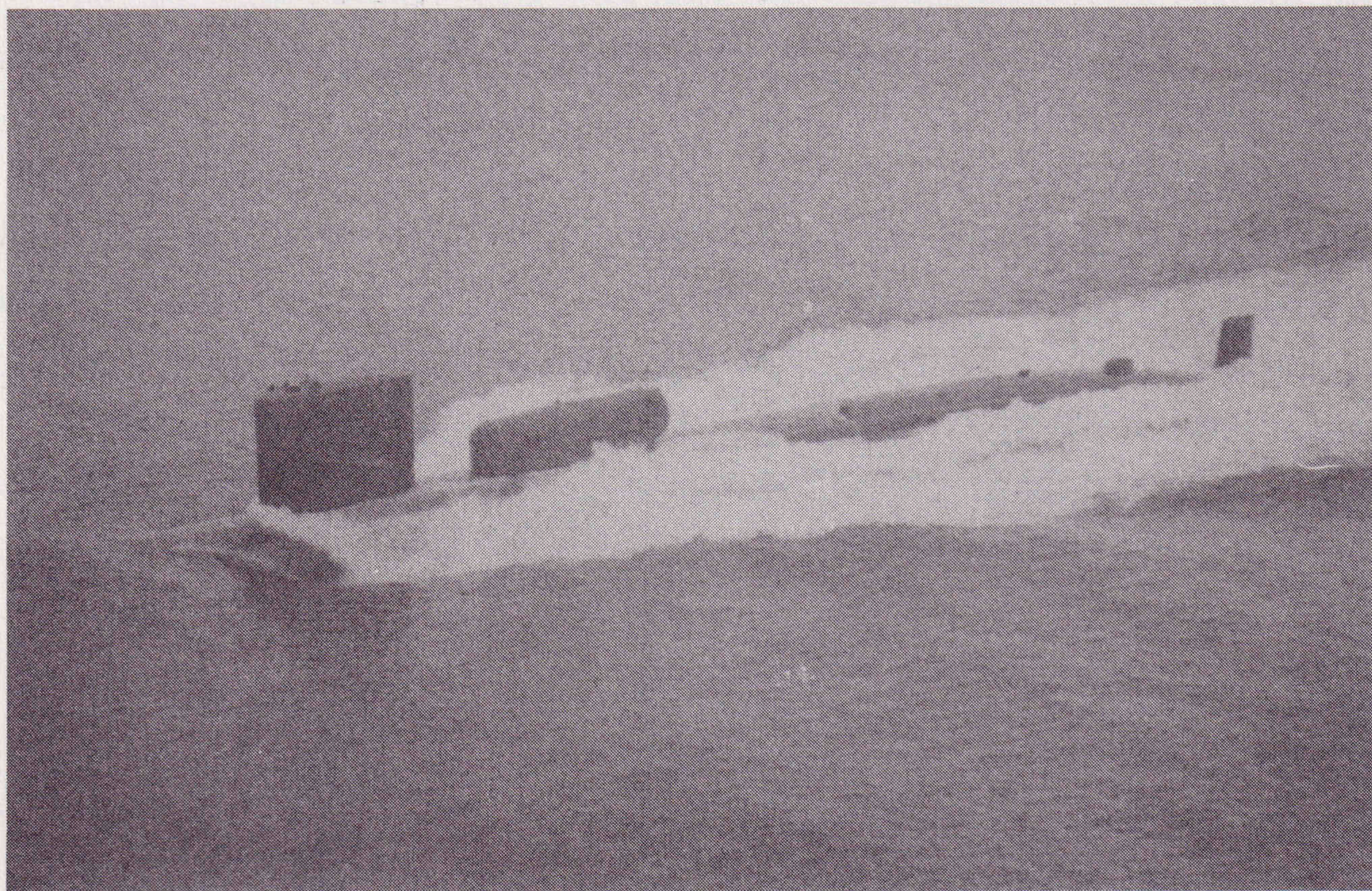


USS ARCHERFISH

SSN 678



Change of Command

5 August 1993

THE PRESTIGE, PRIVILEGE AND THE BURDEN OF COMMAND

Only a seaman realizes to what 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.

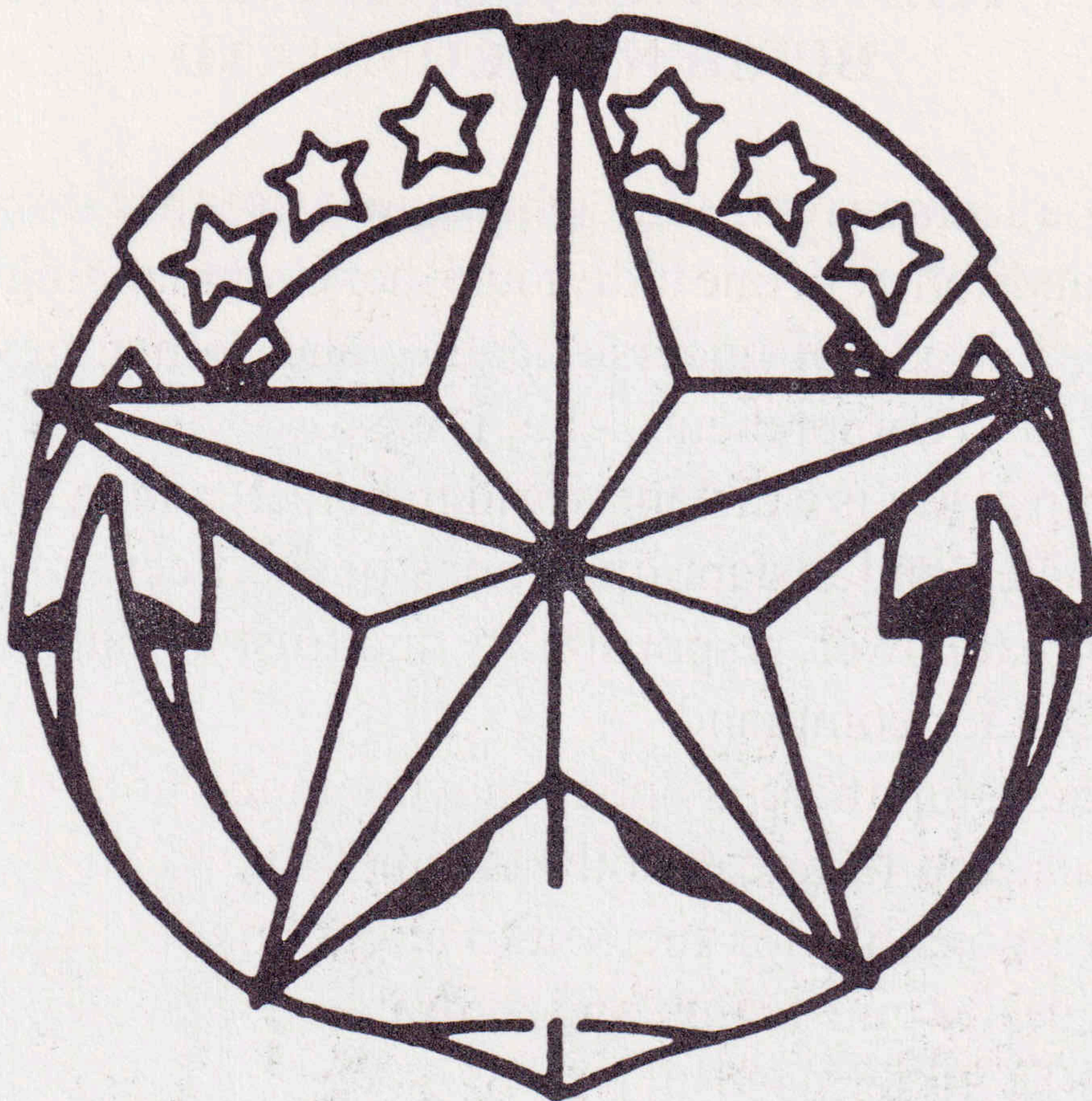
A ship at sea is a distant world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units, the Navy must place great power, responsibility and trust in the hands of those leaders chosen for command.

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 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 of duty 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."

- Joseph Conrad



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 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 James W. Metzger
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Captain James W. Metzger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Metzger of Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in June 1971 and subsequently attended Michigan State University where he earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He attended Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, MD and Prototype Training in Windsor, CT.

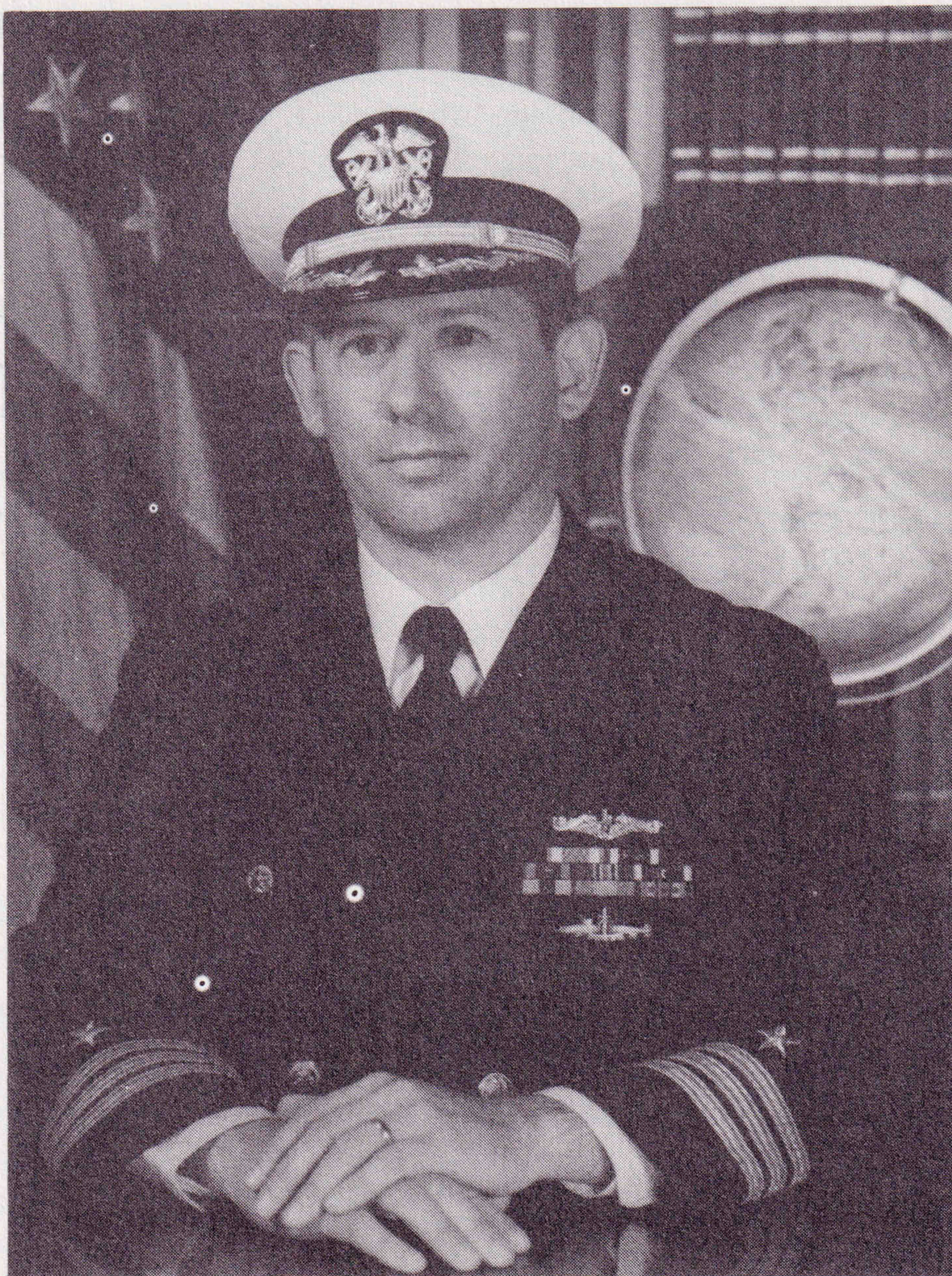
In December of 1973, following completion of Submarine School in New London, CT, he was assigned to USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643) (GOLD). Captain Metzger served as Electrical Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant during his tour aboard BANCROFT. Upon completion of the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course, Captain Metzger reported to the precommissioning unit of USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) in July of 1977 where he served as Engineer Officer until March of 1981. His tour included the fleet transfer of INDIANAPOLIS to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Captain Metzger next served on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. He was subsequently assigned as Executive Officer of USS TAUTOG (SSN 639), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After serving aboard TAUTOG from April 1983 until August 1986, he commenced the Prospective Commanding Officer Course.

Captain Metzger commanded USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL (SSN 708) from June 1987 through April 1990. During his tour MINNEAPOLIS -ST PAUL was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" twice, the Silver Anchor Award, and was the SUBLANT nominee for the Battenburg Club in 1990. Captain Metzger was awarded the RADM Jack Darby Award for Excellence in command. After directing the Submarine Prospective Commanding Officer School through December of 1991, Captain Metzger served as Executive Assistant to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Metzger's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Arctic Service Ribbon.

Captain Metzger is married to the former Mary Jane Bachmann of Baltimore, Maryland. They have two daughters, Jennifer, a sophomore at Clemson University, and Amy, a high school senior.



Commander K. B. Leahy
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Commander Leahy is a native of Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Dr. and Mrs. James J. Leahy. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned in May 1974 through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program. In December 1988 he earned a Master of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

Following nuclear power training, Commander Leahy reported to USS SAMHOUSTON (SSBN 609) (BLUE) in July 1975. During this tour he completed submarine qualification and served as Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and Sonar Officer.

In April 1978, Commander Leahy reported to USS POGY (SSN 647) as Weapons Officer. During this tour, he completed a six month Western Pacific deployment and was a 1979 winner of the Junior Officer Shiphandling Competition for Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Commander Leahy next served as Engineer Officer on USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619) (GOLD) from November 1980 to January 1983.

Commander Leahy served as Material Officer for Commander Submarine Squadron SEVENTEEN from April 1983 to April 1985. He reported to USS HADDO (SSN 604) in July 1985 as Executive Officer. This tour included a six month deployment to the Western Pacific and the 1985 Battle Efficiency "E" award for Submarine Squadron THREE. Following his Executive Officer tour, Commander Leahy served as a staff assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Engineering, and Systems) from April 1988 to March 1990.

After completing Prospective Commanding Officer training, Commander Leahy reported to USS ARCHERFISH (SSN 678) in February 1991. This tour included a six month Mediterranean deployment. Commander Leahy is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and the Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star.

Commander Leahy and his wife, Judith, have a son, James and a daughter, Michelle. They reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

SCHEDULE O

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

Honors

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

Chaplain Rozier

PRINCIPLE ADDRESS

Captain James W. Metzger
Commander Submarine I

REMARKS AND REA

Commander K. B.

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mander R. D. Holland

EDITION

Chaplain Rozier

DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY

Honors

RECEPTION

Tavern on the Green



Commander Robert D. Holland
United States Navy

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Commander Robert D. Holland of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1976 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He reported to Poseidon Missile School, with a follow-on assignment to USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN 616) (BLUE), where he made a strategic deterrent patrol.

Next, he completed nuclear power training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course, graduating as the L.Y. Spear Award winner. In August 1978, he reported on board USS BARB (SSN 596) where he served as communicator and weapons officer, made a Western Pacific deployment and qualified in submarines. His next assignment was the USS BALTIMORE (SSN 704) in July 1980, where, as a plank owner, he served as reactor controls assistant, main propulsion assistant, radiological controls assistant, and qualified as Engineer.

Graduating from the Sumarine Officer Advanced Class with distinction, he reported as engineer on USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) in April 1983. Here, he participated in numerous Northern Atlantic and Mediterranean deployments. In September 1986, he reported to the Office of Naval Warfare at the Pentagon, where he served in the Anti-Submarine Warfare Division (OP 713).

In December 1988, he reported on board USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735) (GOLD) where, again as a plank owner, he served as the prospective executive officer in new construction and then as the gold crew executive officer, during which period the ship completed shakedown operations. From February 1991 through December 1992, he served a Flag Secretary for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Commander Holland is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, the Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon (two awards), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon (two awards), the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (four awards), and the Arctic Service Ribbon.

Commander Holland is married to the former Ann Marie Sanders from Worcester, Massachusetts and they have three daughters, Elizabeth Ann, Julianne, and Carolyn.

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 Japanese supercarrier SHINANO on 28 November 1944, the largest warship ever sunk by a submarine.

The present ARCHERFISH was built by General Dynamics Corporation at Electric Boat in Groton. The keel was laid on 19 April 1969 and the ship launched on 16 January 1971. The ship's sponsor was Miss Mary C. Warner, daughter of then-Undersecretary of the Navy John Warner. Commissioning ceremonies were held 17 December 1971. ARCHERFISH is the first of 9 long-hull 637-class nuclear powered fast attack submarines. These hulls (678-684 and 686-687) were the final ships of the 637 class before the Navy began building the 688-class SSN.

ARCHERFISH has deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean during more than two decades of her service to the United States. As a result of those deployments, the ship has been awarded four Navy Unit Commendations, three Meritorious Unit Commendations and two COMSIXTHFLT "Hook-em" Trophies for ASW excellence. She has also been recognized on a squadron level by being awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for four years, the red Engineering "E" for four years, the Antisubmarine Warfare "A" for eight years, the Communications Green "C" for two years, the Medical Readiness "M", for two years, the Deck Seamanship Award, and the Damage Control "DC" award. ARCHERFISH is also the first SUBPLANT submarine to surface at the North Pole on three separate occasions.

ARCHERFISH has completed three overhauls in her career, the most recent ending in August 1990 at Puget Sounds Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. The new reactor core installed during that overhaul will last for the remainder of her time in service. Although she has been briefly assigned to other squadrons just after commissioning and during overhauls, ARCHERFISH has always been a prominent part of Development Squadron TWELVE in Groton, Connecticut.

United States Ship Archerfish (SSN 678)

KEEL LAID.
LAUNCHED.
COMMISSIONED

19 April 1969
16 January 1971
17 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 waters 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 OFFICERS

LCDR Donald L. Root
LCDR Louis J. Traglia
LT Randy B. Crites
LT Robert J. Klein
LT Arun K. Khaitan
LTJG Carl R. Comegys
LTJG Joseph M. Giacobbe

LTJG James W. Leblanc
LTJG Chad H. Lee
LTJG Jeffrey S. Manning
LTJG Mark H. Oesterreich
LTJG Alan A. Rechel
LTJG Thomas A. Zikas
ENS Kevin K. Norman

Executive Officer
Engineer Officer
Navigator/Operations Officer
Weapons Officer
Electronic's Material Officer
Reactor Controls Assistant
Chemistry/Radiological
Controls Assistant
Damage Control Assistant
Electrical Officer
Assistant Engineer Officer
Main Propulsion Assistant
Sonar/Fire Control Officer
Communicator
Supply Officer

DIVISION LEADING PETTY OFFICERS

MMCS (SS) Robert M. Banas
MMC (SS) Donald G. Boucher

EMCS (SS) Mark R. Frampus
STSC (SS) Mc Burney
FTGC (SS) Jonathan L. Wilson
ETC (SS) Jonathan L. Avooske
RMC (SS) William F. Cox
QMC (SS) Wayne P. Owings
MMC (SS) James C. Crudden
ICC (SS) Charles A. Krams
MMC (SS) James D. Karkow
ETC (SS) Terry W. Anderson
MSC (SS) George J. Krisanda
ICC (SS) Derek J. Gatewood
YN1 (SS) Larry A. Dean
TM1 (SS) Gregory C. Gurden
HM1 (SS) Daniel J. Pawluk

MM1 (SS) Timothy J. Barton

Chief of the Boat
Engineering Department
Enlisted Assistant
E Division LPO
ST Division LPO
FT Division LPO
ET Division LPO
RM Division LPO
QM Division LPO
A Division LPO
IC Division LPO
M Division LPO
RC Division LPO
MS Division LPO
3M Coordinator
Leading Yeoman
TM Division LPO
Medical Department
Representative
ELT Division LPO

ARCHERFISH OMBUDSMAN

Debbie Gates
All the ARCHERFISH crew wives

**USS Archerfish
Commanding Officers**

Commander Ralph G. Bud
17 December 1971 to 6 April 1974

Commander Sibley L. Ward III
6 April 1974 to 14 April 1978

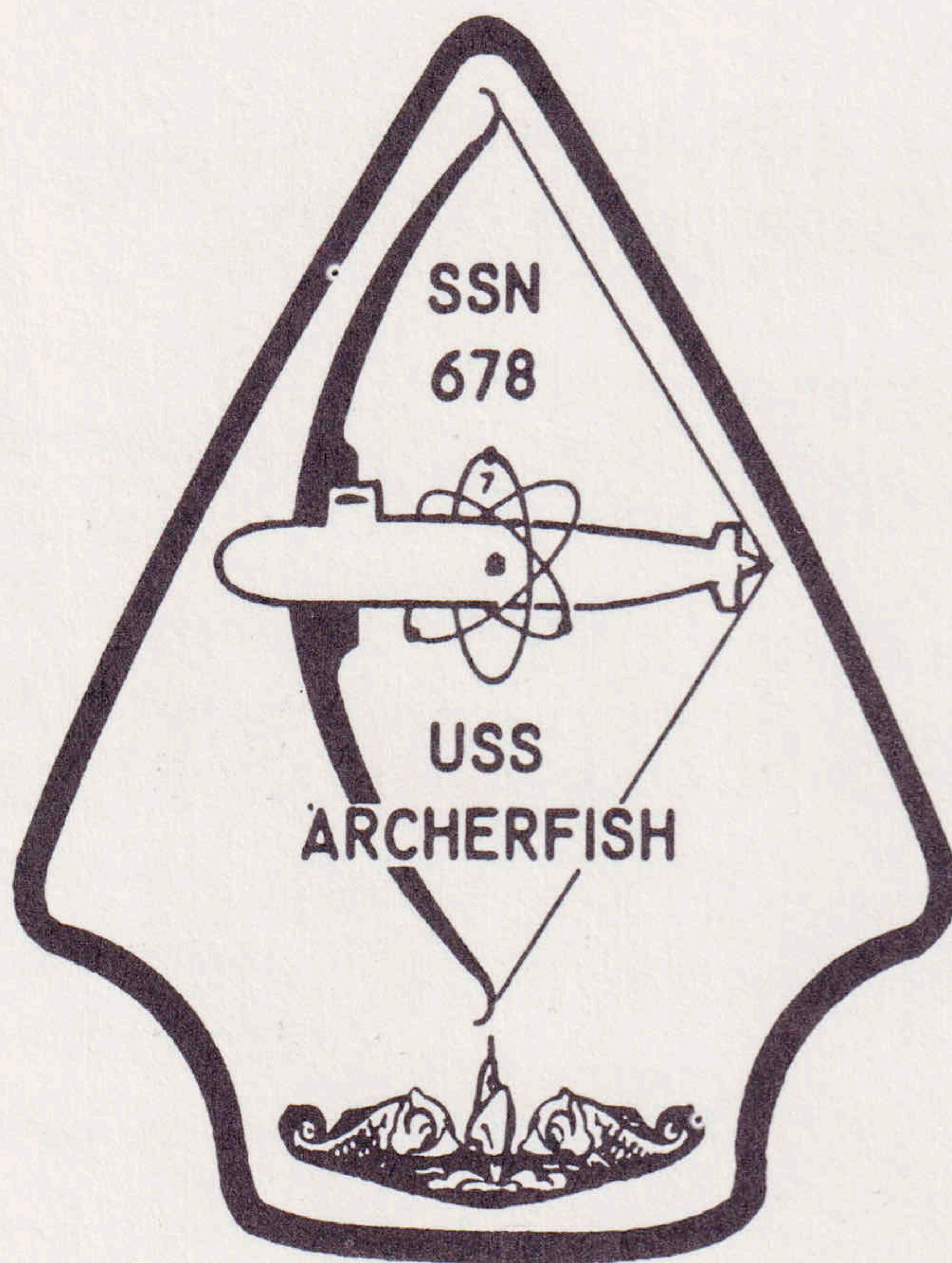
Commander Galen R. Plummer
14 April 1978 to 20 August 1981

Commander John S. Almon
20 August 1981 to 19 April 1985

Commander Michael G. Riegel
19 April 1985 to 11 March 1988

Commander Siegfried L. Shalles
11 March 1988 to 15 March 1991

Commander Kevin B. Leahy
15 March 1991 to 5 August 1993



"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

