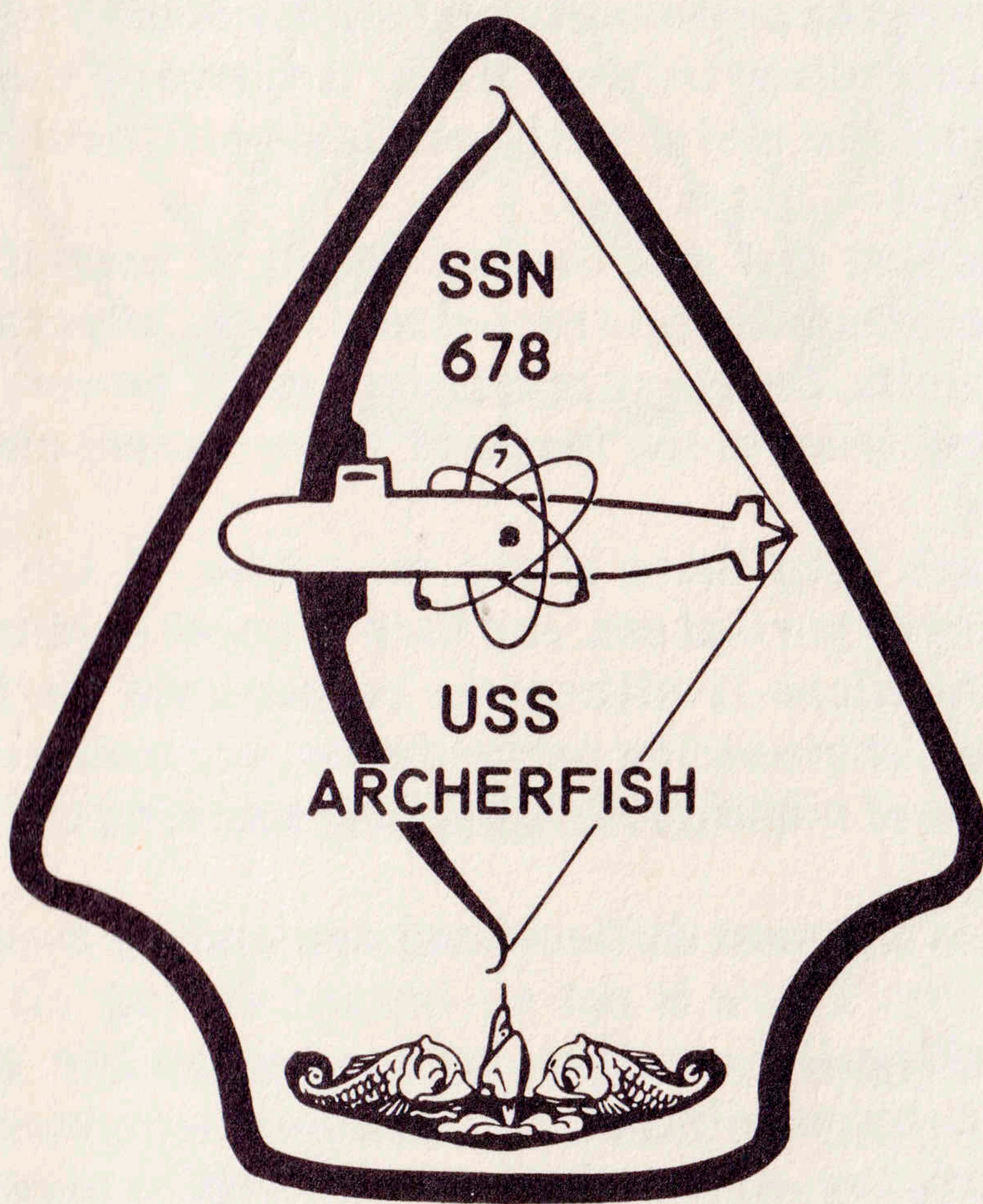


Change of Command

USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678)



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Command at Sea

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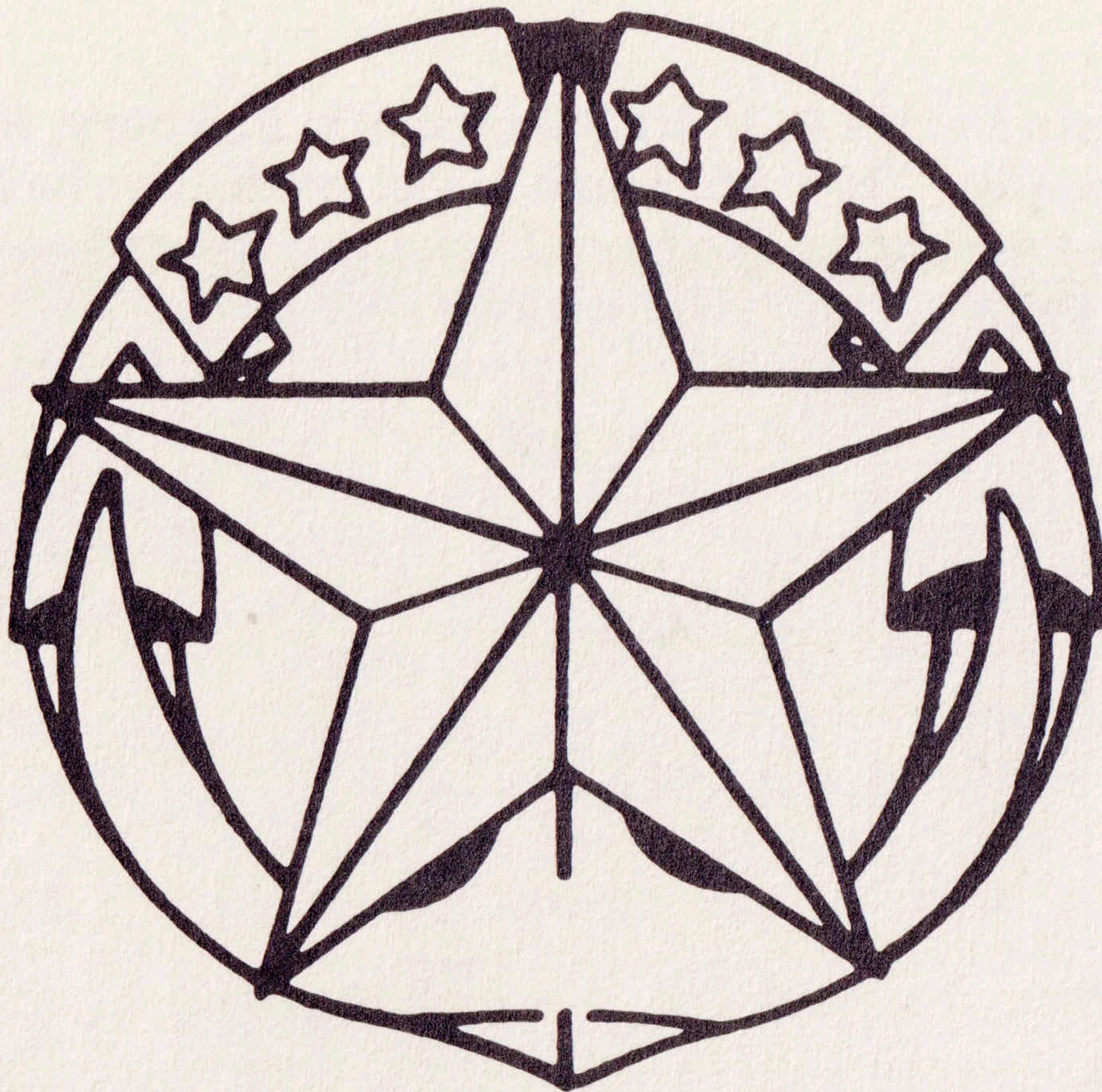
Only a seaman realizes to what an extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman, this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend — but it is so.

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 gunfiring 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.”



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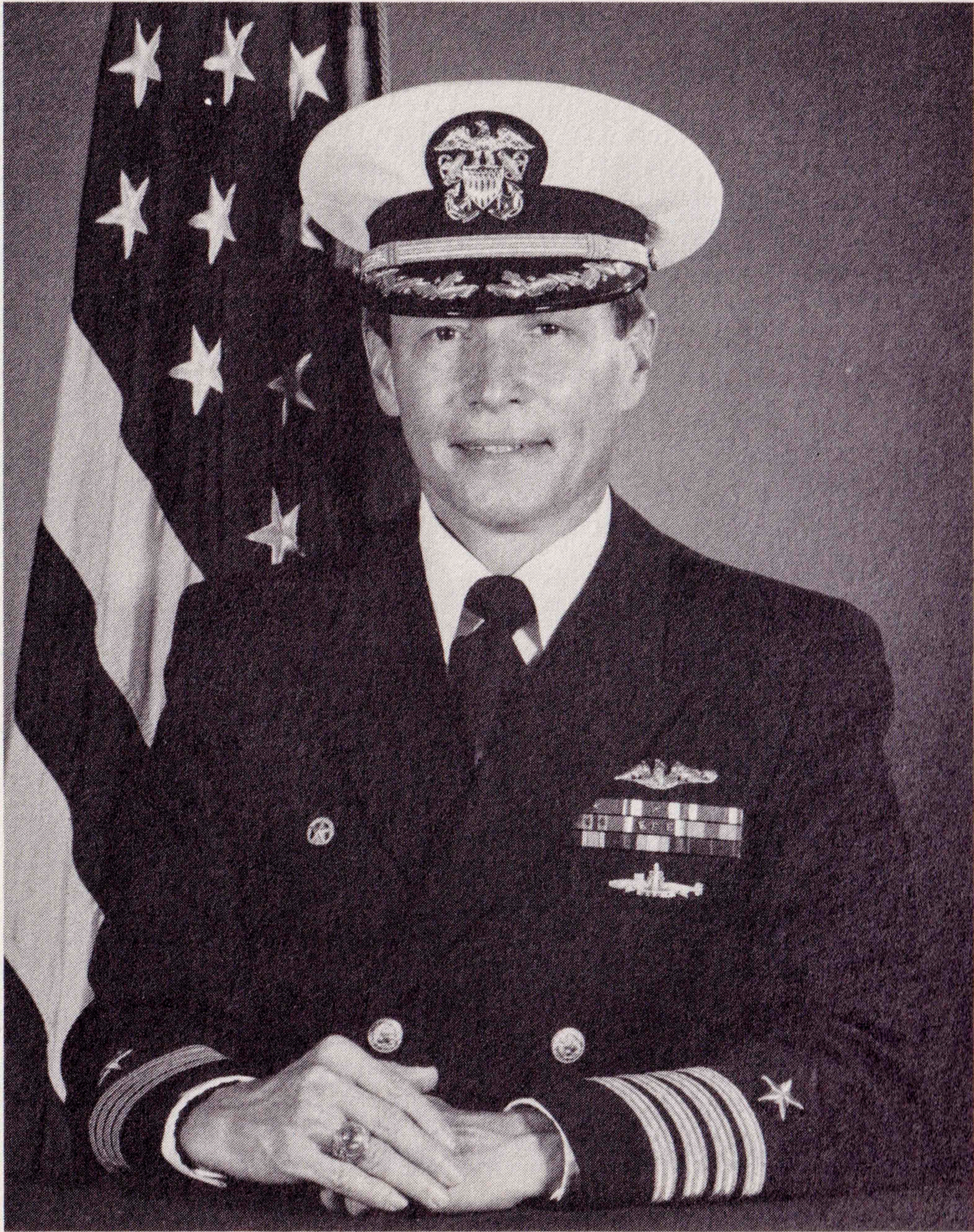
The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and personnel of the command the continuity of the authority of the command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The change of command of a naval unit/activity is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

Captain Dennis A. JONES was born in Fairbury, Nebraska on 29 December 1940. After high school graduation he attended one year of college at Fairbury Junior College and one year at the University of Nebraska. He then entered the United States Naval Academy and was graduated and commissioned in 1965. Following graduation from the Naval Academy, Captain JONES attended Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, California and nuclear prototype training in Idaho. After completion of submarine school in Groton, Connecticut he reported to the precommissioning crew of USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663). In 1970 Captain JONES reported to USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) as Engineer Officer. In 1974 Captain JONES reported to the staff of Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet where he served as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. From 1976 to 1979 Captain JONES served as Executive Officer of USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668). In 1979 he reported to the Staff of Chief Naval Operations in Washington, D. C. where he served as the first Nuclear Officer Programs Manager.

Captain JONES served as Commanding Officer of the nuclear attack submarine USS BIRMINGHAM (SSN 695) from 1981 to 1984. The ship was twice awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and twice the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for operations during that period.

In April 1984 Captain JONES assumed the duties of Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Naval Reactors, Department of Energy in Washington, D. C.

Captain JONES' decorations include the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and three awards of the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He is married to the former Eileen Betty Spensky of Weirton, West Virginia. Captain JONES has five children, Kirkland, Derrick, Samantha, Ashley and Kellen.



CAPTAIN DENNIS A. JONES
UNITED STATES NAVY



**COMMANDER MICHAEL G. RIEGEL
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678)**

Commander Michael G. RIEGEL, a native of Dodge City, Kansas, attended the University of Texas at Austin under the NESEP program and was graduated with highest honors in January 1970 receiving a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Following nuclear power and basic submarine training, he served on USS TULLIBEE (SSN 597) from May 1971 through September 1974 as Electrical Officer, Communicator, Weapons Officer, and Operations Officer.

Commander RIEGEL was ordered to Submarine Officer Advanced Course 7502 and following SOAC was ordered to Submarine NR-1 where he served as Engineer Officer from July 1975 through June 1978. During his tour at NR-1, the ship completed three deployments to the Eastern Atlantic and one to the Gulf of Mexico.

Following his tour on NR-1, Commander RIEGEL served from August 1978 through January 1981 as Material Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron TWO.

Commander RIEGEL was ordered in February 1981 as Executive Officer of USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705) where he served through August 1984. During his tour the ship completed new construction, commissioning, shakedown operations, post Construction Shipyard Availability and a deployment to the Indian Ocean. Commander RIEGEL relieved as Commanding Officer of USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) on 19 April 1985.

During his tour on board ARCHERFISH the ship completed an extended North Atlantic deployment, a three month Arctic Ocean deployment which included the first ever three submarine surfacing at the North Pole, and a five month Mediterranean Sea deployment.

Commander RIEGEL has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with four Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star, Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Expert Pistol Shot, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Arctic Service Ribbon.

Commander RIEGEL is married to the former Sue Elwell of Dodge City, Kansas. They reside with their daughter, Pamela, in Preston, Connecticut. Their son, Anthony, resides with his wife, Linda, in Griswold, Connecticut.

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REV. R. L. McMURRAY, Preston City Baptist Church

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Northeast Navy Band



**COMMANDER SIEGFRIED L. SHALLES
UNITED STATES NAVY
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678)**

Commander SHALLES graduated from the University of Mississippi in June 1972 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He subsequently completed nuclear power training at Bainbridge, Maryland and Saratoga Springs, New York, followed by Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.

Commander SHALLES reported to USS PLUNGER (SSN 595) in August 1973, where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Communicator. After attending the Submarine Officer Advanced Course at Submarine School, he was assigned as Weapons Officer and Sonar Officer on USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664) in July 1976. In October 1978, Commander SHALLES assumed duty as Engineer Officer on board USS SAND LANCE (SSN 660). He reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Group SIX as a member of the Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Team in March 1984. Commander SHALLES' most recent assignment was Executive Officer on USS SHARK (SSN 591) from April 1984 to March 1987.

Commander SHALLES has been awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with four Gold Stars and the Navy Achievement Medal with one Gold Star. He is also authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with three Bronze Stars.

Commander SHALLES and his wife Annette reside in Gales Ferry with their daughter Jennifer.

UNITED STATES SHIP ARCHERFISH (SSN 678)

KEEL LAID19 April 1969
LAUNCHED.....16 January 1971
COMMISSIONED17 December 1971

SPONSOR: Miss Mary C. Warner

BUILT BY General Dynamics Corporation,
Electric Boat Division,
Groton, Connecticut

ARCHERFISH'S NAME: USS ARCHERFISH is named for a fish known scientifically as *Toxotes jaculatrix*, found in coastal, fresh, and brackish water of southeastern Asia. The archerfish gets its name from its ability to shoot drops of water as far as 12 feet with 100% accuracy to 4 to 6 feet. It directs these watery bullets at small insects and similar suitable prey, either at rest or in flight near the surface. Evolutionists previously thought that a fish with such unusual qualities developed them by the pressures of natural selection and the urge to survive. But later scientists proved conclusively that the archerfish shoots his food down only for the sport of it! He enjoys it and does not need to use this trick to survive.

SHIP'S HISTORY

The USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) is the second submarine to bear the name. The first USS ARCHERFISH (SS 311) is famed for having sunk the SHINANO, a Japanese Supercarrier on 28 November 1944, the largest Man-of-War ever sunk by a submarine. While on a war patrol in the Pacific, USS ARCHERFISH attacked the SHINANO at close quarters with a six torpedo spread. All six weapons struck the ship and it broke up and sank.

The USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) was commissioned under Commander Ralph G. BIRD at the Naval Submarine Base and assigned to Submarine Squadron TWO, Groton, Connecticut on 17 December 1971. In June 1972, ARCHERFISH was reassigned to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE.

Under Commander BIRD, ARCHERFISH participated in one major NATO and two major U. S. exercises and deployed to the Mediterranean for six months and in the Atlantic for 2½ months. The ship was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation for each deployment.

On 6 April 1974, Commander Sibley L. WARD, III relieved as Commanding Officer in Groton, Connecticut.

Under Commander WARD, ARCHERFISH participated in five major U. S. exercises and two NATO exercises earning a meritorious unit Commendation and a third Navy Unit Commendation.

ARCHERFISH completed her first overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in May 1977. She deployed to the Mediterranean for the second time in December 1977, seven months after completing overhaul.

On 14 April 1978, Commander Galen R. PLUMMER relieved as Commanding Officer in LaMaddalena, Sardinia.

Under Commander PLUMMER, ARCHERFISH participated in a major NATO exercise and two major U. S. exercises. During the spring of 1979, ARCHERFISH conducted extended operation in the Arctic Ocean, operating continuously for 41 days under the ice pack. On 21 April 1979, the ship was the 14th nuclear submarine to surface at the North Pole. A fourth Navy Unit Commendation was awarded for this operation.

During 1980, ARCHERFISH completed a 3 month Atlantic Deployment for which the second Meritorious Unit Commendation was awarded. ARCHERFISH deployed for 5 months to the Mediterranean for the third time in March 1981 and received the Sixth Fleet "HOOK EM" trophy for ASW excellence.

On 20 August 1981, Commander John S. ALMON relieved as Commanding Officer in Groton, Connecticut.

Under Commander ALMON, ARCHERFISH participated in NATO exercises and ASW operations while deployed to the Mediterranean for 5 months in 1982. For the operation the ship earned another Sixth Fleet "HOOK EM" Trophy.

ARCHERFISH completed her second overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in October 1984. On 19 April 1985 Commander Michael G. RIEGEL relieved as Commanding Officer in Groton, Connecticut.

Under Commander RIEGEL, ARCHERFISH completed a 3 month Atlantic Deployment during 1985. During the spring of 1986, ARCHERFISH again conducted an extended operation in the Arctic Ocean. On 6 May 1986 the ship participated in the first three ship simultaneous surfacing at the North Pole. In 1987 ARCHERFISH conducted her fourth Mediterranean deployment.

In addition to seven unit commendations, ARCHERFISH was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for the years 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1981; the Red Engineering "E" for the years 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1987; the Anti-Submarine Warfare "A" for the years 1974, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1986; and the Communications Green "C" for the year 1979.

OFFICERS

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LCDR L.B. OLSENEngineer Officer
LT A.L. HAWLEYNavigator/Operations
LT D.W. TWORZYANSKIWeapons/Sonar
LT A.P. BIERBRAUERAssistant Engineer
LTJG E.C. DELANEYSupply
LTJG K.A. FONTESMain Propulsion Assistant
LTJG D.C. MCDONNELLDamage Control Assistant
LTJG C.R. PHILBRICKCommunicator
LTJG D.A. BIROSHElectrical Assistant
ENS D.E. SIMONReactor Controls Assistant
ENS S.D. SKRABACZAssistant Weapons Officer

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ICC(SS) M.P. CARROLLIC Division LPO

“Lord God, our power ever more,
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
Dive with our men beneath the sea;
Traverse the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray, and keep
them safe from peril in the deep.”

Submariner's Stanza
Eternal Father, Strong to Save.

