rear Admiral Barr's awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Gold Star), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star) and several other personal and campaign awards.

Rear Admiral Barr is married to the former Marcia Elizabeth Redston of Upper Montclair, New Jersey. They have three daughters, Susan, Diana and Jillian, and three grandchildren, Lindsay, Julia and Drew.



**CAPTAIN DONALD P. MILLER
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDER, SUBMARINE SQUADRON ONE**

Captain Donald P. Miller of Flemington, New Jersey is a 1971 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Following Nuclear Power and Basic Submarine training, Captain Miller's sea duty assignments included division officer on USS HADDO (SSN 604), Engineer Officer of USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693), and Executive Officer of USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN 629) (GOLD).

In June 1987 Captain Miller was assigned duty as Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN 715). During his 29 months as Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO completed two western pacific deployments, was awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, and was the Battle Efficiency "E" winner for Submarine Squadron ONE for three consecutive years

Shore Duty assignments have included Director, Enlisted Department, Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida, on the Staff, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Undersea Warfare, and Deputy Commander for Training, Submarine Squadron SEVEN. His most recent assignment had been as Senior Member, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Miller's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Captain Miller and his wife Adriane live in Aiea. They have two children: Mr. Francis Lee who lives with his wife in Honolulu and Pamela Miller, who lives in Orlando, Florida.



**COMMANDER RICHARD C. WEST
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)**

Commander West, a native of Sparks, Nevada, enlisted in the Navy in September 1971 and served as a Data Processing Technician. Following a tour in London, England, he was appointed to the Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1979 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering. Upon completion of Nuclear Power training and Submarine School in February 1981, Commander West reported to USS QUEENFISH (SSN 651) where he served as Sonar Officer, Electrical Officer, and Combat Systems Officer and participated in a 17 month regular overhaul and in deployments to the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean. Following transfer in July 1984, he completed the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in December 1984.

Commander West's next assignment was Engineer Officer of USS PARCHE (SSN 683). He completed two deployments prior to his transfer in February, 1988. During his tour, PARCHE was awarded the Presidential Unit Commendation, the Navy Unit Commendation, two Battle Efficiency "E"s and two Engineering "E"s. Commander West served as Executive Officer of USS BERGALL (SSN 667) from August 1991 to September 1993, during which the ship deployed twice to the north Atlantic and to the Mediterranean. During his tour, BERGALL was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Battle Efficiency "E". Commander West relieved as Commanding Officer of USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675) in December, 1995.

Commander West's shore tours have included Assistant for Operations, Submarine Maintenance, Monitoring and Support Program Office, Naval Sea Systems Command (PMS 390D) in Washington, DC, from March 1988 to July 1991 and Officer in Charge, Combat Systems Training Group, Atlantic, Norfolk Detachment, from September 1993 to March 1995.

Commander West's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Commander West, the son of Neill and JoAnn West of Carson City, Nevada, is married to the former Iliana Perdomo of Miami, Florida. They have five children: Krystine and Vanessa residing with them, and Katherine, Victoria and Richard Jr. residing in Virginia.



USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)

KEEL LAID 13 MARCH 1968
LAUNCHED 10 JANUARY 1970
COMMISSIONED 8 JANUARY 1971
SPONSOR MRS. DAVID PACKARD

BUILT BY GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION
ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION, GROTON, CONNECTICUT



SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

LENGTH	292 FEET
DISPLACEMENT	SURFACED 4390 TONS SUBMERGED 4900 TONS
HULL DIAMETER	32 FEET
DRAFT	26 FEET
SPEED	IN EXCESS OF 25 KNOTS
DIVING DEPTH	GREATER THAN 800 FEET

COMPLEMENT	
OFFICERS	14
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS	14
E-6 AND BELOW	109

ARMAMENT	-4 21-INCH TORPEDO TUBES -MK48 TORPEDOES -HARPOON ANTI-SHIP CRUISE MISSILES -TOMAHAWK LAND ATTACK CRUISE MISSILES
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ENDURANCE	LIMITED ONLY BY FOOD STORES, USUALLY 90 DAYS
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HISTORY OF USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)

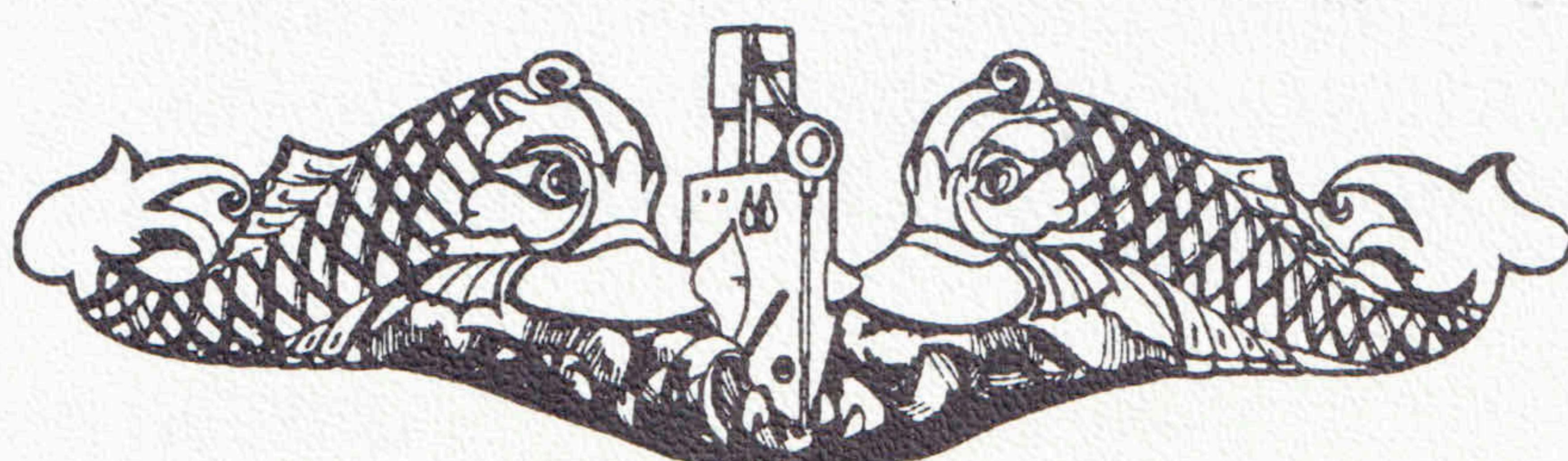
The USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675) is a Nuclear Attack Submarine of the STURGEON Class. She is 292 feet long with a beam of 32 feet and a submerged displacement of 4600 tons. Her keel was laid on 13 March 1968 and she was launched on 10 January 1970. On 8 January 1971, she became the 89th Nuclear Submarine to enter the Fleet and 48th Attack Type. Her assignment upon commissioning was Submarine Squadron SIX in Norfolk, Virginia.

In September 1973, BLUEFISH commenced a Mediterranean Deployment and conducted operations as part of the U.S. SIXTH FLEET during the increased tensions created by the October 1973 Arab/Israeli War. Due in part to the ship's performance during this deployment, BLUEFISH was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Battle Efficiency "E" for overall superior operational readiness. From 17 March 1975, BLUEFISH conducted extensive operations under the polar ice cap in the Arctic Ocean. One of the highlights of this trip occurred on May 1975 when BLUEFISH surfaced through the ice at the North Pole. BLUEFISH was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her operations in 1975. BLUEFISH underwent her first overhaul in 1976 after more than 54 months of uninterrupted operations. In 1977, BLUEFISH completed a second deployment to the Mediterranean, and, on a port visit to Haifa, Israel, became the first nuclear submarine ever to visit that country.

The ship also completed a highly successful six month deployment to the Indian Ocean and first circumnavigation of the globe by a Sturgeon Class Submarine. BLUEFISH was awarded her second Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Navy Expeditionary Medal in 1981. BLUEFISH conducted her second shipyard overhaul in 1982-1983 followed by a 1984 deployment to the North Atlantic. In 1985, BLUEFISH completed a five month Mediterranean Deployment conducting ASW operations. BLUEFISH completed a three month deployment to the North Atlantic in 1986 for which she was awarded her third Meritorious Unit Commendation. The deployment included port visits to Den Helder, Netherlands and Portsmouth England. BLUEFISH has also been awarded the CINCLANTFLT Golden Anchor Award and the Submarine Squadron SIX Battle Efficiency "E" for 1987. BLUEFISH conducted her third overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME, from 1988-1990, and changed homeport to Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1991, BLUEFISH completed a four month Mediterranean deployment, including port visits to Portsmouth, England, La Spezia, Italy and Cannes, France. BLUEFISH was awarded the Submarine Squadron FOUR Battle Efficiency "E" for 1992. BLUEFISH again deployed to the Mediterranean for five months in 1993, including port visits in Italy, Israel, Cyprus and England. In 1994, BLUEFISH deployed to the Caribbean with a port visit in Barbados.

Following a change of homeport to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, BLUEFISH deployed to the Western Pacific for three months in 1995.



USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675) COMMANDING OFFICERS

"THERE IS NOT AN INSTANT DURING HIS TOUR OF DUTY AS COMMANDING OFFICER THAT HE CAN ESCAPE THE GRASP OF COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY...IT IS A DUTY WHICH MOST RICHLY DESERVES THE HIGHEST, TIME HONORED TITLE OF THE SEAFARING WORLD-**"CAPTAIN."**"

-JOSEPH CONRAD



COMMAND AT SEA

CDR R.A. PETERSON	JAN	71 - MAR	73
CDR F.B. KELSO II	MAR	73 - AUG	75
CDR W.F. FERNOW	AUG	75 - APR	79
CDR G.M. HEWITT	APR	79 - DEC	81
CDR A.H. BURLINGAME	DEC	81 - NOV	84
CDR D.G. MCDERMOTT	NOV	84 - NOV	87
CDR J.A. PATTON	NOV	87 - JUN	90
CDR R.M. LOCKE	JUN	90 - DEC	92
CDR D.L. SIMON	DEC	92 - JUN	95
CDR R.A. WRIGHT	JUN	95 - DEC	95
CDR R.C. WEST	DEC	95 -	

"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 GUNFIRE AND MORALE. HE IS THE COMMANDING OFFICER. HE IS THE SHIP."

-JOSEPH CONRAD

DECOMMISSIONING CREW



OFFICERS

CDR Richard C. West	Commanding Officer
LCDR Roderic C. Bragg	Executive Officer
LCDR Marc W. Denno	Engineering Officer
LCDR Jeffery C. Babos	Navigations Officer
LT John F. Hubbard	Weapons Officer
LT David L. Holdsworth	Quality Assurance Officer
LT David W. Johns	Communications Officer
LT Michael K. Manning	Damage Control Assistant
LT Eugene D. Lacoste	Sonar Officer
LT Timothy W. Fitzwilliam	Reactor Controls Division Officer
LTJG Reza Pouraghabagher	Main Propulsion Assistant
LTJG Paul M. Rasmus	Electrical Division Officer
LTJG David W. Sorich	Supply Officer
LTJG Patrick J. Mahoney	Chemical/Radcon Assistant

DECOMMISSIONING CREW



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

MMCS(SS) Bruce W. Chisholm

FTC(SS) Ronald D. Johnson

RMCS(SS) Tony H. Smith

EMC(SS) Johnny D. Odom

MMC(SS) Timothy W. Hibbs

ETC(SS) Christopher R. Fix

STSC(SS) Joel A. Cline

EMC(SS) Ronnie M. Lynch

ETC(SS) Charles J. Lee

SKC(SS) Paul L. Boykin

MMC(SS) Daniel L. Heikes

ETC(SS) David G. Hilton

Chief of the Boat

Weapons Department LCPO

Nav/Ops Department LCPO

Engineering Department

Enlisted Advisor

Auxiliary Division

Reactor Controls

Sonar Division

3M Coordinator/

Electrical Division

Interior Communications

Supply Department

Machinery Division

Navigation Electronics/

Command Career Counselor

DECOMMISSIONING CREW



FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICERS

STS1(SS) James D. Doyle
EM1(SS) Michael A. Glendening
ET1(SS) Douglas J. Hoover
ET1(SS) Franklin T. Hutto
MM1(SS) William K. Jogerst JR
MM1(SS) Jesse V. Lindner
YN1(SS) Mark W. Nelson
IC1(SS) Larry D. Richards
MM1(SS) Jeffery B. Shiffler
MS1(SS) Peter T. Wimmer
EM1(SS) Stephen J. Worthington
STS1(SS) Robert E. Fortenberry

STS1(SS) Joseph D. Fortson
MM1(SS) Jerry A. Gross
MM1(SS) Thomas V. Horton
EM1(SS) Daniel R Jett
STS1(SS/DV) Jason L. Katzer
MM1(SS) Robert P. Muiter
QM1(SS) Tyrone S. Oien
TM1(SS) Kent T. Schumacher
MS1(SS) Willie A. White
MM1(SS) Rodger D. Winn
QM1(SS) Thomas L. Gunter

DECOMMISSIONING CREW



SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICERS

MM2(SS) Kenneth D. Anderson
STS2(SS) Jay D. Bennett
ET2(SS) Richard I. Charles
MM2(SS) Michael S. Ferguson
EM2(SS) Jason J. Forman
RM2(SS) Paul A. Wenzel
ET2(SS) Jason L. Jordan
MM2(SS) Samuel G. Love
EM2(SS) James E. Moody
MM2(SS) Daniel M. Ramos
ET2(SS) Emil T. Render
FT2(SS) Ricky W. Sulzbach
RM2(SS) Joshua E. Townley
ET2(SS) Mark S. Armstrong
MM2(SS) Casey D. Aytes
MM2(SS) Chad E. Biddle
RM2(SS) Jarrod L. Katzer

MS2(SS) Terrance D. Watson
FT2(SS) Timothy R. Brooks
EM2(SS) Christopher D. Clark
STS2(SS) Robert E. Fortenberry
MM2(SS) Charles C. Hammock
STS2(SS) John D. Hunter
MM2(SS) Russell A. Long
MM2(SS) James D. Lucky
STS2(SS) Jeffrey P. Overturf
EM2(SS) Ronald W. Reed
MM2(SS) Robert B. Sickmiller
MS2(SS) Vernon J. Tolsma
EM2(SS) Michael E. Waite
YN2(SS) Shawn E. Rowell
STS2(SS) David P. Bellefeuille
MS2(SS) John B. Kelly

DECOMMISSIONING CREW



THIRD CLASS PETTY OFFICERS


TM3(SS) Robin M. Beebe
FT3(SS) Gregory E. Bonvechio
RM3(SS) Robert J. Forgione
MM3(SS) Jason A. Good
ET3(SS) Ronald L. Horbal JR
ET3(SS) Christopher B. Johnson
MM3(SS) Stephen M. Kuczirka
MM3(SS) Brian H. Lynn
ET3(SS) Charles M. Parkerson
EM3(SS) Robert P. SanMateo
ET3(SS) Joshua A. Segrest
SK3(SS/DV) Adam S. Francisco

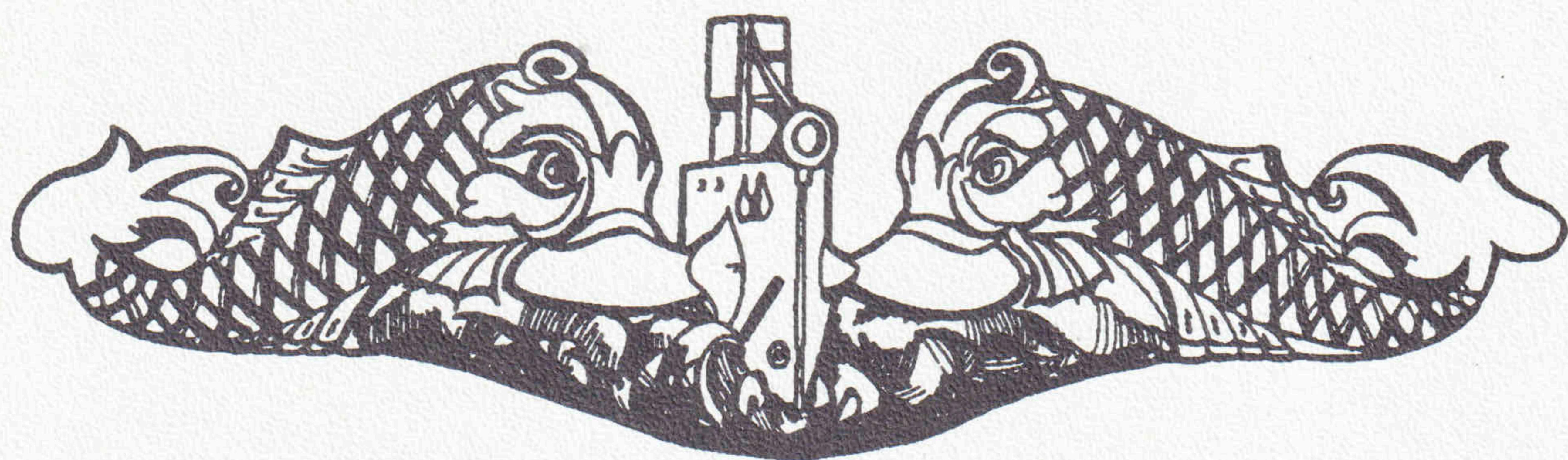
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MM3(SS) Roy A. Browning
TM3(SS) Brett W. Genda
MM3(SS) William J. Haynes
YN3(SS) Dwight M. Jemison JR
STS3(SS) Brandon Z. Joyce
RM3(SS) Marc S. Loepp
MM3(SS) Eugene P. Moore
FT3(SS) Jay R. Rainier
IC3(SS) Randell L. Zirkle
ET3(SS) Joshua E. Selman
ET3 William R. Newsom

POTENTIAL PETTY OFFICERS

SA(SS) Noe C. Huerta
SKSN(SS) Brian E. Kerns

QMSN (SS) Matthew P.L. Voumard
MSSA Todd J. Kifer





The Submariner

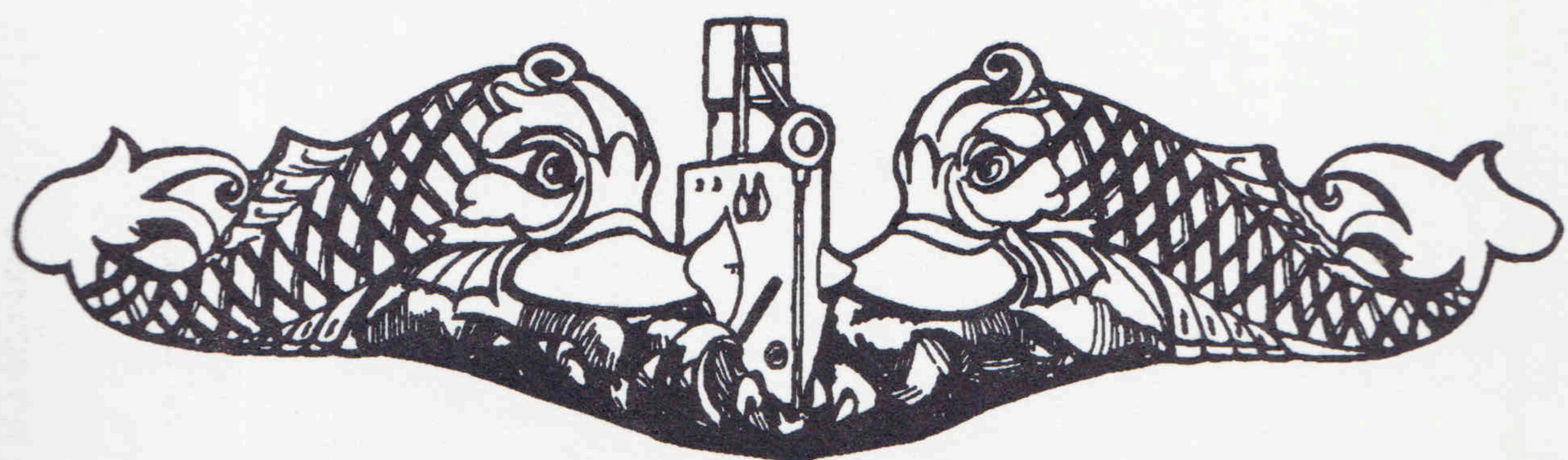
Only a submariner realizes to what great extent an entire ship depends on him as an individual. To a landsman this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so!

A submarine at sea is a different world in herself, and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of submarines, the Navy must place responsibility and trust in the hands of those who take such ships to sea.

In each submarine there are men who, in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to each other. These men are ultimately responsible to themselves and each to the other for all aspects of operation of their submarine. They are the crew. They are the ship.

This is perhaps the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as a submariner that he can escape the grasp of responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small, nevertheless, it is the spur which has given the Navy its greatest mariners - the men of the Submarine Service.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the proud and time honored title of ... Submariner.



SUBMARINE VERSE OF THE NAVY HYMN

"Bless those who serve beneath the deep,

through lonely hours their vigil keep.

May peace their mission ever be,

protect each one we ask of thee.

Bless those at home who wait and pray,

for their return by night or day."

-Rev. Gale Williamson

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