

USS MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)



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Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX**

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**PENNY
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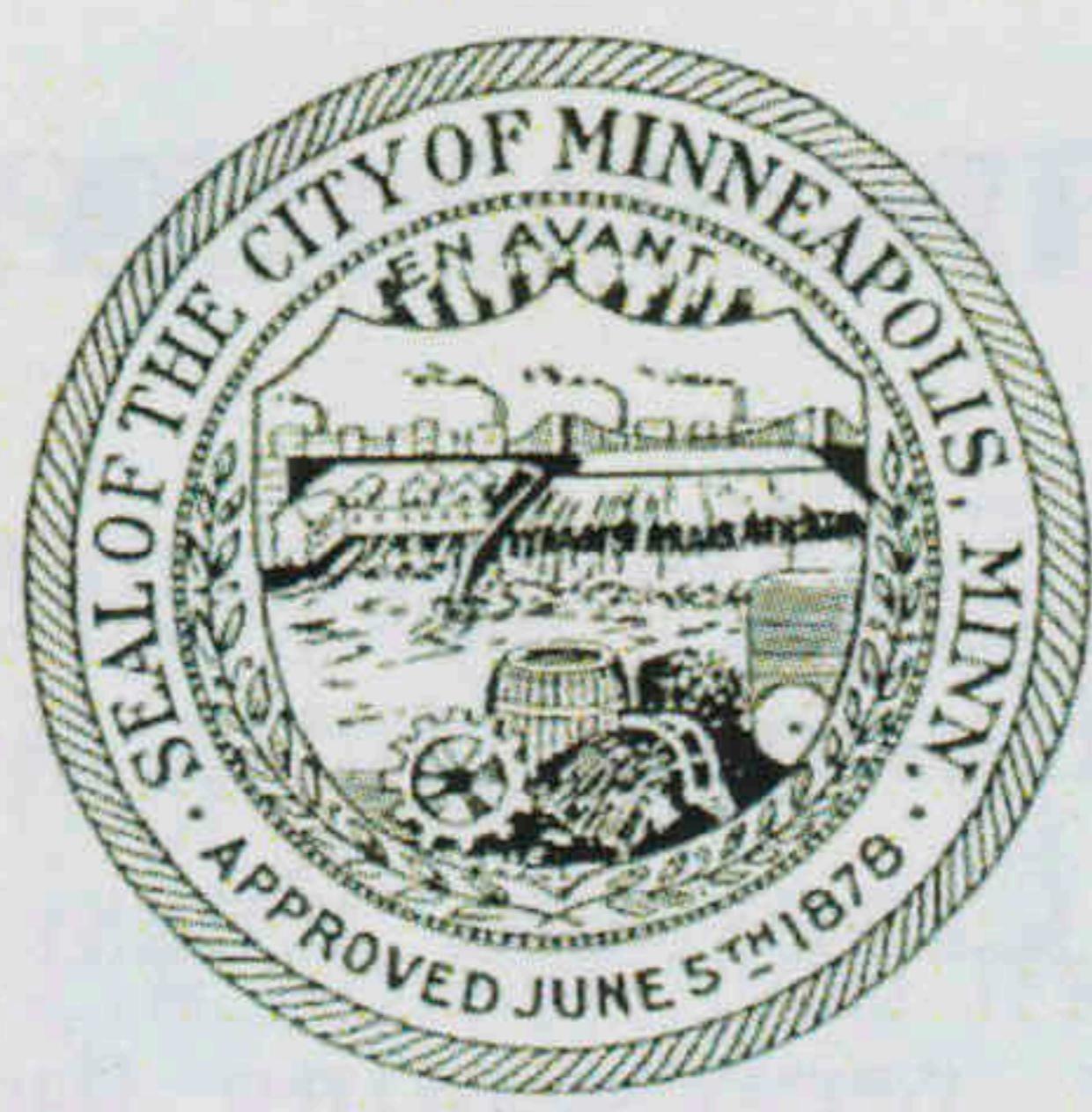


Penny Durenberger, a Minneapolis native and a graduate of the University of Minnesota, has spent most of her adult life in public service.

She was an aide to Wendell Anderson when he was Governor of Minnesota. Prior to her husband's election to the Senate in 1978, she was a member of the governing boards of the Minnesota Conservation Foundation and the state's Zoological Society. She also was active in the Minneapolis Children's Center. In addition, she chaired the Advisory Committee on Lake Water Quality.

The Durenbergers have four sons - Charles, David, Michael, and Daniel.





Minneapolis, located with its "twin" city Saint Paul, at the head of the Mississippi River, is a thriving industrial, financial, and cultural center. Founded in 1867, MINNEAPOLIS boasts a population of a half million. Its name is a combination of "Minnie" the Sioux Indian word for water and "polis" the Greek work for city.

Set among a series of picturesque lakes and ponds and twice named "All American City," Minneapolis is headquarters for several of the nation's largest high technology and food industries.

The city's skyline is dominated by the gleaming 57 story Investor Diversified Services (IDS) Tower, the tallest building between Chicago and San Francisco. Other significant structures include the 50 story City Center and the 65,000 seat Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, home of the Minnesota Vikings and Twins, and the Metropolitan Sports Center, home of the Minnesota North Stars.

The downtown area features the Nicollet Mall, a walkway flanked by fountains, greenery, shops and stores, and a Skyway system, a series of glass-enclosed walkways at the second story level connecting 13 blocks of shops and entertainment.

The city's park system 4,100 acres of rolling woodland dotted with 22 lakes, provides for year round recreational activities.

For higher education, the city has the University of Minnesota, Augsburg College, and the Minneapolis School of Arts.

Topping the city's cultural list are its symphony orchestra, which ranks among the country's top five, several museums, and a leading resident repertory theater.



Saint Paul, Minnesota's capitol city and the other half of the state's famous "twin" cities, evolved from an early fur-trading outpost into what is today a vibrant livestock, transportation and industrial) center.

Among its most significant products are automobiles, computers, guidance systems, and plastics. The Mississippi River, which winds through the city along with modern highways, has ensured its continued importance in commerce.

Incorporated in 1849 and named for the patron saint of a crusading priest, Father Lucien Galtier, the city has capitol building that has one of the largest unsupported domes in the country. The State Office Building, the State Historical Society Building (museum of historical artifacts), the Department of Highways Central Office Building, the Centennial Building, and the State Veterans Service Building round out the capitol building group.

Dominating the City Hall and Courthouse concourse is the "Indian God of Peace", an onyx statue 36 feet high.

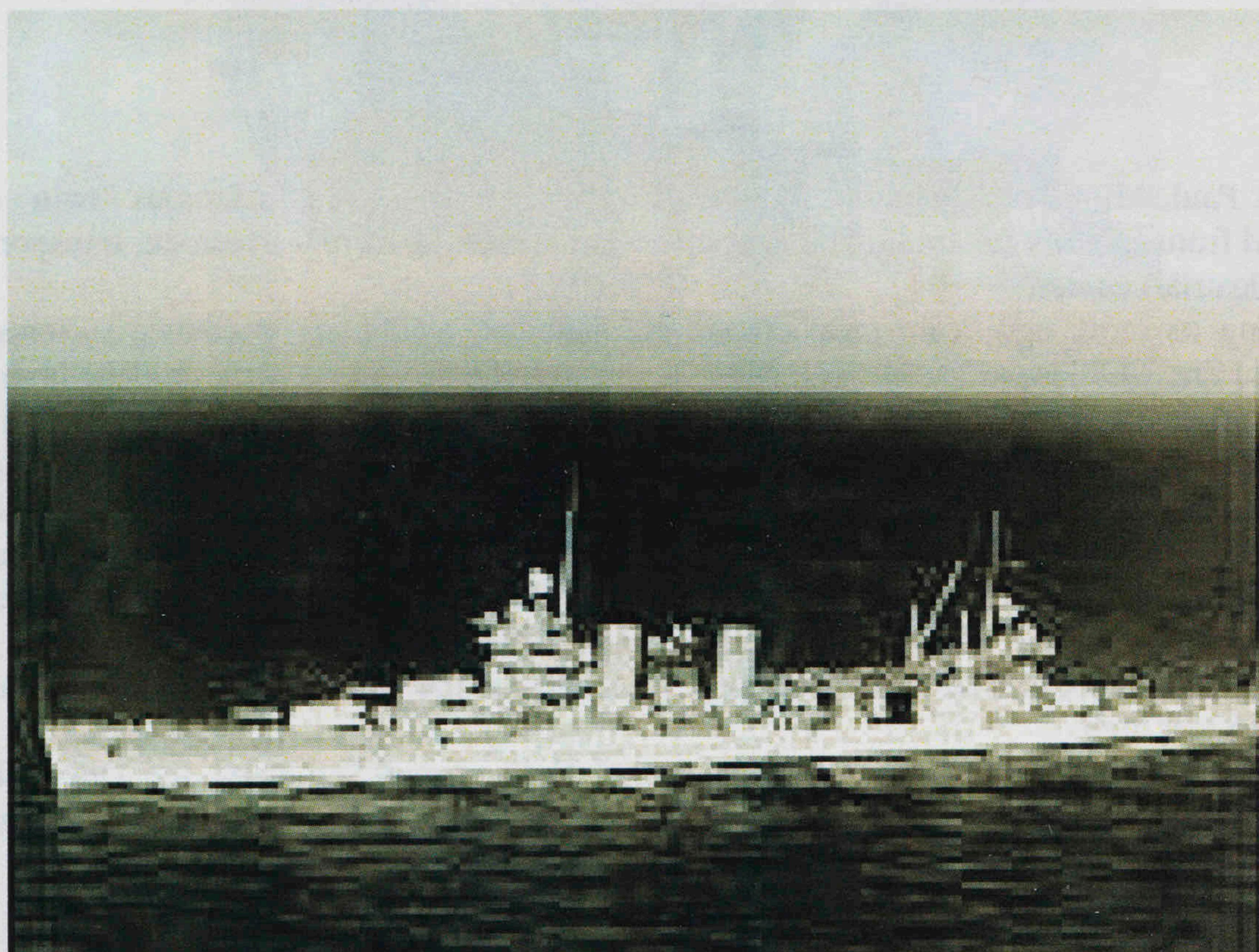
Higher educational institutions include Bethel College and Seminary, the University of Minnesota's College of Agriculture, Colleges of St. Catherine and St. Thomas, Concordia and Macalester Colleges, Minnesota Metropolitan State College, and Hamline University.

Saint Paul affords its 270,000 residents excellent recreational opportunities with 30 lakes nearby. There are also 92 parks. Several of the lakes afford public beaches and other water sport facilities.

HISTORY OF SHIPS NAMED MINNEAPOLIS

The first, MINNEAPOLIS (S-13), was commissioned in Philadelphia in 1894. She served in the North Atlantic Squadron, operating in the Mediterranean. She visited Cronstadt, Russia in 1895 as a flagship of Rear Admiral T.O. Selfridge, representing the U.S at the coronation of Czar Nicholas II. The MINNEAPOLIS performed scouting duties during the Spanish American War, and was decommissioned. She was recommissioned in 1903 and assigned to a special service squadron to make astronomical and other scientific observations off the coast of Spain and Africa. She was at Annapolis, Maryland in 1906 for ceremonies commemorating the arrival of the body of John Paul Jones. Decommissioned again in 1906, she was recommissioned in 1917 and operated along the Atlantic coast and as escort ship during World War I.

The second MINNEAPOLIS (CA-36) was a heavy cruiser commissioned in 1934. Arriving at Pearl Harbor in 1940, she was at sea for gunnery practice when Pearl Harbor was attacked. The MINNEAPOLIS participated in the Battle of Coral Sea in 1942 and the Battle of Midway in 1942, the landings at the Philippines, Bataan, and Corregidor. She was decommissioned in 1947. The MINNEAPOIS (CA-36) earned 16 engagement stars for World War II service.



HISTORY OF SHIPS NAMED SAINT PAUL

The first SAINT PAUL was a steel passenger liner chartered for U.S. Naval services as an auxiliary cruiser in 1898 during the Spanish American War. She was decommissioned the same year and returned to her owner. The SAINT PAUL was again taken over by the Navy in 1917 and used as a transport ship during World War I. She was returned to her owner in 1919 and scrapped in 1923.

The second SAINT PAUL (CA-73) was a heavy cruiser, built by Bethlehem Steel in Quincy, Mass. and commissioned in 1945. She operated as a screen for carriers as they delivered heavy air strikes on Japan. The SAINT PAUL was later involved in the Korean Conflict. In July 1953, the SAINT PAUL had the distinction of firing the last round at sea in the war. She saw action during the Vietnam War and was decommissioned in 1971. The SAINT PAUL (CA-73) earned one engagement star for World War II service, eight for Korean War Service and an additional eight for the Vietnam War.





Vice Admiral John Donnelly United States Navy

Vice Admiral John Donnelly, a native of Groton, CT and second-generation submarine officer, began his Naval career at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with distinction in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in physics. Early tours include assignments on board USS TAUTOG (SSN 639) as a division officer and Weapons Officer; Engineer Officer on USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691); physics instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy; Executive Officer on USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN 641); and Assistant for Undersea Warfare and Strategic Issues for the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel staff (OP-00K).

Vice Admiral Donnelly's first command assignment was as Commanding Officer, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) from November 1991 to December 1994.

Following his command assignment, he served on the OPNAV staff working for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare Requirements as Head of the Submarine Acquisition Branch (N872C) and later as the Assistant for Plans and Liaison (N87C). Vice Admiral Donnelly next served as Commanding Officer, USS McKee (AS 41), a submarine tender homeported in San Diego, from May 1997 to July 1998.

His next assignment was in Yokosuka, Japan where he served as Chief of Staff for Commander SEVENTH Fleet from July 1998 to July 2000. Vice Admiral Donnelly was selected to flag rank near the end of that tour. His first flag officer assignment was as Director of Combat Plans (J5A) and later as Deputy Director for Operations and Logistics (J3/4A) at the United States Strategic Command from July 2000 to May 2003.

Vice Admiral Donnelly was then assigned as Commander Submarine Group SEVEN, Commander Task Force SEVEN FOUR, and Commander Task Force FIVE FOUR headquartered in Yokosuka, Japan from July 2003 to June 2004 where he was selected to two star rank.

From June 2004 to December 2006, he served in Pearl Harbor as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet. In February 2007, Vice Admiral. Donnelly assumed command as the Commander, Submarine Force, where he is responsible for all U.S. submarines and their crews and for all foreign submarine operations when assigned to NATO.

Vice Admiral Donnelly received a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Acoustics from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1976 and he attended the MIT Seminar XXI on Foreign Politics, International Relations and National Interest from September 1996 to June 1997.

Vice Admiral Donnelly's personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and campaign awards.



Captain David Kriete United States Navy

Captain Dave Kriete is a native of Brooklyn, New York and a 1984 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he majored in general engineering. Following commissioning he completed nuclear power training at Orlando, Florida and Ballston Spa, New York.

Captain Kriete's first shipboard assignment was USS FINBACK (SSN 670) where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and then Communications Officer from March 1986 to June 1989 while deploying twice to the North Atlantic. He then served on the Staff of Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet from June 1989 to July 1991 as the Assistant Force Special Operations Officer.

During his next sea tour Captain Kriete served as Engineer Officer and then Navigator/Operations Officer and Weapons Officer onboard USS FLYING FISH (SSN 673) from February 1992 to July 1995 while deploying to the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. He then served on the Staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board from July 1995 to July 1997.

Captain Kriete next served as Executive Officer onboard USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) (GOLD) from December 1997 to November 1999 completing three strategic deterrent patrols. He then served in Washington D.C. on the staff of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as an Action Officer in the Nuclear Operations Division from November 1999 to January 2002.

Captain Kriete commanded USS RHODE ISLAND (SSBN 740) (BLUE) from September 2002 to March 2005, completing four strategic deterrent patrols, including a rare deployment to the Mediterranean Sea in 2003. During his tour, RHODE ISLAND BLUE received the COMSUBRON SIXTEEN Battle Efficiency Award for 2003, 2004, and 2005, the Trident Submarine Outstanding Performance Award for 2003 and 2004 and numerous Departmental excellence awards.

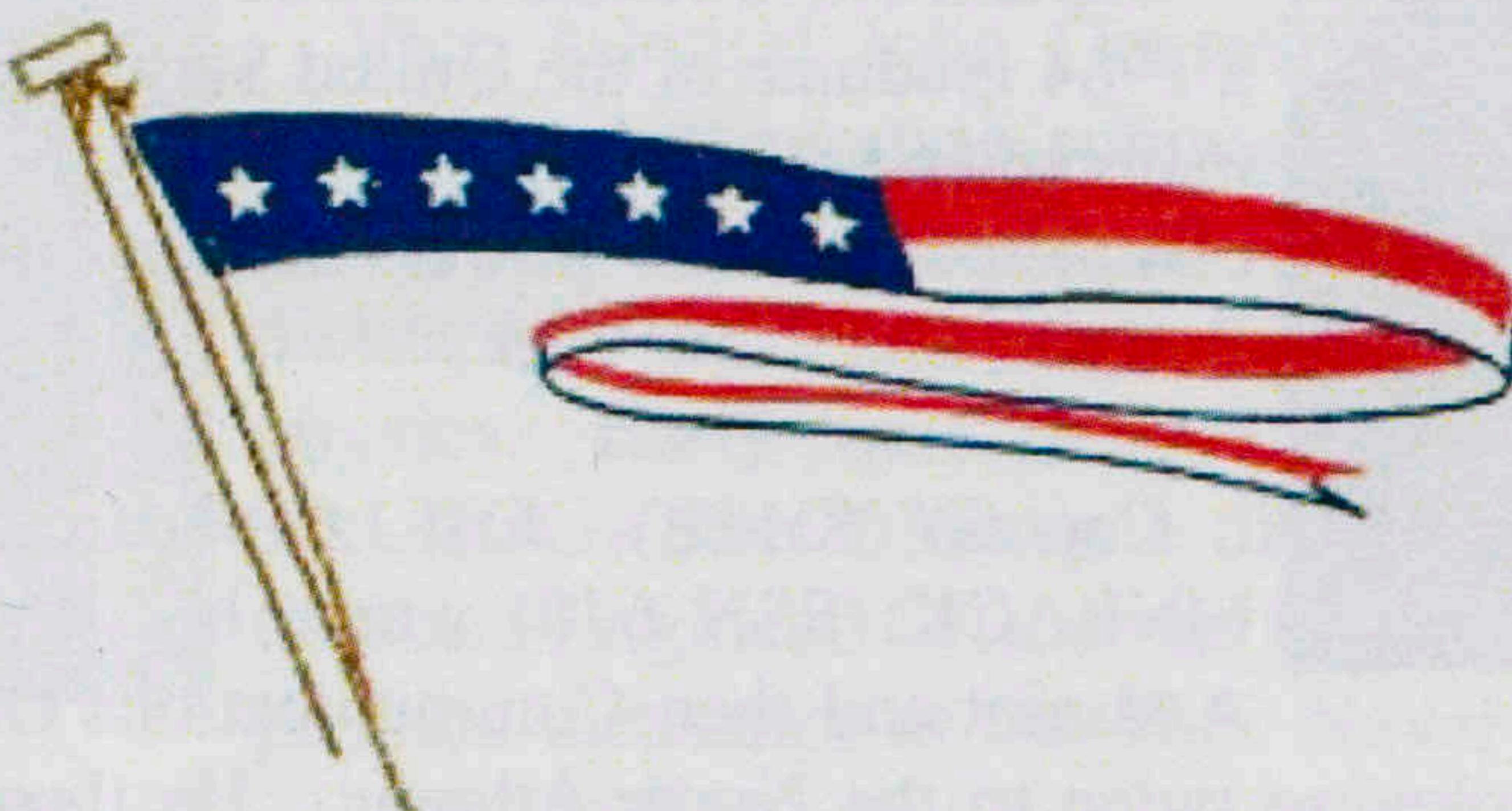
Following completion of Joint Professional Military Education, Captain Kriete served on the staff of Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as Senior Member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team from July to September 2005 and then as Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Instructor from September 2005 to March 2007. During this time Captain Kriete trained more than 150 future submarine Commanding Officers and Executive Officers throughout six Submarine Command Courses (SCC). In April 2007, Captain Kriete assumed command of Submarine Squadron SIX in Norfolk, Virginia.

Captain Kriete's awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Navy Unit Commendation (two awards), Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation and Battle Efficiency "E" (five awards). He was named an Atlantic Fleet Finalist for the VADM James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award for 2003 and was designated a Joint Service Officer (JSO) in 2006.

Captain Kriete is married to the former Kathleen Coleman of Glastonbury CT. They have two boys, Matthew and Michael and reside in Chesapeake, Virginia.

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)

COMMISSIONED 10 MARCH 1984



THE COMMISSION PENNANT

At the moment the commission pennant is broken, a ship becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making her ready for any service required by our nation, whether at peace or at war.

The pennant has for centuries been the symbol of man-o-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maarten Harpertszoon Tromp hoisted a broom at the 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 chastise the Dutch. The victorious British thus set the precedent for a long, narrow pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.

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

THE INACTIVATION CEREMONY

The ceremony today is a tribute to the ship preparing for her decommissioning, the time-honored end of a ship's life. As decommissioning, the commission pennant is hauled down and the watches secured. The solemn ceremony where the commission pennant, ensign, and jack are hauled down for the last time is a dedication to the total operational success of the ship and the men who sailed it.

**COMMANDING OFFICERS
USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)**

CDR RALPH SCHLICHTER
DECEMBER 1983 – JULY 1984

CDR CHARLES BEERS
JULY 1984 – JANUARY 1987

CDR JAMES METZGER
JANUARY 1987 – APRIL 1990

CDR NEIL RONDORF
APRIL 1990 – OCTOBER 1992

CDR MICHAEL AGOR
OCTOBER 1992 – APRIL 2005

CDR ARNOLD LOTRING
APRIL 1995 – AUGUST 1997

CDR MICHAEL MALINIAK
AUGUST 1997 – OCTOBER 1999

CDR JOHN FERRER
OCTOBER 1999 – APRIL 2002

CDR DAVID RATTE
APRIL 2002 – DECEMBER 2004

CDR JOE RUFF
DECEMBER 2004 – JANUARY 2007

CDR CHRIS WILLIAMS
JANUARY 2007 – APRIL 2007

CDR WOODS BROWN, II
APRIL 2007 – PRESENT



Captain Ralph Schlichter United States Navy (Retired)

Captain Ralph Schlichter graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1964. Prior to serving as the commissioning Commanding Officer of the **USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL** (SSN 708), he served in **USS CASIMIR PULASKI** (SSBN 633)(BLUE) and (GOLD), **USS ROBERT E. LEE** (SSBN 601)(BLUE), and **USS OMAHA** (SSN 692) before commanding **USS SCAMP** (SSN 588).

Under his command, SCAMP completed a 20-month overhaul and circumnavigated South America during **UNITAS XXII**, and **MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL** was commissioned and completed shakedown.

Captain Schlichter later commanded **USS McKEE** (AS 41) for a two year tour that included deployment to the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Following this deployment, **McKEE** was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal with bronze star, the Battle Efficiency "E" and the Department of Defense Maintenance Award.

Captain Schlichter's shore assignments included tours on the Pacific Fleet Nuclear Power Examining Board; as Deputy Commander, Submarine Squadron TEN; as Nuclear Power and Submarine Enlisted Detailing Branch Head, Navy Military Personnel Command; as Chief of Staff, Submarine Group FIVE, and as the Deputy Director, Anti-Submarine Warfare/Undersea Technology at the Chief of Naval Research.

During his naval career, Captain Schlichter was awarded the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, and other personal, unit, and service awards.

Following retirement from the Navy in 1993, Captain Schlichter served for five years in managerial positions at the Brunswick Nuclear Station in Southport, North Carolina; and served for seven years as an independent nuclear engineering consultant in nuclear safety, license renewal, and other matters at the LaSalle County Station in Marseilles, Illinois, and at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Michigan.

Captain Schlichter and his wife, the former Judith Riheldaffer Kuhn of Fort Pierce, FL, reside in Wilmington, North Carolina. They have five children – Sunny Callahan, Sally Eskridge, Dr. Susannah Aylesworth, Dr. Sander Schlichter, and 2LT Schuyler Schlichter, USMA 2006; and they have four granddaughters.



Rear Admiral Charles Beers United States Navy (Retired)

Rear Admiral Charles "Chuck" Beers was born in Summit, New Jersey, and enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1962. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy, and graduated in 1967. Following nuclear power and submarine training, he reported to USS SKIPJACK (SSN 585), where he served as Supply Officer, Electrical Officer, Weapons Officer, and qualified in submarines.

In November, 1972, he reported to USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (SSBN 602) (GOLD) and served as Engineer Officer. In January, 1976, he reported to USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663) where he served as Navigator and Operations Officer until May, 1978. He served as Executive Officer on USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) from June, 1978 to August, 1981. He then reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk, Virginia, and served as the Force Nuclear Power Officer from September, 1981 to December, 1983.

Rear Admiral Beers served as the Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) from June, 1984 to June, 1987.

He returned to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as the Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor from June, 1987 to March, 1989. Following this tour, he relieved as Commanding Officer, USS DIXON (AS 37) home ported in San Diego, California, where he served until June, 1991.

From July, 1991 to August, 1993, Rear Admiral Beers served as the Deputy Director and then Director, Attack Submarine Division, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Support, U.S. Department of Energy, from September, 1993 to September, 1995. Rear Admiral Beers was Commander Submarine Group Ten in Kings Bay, Georgia from November, 1995 until his retirement in November, 1997.

Under his leadership, his crews have earned the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation (Three awards), and the Battle Efficiency "E" (Five awards), the Navy Expeditionary Medal and the Navy Arctic Service Ribbon. His personal awards include; the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (five awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Rear Admiral Beers has attended Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

Rear Admiral Beers serves as Chairman of the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation. He is Vice President of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and the Hampton Roads USO. He is serves on the Board of Directors of the Hampton Roads Navy League, and is a National Director of the Navy League.

Rear Admiral Beers is the Vice President, Maritime Programs and the Norfolk Field Office Manager at the Lockheed Martin Corporation's Norfolk Domestic Business Development Office. In this capacity he provides Corporate Field Marketing coverage to the important Maritime customers in the Norfolk area. He also chairs the Corporation's Maritime Focus Team, which is designed to bring the various corporate business units together and focus on complex Maritime programs/issues.

Rear Admiral Beers and his wife, Susan, have two children. Their son, Clay, is a 1995 graduate of the Naval Academy and an F/A-18 pilot. Their daughter, Irene, graduated from Colgate University in 1998 and is now a stay at home mom.



**Vice Admiral
James Metzger
United States Navy
(Retired)**

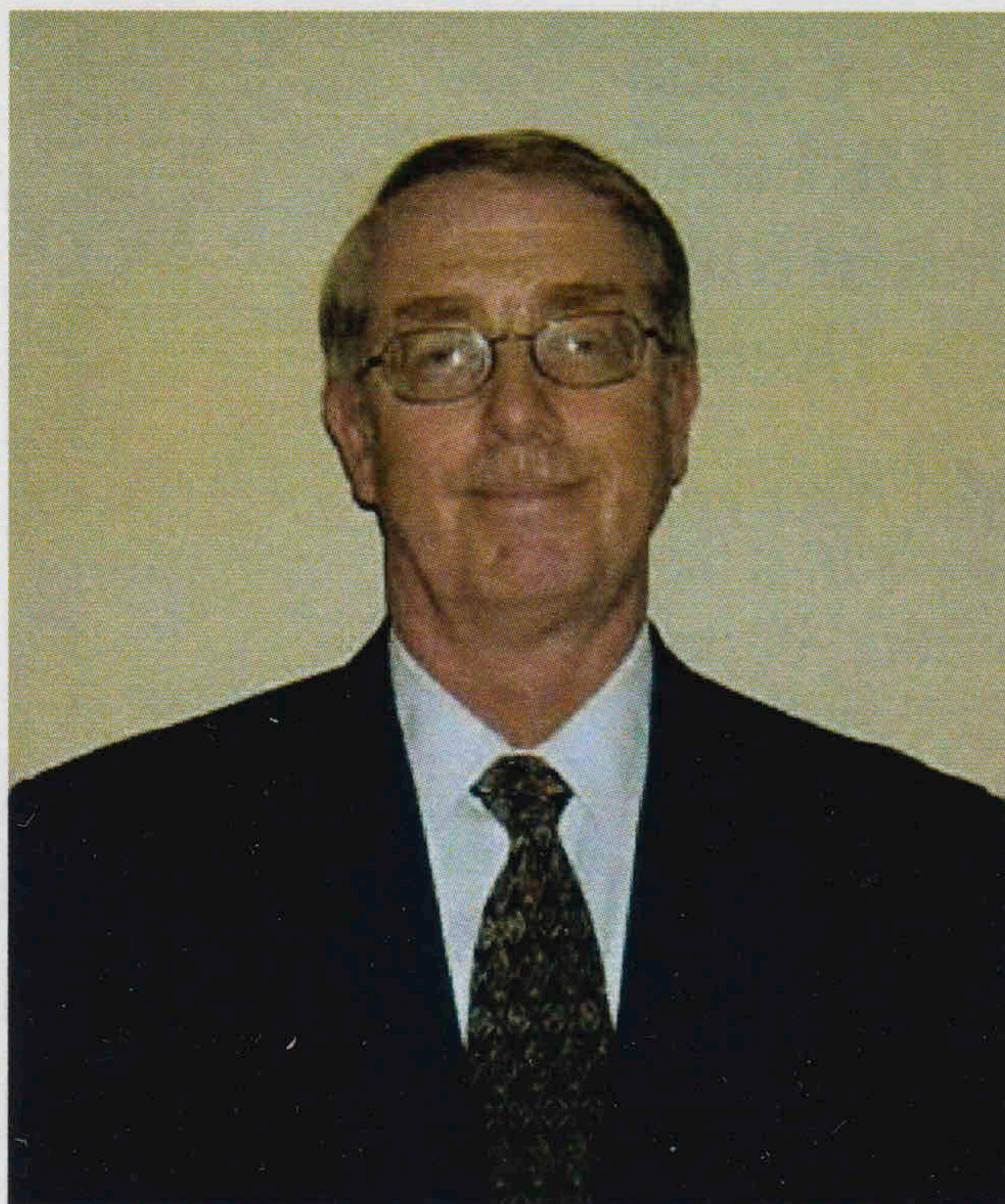
Vice Admiral James W. Metzger graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1971 and subsequently Michigan State University with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He attended Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, Maryland and Prototype Training in Windsor, Connecticut.

Vice Admiral Metzger's initial sea tours include Electrical Engineering Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant aboard USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643)(Gold), Engineering Officer aboard USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697) which included the fleet transfer of Indianapolis to Pearl Harbor, and as Executive Officer aboard USS TAUTOG (SSN 639).

Vice Admiral Metzger's command tours include USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708), Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, Submarine Group Eight/Submarines Mediterranean, and the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Significant shore and staff duty includes the staff of CINCPACFLT as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, and as Director, Prospective Commanding Officer School. Vice Admiral Metzger also served as Executive Assistant to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy, for whom he also served as Naval Aide. Vice Admiral Metzger also served as Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy, Joint Staff (J-5). He assumed assignment as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 22 July 2002, remaining in that position until his retirement on 1 January 2005. In that capacity, he traveled with the Secretary of State serving as his military liaison to the Joint Chiefs.

Vice Admiral Metzger's awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with one silver star), Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars), Navy Commendation Medal (with two gold stars), Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal and Arctic Service Ribbon.



**Captain
Neil Rondorf
United States Navy
(Retired)**

Captain Rondorf was born in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1970. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy with honors in 1974. Following graduation he completed Nuclear Power Training and Submarine School.

From 1975 until 1979, Captain Rondorf served as division officer on board USS ANDREW JACKSON (SSBN 619), participating in six strategic

deterrent patrols. He was subsequently assigned as the commissioning crew Weapons Officer on USS INDIANAPOLIS (SSN 697). Upon completion of shakedown and certification, he was ordered to USS ROBERT E. LEE (SSBN 601) as Engineer Officer and completed the last Polaris missile patrol in the Pacific Theater. While serving as Navigator on board USS OMAHA (SSN 692) from 1981 to 1984, the ship completed two deployments to the Western Pacific and the initial 688 class submarine shock trials.

After serving as the Director, Enlisted Academics at the Naval Nuclear Power School from 1984 to 1986, Captain Rondorf was assigned as Executive Officer USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699). From 1987 to 1989 the ship completed two deployments, the first full-scale submarine shock trials in twenty years and commenced overhaul. In April 1990 he took command of USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL (SSN 708) and deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as the first submarine carrying Tomahawk missiles for use in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. The ship was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its contributions to the conflict.

From November 1992 to July 1994 Captain Rondorf was assigned as Deputy Commander, Submarine Squadron Three in San Diego. From April to July 1993 he commanded USS GURNARD (SSN 662), which was deployed to the Western Pacific. During his tour, Submarine Squadron Three was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for developing submarine joint warfare concepts. From July 1994 to July 1996, he served in the Defense Liaison Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, DC. In July 1996 Captain Rondorf became the Head, Undersea Surveillance (N874), Submarine Warfare Division on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Captain Rondorf assumed command of Commander, Undersea Surveillance on 12 August 1999 and retired from active duty on 1 October 2001.

Captain Rondorf is married to the former Cheryl Anne Kruse of Sparta, New Jersey. They presently reside in Virginia Beach, with their three children Ryan, Kira and Kevin. Their son Sean is a Combat Engineer with the 82nd Airborne at Ft Bragg.



**Captain
Michael Agor
United States Navy
(Retired)**

Captain Michael Agor graduated with honors from the United States Naval Academy in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He attended Nuclear Power training in Orlando, Florida and the S5G prototype in Idaho Falls, Indiana.

In March 1978, Captain Agor reported aboard **USS ULYSSES S. GRANT (SSBN 631) (GOLD)** and completed two strategic deterrent patrols. Next he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California under an Admiral Arleigh Burke scholarship, graduating with honors with a Master of Science degree in Operations Research in October 1982. After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in March 1983, Captain Agor served as Engineer Officer onboard **USS BLUEFISH (SSN 675)** during which time the ship completed several North Atlantic and Mediterranean deployments.

He then served as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of Commander in Chief U.S. Atlantic Fleet from July 1986 to July 1988. From July 1988 to January 1989 he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. Captain Agor then reported as Executive Officer, **USS BERGALL (SSN 667)** during which time the ship completed three deployments to the North Atlantic Ocean.

Captain Agor served as Commanding Officer, **USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)** from October 1992 until May 1995 completing two deployments to the North Atlantic Ocean. He next reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet and served as the Force Operations Officer until May 1997. He was then assigned as Senior Member of the COMSUBBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team where he served until May 1999 when he reported to the Staff Commander Second Fleet/Commander Striking Fleet as the Assistant Operations Officer. In July 2001 Captain Agor reported to his last assignment as the Operations and Tactics Department Head at the Office of Naval Intelligence, retiring in October 2003.

Captain Agor's awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).

Captain Agor is married to the former Gail Rikli of Norfolk, Virginia and they currently reside in Central Florida. Their son, Allen, is a 2004 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and is stationed in Hawaii on the **USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)**.



Rear Admiral Arnold Lotring United States Navy

Rear Admiral Arnold Lotring a native of Norwich, Connecticut and attended the College of the Holy Cross.

Following nuclear power training, Rear Admiral Lotring reported to USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) where he served as Communications Officer and Main Propulsion Assistant. He then transferred to USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) and served as Reactor Controls Assistant and Sonar Officer. Following this assignment, he reported to Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 12, where he worked on tactical systems development projects.

After graduation from Submarine Officer Advance Course, he was assigned as Navigator/Operations Officer for USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720), during which he completed two North Atlantic and one Mediterranean deployments. Rear Admiral Lotring was then assigned as the Executive Officer of USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760).

His next assignment was as policy briefer on the staff of United States Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska.

Rear Admiral Lotring was next selected as Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) in Norfolk, Virginia. During this tour, he completed two North Atlantic deployments. Under his leadership, MINEAPOLIS-SIANT PAUL, earned the Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX Battle Efficiency "E".

Upon completion of this assignment, he reported to Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic as the Submarine Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor.

Rear Admiral Lotring served as Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine School from October 1999 until his relief in September 2001 following which he was a member of the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group before his selection as Commanding Officer, Submarine Learning Center.

On November 17, 2006, Rear Admiral Lotring assumed duties as Commander, Naval Service Training Command. He is responsible for the execution of all enlisted and officer accession training programs with the single exception of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Rear Admiral Lotring's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).



Captain Michael Maliniak United States Navy

Captain Michael Maliniak a native of Iselin, New Jersey, graduated with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1980. Following graduation, he was the Naval Academy Assistant Sports Information Director before completing Nuclear Propulsion Plant Training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course.

Captain Maliniak served in variety of billets, including Weapons Officer, on USS GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB (SSN 685) from April 1982 to July 1985,

joining the ship in regular overhaul and completing a follow-on restricted availability. He then earned a Masters of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. After completing the Submarine Officers Advanced Course, he served as Engineer Officer on USS PHOENIX (SSN 702) from May 1987 to December 1990. During this tour, the ship completed a Western Atlantic deployment and the first Los Angeles Class Submarine Depot Modernization Period at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

Following a tour as COMSUBBLANT Assistant Force Nuclear Power Officer, Captain Maliniak served as Executive Officer on USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693) from March 1993 to February 1995, deploying to the Mediterranean Sea as part of the SARATOGA Joint Task Force and completing the initial phase of the ship's inactivation. From 1995 to December 1996, he was the Naval Doctrine Command Education Officer.

Captain Maliniak commanded USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) from August 1997 to October 1999. During his tour, the ship conducted a Mediterranean Sea deployment and several special projects including Unmanned Underwater Vehicle Testing and a Tomahawk Land Attack Missile Operational Test Launch. He was the Carrier Group Two Assistant Chief of Staff for Information Warfare/HARRY S. TRUMAN Battlegroup Information Warfare Commander from March 2000 to May 2002, completing a deployment to the Arabian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea. He also served as Commander Second Fleet Executive Agent for Information Warfare and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information (C4I).

Captain Maliniak served as the Commander Second Fleet/Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic Assistant Chief of Staff for Communications from June 2002 to December 2003 and as the U.S. Fleet Forces Command Afloat C5 Operations Officer from January to May 2004 when his position was realigned to Naval Network Warfare Command where he was the Operations Officer until March 2005 when he assumed his current position as the Executive Assistant to Commander Naval Network Warfare Command.

Captain Maliniak's personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal. He is married to the former Ann Sanders of Washington DC. They have two sons, Philip and Mark, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



Captain John Ferrer United States Navy

Western Pacific deployments.

Captain Ferrer reported to Deep Submergence Vehicle TURTLE (DSV 3) in July 1987, where he served as Engineer Officer and Vehicle Pilot.

Captain Ferrer attended the Submarine Officer Advanced Course from November 1989 to April 1990 and received the L.Y. Spear Award as Honorman. In June 1990, he reported as the Engineer Officer for the Initial Manning of PCU MARYLAND (SSBN 738) in new construction at Electric Boat Shipyard and subsequently as the Blue Crew Engineer Officer. While onboard, MARYLAND completed all phases of propulsion plant testing, sea trials, joined the Commissioned Fleet and completed Shakedown Operations.

From December 1992 to January 1995, Captain Ferrer was assigned to the Programming Division (N80) of the OPNAV Staff.

Captain Ferrer reported to USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) and relieved as Executive Officer in April 1995. While assigned, BILLFISH completed deployments to the Mediterranean, the Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific.

From January 1997 to March 1999, Commander Ferrer served as the Force Nuclear Power Officer for the Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Ferrer relieved as Commanding Officer of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) in October 1999. During his Command tour, MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL deployed twice to the Mediterranean, once to the Eastern Pacific and conducted operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

From May 2002 to September 2004, Captain Ferrer was assigned to the Submarine Warfare Division (N77) on the OPNAV staff and worked on major acquisition and maintenance programs.

From October 2004 to May 2007, Captain Ferrer served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Assessments at Naval Mine and Anti-submarine Warfare Command in San Diego, California.

In May 2007, Captain Ferrer reported to the Maritime Surveillance Systems Program Office reporting to the PEO for Littoral and Mine Warfare Systems.

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



Captain David Ratte United States Navy

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota and raised in Stillwater, Minnesota, Captain Dave Ratte graduated with merit from the United States Naval Academy in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering.

Following temporary duty at the David Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center, Carderock, Maryland, he entered the nuclear power training pipeline, graduated from the Submarine Officer Basic Course in February 1986, and reported to the Gold crew of USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728).

During this tour, he served as Chemistry and Radiological

Control Assistant, Sonar Officer, Damage Control Assistant, and Tactical Systems Officer, completing six strategic deterrent patrols. While attached to the USS FLORIDA, the ship earned Battle Efficiency "E" awards for 1987 and 1988. From July 1989 until August 1991, Captain Ratte was assigned as a Company Officer at the United States Naval Academy. While on this tour he earned a Masters of Science degree in Information Management from The George Washington University.

In April 1992, after having graduated as Honor man from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course where he received the L.Y. Spear Award for Academic Excellence, he reported to his department head tour on the USS ALBANY (SSN 753). During this tour he served as Combat Systems Officer and Engineering Officer, and completed a combined North Atlantic/Mediterranean Sea deployment, during which the ALBANY earned a Meritorious Unit Citation, and two North Atlantic deployments. In December 1995 he was assigned to the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT for duties as Material Officer.

In October 1997, Captain Ratte reported for duty as Executive Officer on board USS L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN 686), where he completed a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf. During this deployment, the RIVERS earned a Navy Unit Commendation. He then reported to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower and Personnel) in June 1999 where he was assigned as the Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager until June 2001.

Following completion of the Prospective Commanding Officer Pipeline, in April 2002 Captain Ratte reported for duty as the Commanding Officer of the USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) while the ship was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea in support of the Global War on Terrorism and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2002 MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL earned the COMLANTFLT Retention Excellence ("Golden Anchor") Award and in 2003 MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL earned COMSUBRON SIX's Battle Efficiency "E" Award, amongst other unit awards. Additionally, MSP successfully completed a six-month deployment to the North Atlantic in 2004, conducting independent operations critical to the national security of the United States.

Following completion of his commander command tour, Captain Ratte served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from January 2005 to October 2006 as Principal Assistant and Technical Advisor to the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Matters and was responsible for International Programs. He is now serving as Deputy Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education).

Captain Ratte's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (gold star in lieu of second award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (silver star in lieu of sixth award), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Captain Ratte and his wife, Karen, reside in Alexandria, Virginia. He has three children, Scott, Danica, and Devin.



Commander Joe Ruff United States Navy

Commander Joe Ruff grew up in Lanham, Maryland and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI&SU) in 1985 with a Bachelor's of Science in Aerospace and Ocean Engineering.

After completing the Nuclear Power Training pipeline he attended the Submarine Officers Basic Course where he received the A. I. McKee award for academic excellence. He was assigned to the USS L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN 686) home ported in Charleston, South Carolina where he served as the Main Propulsion Assistant, Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and Sonar Officer during his tour. The ship made several deployments and was awarded several unit commendations during his tour.

His first shore tour was at Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida. He served as the Director of the Officer Electrical Engineering Division.

After completing the Submarine Officers Advanced Course, where he was awarded the L. Y. Spear award as Class Honor man and the David Lloyd Award for academic excellence and outstanding leadership, he reported to the USS GREENEVILLE (SSN 772).

Commander Ruff served as the Engineer Officer during new construction and fleet certification on USS GREENEVILLE (SSN 772) during which, Greeneville changed home ports from Norfolk to Pearl Harbor. He served through New Construction, Atlantic Fleet Certifications, Post Shakedown Availability, Interfleet Transfer, and Pacific Fleet Certifications. His second shore tour was on the Pacific Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

After completing the Executive Officer pipeline he served as Executive Officer on the USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) Blue Crew home ported in Kings Bay, Georgia and served as the Executive Officer for two complete strategic deterrent patrols and a portion of a third.

He was the Commanding Officer of the Pre-Commissioning Unit TEXAS (SSN 775) from October 2001 to November 2003. Commander Ruff deployed on HMS TIRELESS as a Command Rider from July to October 2004.

Commander Ruff served as Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) from December 2004 until January 2007.

Commander Ruff's awards include the A. I. McKee award for academic excellence in SOBC, the L. Y. Spear Award and David Lloyd awards for excellence in SOAC, is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medals (six awards), a Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit awards including the Battle E, Navy Unit Commendation, and Meritorious Unit Commendation.



Commander Chris Williams United States Navy

Commander Chris Williams entered the U.S. Naval Academy from California in 1981 and graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering. After his commissioning, he married the former Helen Glanville of Baltimore, Maryland.

Following nuclear power and basic submarine training, he reported aboard USS NEVADA (SSBN 733) (GOLD), homeported in Bangor, Washington. While onboard, he served as the Assistant Strategic Weapons Officer and the Main Propulsion Assistant, completing an interfleet transfer and five strategic deterrent patrols from April 1987 to May 1990.

From June 1990 to July 1992, Commander Williams was assigned to the U.S. Naval Academy where he oversaw midshipmen training as the Ninth Company Officer.

After completing advanced submarine training, he deployed to the North Atlantic onboard the USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663) from February to April 1993. He then assumed duties as the Navigation/Operations Officer on USS HARTFORD (SSN 768), homeported in Groton, Connecticut, until June 1995 during the ship's construction, sea trials, and initial operations.

From September 1995 to April 1997, Commander Williams was the Submarine Operations and ASW Officer for Carrier Group FIVE, embarked in USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. During his tour, the INDEPENDENCE Task Group deployed to the Arabian Gulf, provided contingency response forces in the Western Pacific, and conducted several joint and international exercises.

He attended the Naval War College from August 1997 to June 1998 where he graduated with distinction and received his Master of Arts in Strategic Studies and National Security Affairs.

Commander Williams then served as Executive Officer on USS MIAMI (SSN 755), homeported in Groton, Connecticut, from August 1998 to June 2000. During his tour, MIAMI deployed with the ENTERPRISE Battle Group to the Arabian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea, conducting combat operations against Iraq as part of Operation DESERT FOX and against the Former Republic of Yugoslavia as part of Operation ALLIED FORCE. During his assignment, the MIAMI received the COMSUBRON FOUR Battle Efficiency "E" award and the CINCLANTFLT Battenberg Cup for 1999.

He was assigned to the Navy staff in Washington D.C. from June 2000 to March 2002 where he was the Deputy Branch Head for Plans and Policy in the Submarine Warfare Division.

In January 2003, Commander Williams assumed command of USS OKLAHOMA CITY (SSN 723), homeported in Norfolk, Virginia, where he served until June 2005. During his tour as Commanding Officer, the ship conducted a precedent-setting deployment to the Western Pacific by transiting across the North Pole, conducting special operations in the Pacific Theater and then returning home via the Panama Canal. The ship was awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation for its operations while under his command.

After departing the USS OKLAHOMA CITY Commander Williams took over the job of Deputy for Readiness at Submarine Squadron SIX in June of 2005, located on the Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia. Commander Williams was called to duty once again, to relieve as Commanding Officer USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) to finish out her deployment when the ship lost two crew members in December 2006. He served as Commanding Officer from January to April 2007.

Commander Williams and his wife Helen have two daughters, Jessica and Emily, and a son, Nathaniel. They currently reside in Chesapeake, Virginia.



**Commander
Woods Brown II
Commanding Officer
USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)**

Commander Woods Brown was born in Rochester, NY and graduated high school in Spring, Texas. He graduated from Cornell University in May 1989 with a BS in Applied and Engineering Physics. Following nuclear power training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course, he reported to the USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) where he served as the Reactor Controls Assistant, Electrical Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, Sonar Officer and Communicator. While onboard, ALBUQUERQUE completed Mediterranean and WESTLANT deployments.

After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in August 1997, Commander Brown reported to USS TREPANG (SSN 674) as the Engineer Officer. TREPANG won two Squadron FOUR Engineering "E" awards and after completing Mediterranean and WESTLANT deployments, TREPANG conducted an around the world transit to Bremerton, WA for inactivation. In June 1999, Commander Brown reported to the USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) (GOLD) as Navigator. He completed two strategic deterrence patrols while on KENTUCKY.

From March 2001 to March 2002, Commander Brown attended the Naval War College where he received a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies and National Security Affairs.

After completing the Prospective Executive Officer Course, Commander Brown reported to the USS BUFFALO (SSN 706) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as Executive Officer from May 2002 to October 2004.

In January 2006, Commander Brown commenced the Prospective Commanding Officer pipeline, completing the Submarine Command Course (SCC) in May 2006. After SCC, Commander Brown reported to Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE as the Deputy for Readiness.

Commander Brown relieved on board USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) as Commanding Officer in April 2007.

Commander Brown's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Commander Brown is married to the former Lois Lynn Ego of Niantic, Connecticut. They have two daughters, Caty Jane and Clare and one son, Reece. They reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut.

HISTORY OF USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)

LENGTH:	360
DISPLACEMENT (SURFACED):	6090 TONS
SUBMERGED:	6827 TONS
HULL DIAMETER:	33 FEET
DRAFT:	32 FEET
COMPLEMENT:	OFFICERS: 13 ENLISTED: 114 TOTAL: 127
KEEL LAID:	20 JANUARY 1981
LAUNCHED:	19 MARCH 1983

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708), a Los Angeles-Class Submarine, was the first vessel of the United States Navy to be named for the metropolitan area of Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota, although each city had been honored twice before. The contract to build her was awarded to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut on 31 October 1973 and her keel was laid down on 20 January 1981. She was launched on 10 March 1983 sponsored by Mrs. Penny Durenberger (Wife of Senator David Durenberg), and Commissioned on 10 March 1984, with Commander Ralph Schlichter in command.

The previous St. Paul (CA-73), was the last big gun heavy-cruiser in the United States Navy, and held the distinction of having fired the final shot of World War Two.

