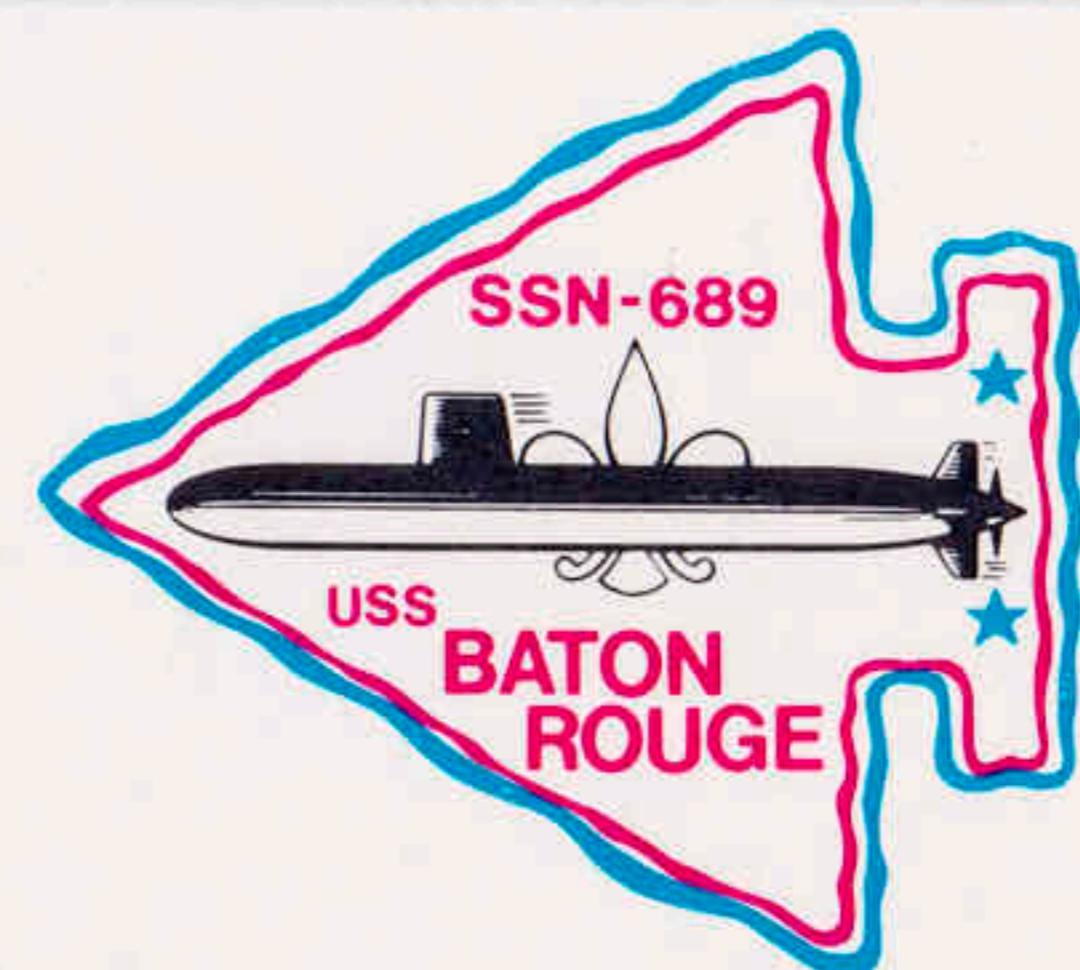


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Commissioning of a Navy Ship

The commissioning ceremony marks the acceptance of a ship as a member of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment of breaking the commissioning pennant, *USS BATON ROUGE* (SSN 689) becomes an active member of the fleet. The Commanding Officer, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making and keeping her ready for any commitment required by our nation in peace or war.

The commissioning pennant is the historic symbol of a man of war. It is believed to date from the 17th century when the Dutch Admiral Maarten Van Tromp hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his having swept the British from the sea at Dungeness. The following year, British Admiral William Blake hoisted a horse whip to his masthead—indicating his intention to chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow commissioning pennant as a symbol of Admiral Blake's horse whip and as the distinctive mark of a ship of war.



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Vice Admiral Pierre N. Charbonnet, Jr.

Pierre Numa Charbonnet, Jr. was born on December 22, 1919, in San Francisco, the son of Dr. Pierre N. Charbonnet of New Orleans, and Blanche Rogers Charbonnet of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1937, and was commissioned ensign on February 7, 1941. He subsequently advanced in rank, attaining the grade of Vice Admiral on August 23, 1974.

During World War II, while serving as Commander of Carrier Air Group 24 aboard *USS SANTEE*, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Gold Star, and the Air Medal with six Gold Stars.

Admiral Charbonnet has been awarded the Legion of Merit three times, receiving the first for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" while engaged in coordination of all carrier combat air operations in North and South Vietnam.

Admiral Charbonnet's first assignment as a flag officer was as Commandant Eighth Naval District. He later served as Commander Carrier Striking Force Sixth Fleet, and as Director Fleet Operations Division and Director Naval Reconnaissance Center.

On April 3, 1971 Admiral Charbonnet relieved Commander Fleet Air Mediterranean/Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, Sixth Fleet/Commander Maritime Air Mediterranean. He assumed duty as Chief of Naval Reserve, with headquarters in New Orleans, in August 1974.

The Admiral is married to the former Mary A. Dutton of Annapolis, Maryland. The couple has five children: Hildegarde, Louise, Michelle, Pierre N., III, and Suzanne.





Vice Admiral Kenneth M. Carr

Vice Admiral Kenneth M. Carr was born in Mayfield, Kentucky, March 17, 1925, and graduated from high school in San Bernardino, California in 1941. After attending San Bernardino Valley College for two years, VADM Carr enlisted in the Navy as a seaman.

He was a crewman on an assault landing craft attached to the *USS PRESIDENT JACKSON (APA18)* in late 1943, and participated in the landings at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, and the initial landing in February 1944 at Green Island, Bismarck Archipelago.

Prior to being commissioned, in 1945 he was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1949. He entered Submarine School in 1950.

In 1972 Admiral Carr was assigned as Chief of Staff to the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. In March 1973, Admiral Carr was ordered to duty as Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. He assumed command as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet on June 20, 1977.

Admiral Carr's decorations include: Legion of Merit, 1 Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal; Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation; American Campaign; Asiatic and Pacific Campaign; World War II Victory Medal; National Defense with 1 Bronze Star; Korean Service; Korean Presidential; United Nations Service.

He is married to the former Molly Pace of Burkesville, Kentucky.

The Honorable W. W. "Woody" Dumas

W. W. "Woody" Dumas was elected Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, November 3, 1964. He was re-elected in 1968, 1972 and again in 1976.

Mayor Dumas was reared and educated in East Baton Rouge Parish. He lettered in basketball and football during high school and later played semi-professional baseball and professional football. He served eleven years in the United States Navy, during which time he graduated from the United States Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. He served with the submarine forces in the South Pacific during World War II from 1942-1946, and also served during the Korean War. He is currently a member of the Navy League.

Mayor Dumas is the recipient of the Louisiana Municipal Association Achievement Award for accomplishments and improvements among the largest cities in the State of Louisiana.

In 1975, Mayor Dumas received the Public Affairs Award from the Louisiana Association for Mental Health for his role in establishing the Margaret Dumas Memorial mental health center in Baton Rouge.

Mayor Dumas is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties, where he is presently serving as Chairman for the renewal of revenue sharing. In 1975, the Board appointed Mayor Dumas to serve as the National Chairman of the Athletic Foundation, U.S.A., Inc.

Mayor Dumas is married to the former Carol Epperson of Baker, Louisiana; they have two children.



City of Baton Rouge

On the present site of Louisiana's historic Old State Capital Building there once stood a tall red cypress tree, stripped of its bark, marking the boundary between the hunting grounds of the Houma and Bayou Goula Indians. French *voyageurs* aptly named the tree "the red stick"— *le baton rouge*.

Louisiana's Capital City, Baton Rouge was founded in 1719 by the French during their exploration of the Mississippi River. Since then, the flags of seven governments have flown over Baton Rouge...from the *fleur-de-lis* of the Bourbons to the stars and bars of the Confederacy.

Because of its superb location on the first high ground along the Mississippi River north of the Gulf of Mexico, Baton Rouge has flourished.

The city is the hub of one of the greatest concentrations of industry in the nation—the heart of the Chemical Strip which extends 100 miles south to New Orleans. Investments in new manufacturing facilities along the strip have totaled more than two billion dollars in the past decade.

The port of Baton Rouge stands as one of the finest deep-water facilities in the world. Docks and terminals serve both ocean-going vessels and river transportation with the most modern facilities available. Total tonnage handled at the port is rapidly expanding, and Baton Rouge now ranks as the fourth largest port in the United States.

Baton Rouge is a well-known Southern education center. More than 31,000 students attend Southern University and Louisiana State University—home of the famed LSU Tigers.

As the focal point of industry, education, government and recreation in the South-Central United States, Baton Rouge is a dynamic and progressive city, admirably prepared to meet the challenges and goals of the future.

The Commanding Officer Commander Thomas Clogher Maloney

Commander Thomas C. Maloney was born on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Maloney. During his youth he lived in Virginia, Washington, Kansas, and Pennsylvania. He graduated from State College High School, State College, Pennsylvania in June 1954 and entered the U.S. Naval Academy that summer. Commander Maloney graduated with distinction from the Naval Academy in June 1958.

After graduation Commander Maloney served for a year as Fire Control Division Officer aboard *USS RANDOLPH* (CVA 15). He then attended the Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut graduating in December 1959. Commander Maloney's first submarine duty was aboard *USS SAILFISH* (SSR 572) where he qualified in submarines and served as Supply Officer, Gunnery Officer, Engineer Officer, and Operations Officer. In 1963 he reported to the Naval Nuclear Power School for theoretical training in nuclear engineering followed by practical training in 1964 at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit.

Commander Maloney was then assigned to the nuclear attack submarine *USS SWORDFISH* (SSN 579) where he served as Weapons Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, Operations Officer and Navigator. In May 1968 he reported to the Precommissioning Unit of *USS SPADEFISH* (SSN 668) to serve as Executive Officer.

In 1971 Commander Maloney returned to Bainbridge, Maryland to command the Naval Nuclear Power School until May 1974. Following Prospective Commanding Officer training, he assumed the duties of Prospective Commanding Officer, *BATON ROUGE* (SSN 689) and Commanding Officer, *BATON ROUGE* Precommissioning Unit at Newport News Shipbuilding.

Commander Maloney is married to the former Mary Jo McAleer of Hillsdale, New Jersey. Commander and Mrs. Maloney reside in Hampton, Virginia with their children Thomas Jr., Anne, Catherine, Julia, and David.





The Executive Officer

Lieutenant Commander Galen Robert Plummer

Lieutenant Commander Galen R. Plummer was born in Milo, Maine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Plummer. He graduated from Robert W. Traip Academy, Kittery, Maine in June 1958. Lieutenant Commander Plummer entered Columbia University in September 1958 as an NROTC Regular Midshipman and graduated in June 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In June 1963 he graduated from Columbia School of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering science.

After graduation, Lieutenant Commander Plummer reported to the Naval Nuclear Power School for theoretical training in the Naval Nuclear Power Program followed by practical training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit and Naval Submarine School. He reported for his first submarine duty aboard *USS WAHOO* (SS 565) where he served as Supply Officer and Communicator. He was then assigned to the nuclear attack submarine *USS PLUNGER* (SSN 595) where he served as Reactor Control Officer, Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Damage Control Assistant. In March 1968 he reported to *USS PATRICK HENRY* (SSBN 599) Blue Crew in Holy Loch, Scotland for duty as Engineer Officer. After a three year tour he was assigned to *USS GREENLING* (SSN 614) and served as Navigator and Operations Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Plummer returned to the Naval Submarine School in December 1972 and served as an instructor in advanced submarine tactics. In December 1974 Lieutenant Commander Plummer reported to the Precommissioning Unit of *USS BATON ROUGE* (SSN 689) at Newport News Shipbuilding and assumed duties as Executive Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Plummer is married to the former Regina L. Conklin of Northport, Long Island, New York. Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Plummer reside in Newport News, Virginia with their two children, David and Sandy.

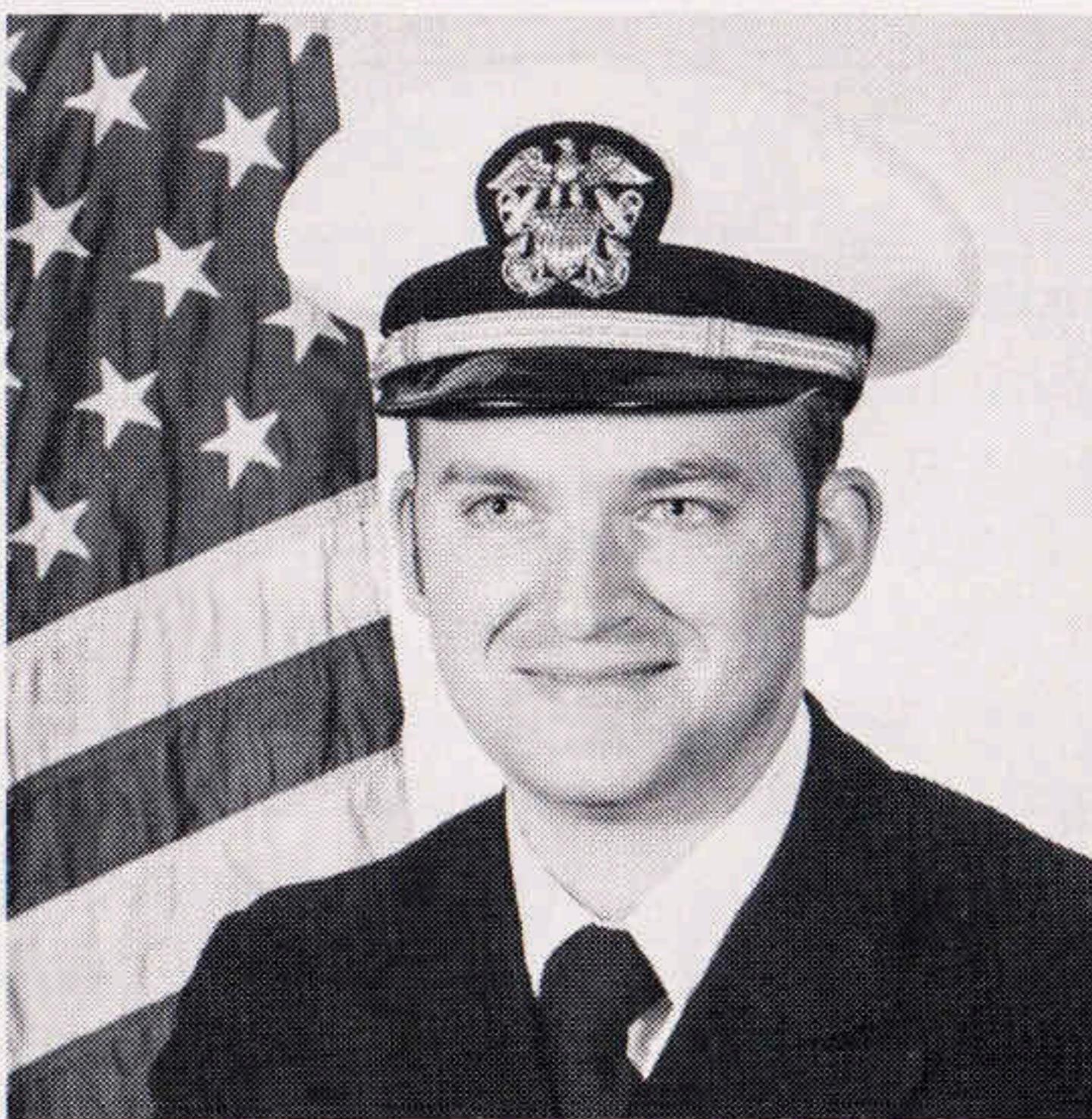
The Commissioned Officers



LCDR William P. Mullins
Engineer Officer



LCDR Richard B. Rump, Jr.
Operations Officer/Navigator



LT Thomas L. Mendenhall
Damage Control Assistant



LT Wallace J. Wagemaker
Communications Officer



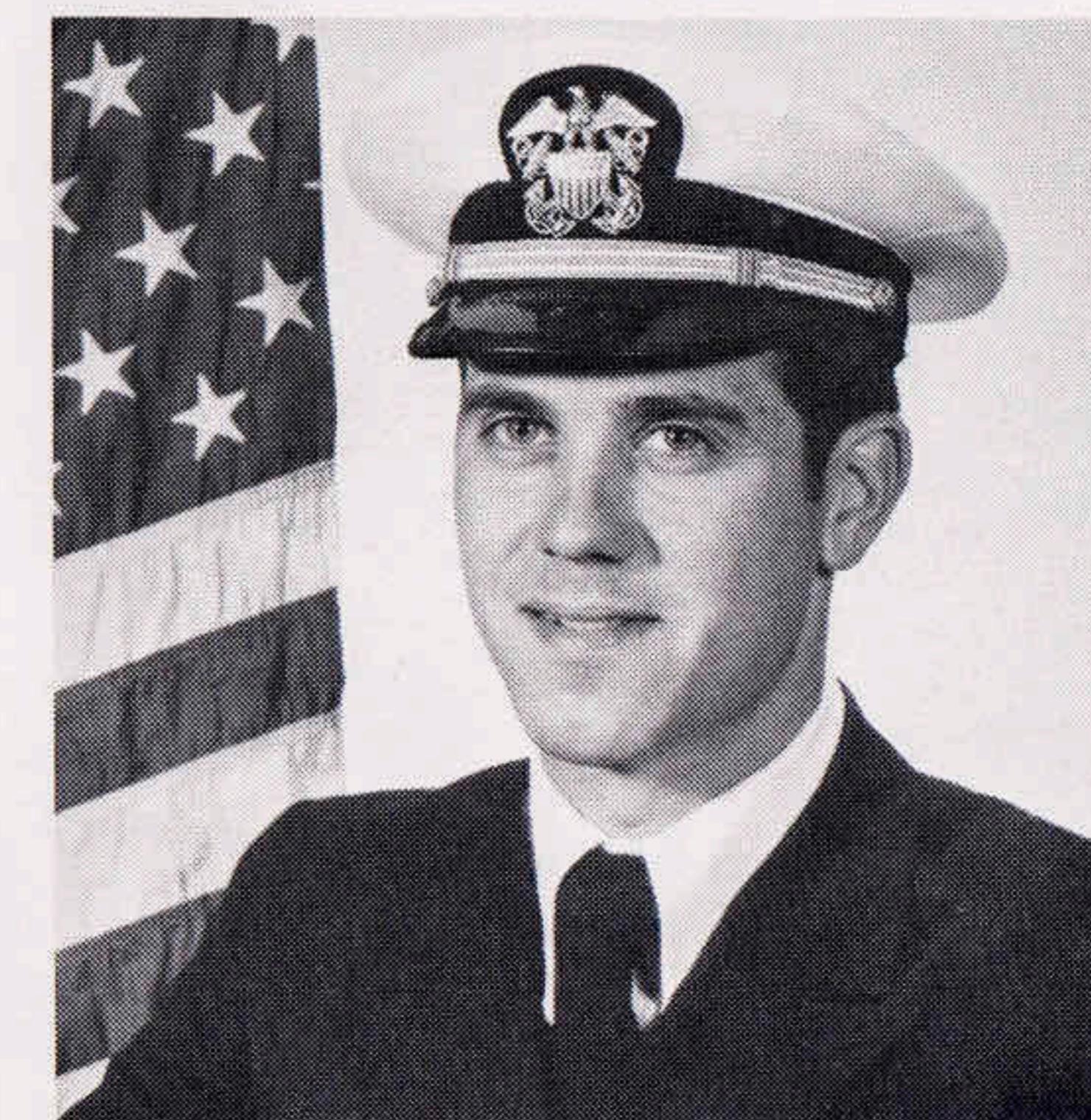
LT Richard L. Frantz
Sonar Officer



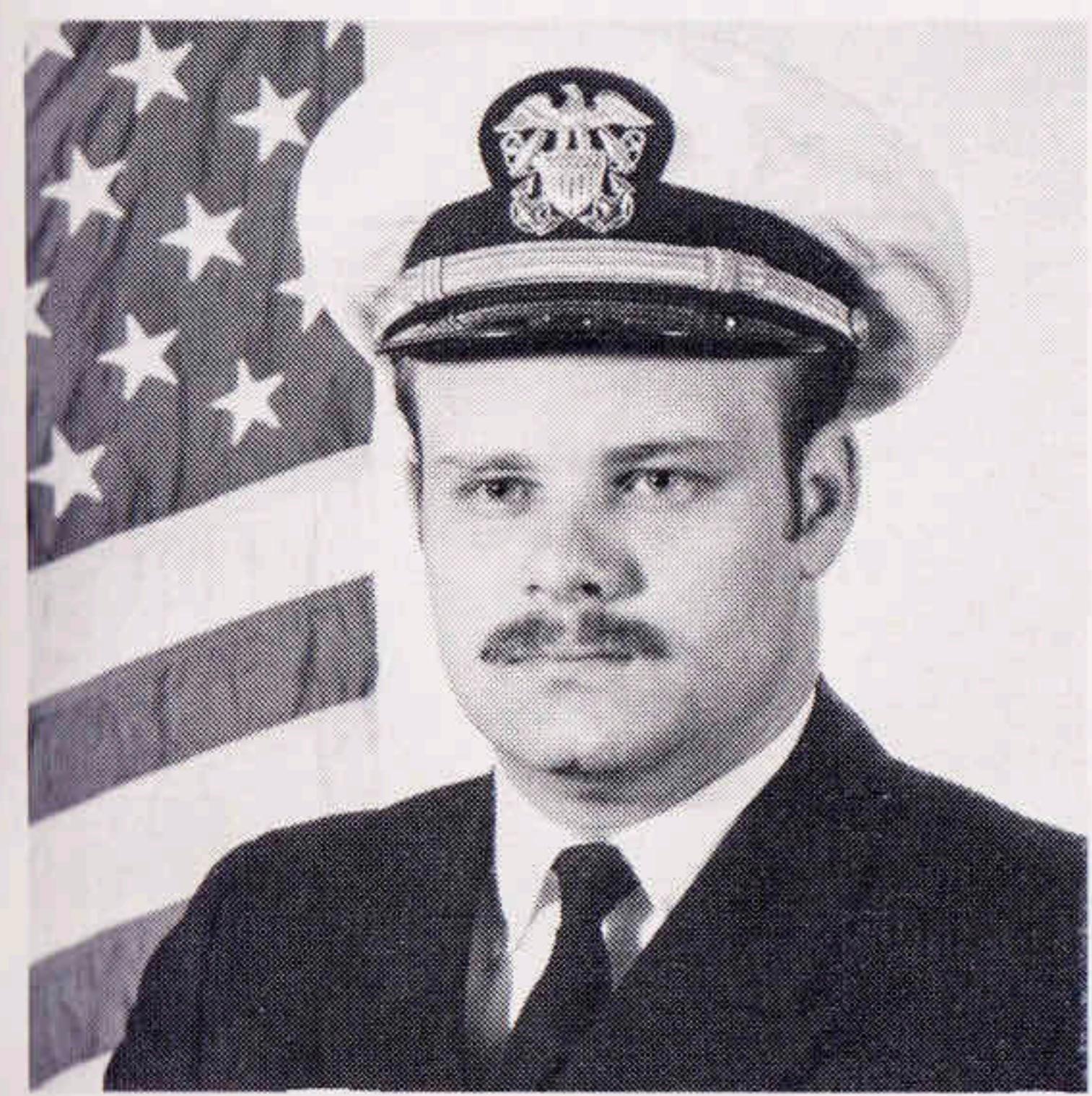
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Weapons Officer



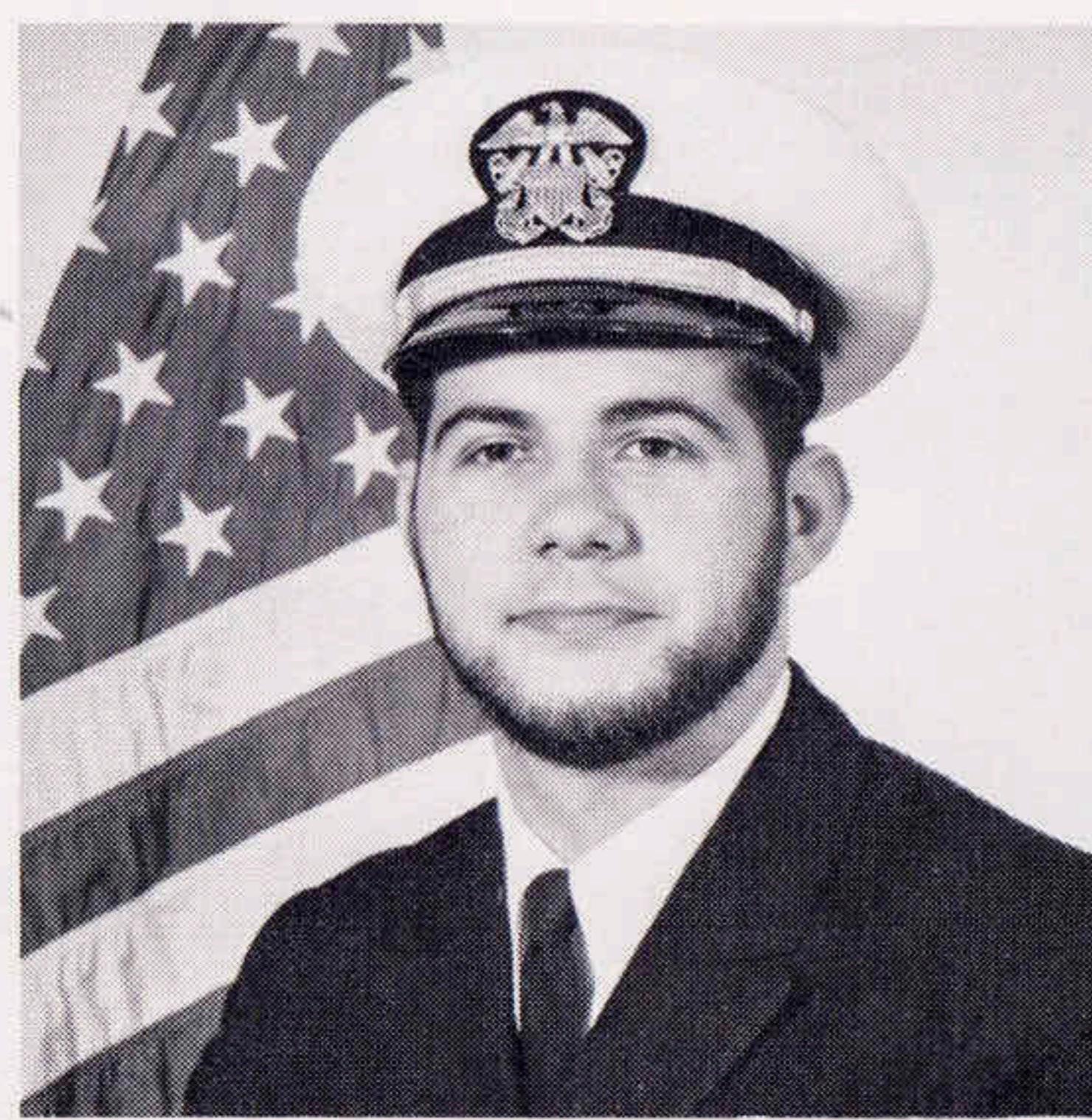
LT Joseph L. Tillson
Main Propulsion Assistant



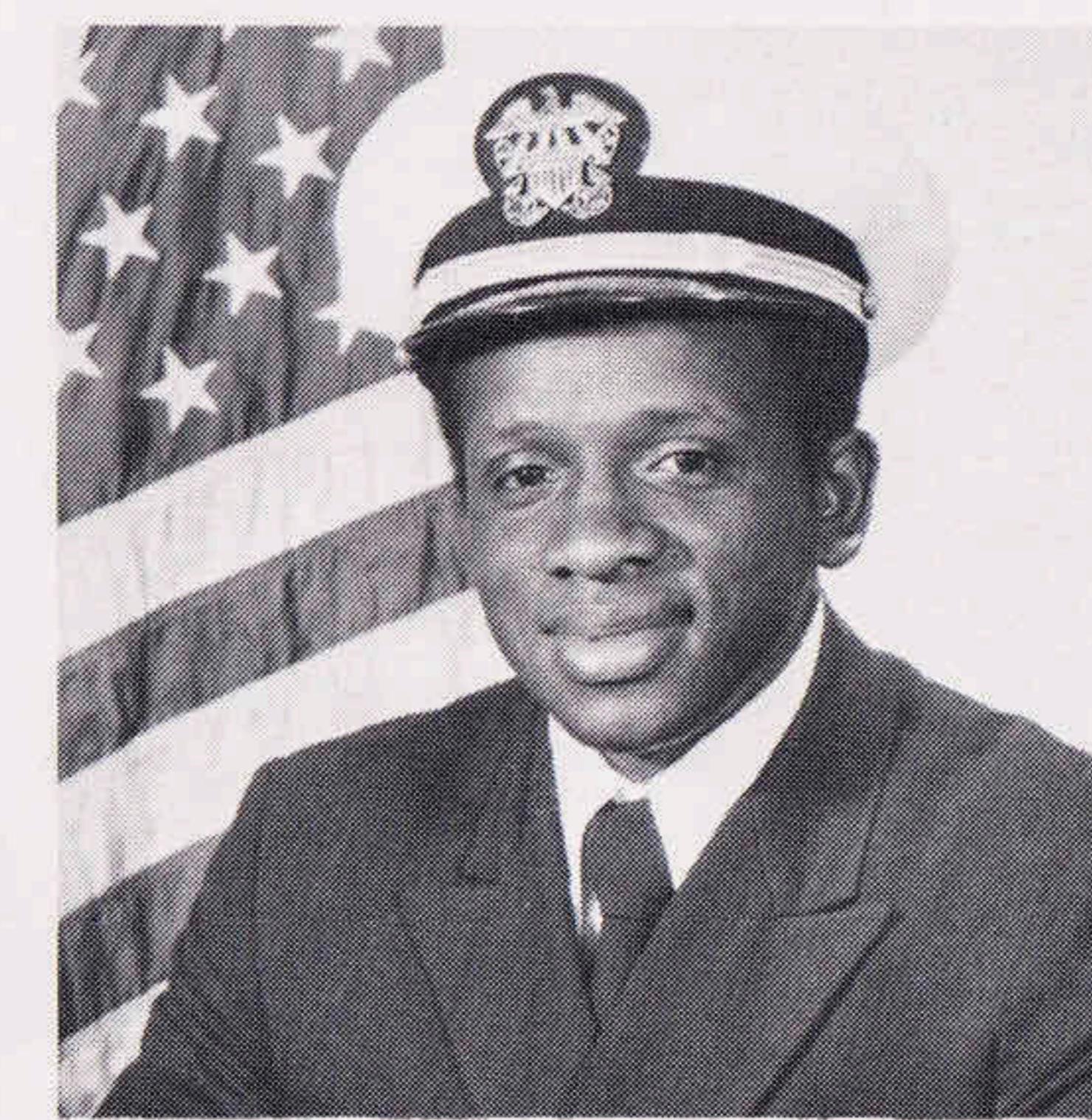
LT Allan A. Banghart
Supply Officer



LT(jg) Walter M. Hipsher
Reactor Control Officer



LT(jg) Terry A. Mulder
Electrical Officer



ENS Julius J. Jackson
Assistant Supply Officer



ENS David M. Rickman
Assistant Reactor Control Officer

COMMISSIONING

INVOCATION
Lieutenant Commander Carl W. Flick
CHC, USN

WELCOME
Commander Thomas C. Maloney, USN
Prospective Commanding Officer

SHIPBUILDER'S REMARKS
Admiral Ralph W. Cousins, USN (Ret)
President, Newport News Shipbuilding

MAYOR'S REMARKS
The Honorable W. W. "Woody" Dumas
Mayor of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

REMARKS
The Honorable Edward Hidalgo
Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower,
Reserve Affairs and Logistics

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Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

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Chief of Naval Reserve and Commandant Eighth Naval District

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Commander Thomas C. Maloney, USN

SETTING THE FIRST WATCH

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Executive Officer

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BENEDICTION

Lieutenant Commander Carl W. Flick
CHC, USN





Chief of the Boat Master Chief Radioman (SS) James R. Olivas

A submarine's Chief of the Boat is assigned a unique combination of duties and authorities ranging from the mustering of a working party to the individual counseling he provides as the Senior Enlisted Advisor. Serving as administrative assistant to the ship's Executive Officer, the Chief of the Boat is a key element in the ship's administrative organization.

Master Chief Olivas was born in Bronte, Texas on June 17, 1935. He enlisted in the Navy in February 1959. In August 1962, Master Chief Olivas was ordered to Submarine Base New London, Connecticut for Basic Training in Submarines. Upon graduation, he was ordered to Naval Schools Command, Mare Island, California for training in cryptographic equipment.

He was ordered to U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland in April 1967 for training in advanced electronic communications systems maintenance. Upon completion of school he reported to *USS CUBERA* (SS 347). After a short tour in *USS CUBERA*, he was transferred to *USS RAY* (SSN 653) where he served as Chief of the Boat and Leading Radioman. In January 1973, he was transferred to Naval Communications Station, Norfolk, Virginia for a tour as Chief in Charge of Communications. Master Chief Olivas assumed the duties of Chief of the Boat *BATON ROUGE* (SSN 689) Precommissioning Unit at Newport News Shipbuilding in December 1974.

Master Chief Olivas is married to the former Viola Trujillo of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He and Mrs. Olivas and their two children Richard and David, reside in Norfolk, Virginia.

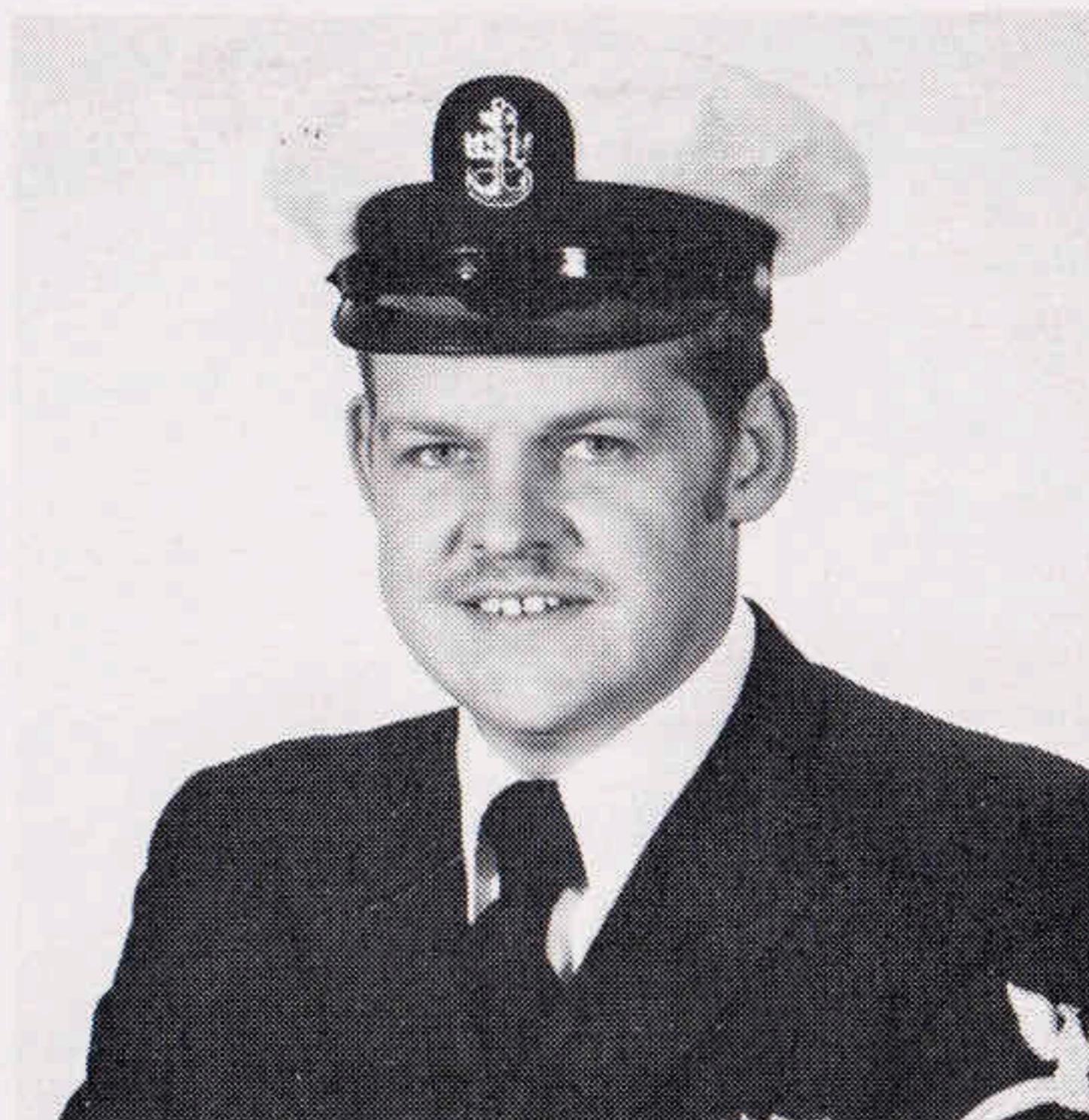
The Chief Petty Officers



TMC (SS) James M. Peercy
TM Division LPO



FTGC (SS) Ronald B. Cavender
FT Division LPO



RMC (SS) Louis A. Davis
RM Division LPO



ETCM (SS) James R. Martin
RC Division LPO



STSCS (SS) Conrad W. Moon
ST Division LPO



ETS (SS) Donald L. Taskey
ET Division LPO



HMC (SS) "H". Curtis Bracken
Medical Representative



QMC (SS) Herbert A. Johnson
QM Division LPO



YNC (SS) Norris W. Bailey
Administrative Assistant



MMC (SS) Johnnie L. McLean
A Division LPO

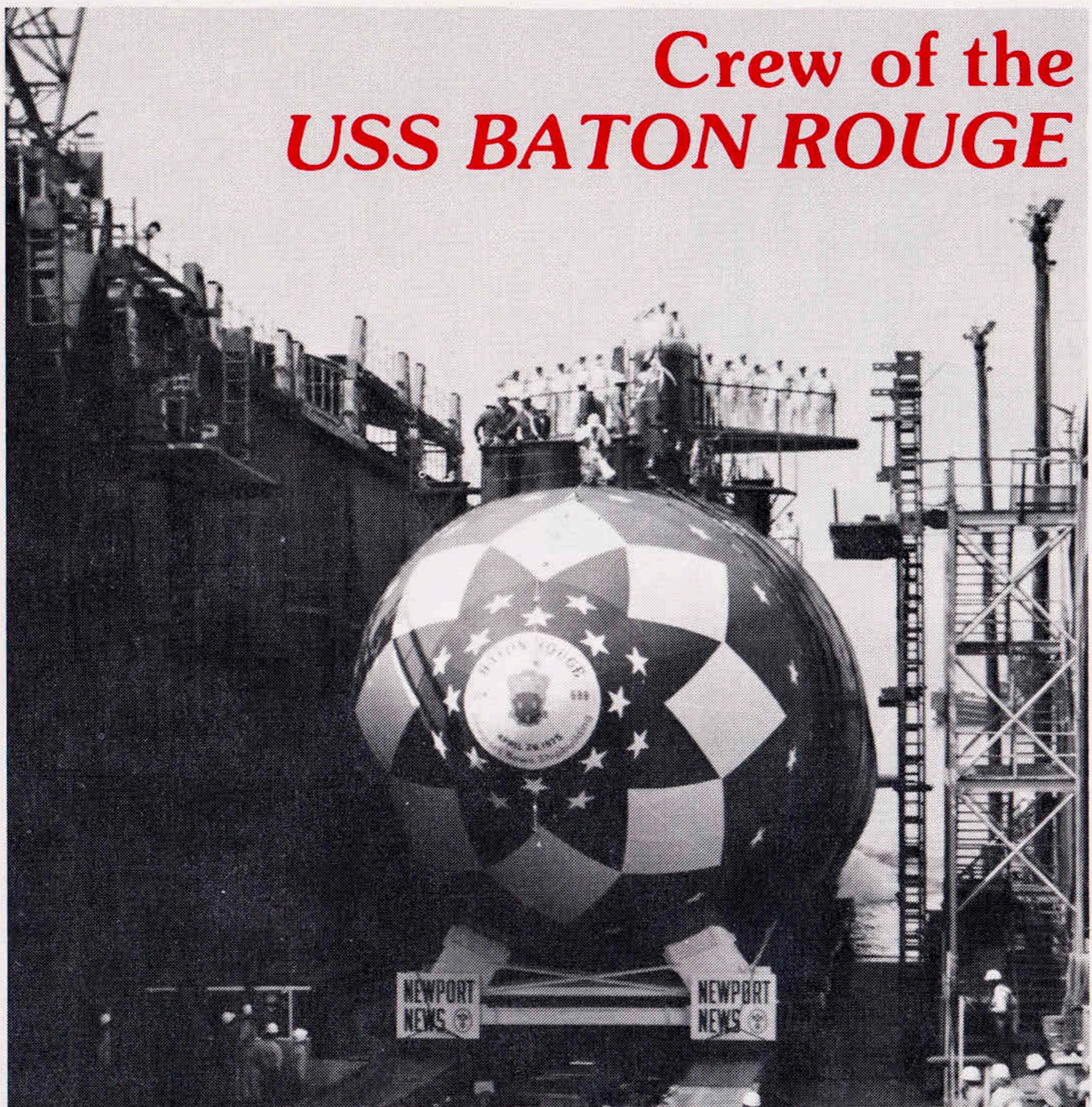


ICC (SS) Robert E. Harper
E Division LPO



MMC (SS) David L. Findley
M Division LPO

Crew of the **USS BATON ROUGE**



TORPEDO DIVISION: TM2 (SS) Danny T. McHugh, TM1 (SS) William M. Luttrell, Jr., TM2 (SS) Larry C. Beylor, TMSN Leo D. Parulski, NOT SHOWN: TM1 (SS) John J. Pedroni, Jr., SN Bradley J. Stein



FIRE CONTROL DIVISION BACK ROW: FTG2 (SS) William H. Morris, FTG1 (SS) Danny R. McHugh, FRONT ROW: FTG1 (SS) Thomas D. Heitz, NOT SHOWN: DS1 (SS) Gary A. Graves





ELECTRONICS DIVISION: ET1 (SS) William H. Fiscus, ET1 (SS) William B. Whaley, ETN2 (SS) Bernard D. Barber, ETR3 Ramon A. Lavigne, NOT SHOWN: ETR2 (SS) Phillip J. Dunday



REACTOR CONTROLS DIVISION BACK ROW: ET1 Randy A. Schaefer, ET1 Clark O. Morgan, ETR2 Mike A. Eckart, ET1 Erick W. Gray, FRONT ROW: ET1 (SS) Jimmie P. Fountain, ET1 (SS) Frank A. Gonzalez, ET1 Warren R. Dobler



INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION BACK ROW: IC2 (SS) Elbert N. Jones, IC1 Neil J. Bamford, IC1 (SS) Clifford W. Crain, Jr., FRONT ROW: ICFA Brian E. Smith, SR Michael A. Croteau, FN Michael K. Corbett



YEOMAN DIVISON: YNI James H. Campbell, SA Gregory N. Smith



RADIO DIVISION: RM2 (SS) Reed A. Shankwiler III, RMSN William F. Bourdier, Jr., RM1 (SS) Jack "E" Hildenbrant, RM1 (SS) Robert M. Cooksey, NOT SHOWN: RM1 (SS) Glenn A. Johnson



FOOD SERVICES DIVISION BACK ROW: MSSN Kevin L. Artz, MSSN Raymond W. Laust, MS3 Thomas A. Duncan, FRONT ROW: MS2 (SS) Florentino B. San Juan, MS1 (SS) William S. Searles, Jr., MS1 (SS) Albertow D. Bugante, NOT SHOWN: MSSN Edward J. Spychalski



AUXILIARY DIVISION BACK ROW: MMFN Edward R. Clary, MM3 Rubin V. Weber, MMFN Richard L. Weaver, MM3 Gary L. Brenengen, FRONT ROW: MM1 (SS) Jay S. Houck, MM1 (SS) Mark A. Lensch, MM1 (SS) Alfred G. Sibert III, MM1 (SS) Curtis J. Merkel, NOT SHOWN: MM1 (SS) Wayne E. Nichols, MM2 Joseph P. Cobb, MM3 Todd J. Coleman



MACHINERY DIVISION BACK ROW: MM1 (SS) Dennis E. Vipond, MM1 Paul T. Worthington, MM1 (SS) Nolan M. Cashat, MM2 Gary M. Mosley, MM2 Michael H. Marcum, MM2 Larry J. Cameron, MM2 Harvey F. Greenawalt, FRONT ROW: MM1 (SS) Francis G. Cobb, MM1 David L. Jones, MM1 (SS) David M. Schaffer, MM2 Michael J. Warner



STORES DIVISION: SK3 Aaron A. Francois, SKSN Daniel A. Geschke, NOT SHOWN: SK2 (SS) Bobby Joe Kelley



NAVIGATION DIVISION BACK ROW: QM1 (SS) Jerry R. Holdridge, QM2 Collin J. Cooke, FRONT ROW: QMSN William J. Carrick, QMSN Edward B. Flores



MACHINERY DIVISON BACK ROW: MM1 (SS) Rodney L. Gardner, MM1 Frank R. Kaye, MM2 Thomas S. Barsur, FRONT ROW: MM1 (SS) Rickey L. Low, MM1 Stephan J. Foley



ELECTRICAL DIVISION BACK ROW: EM1 (SS) Michael D. Dick, IC2 Arthur I. Nelson, EM2 Victor S. Moore, IC2 Robert E. Jett, FRONT ROW: EM1 (SS) Charles L. McManus, Jr., EM2 Daniel W. Sherry, IC2 Robert F. French, EM1 (SS) William R. Boyes, NOT SHOWN: EM1 David H. White, IC1 (SS) James W. Schoolcraft, EM2 Mark E. Ellison



SONAR DIVISION BACK ROW: STS2 (SS) Philip L. Gove, Jr., STS1 (SS) James L. Schroeder, STS1 (SS) Earl F. Pooler, Jr., STS3 Charles W. Reed, Jr., STS2 (SS) David W. Bailey, STS3 Christopher D. Mitchell, STS3 Larry D. Thompson, FRONT ROW: STS3 Stephen R. Jacobs, STS2 (SS) Kenny Morgan, STS2 (SS) Gary M. Schrader, STS2 (SS) Samuel G. A. Adams, Jr.

BATON ROUGE

Length: 360'

Beam: 33'

Surface Displacement: 6,200 tons

Submerged Displacement: 6,900 tons

Maximum Depth: In excess of 400'

Maximum Speed: In excess of 20 knots

Armament: Four 21" torpedo tubes

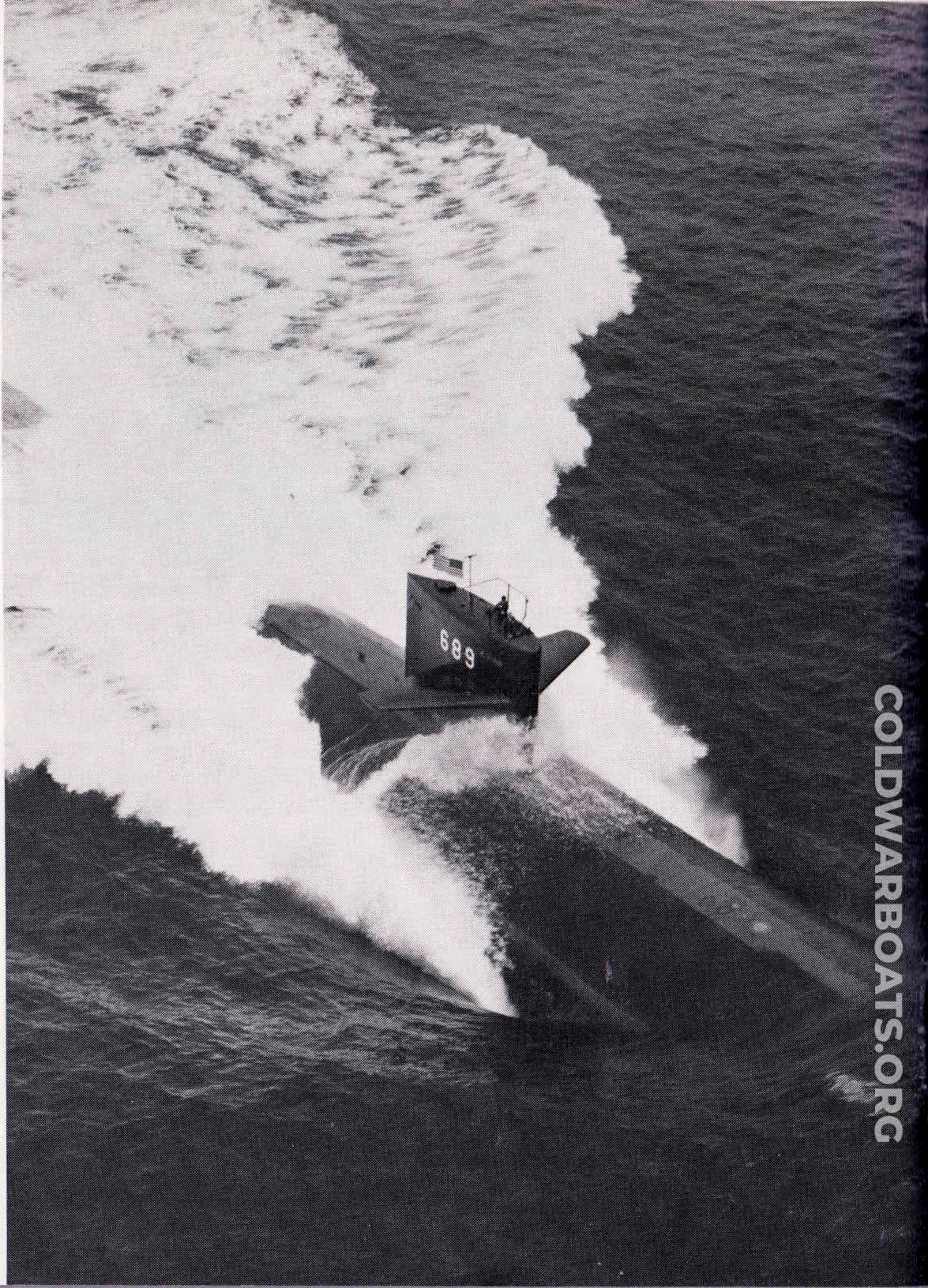
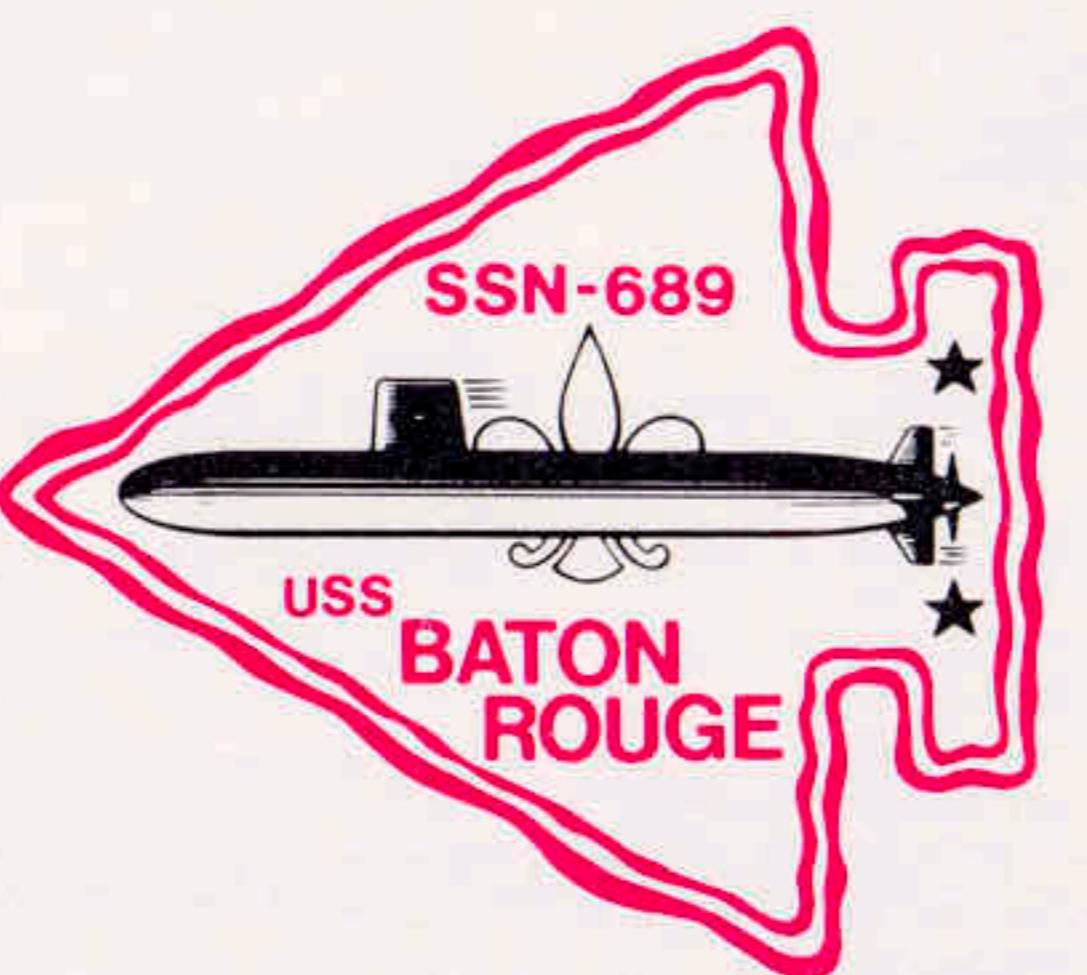
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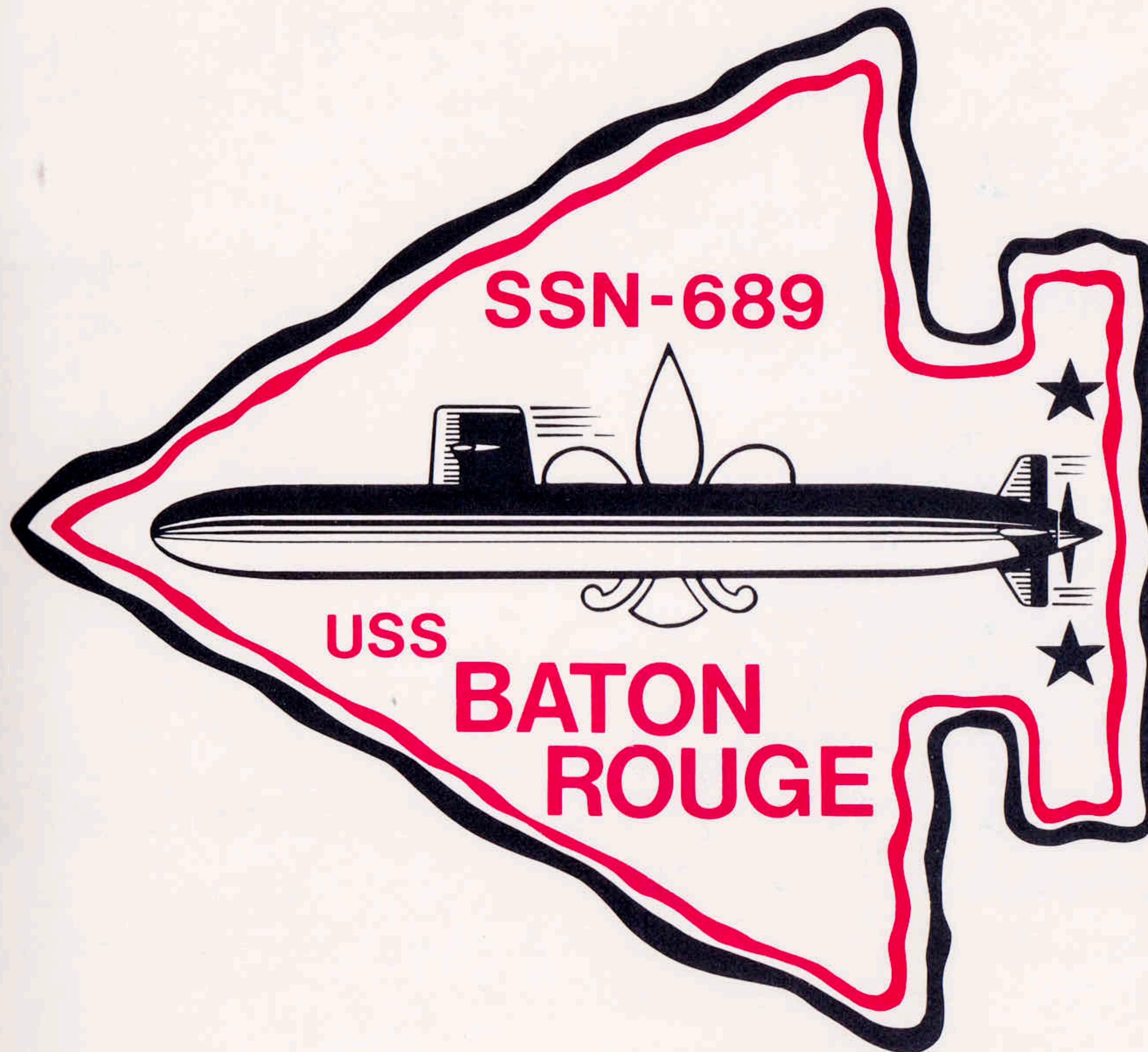
Launched: April 26, 1975

Commissioned: June 25, 1977

Sponsor: Mrs. F. Edward Hebert

Crew Complement: 12 Officers and 115 Enlisted

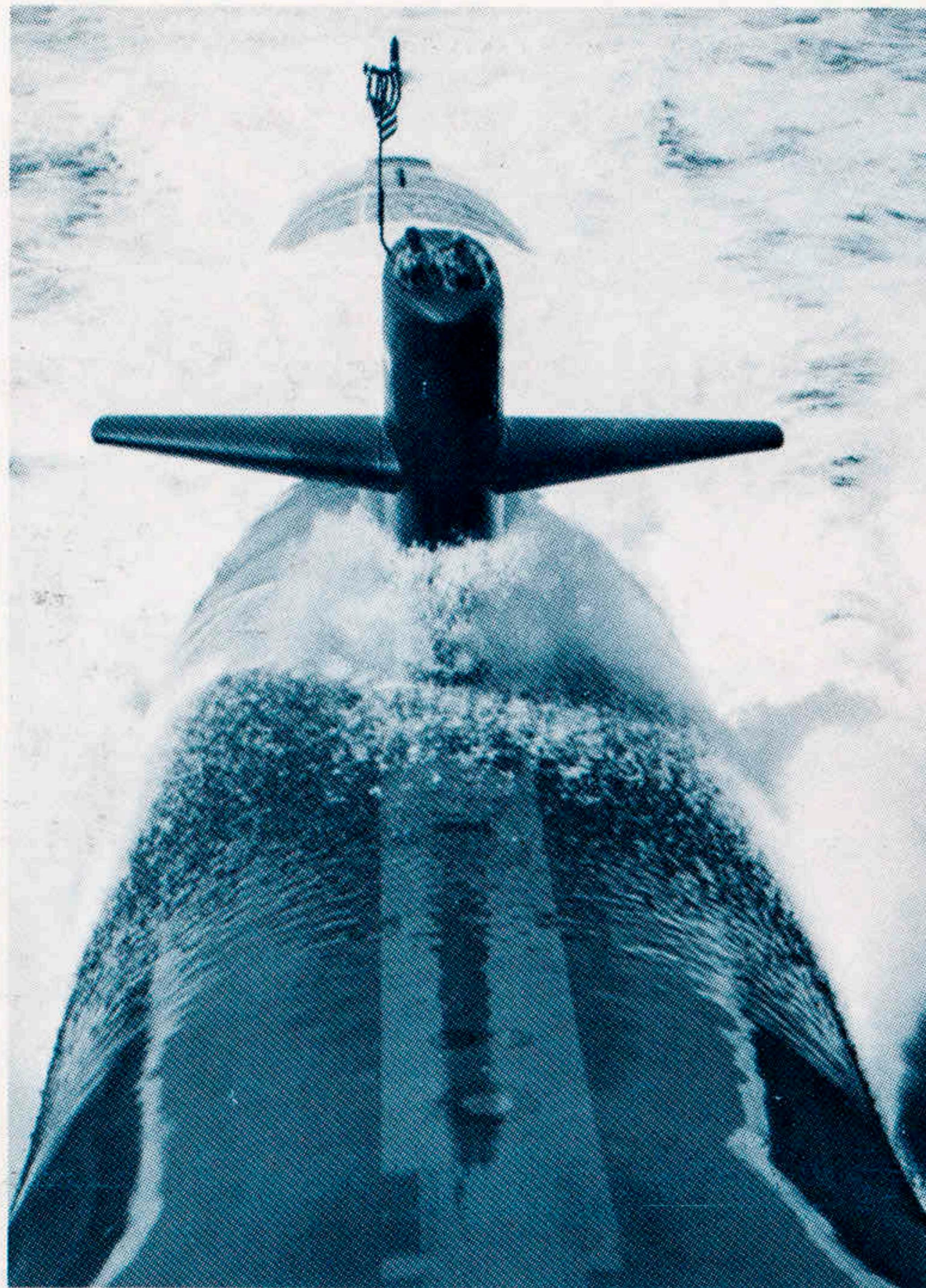




The Ship's Emblem

Military units have historically employed emblems as a means of organizational identification. Designed during the new construction period, the chosen insignia becomes an integral part of the ship's ongoing history. Closely associated with the crew and its reputation, the emblem is proudly displayed on a wide variety of official documents and memorabilia.

USS BATON ROUGE (SSN 689) has selected the emblem illustrated as its official insignia. The design incorporates a profile of a 688 Class submarine, two stars symbolizing the second ship of the class, the fleur-de-lis representing the French influence in the city of Baton Rouge, and the red lettering symbolic of the translation of the French words Baton Rouge as "red stick." The arrowhead is symbolic of the first inhabitants of the area, the Houma Indians, who were identified by the red stick.



“Our objective is not to make war. It is to deter war. We seek a well balanced defense, no more and no less than is sufficient to our national safety and to deter aggression.”

The Honorable F. Edward Hébert
Chairman, Armed Services Committee
United States House of Representatives