

# *USS Lajolla*

*SSN 701*



*Commissioning*  
*24 October 1981*

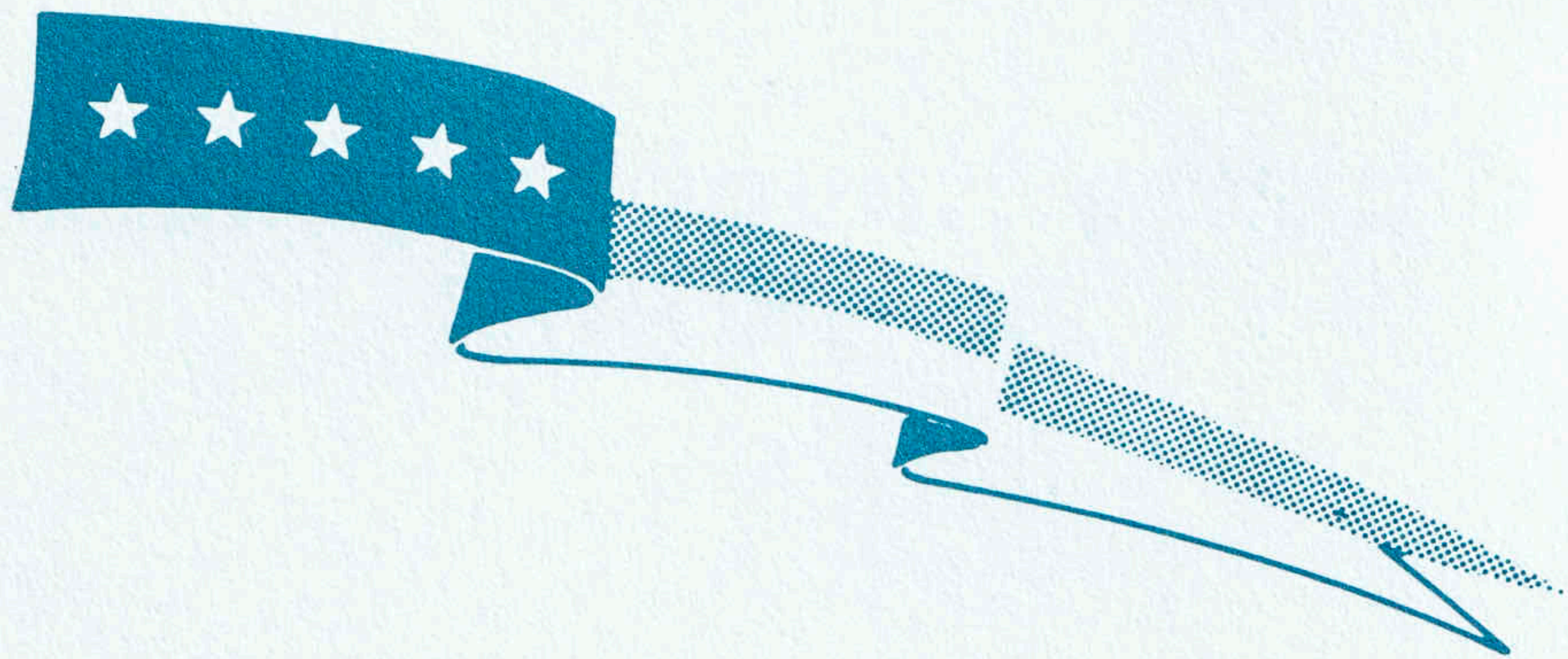






# The Commissioning Ceremony and Pennant

The Commissioning Ceremony marks the acceptance of a ship as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment the commissioning pennant is broken, USS LA JOLLA (SSN701) becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, whether we be at peace or at war.

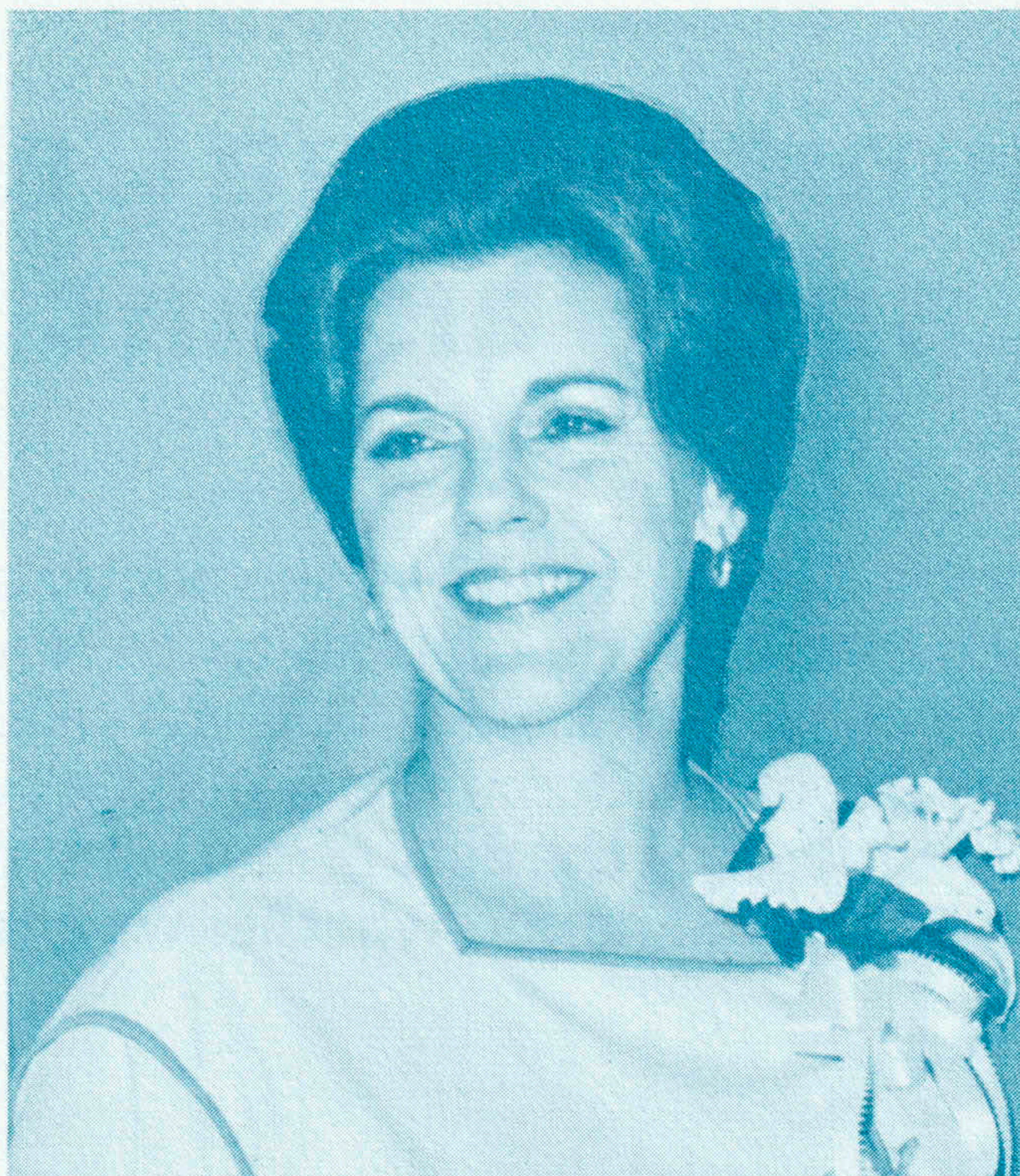


The commissioning pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-of-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. The Dutch Admiral, Maarten Harbertszoon Tromp, hoisted a broom at his masthead to symbolize his intention to sweep the English from the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

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







## **Shirley Haughey Wilson** **SPONSOR**

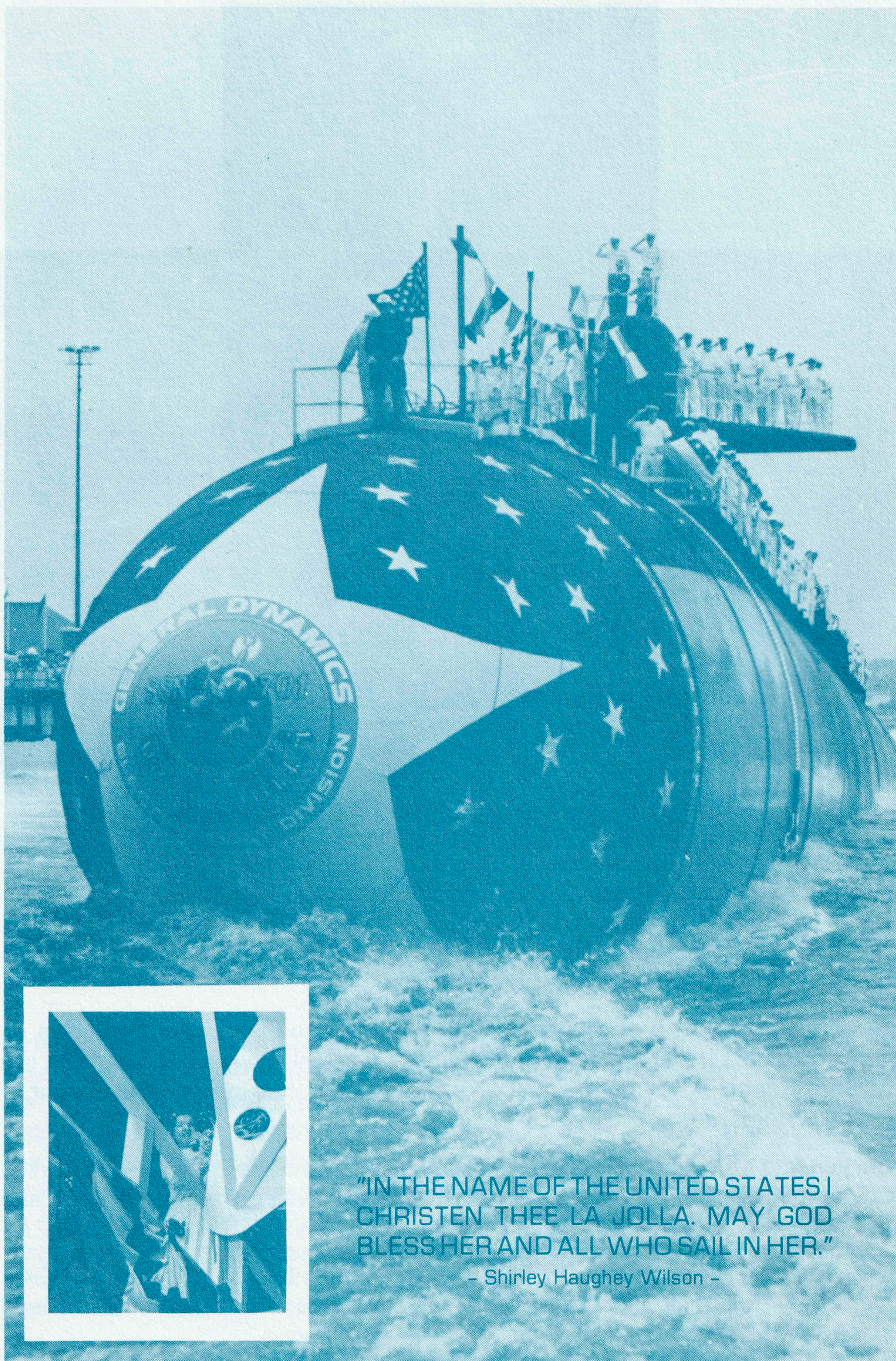
Mrs. Wilson, the former Shirley Haughey, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan. She graduated from Lakeview High School and continued her education at Riverside College in California. She later moved to La Jolla, California, where she operated a restaurant, the Sarrett House. She also owned the San Diego Beauty Supply Company and several beauty salons, prior to marrying Congressman Bob Wilson.

She has two children, Jonathan Kent Sarrett and Carla Brane' Sarrett, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilson is active in many organizations. She is a member of the La Jolla Chapter of the Womens' Committee on Cerebral Palsy, the Variety Club, Childrens' Hospital Auxiliary, Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, Boys and Girls Aid Society, Opera Guild, Symphony Society, Shamrock Society, and National Association of Belles for Mental Health. In Washington she is a member of the DAR, the Congressional Club, Republican Womens' Federated Forum, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, is President of the Capitol Hill Investment Club, the 83rd Congressional Wives' Club, a life member of the Society of Sponsors of the U.S. Navy, and serves on the Advisory Board of the Womens' National Bank, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Wilson is a direct descendant of Benjamin Harrison, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, and William Henry Harrison, the ninth President of the United States, as well as Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third President.





"IN THE NAME OF THE UNITED STATES I  
CHRISTEN THEE LA JOLLA. MAY GOD  
BLESS HER AND ALL WHO SAIL IN HER."

- Shirley Haughey Wilson -

**Launching 11 August 1979**





## **U.S. Representative Clair W. Burgener MAIN SPEAKER**

Clair W. Burgener was elected in November, 1980 to his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. A Republican serving California's Forty-third Congressional District, throughout San Diego, Imperial, and Riverside Counties, Burgener sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee and is a member of the House Republican Leadership.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, the Congressman plays an important part in determining the funding of Federal projects. His post on the Military Construction Subcommittee allows him a voice in the development of military projects.

Burgener is a former Air Force navigator who served in the 20th Air Force in the Southwest Pacific. As a decorated veteran, he believes in a strong defense and has supported President Reagan's efforts to improve our military posture.

Clair Burgener was born in Vernal, Utah on December 5, 1921 and in 1941 married Marvia Hobusch. The Burgeners have been residents of San Diego since 1946. Their sons, Greg and John, live in California.





## The City of La Jolla

This submarine is the first naval ship to bear the name LA JOLLA. The area which is now La Jolla was originally part of the "Pueblo Lands" of the City of San Diego. The first sale of this land was in 1869 and development of the land began in 1887 with the first train service commencing in 1894. There are different opinions regarding the source of the name La Jolla. Some state the word is derived from the Spanish word for "jewel", spelled "la joya", a reference to the mild climate and picturesque scenery of this coastal area. Others maintain that it came from an Indian word meaning "hole" or "cave", a reference to the caves that are an attractive feature of the area.



# Commissioning Program



## ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

### INVOCATION

REV. Evan D. Fisher

### INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

VADM Steven A. White, USN  
Commander Submarine Force,  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

### PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

The Honorable Clair W. Burgener

### INTRODUCTION OF BUILDER'S REPRESENTATIVE

RADM H.L. Young, USN  
Supervisor of Shipbuilding Conversion and Repair  
Groton, Connecticut

### REMARKS

P.Takis Veliotis  
Executive Vice President-Marine, General Dynamics  
General Manager, Electric Boat Division

### COMMISSIONING

VADM Steven A. White, USN  
Commander Submarine Force  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

### ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Captain J.R. Lang, USN  
Commanding Officer, USS LA JOLLA (SSN701)

### INTRODUCTION OF THE TOWN OF LA JOLLA REPRESENTATIVE

Captain J.R. Lang, USN  
Commanding Officer, USS LA JOLLA (SSN701)

### COMMANDING OFFICER REMARKS

Captain J.R. Lang, USN  
Commanding Officer

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Evan D. Fisher

### MUSIC



Northeastern Navy Band











# USS LA JOLLA

## SSN701

### NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINE



KEEL LAID OCTOBER 16, 1976 AT GENERAL DYNAMICS' ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION



BY

MRS. BOB WILSON

"WE LIVE IN THE GREATEST COUNTRY - THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY - THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN. OUR FLEETS ARE DAILY REMINDERS THAT THE UNITED STATES CARES, THAT IT STANDS READY TO DEFEND. NOT ONLY ITSELF, BUT THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD FROM AGGRESSION. WE CANNOT RISK THE CHANCE OF COMING IN SECOND BEST."

THE HONORABLE BOB WILSON  
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE FROM CALIFORNIA





# USS LA JOLLA

## ATTACK SUBMARINE

### NAMED IN HONOR OF LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA



BUILT BY

**GENERAL DYNAMICS**  
*Electric Boat Division*

GROTON, CONNECTICUT

KEEL LAID	16 OCTOBER 1976
LAUNCHED	11 AUGUST 1979
COMMISSIONED	24 OCTOBER 1981

"FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE"







## **Vice Admiral Steven A. White U.S. Navy COMMISSIONING OFFICER**

VADM Steven Angelo White, USN, was born in Los Angeles, California. He attended Occidental College from 1946 to 1948. In 1948 he transferred to the University of Southern California under the NROTC program and received a BA in Political Science from that university. Continuing his studies at USC, he received an MA in International Law and attended the USC School of Law for two years.

After commissioning in 1952, he served for 1-1/2 years on the light cruiser, USS MANCHESTER (CL83), during the Korean conflict. Subsequent to graduation from Submarine School in 1954, he served two years as Engineer of USS TANG (SS563).

In early 1957 after Nuclear Power Training, VADM White reported to USS NAUTILUS (SSN571) and was onboard during the historic transpolar crossing by NAUTILUS in 1958. In September 1960, he reported to USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN608), and placed the ship in commission as Engineer and also served as its Executive Officer.

From September 1966 to July 1969, VADM White served as Commanding Officer of the USS PARGO (SSN650). VADM White was awarded the Legion of Merit for performance during PARGO's extensive exploratory operations in the Arctic in March-May 1969, during which time the ship surfaced at the North Pole.

During the period of June 1972 to July 1974, he commanded Submarine Squadron Sixteen in Rota, Spain.

After selection to the grade of Rear Admiral in January 1974, he was assigned as Commander Submarine Group Two at New London, Connecticut in September 1974 and served in that capacity until June 1976.

From June 1976 to September 1978, VADM White served as Deputy Chief of Naval Material (Operations and Logistics).

From September 1978 to May 1980, VADM White assumed duties as Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare).

In April, 1980, he was nominated for promotion to Vice Admiral and assumed his sixth sea command as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet on 30 May 1980.

VADM White is married to the former Mary Anne Landreau of Tujunga, California and they have seven children: Valerie Jeanne, LT, USNR; Steven Angelo III, Ensign, USN; Kenneth Raymond, Midshipman First Class; Brice Landreau, Midshipman Third Class, USNR; and Mary Elizabeth. His other daughters, Denise Marie (Walker) and Lori Anne (Donlon), are married to naval officers.





## **Captain James Richard Lang** **U.S. Navy** **COMMANDING OFFICER**

Captain Lang is a native of Portsmouth, Ohio. After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in June 1960, he served on USS LEARY (DRR-879) until March 1963, during which time he served as Senior Watch Officer and Weapons Officer.

After Captain Lang completed nuclear power training and Naval Submarine School in October 1964, he was assigned to USS SHARK (SSN591), where he served as an Engineering Division Officer and Supply Officer.

Captain Lang reported aboard the ballistic missile submarine USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN608) as the Engineer Officer in January 1967. He then served as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet from September 1969 until March 1972. His next tour of duty was as Executive Officer USS RAY (SSN653) until March 1974. After two years as Force Nuclear Power Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Commander Lang assumed command of USS TREPANG (SSN674) on 27 October 1976. During his tour as Commanding Officer, TREPANG earned the Battle Efficiency "E" and Blue Supply "E" for Fiscal Year 1977, and a Navy Unit Commendation in 1978. Captain Lang was relieved 6 January 1979 as Commanding Officer TREPANG and is now Prospective Commanding Officer, USS LA JOLLA (SSN701).

Captain Lang earned a Master of Science degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. His awards include the Legion of Merit for service on board the USS TREPANG (SSN674), Navy Unit Commendations from USS SHARK (SSN591) and USS TREPANG (SSN674), the Meritorious Unit Commendation from USS ETHAN ALLEN (SSBN608), the Navy Achievement Medal for his tour on the staff of Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and the Armed Forces and Navy Expeditionary Medals.

Captain Lang is married to the former Ellen Inez Davis of Suffolk, Virginia. They now reside in Mystic, Connecticut with their daughter, Linda, and son, Douglas.





**Commander  
Francis William Lacroix  
U.S. Navy  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Commander Lacroix attended the Ohio State University from which he received his degree in Nuclear Physics in June 1967 and was commissioned through the NROTC program. He then attended Submarine School in New London followed by nuclear power training at the Naval Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, California. After completion of prototype training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit in Idaho Falls, Idaho, in February 1969 he reported for duty onboard the USS TINOSA (SSN606).

Commander Lacroix qualified in submarines onboard TINOSA and served as Weapons Officer until April 1972. He then served as the Main Propulsion Assistant onboard the USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN624) until June 1973. His next assignment was as Engineer Officer of the USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN616) from July 1973 until October 1976. After completion of his tour as Engineer Officer he was assigned to the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as a member of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from November 1976 until March 1979. During this period Commander Lacroix also served as a French interpreter for the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology and the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He reported for duty as the Executive Officer of the LA JOLLA (SSN701) Precommissioning Unit when the crew was formed in March, 1979.

Commander Lacroix has been selected for command of nuclear submarines. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, and a Commendation from the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

A native of Spencer, Massachusetts, Commander Lacroix is married to the former Maryellen Donelan of Athol, Massachusetts. They are now living in Mystic, Connecticut, with their children Kristen, Matthew and Katherine.





## COMMANDING OFF

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER - CDR F.W. LACROIX

#### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

HM1(SS) J.D. Teclaw

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

YNCS(SS) C.K. Burrell

PN2(SS) S.B. Miserendino

PNSA C.E. Dennis

#### SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

LT J.F. Rosapepe

ENS C.O. Burton

#### MESS MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS

MS1(SS) V.A. Encarnacion

MS2(SS) R.L. Sanders

MS2(SS) W.J. Weaver

MS3 T.D. Warren

MSSN M.M. Burns

MSSN C.H. Tetreault

#### STOREKEEPERS

SKC(SS) G.L. Johnson

SK2 T.M. Francis

FN C.A. Abraham

#### NAVIGATION/OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

LT P.J. Stout

LT C.J. Young, Jr.

#### ELECTRONIC MATERIAL

ET1 R.L. Cramer

ET2 R.C. Woods

ET3 J.L. Morse

ET3 R.L. Robinson, Jr.

ET3 T.R. Tawil

FN M.J. Rinehart

#### QUARTERMASTERS

QMC(SS) P.S. Hurley

QM2(SS) D.M. Mattocks

QMSN W.R. Burns, Jr.

SN D.T. Luckinbill

QMSN R.T. Brazier

#### RADIO

RMCS(SS) M.W. Ervin

RM1(SS) R.R. Schweigart

RM2(SS) R.S. Tobias

RM3(SS) K. Taylor

RMSN S.A. Beckett

RMSA G.S. Marciano

#### WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

LT J.A. Mackowski

LT T.J. Glasgow

#### FIRE CONTROL

FTCS(SS) W.B. Brann

DS2(SS) J.P. McDaniel, III

FTG2 J.D. Kroeplin

DS2 D.J. Biestek

FTG3 S.V. Cainap

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STSC(SS) R.G. Reasor

STS1(SS) L.W. Jones

STS2(SS) A.R. Ollendorf, Jr.

STS2(SS) M.J. Hicks

STS2(SS) M.A. Supanchick

STS2 R.J. Cheh

STS3 D.A. Carpenter

STS3 J.H. Preston, Jr.

STS3 M.A. Rossman

STS3(SS) E.A. Occhino

STS3 C.B. Thompson

STS3 J.R. McLaughlin, III

SR T. Spencer

#### TORPEDO

TMC(SS) E.F. Conway

TMC(SS) C.L. Andrews

TM2(SS) D.W. Chucta

TM2 R.T. Jones

TM3 W.J. Vandermark, Jr.

TM3 J.D. Christensen

SA W.D. Patterson

SR B.W. Crump

FR B.R. Garrett







**CER - CAPT J.R. LANG**

**CHIEF OF THE BOAT - MMCM(SS) M.J. MELVO**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

LCDR J.C. Holloway  
LT H.C. Wick  
LT P.T. Colman  
LT R.L. Edwards  
LTJG J.C. Dillich  
LTJG J.W. Downey  
ENS D.W. Winstead  
ENS J.H. Zilvinskis

**INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS**

IC1(SS) B. Legg  
IC1(SS) E.J. Walendy  
IC2 J.W. King  
IC2 R.A. Morrill  
FN J.P. Kasiewicz  
ICFA C.C. Dufresne  
SR M.R. Cote

**ELECTRICAL**

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EM1(SS) M.A. Schiavoni  
IC1 T.D. Nelson  
EM2 R.E. Palomino  
EM2 W.J. Kromoff  
EM2 D.D. Drake  
EM2 R.S. Giese  
EM2 J.E. Jaker  
EM2 A.B. Chase, Jr.

**REACTOR CONTROL**

ETC(SS) M.D. Crayne  
ETC(SS) J.F. Livermore  
ET1(SS) P.J. Lietz  
ET2 P.R. Lattimore  
ET2 P.S. Maxwell, II  
ET2 S.F. Adair  
ET2 B.A. Jeppesen  
ET3 T.L. Davis  
ET3 M.J. Lasch

**AUXILIARY**

MMC(SS) B.P. Tallman  
MM1(SS) D.H. Busch  
MM1 A.R. Parkes  
MM2(SS) J.D. Olson  
MM2(SS) J.R. Flugel  
MM2 P.M. Dooley  
MM2 S.D. Burke  
MM2 M.A. Caldera  
MM3 B.A. Bailey  
FN F.C. Shaw, Jr.  
FN C.J. Grove  
FR J.S. Burke

**MACHINERY**

MMCS(SS) W.R. Harring, III  
MMC(SS) E.L. Bartlett, Jr.  
MM1(SS) E.J. Schotanus  
MM1 D.C. Cotton  
MM1 T.A. Griffin  
MM1(SS) W.J. Bondie, Jr.  
MM1(SS) T.M. Berg  
MM2 B.W. Fincham  
MM2 S.W. Kidd  
MM2 W.D. Morse  
MM2 C.E. Martin  
MM2 C.L. Morton  
MM2 W. Back  
MM2 R.A. Anderson  
MM2 W.M. Beruck  
MM2(SS) J.L. Howell, Jr.  
MM2 T.S. Phillips  
MM2 B.P. Neugent  
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MM3 D.L. Bower







LCDR J.C. Holloway  
Engineer

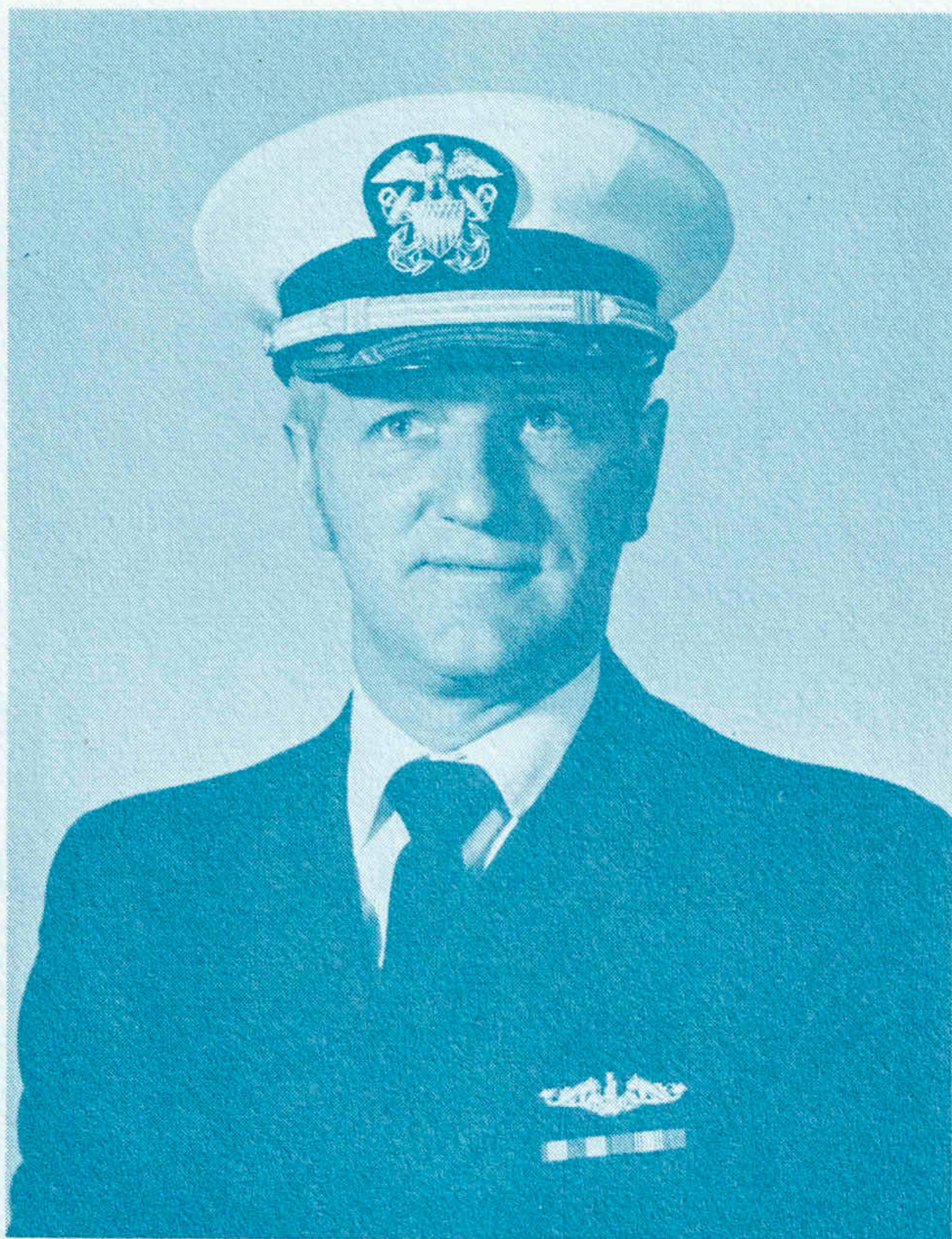


LT J.F. Rosapepe  
Supply

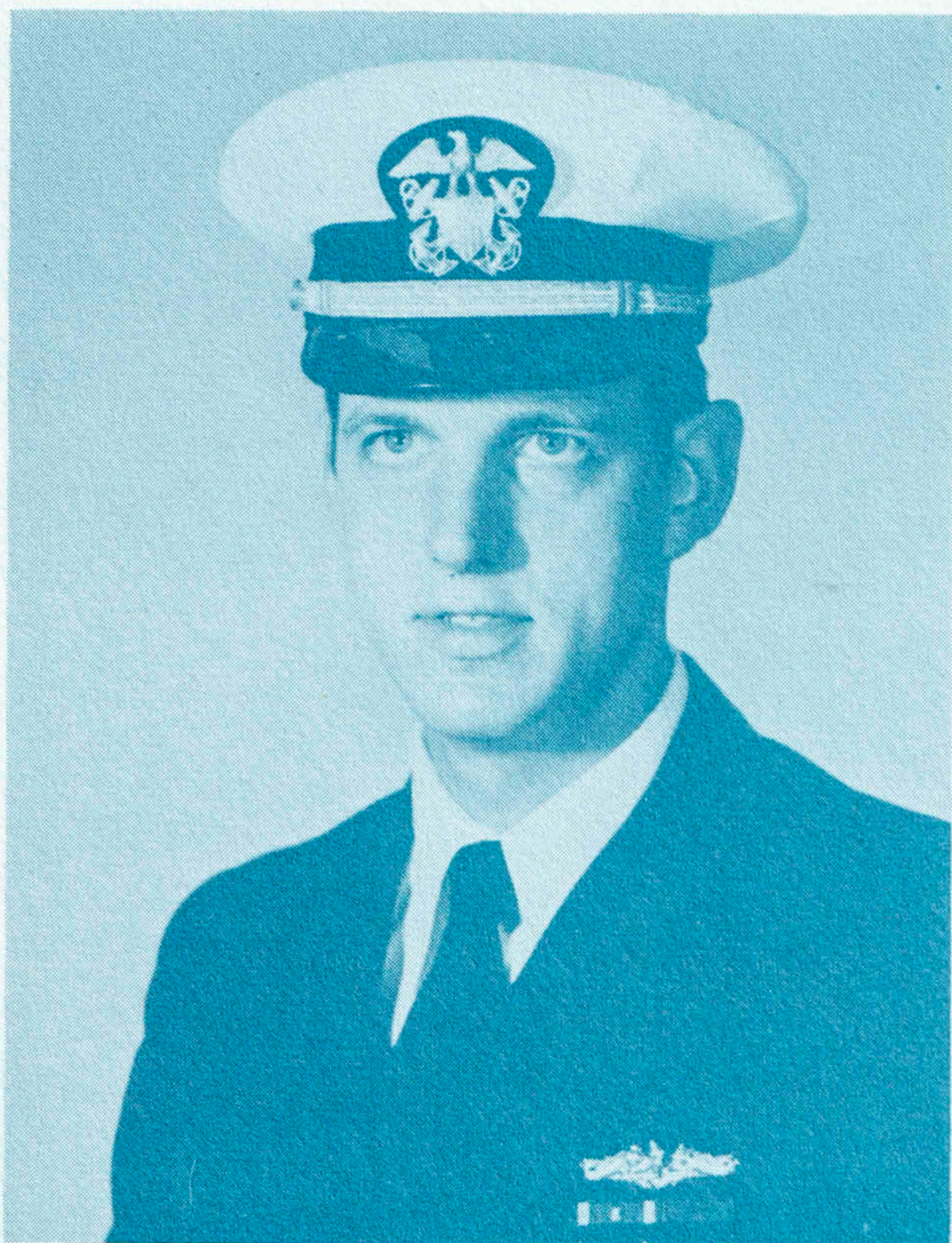


LT J.A. Mackowski  
Weapons





LT P.J. Stout  
Navigator



LT H.C. Wick  
Damage Control Assistant

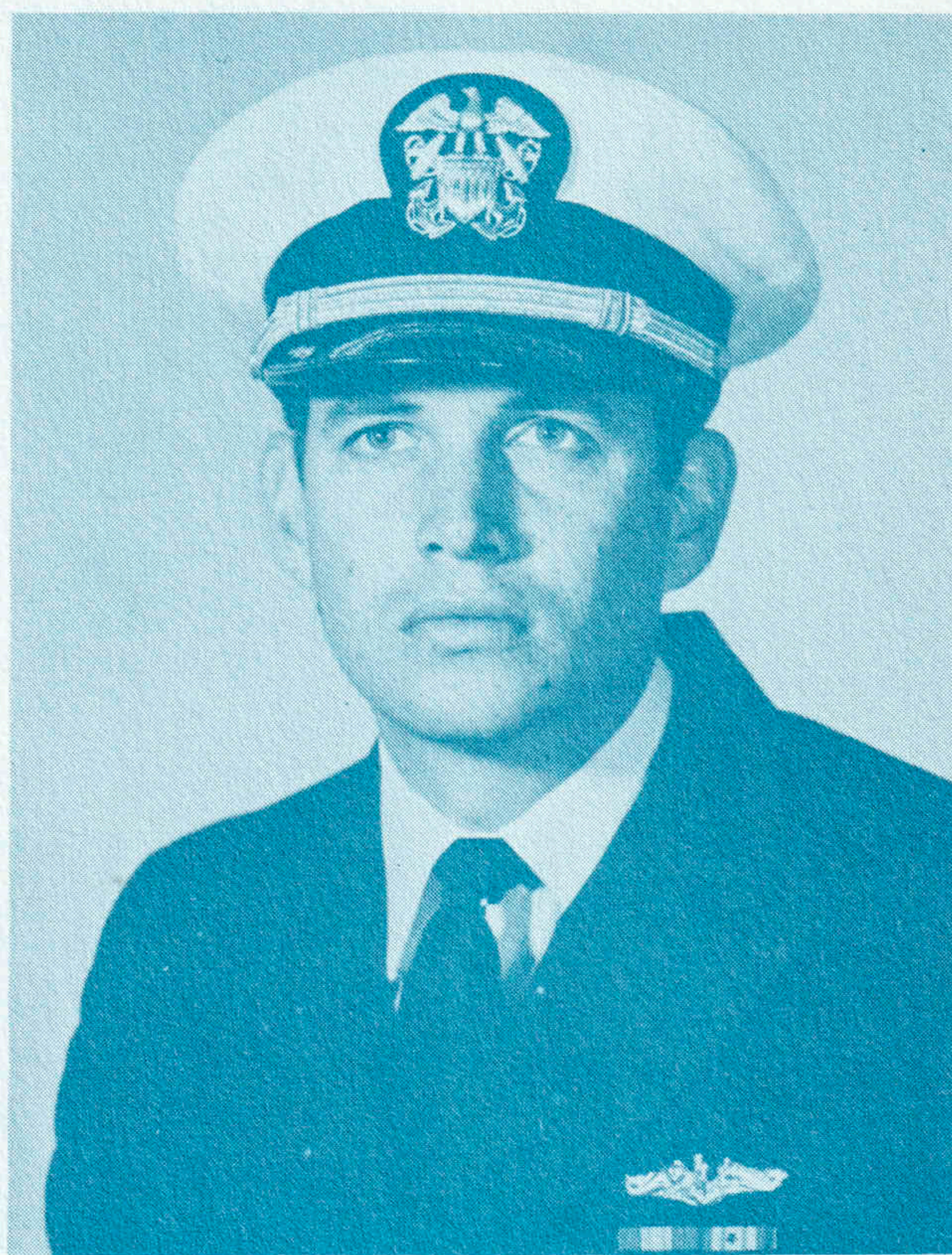


LT P.T. Colman  
Reactor Controls Officer





LT R.L. Edwards  
Main Propulsion Assistant



LT T.J. Glasgow  
Sonar Officer

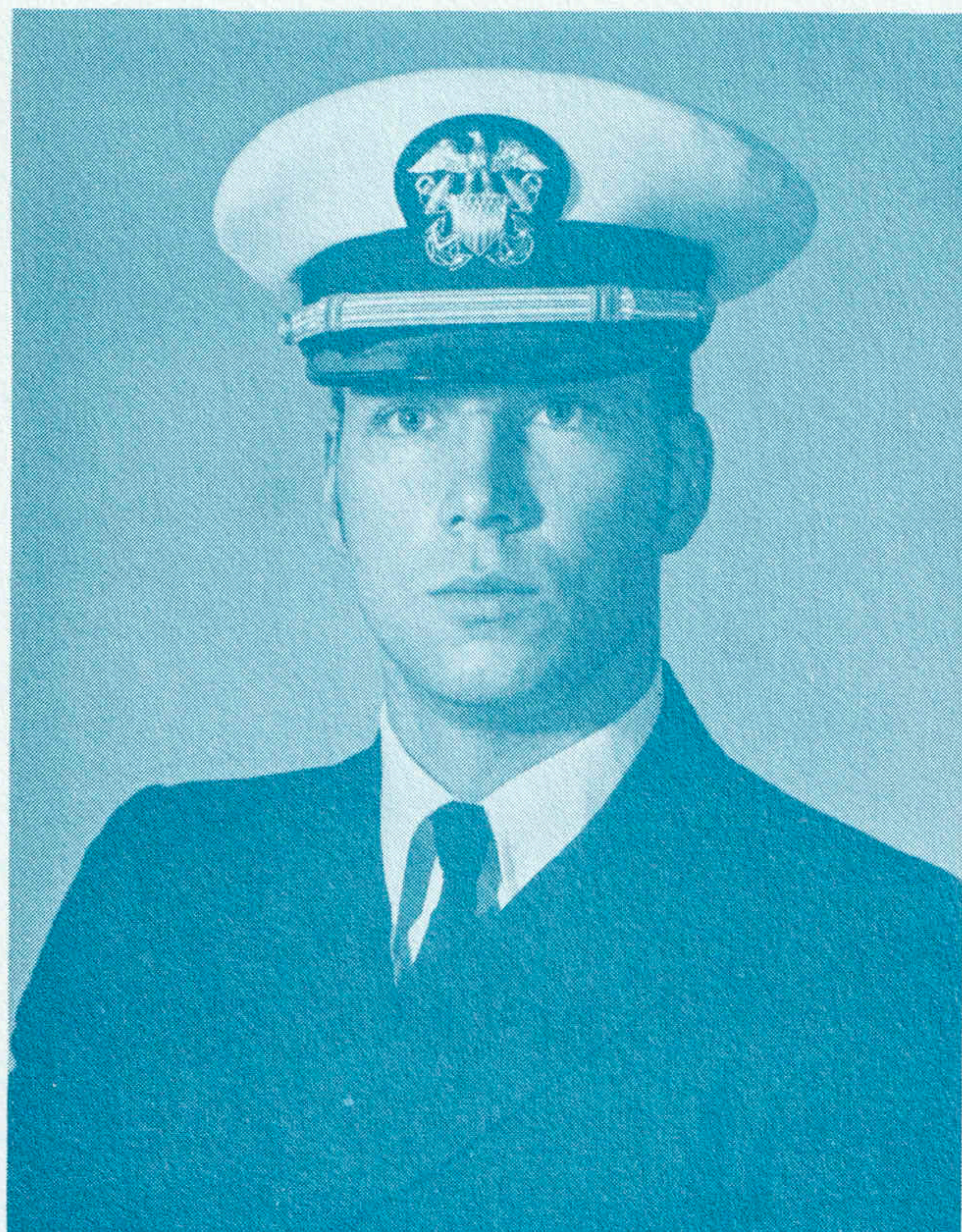


LT C.J. Young  
Communications Officer

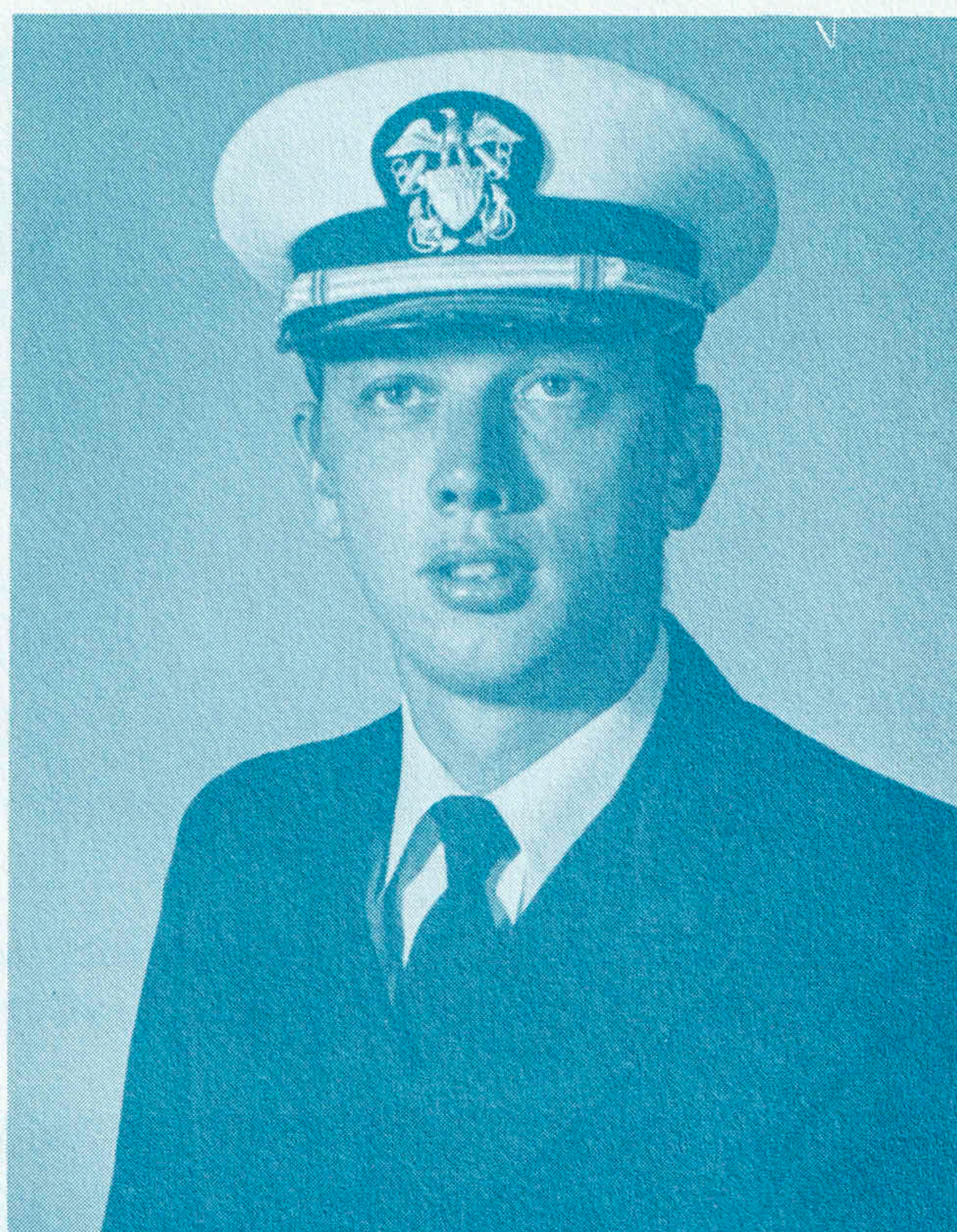


LTJG J.W. Downey  
Chemistry and RADCON Assistant





LTJG J.C. Dillich  
Electrical Officer



ENS C.O. Burton  
Supply (R)



ENS D.W. Winstead  
Electrical Officer (R)



ENS J.H. Zilvinskis  
Chemical/RADCON Assistant (R)





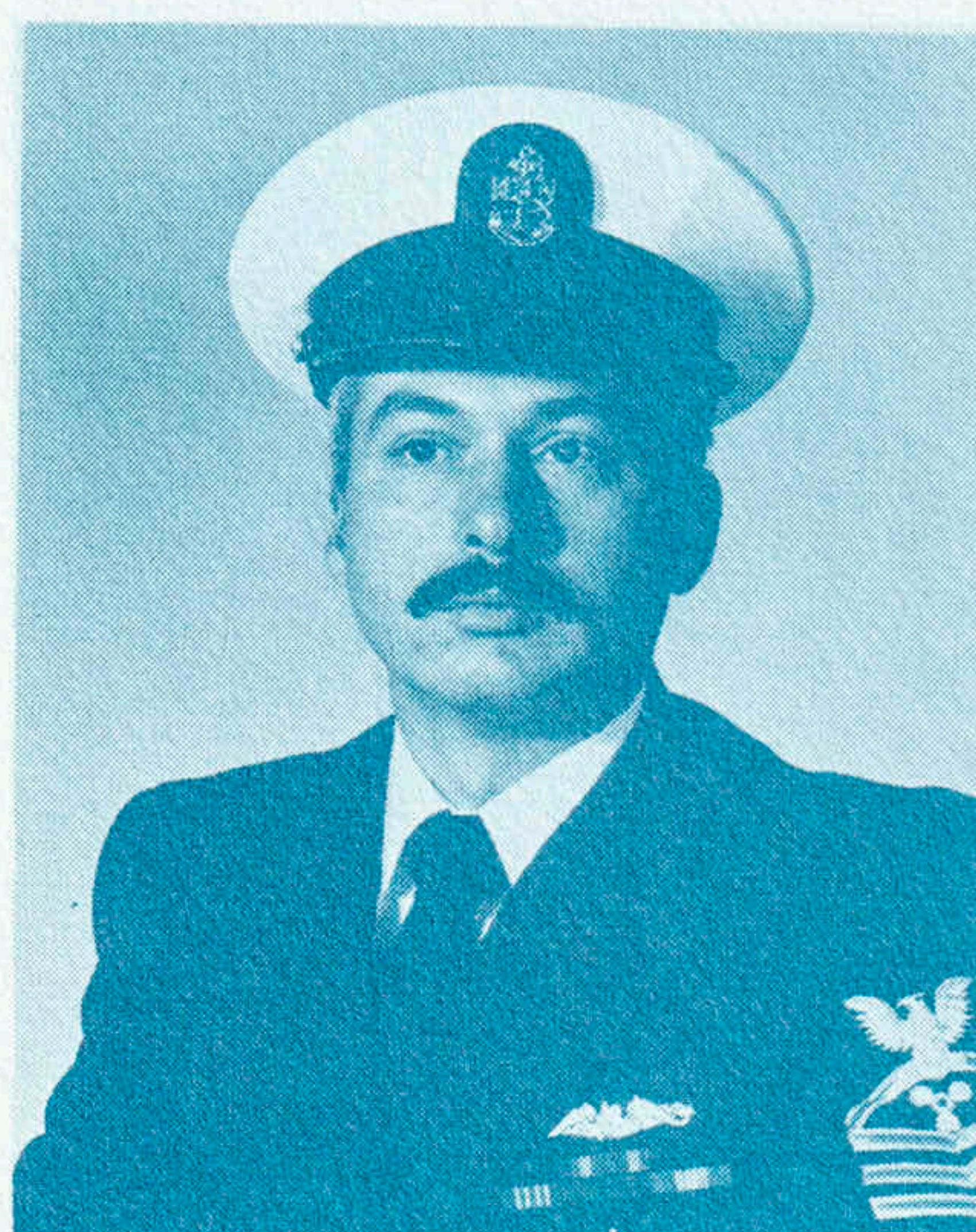
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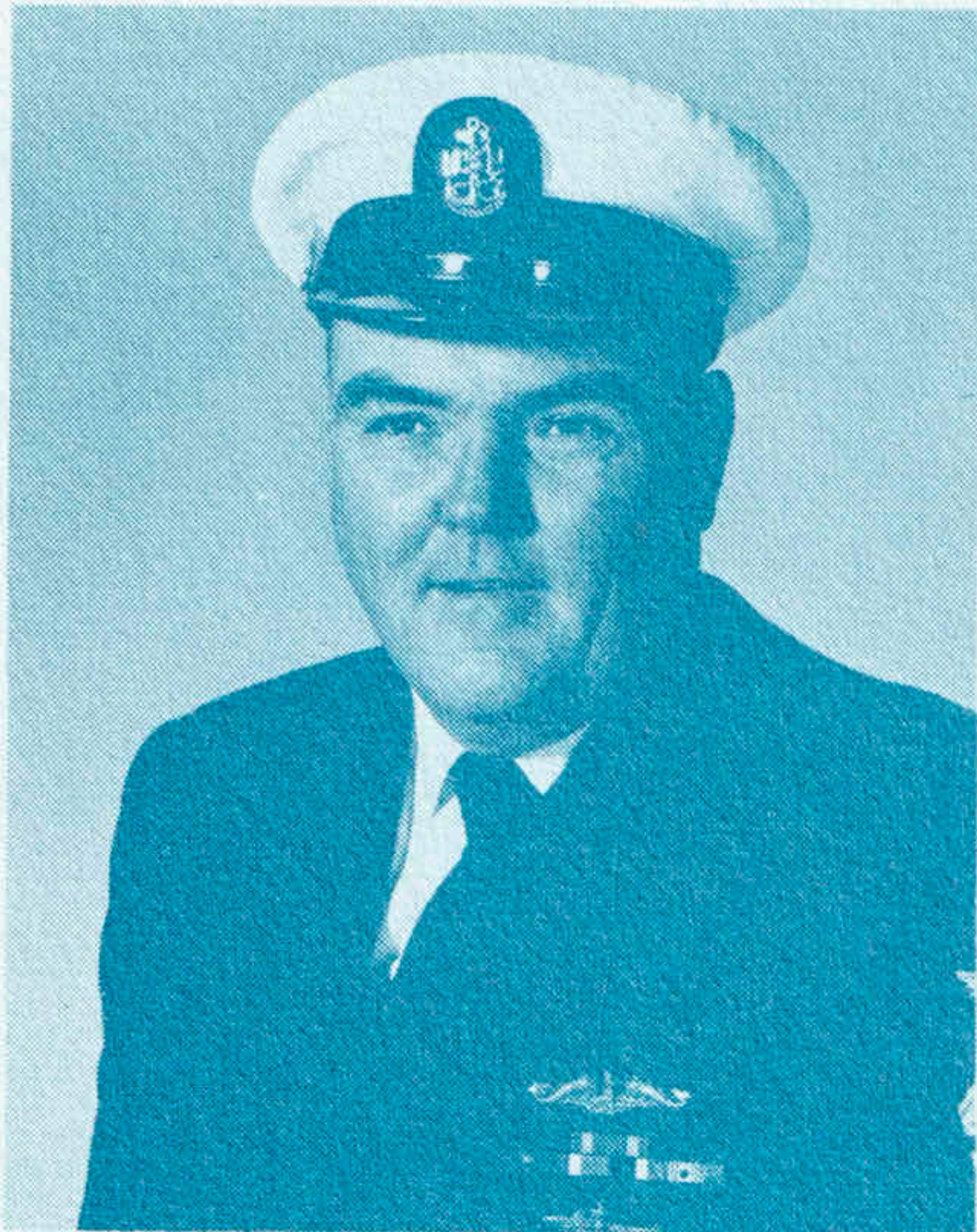


YNCS(SS) C.K. Burrell  
Personnel Officer



FTCS(SS) W.B. Brann  
Weapons Dept. L.P.O.





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Torpedo Division L.P.O.



MMC(SS) B.P. Tallman  
Auxiliary Division L.P.O.



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Supply Department L.P.O.



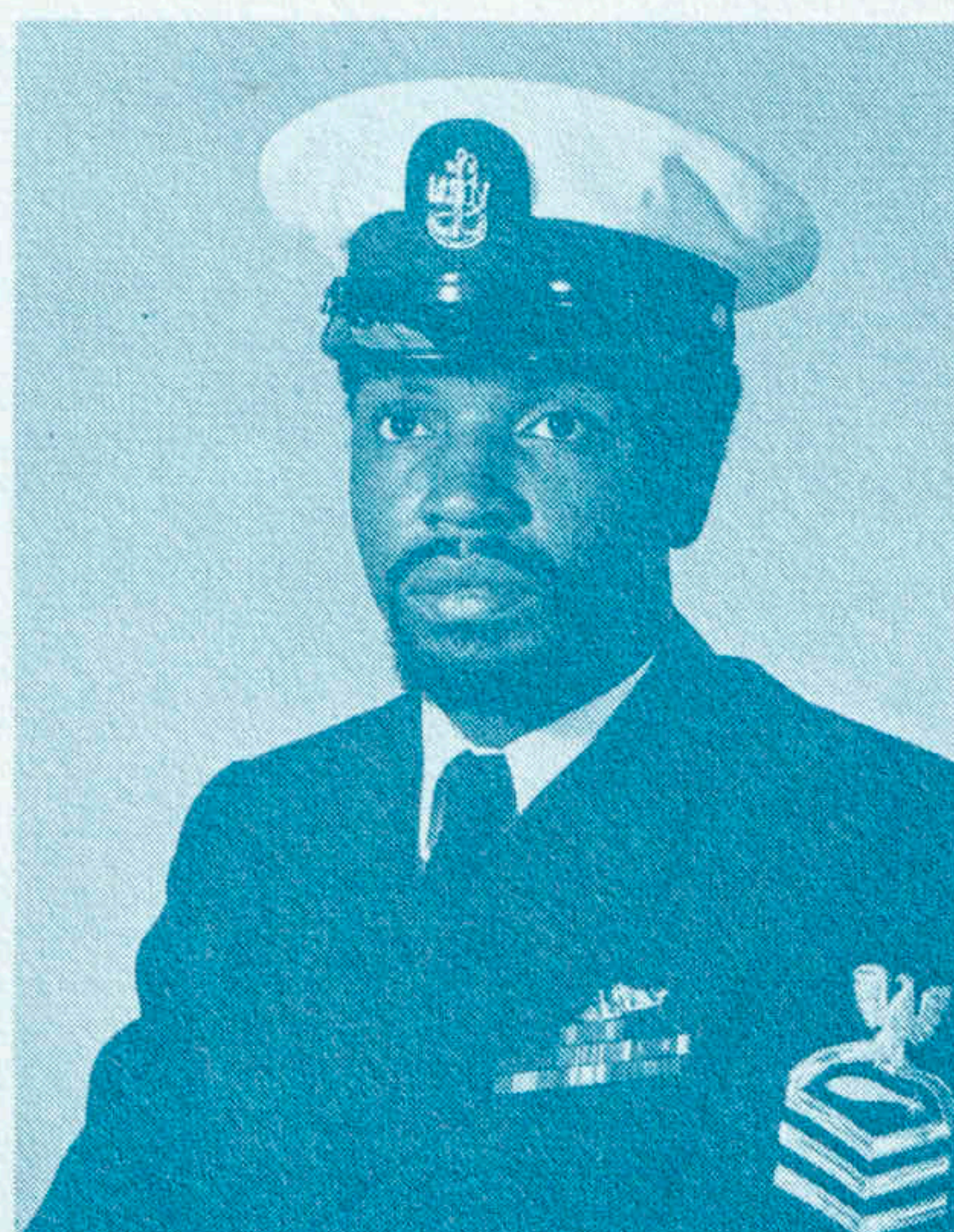
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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

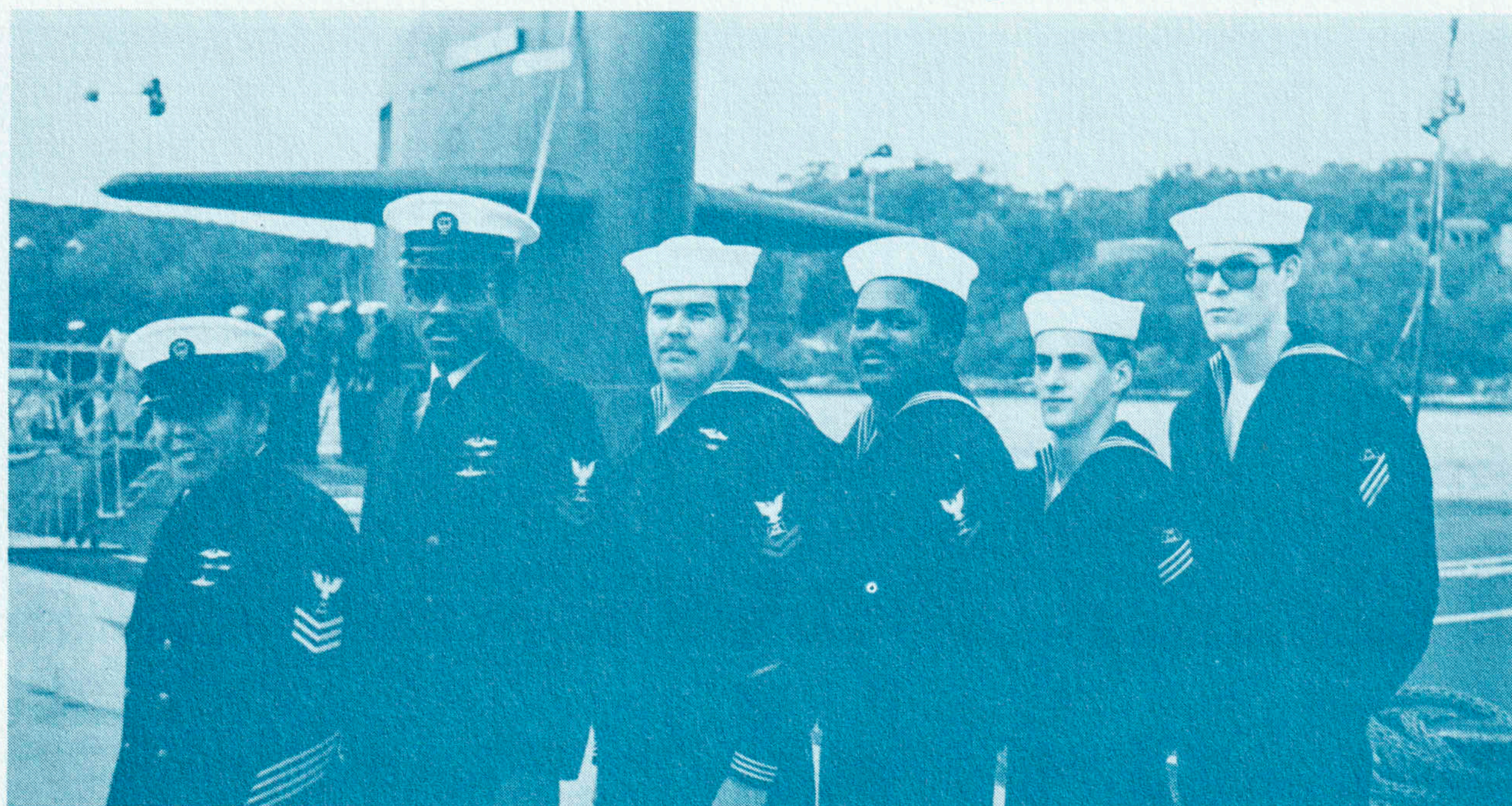


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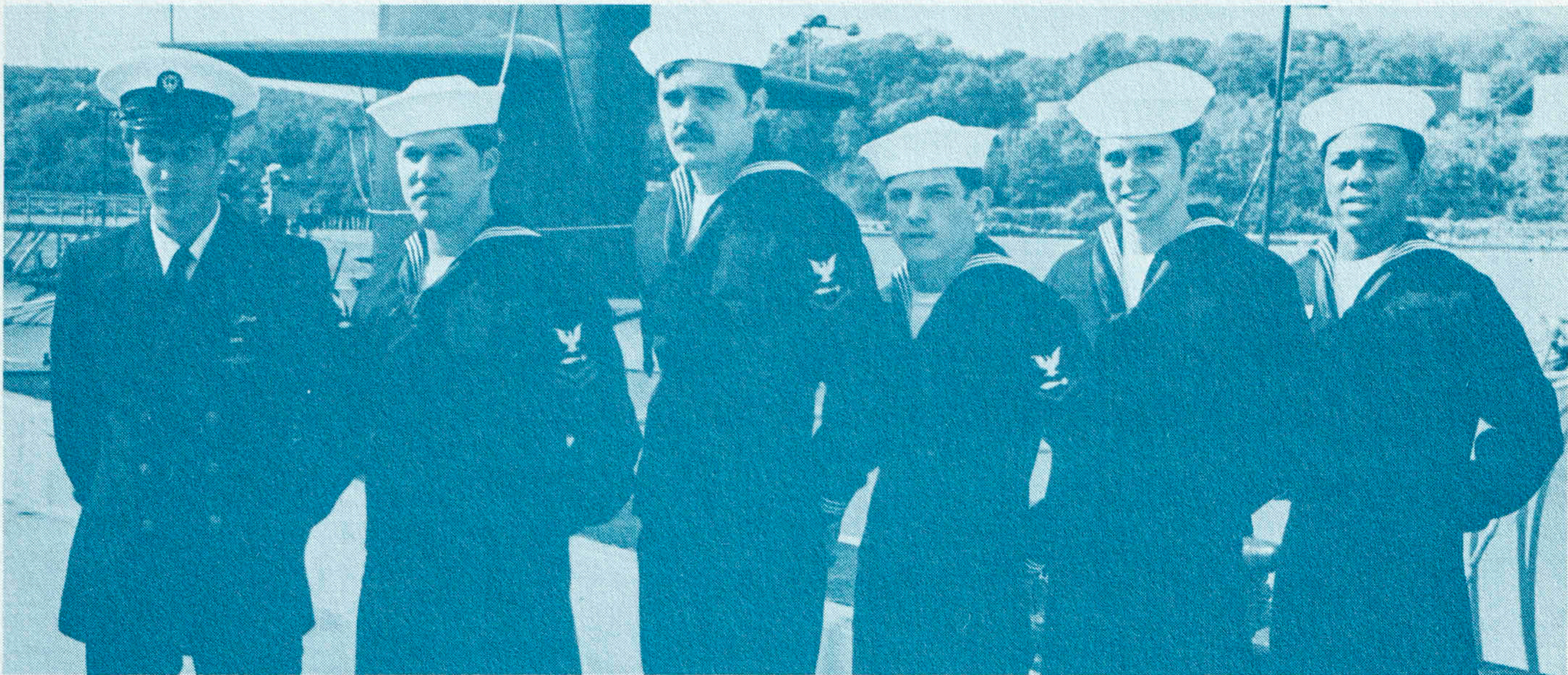
Storekeepers

Mess Management Specialists





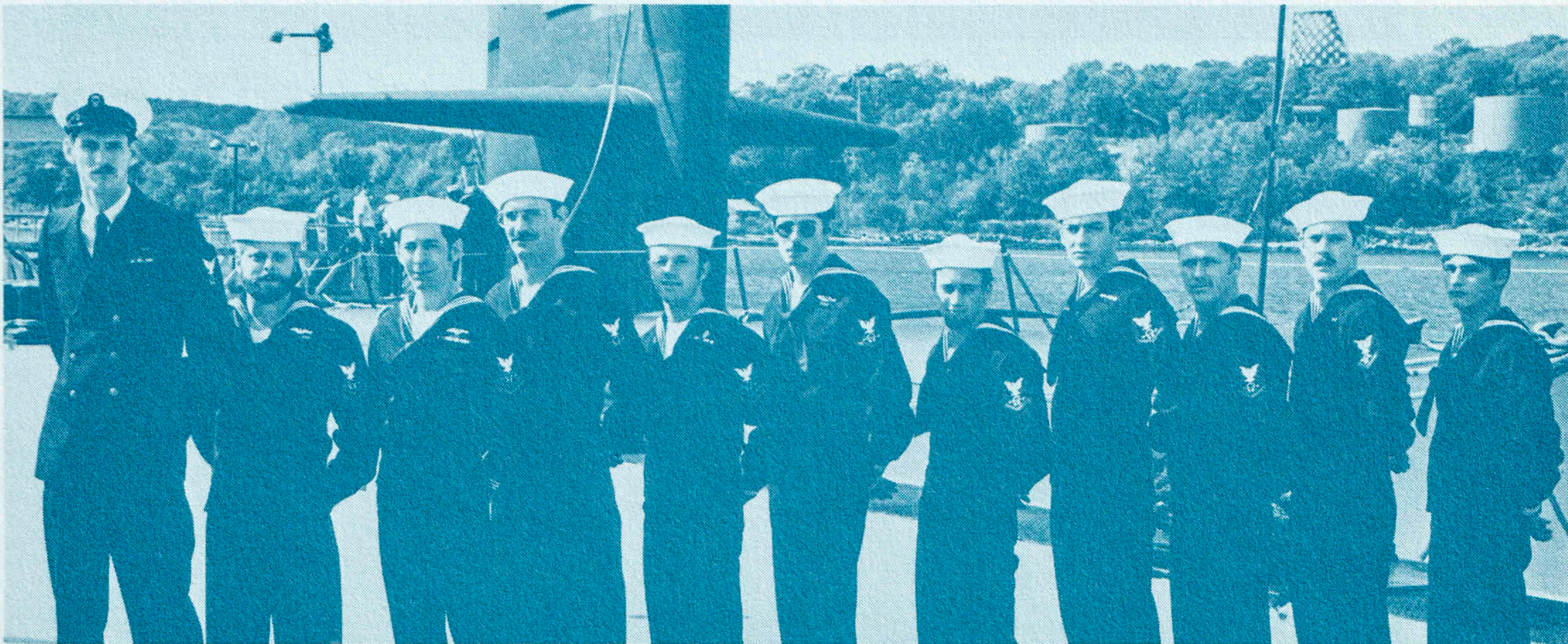
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Torpedo Division



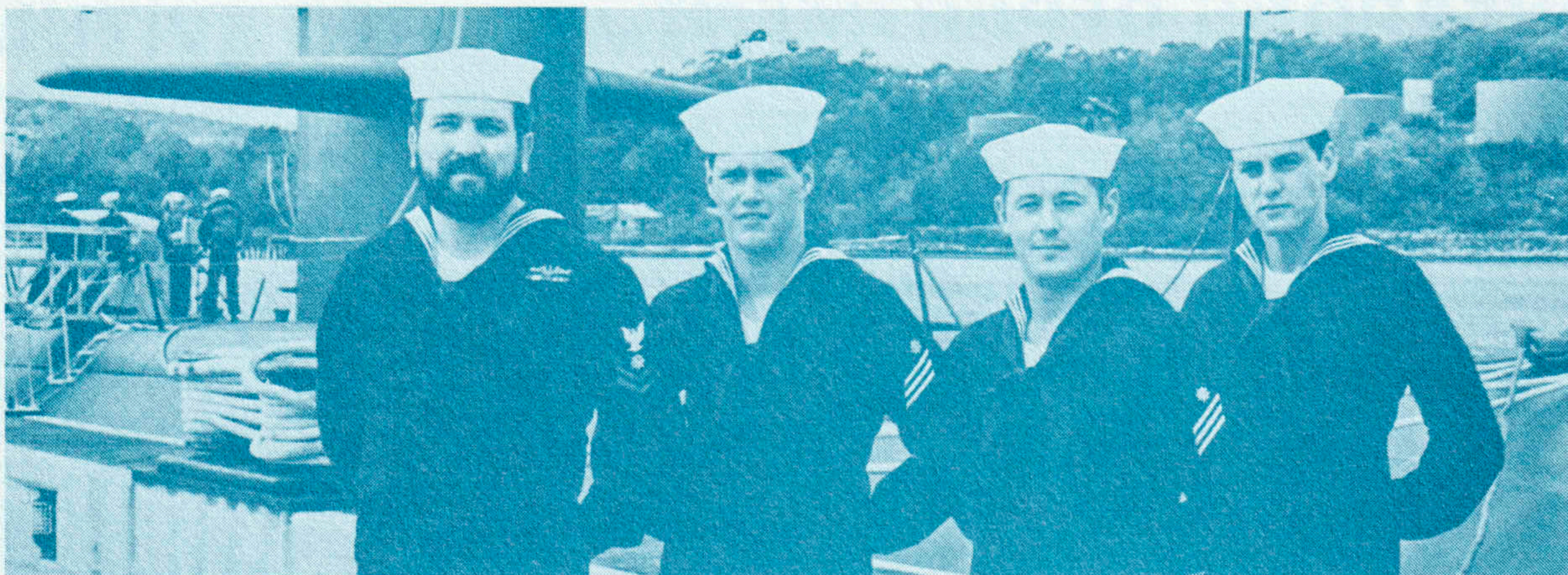
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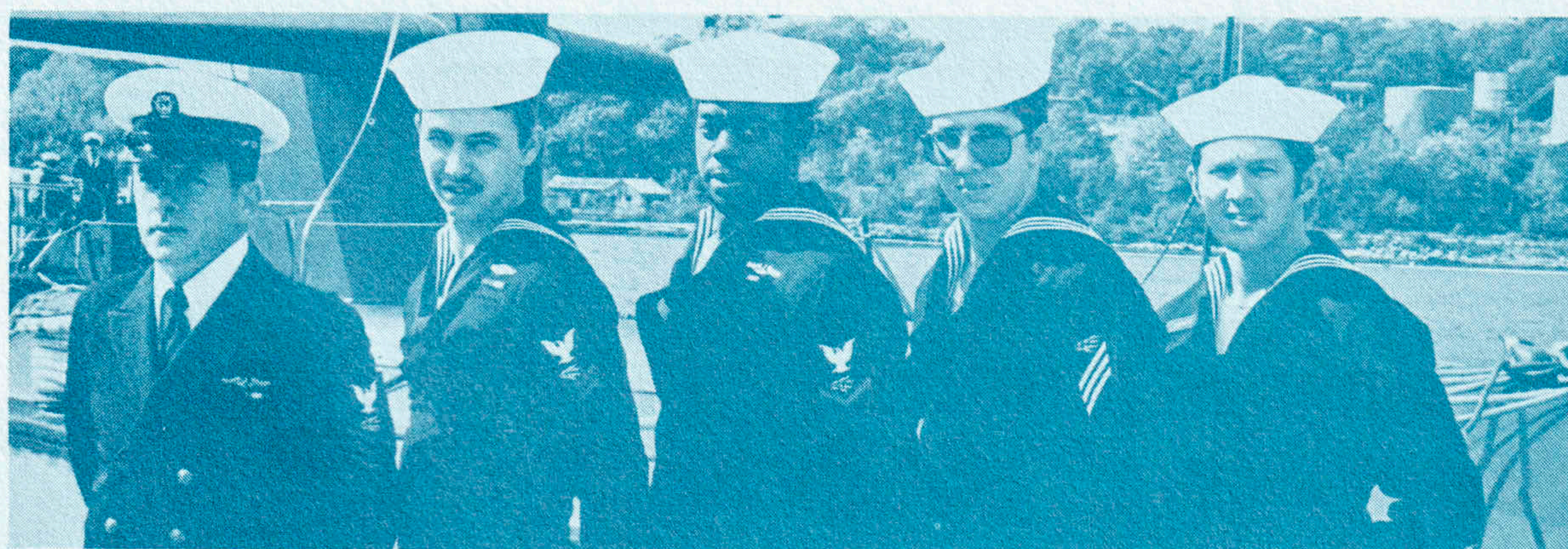
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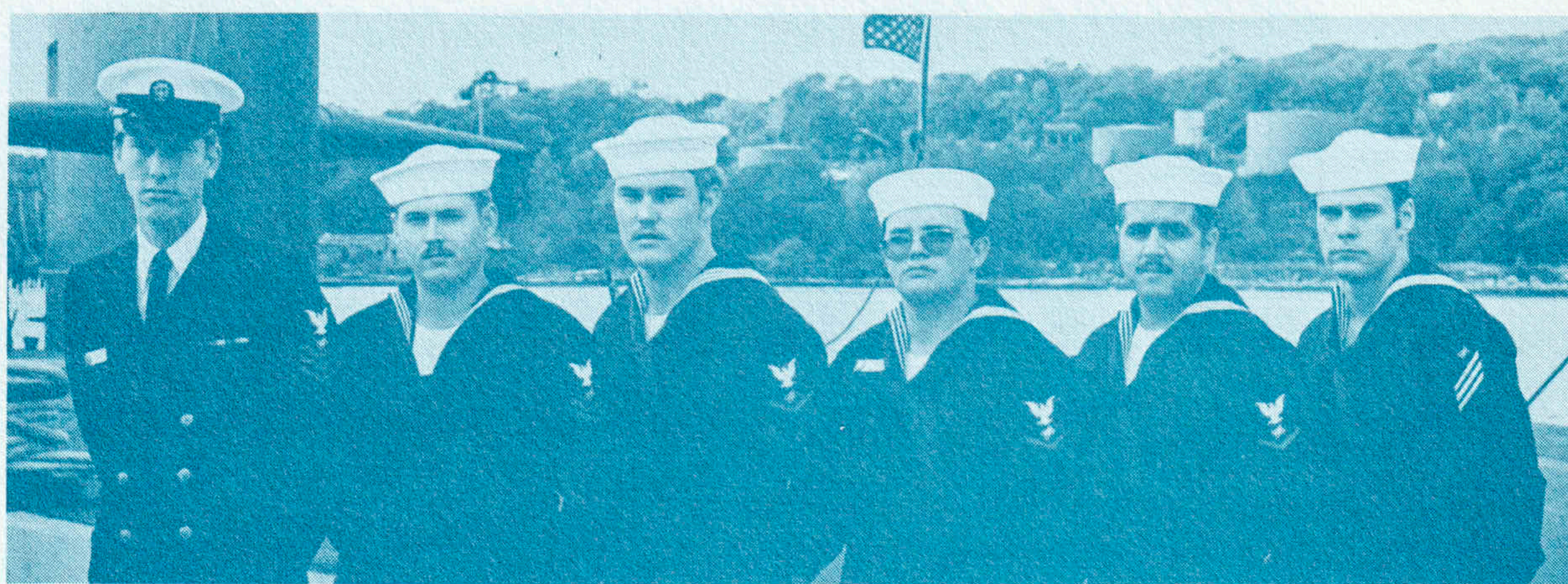
## NAVIGATION/OPERATION DEPARTMENT



Quartermasters Division



Radio Division



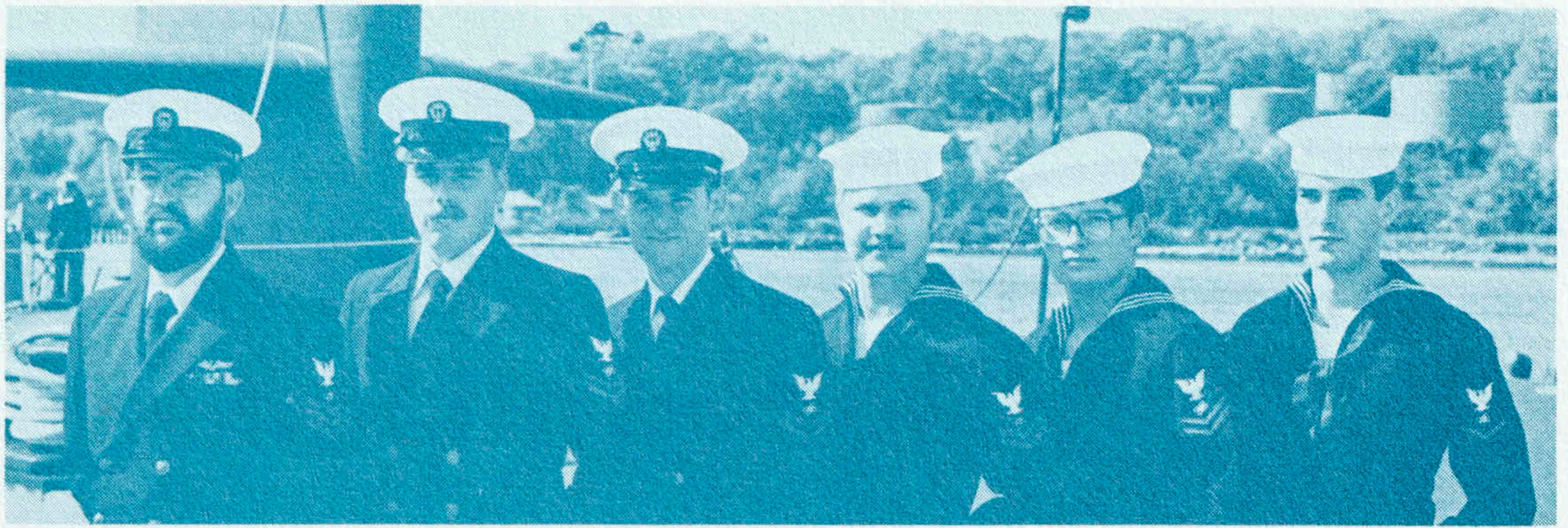
Navigation Electronics Division

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

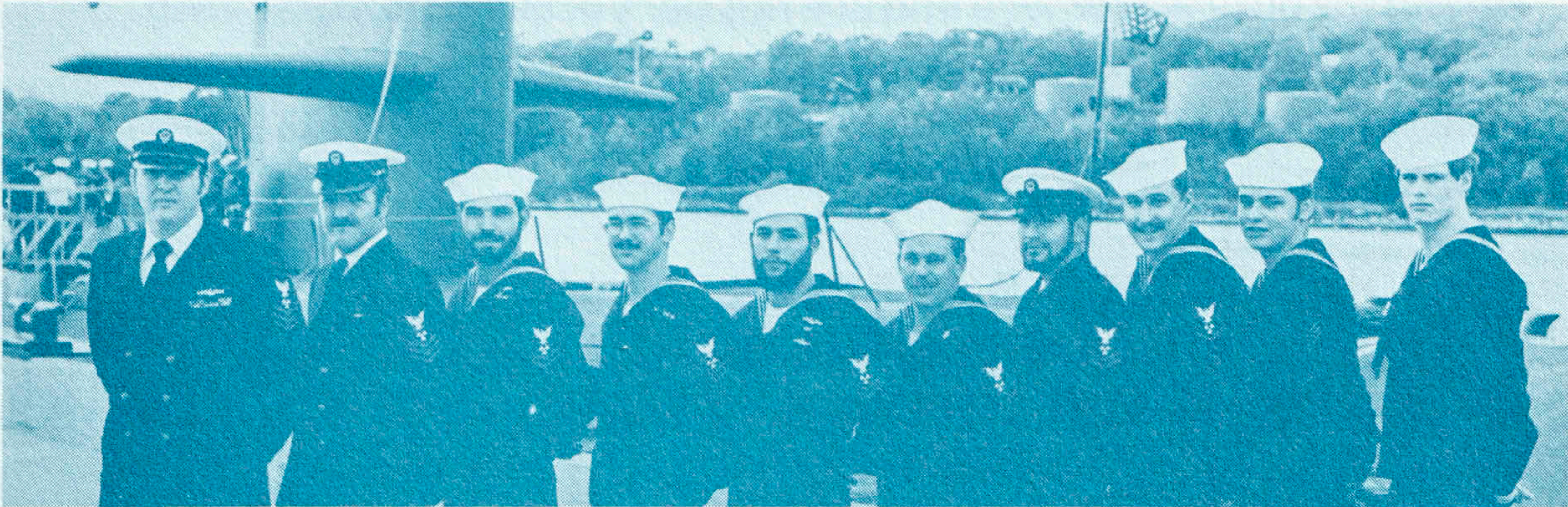


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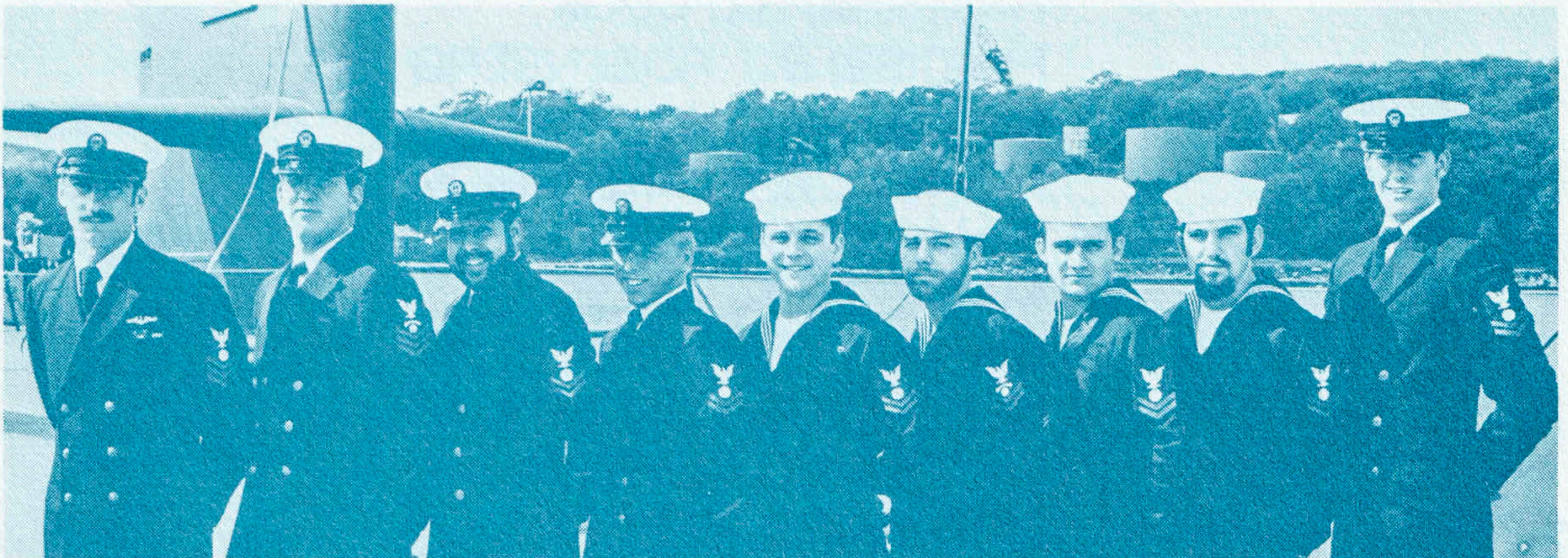




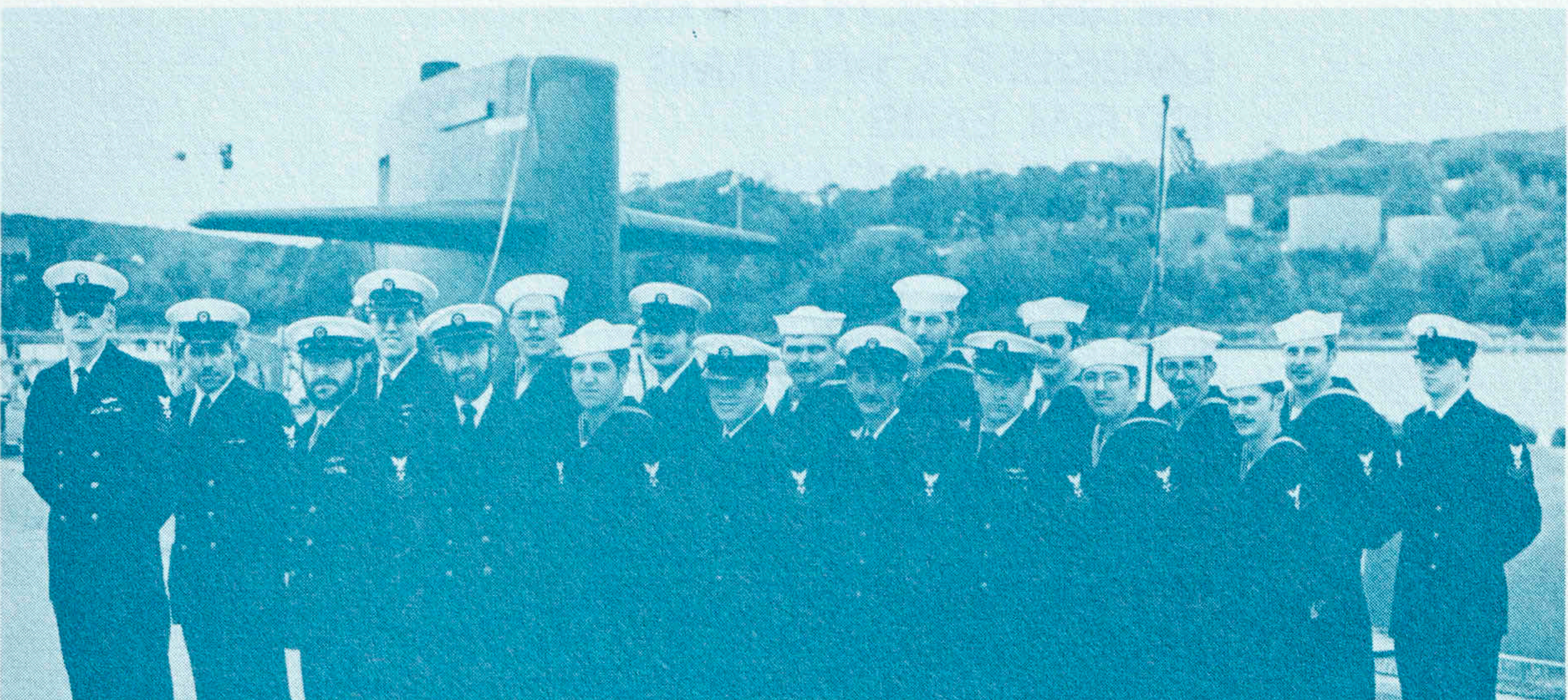
Reactor Control Division



Auxiliary Division



Electrical Division



Machinery Division



# With Special Recognition

Many people labored long and hard as members of the LA JOLLA Precommissioning crew, but have since been transferred for duty elsewhere and are not part of the commissioning crew. This page recognizes those individuals for the significant contributions that they have made in the construction of this fine ship.

LCDR D.E. ROCKWELL, III  
LT J.A. BORCHARDT  
LT W.R. SULLIVAN  
LT J.M. GESN  
CW02 C.L. DAVIS  
ETCM(SS) A.E. HOVEY, JR.  
HMCS(SS) R.L. COOK  
MMC(SS) B.J. ROSENBERG  
MMC(SS) R.J. SHUPE  
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MM1(SS) W.R. KEESLER  
MM1(SS) J.R. KENYON  
MM1(SS) D.W. REEVES  
ET1(SS) D.M. LOSCHER  
EM1(SS) L.D. ASHTON  
EM1(SS) P.A. GORDON  
EM1(SS) J.S. KUNZE  
IC1(SS) J. OLMOS  
RM1(SS) N.W. HOFFMAN  
QM2(SS) P.B. WILLIAMS  
IC2 G.M. EADS  
MM2 W.P. HUDAK  
MM2 C.M. JERNIGAN  
SK2(SS) C.E. MANLEY  
STS2(SS) K.J. CHUGG  
STS2(SS) R.G. MARTIN  
RM3(SS) R.V. HILLSMAN, JR.  
FN(SU) R.D. BISOGNO  
SN(SU) R. GLOSTER







