

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)



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14 December 2006**

COMMAND AT SEA

The Prestige, Privilege and the Burden of Command

by Joseph Conrad

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

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

In each ship there is one man who in the hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one who alone is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire and morale of his ship. He is the Commanding Officer. He is the ship.

This is the most difficult and demanding assignment in the Navy. There is not an instant during his tour as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost ludicrously small; nevertheless command is the spur which has given the Navy its great leaders.

It is a duty which most richly deserves the highest time honored title of the seafaring world - "CAPTAIN."



USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

Commanding Officers

Captain Fredrick H. M. Spruitenburg	Jul 1984 - Jan 1985
Commander Jay M. Cohen	Jan 1985 - Jan 1988
Captain Bruce S. Lemkin	Jan 1988 - Jul 1990
Commander Brenton S. Greene	Jul 1990 - Nov 1991
Commander John J. Donnelly	Nov 1991 - Dec 1994
Captain Joseph A. Walsh	Dec 1994 - Jul 1997
Commander Robert E. Schuetz	Jul 1997 - Jul 1999
Commander Peter H. Young	Jul 1999 - Jun 2002
Commander Kenneth L. Gray	Jun 2002 – Aug 2005
Commander Robert E. Cosgriff	Aug 2005 -

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is the first United States warship to be named in honor of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, USN.

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine of the Los Angeles (SSN 688) Class. She is 360 feet long, displaces 6900 tons, and carries a crew of 12 officers and 115 enlisted. The ship was launched on 27 August 1983 at Electric Boat Shipyard, Groton, Connecticut and commissioned on 21 July 1984 at Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut. Her principle missions are to conduct offensive strikes against land targets, operate against enemy submarines and surface ships; conduct mining operations; deploy Naval special warfare teams and conduct covert surveillance.

Surpassing the underwater capabilities of any class of ship before her, RICKOVER carries detection, communications, navigation, propulsion and computerized weapons systems of the most advanced design. For months, she can cruise quietly submerged with a maximum of comfort for her crew, and with an ever ready potential to deliver any submarine tactical weapon the Navy possesses against submerged or surface targets. When coupled with the talents of a well trained crew, RICKOVER provides a tactical capability of major importance to our nation's defense.

“Responsibility is a unique concept: it can only reside in a single individual. You may share it with others, but your portion is not diminished. You may delegate it, but it is still with you. You may disclaim it, but you cannot divest yourself of it. Even if you do not recognize it or admit its presence, you cannot escape it. If responsibility is rightfully yours, no evasion, or ignorance or passing the blame can shift the burden to someone else. Unless you can point your finger at the man who is responsible when something goes wrong, then you have never had anyone really responsible.”

■ *Admiral Hyman G. Rickover*

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NATIONAL ANTHEM*

U.S. Fleet Forces Band

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Lieutenant John D. Ault, USN

REMARKS

Captain Clarence E. Carter, USN

Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT

REMARKS

Admiral Charles L. Munns, USN

Commander, Naval Submarine Forces

REMARKS

Admiral Kirkland H. Donald, USN

Director, Naval Reactors

REMARKS BY THE SHIP'S SPONSOR

Mrs. Eleonore Rickover

REMARKS

Commander Robert E. Cosgriff, USN

Commanding Officer, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

BENEDICTION*

Lieutenant John D. Ault, USN

DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY*



“In the name of the United States, I christen thee HYMAN G. RICKOVER. May God bless her and all who sail in her. And may God bless their families and loved ones, for they also serve who stand and wait.”

ELEONORE BEDNOWICZ RICKOVER

Commander Eleonore Bednowicz Rickover, USN (Ret), is the widow of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover. She served on active duty in the Navy Nurse Corps from 1954 to 1974. The Rickovers were married in 1974.

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Rickover attended St. Mary of Nazareth School of Nursing there and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Indiana University.

Mrs. Rickover was a member of the Women's Board of the St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center in Chicago. She was a founding member of the Board of Directors of Hospice of Northern Virginia, a position she held for seven years, and she remains involved with this organization. She was invested as a Dame of Malta in 1988 and in this capacity cares for the sick and poor. She is also a lady of the Holy Sepulchre, an organization that supports Christians on the Holy Land.

As **USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER**'s sponsor, she proudly christened the ship at Groton, Connecticut on 27 August 1983, sending the submarine into the waters of the Thames River for the first time. Mrs. Rickover has remained actively involved with the ship, crew, and families and has participated in numerous ship's events.



**ADMIRAL
KIRKLAND H. DONALD
UNITED STATES NAVY**



Originally from Norlina, N.C., Admiral Donald graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1975 with a bachelor of science in ocean engineering. He also holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix and is a graduate of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellows Program.

After completing his initial nuclear power and submarine training, he served in *USS Batfish* (SSN 681), *USS Mariano G. Vallejo* (SSBN 658), and *USS Seahorse* (SSN 669).

Adm. Donald was Commanding Officer, *USS Key West* (SSN 722), from October 1990 to February 1993. He served as Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Twelve from August 1995 to July 1997. From June 2002 to July 2003, he was assigned as Commander, Submarine Group Eight; Commander, Submarine Force Sixth Fleet (CTF 69); Commander, Submarines Allied Naval Forces South; and Commander, Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Force (CTF 164) in Naples, Italy. Most recently, he served as Commander, Naval Submarine Forces; Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Commander, Allied Submarine Command; and Commander, Task Forces 84 and 144 in Norfolk, Va.

His shore assignments include the Pacific Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board and the staff of the Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion. He also served at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, on the Joint Staff, and as Deputy Chief of Staff for C4I, Resources, Requirements and Assessments, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Adm. Donald assumed his current duties as Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, on 5 November 2004.

Adm. Donald is authorized to wear the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with four gold stars, and the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, in addition to several other personal and unit awards.

VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES L. MUNNS UNITED STATES NAVY



Vice Admiral Charles L. Munns began his naval career at the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating with distinction in 1973 with a bachelor of science degree, majoring in physics. Early tours included assignments as Division Officer, USS Seadragon (SSN-584) from November 1974 to May 1978; Instructor, NROTC Unit University of Colorado from August 1978 to December 1980; Engineer, USS Ethan Allen (SSN-608) from August 1981 to March 1983; Navigator, USS New York City (SSN-696) from May 1983 to October 1984; Executive Officer, USS Florida (SSBN-728) (Blue) from January 1985 to January 1987; And Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff, CINCPACFLT from February 1987 to March 1989.

Vice Adm. Munns' first command assignment was as Commanding Officer of USS Richard B. Russell (SSN-687) from April 1990 to October 1992. During his command, the ship was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation, two Navy Unit Commendations and three consecutive Battle "E" Awards.

Following this tour, Vice Adm. Munns completed a Pentagon tour from November 1992 to July 1994 with assignments on the OPNAV Staff working for the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (N3/N5) first in the Strategic Concepts Branch (N513), then as the Branch Head Nuclear Affairs and International Negotiations Branch (N514) and lastly for the Strategy and Policy Division (N51).

Vice Adm. Munns was then assigned to major command as Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Twelve from July 1994 to August 1995 and was responsible for the operations, maintenance and training of eight nuclear submarines and for tactical development for the submarine force. In September 1995, he was selected as a CNO Strategic Studies Group Fellow. His nine-month tasking was to create innovative operational concepts for Naval Operations in 2025 and beyond. From this post at the Naval War College, he was detailed to serve from July 1996 to May 1998 as Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Vice Adm. Munns' first Flag Officer tour was as Deputy Chief of Staff for C4I, Resources, Requirements, and Assessments (N6N8) on the staff of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, from April 1998 through May 2000, where he acted as the Pacific Fleet Chief Information Officer and Chief Financial Officer. In June 2000, Vice Adm. Munns was named Commander Submarine Group Eight; Commander Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South; Commander, Submarine Force Sixth Fleet (CTF 69); and Commander, Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Force (CTF 164), based in Naples, Italy. He recently completed a tour of duty as the Director, Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI), where he was responsible for the Department of the Navy's initiative to provide secure intranet infrastructure and services to the shore based components of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Vice Adm. Munns received a master's of science degree in Computer Science from the University of Colorado in December 1980 and attended MIT's Seminar XXI on Foreign Politics and International Relations from September 1993 to June 1994.

His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal.

CAPTAIN CLARENCE E. CARTER UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain Carter, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated from Vanderbilt University in December 1980, with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering and Mathematics. He was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program.

Prior to Commander Command, Captain Carter served in afloat assignments in USS SAND LANCE (SSN 660), homeported in Charleston, South Carolina; USS QUEENFISH (SSN 651), homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728)(GOLD), homeported in Bangor, Washington. During these tours, he deployed to the Northern Atlantic, Mediterranean, Arctic, Western Pacific, and Northern Pacific, and completed two strategic deterrent patrols.

Ashore, Captain Carter served on the Staff of Commander, Submarine Group 9 in Bangor, Washington, as Flag Lieutenant and Aide to Rear Admiral Wayne E. Rickman; served on the Staff of Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, as Material Officer for Submarines/Operational Type Desk Officer; attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; served as an Operations Research Analyst, and subsequently, as a Branch Chief, in the Studies, Analysis, and Gaming Division; Force Structure, Resources and Assessment Directorate; the Joint Staff (J8), Washington, D.C.; and attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Captain Carter was designated a Joint Specialty Officer in 1999. He also earned a Master of Science Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University in 1992.

From March 1999 until November 2001, Captain Carter commanded USS SCRANTON (SSN 756), homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. During his tour, SCRANTON deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Southwest Asia with the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) Battle Group, and later, to the Arctic Ocean and SOUTHCOM AOR. The ship was the test platform for the AN/BQQ-10 (ARCI Phase IV) Sonar System, and was awarded consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" Awards in 2000 and 2001, as well as the Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards) and the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation.

He subsequently served as Deputy Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX, from December 2001 until April 2003, then transferred to duty as Deputy Nuclear Propulsion Program Manager (N133B) and Head, Nuclear Propulsion Program Management Branch, on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education)(N1/NT), serving in those capacities through September, 2005.

Captain Carter assumed command of Submarine Squadron EIGHT in October 2005.

Captain Carter's personal awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards). Additionally, he was awarded the Admiral A.I. McKee and L.Y. Spear Awards for academic excellence.

Captain Carter and his wife Lea reside in Norfolk, Virginia, along with their children, Alora, Joseph, and Ciera. He is the son of Clyde B. Carter, and the late Erlene Carter of Pembroke Pines, Florida.



CAPTAIN FREDERICK H. M. SPRUITENBURG UNITED STATES NAVY (RETIRED)

Captain Rik Spruitenburg, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marinus J. Spruitenburg was born in Washington, DC, but grew up in York, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Louisville under the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Program and graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics. Upon graduation, he completed Nuclear Power Training and U.S. Submarine School. He reported to the USS *Tirante* (SS 420) in Key West, Florida, where he completed his Qualification in Submarines.

After attending the Polaris Weapons Officer Course, he completed five patrols on the USS *Tecumseh* (SSBN 628). He was then

assigned to the USS *Daniel Boone* (SSBN 629) Blue crew as the Engineer Officer where he was home ported in Charleston and made patrols out of Holy Loch, Scotland. During the period August 1973 to October 1975, he served in Washington, DC, at the Bureau of Naval Personnel as the head of the Enlisted Training Plans branch.

In January of 1976, he returned to the Submarine Force as the Executive Officer of the USS *Ethan Allen* (SSBN 608) Gold crew. He made six patrols on the *Ethan Allen* operating out of Guam before being transferred to command of the USS *Francis Scott Key* (SSBN 657) Blue crew in March of 1979. Following three years in command of the *Key*, Captain Spruitenburg was transferred to new construction as the Prospective Commanding Officer of the USS *Hyman G. Rickover* which was being built by Electric Boat in Groton, Connecticut. After commissioning the *USS Rickover* and operating the ship for six months, his follow on tour of duty was at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, as a student in the Command Course. While there he earned a Masters Degree in International Relations from Salve Regina.

In March of 1986, he assumed duties as Readiness and Training Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Group Two. He served in this capacity for one year before receiving orders to take command of the USS *Ohio* (SSBN 726) Gold crew. Following this tour he reported to duty at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium as the Assistant for Nuclear Affairs to SACLANT.

In July of 1989 he reported to his final tour of duty as Commanding Officer of the NROTC Unit at The Ohio State University. While there he earned a Masters in Mathematics Education and became a Buckeye fan. Since then he has taught high school math in a variety of schools in Columbus, Ohio and then in Melbourne, Florida where he is currently teaching Geometry at Melbourne Central Catholic.

Captain Spruitenburg personal awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and the Defense Superior Service Medal awarded by the Secretary of Defense.

Captain Spruitenburg is married to the former Martha Ruth Kendrick of Louisville, Kentucky. They have two children, a son Fredrik and a daughter Catherine, and two adorable grandchildren, Carolyn five and Danielle three, who live nearby in Melbourne, Florida.



**REAR ADMIRAL
JAY M. COHEN
UNITED STATES NAVY
(RETIRED)**

Department of Homeland Security, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Jay M. Cohen is a native of New York. He was commissioned in 1968 as an ensign upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy. He holds a joint Ocean Engineering degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and Master of Science in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture from MIT.

His early Navy assignments included service on conventional and nuclear submarines.

From 1985 to 1988 Cohen commanded USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) after putting this new ship into commission.

Following command, he served on the U.S. Atlantic Fleet as a senior member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board, responsible for certifying the safe operation of nuclear powered ships and crews.

From 1991 to 1993, he commanded USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS 36) including a deployment to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation DESERT STORM.

After Spear, he reported to the Secretary of the Navy as Deputy Chief of Navy Legislative Affairs. During this assignment, Cohen was responsible for supervising all Navy-Congressional liaison.

Cohen was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral in October 1997 and reported to the Joint Staff as Deputy Director for Operations responsible to the President and DoD leaders for strategic weapons release authority.

In June 1999, he assumed duties as Director Navy Y2K Project Office responsible for transitioning all Navy computer systems into the new century.

In June 2000, Cohen was promoted in rank and became the 20th Chief of Naval Research. He served during war as the Department of the Navy Chief Technology Officer (a direct report to the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, and Commandant of the Marine Corps). Responsible for the Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology (S&T) Program (involving basic research to applied technology portfolios and contracting), Cohen coordinated investments with other U.S. and international S&T providers to rapidly meet war fighter combat needs. After an unprecedented five and a half year assignment as Chief of Naval Research, Rear Admiral Cohen retired on February 1, 2006.

Under Secretary Cohen was sworn in to his current position at the Department of Homeland Security on August 10, 2006.



**CAPTAIN
BRUCE S. LEMKIN
UNITED STATES NAVY
(RETIRED)**

Bruce S. Lemkin, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He provides policy oversight and guidance for international programs supporting national security objectives through politico-military affairs, security assistance programs, technology and information disclosure, education and training, cooperative research and

development, and attaché affairs.

Mr. Lemkin graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971 with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering. He completed Navy Nuclear Power Training in 1972 and entered the Navy's Nuclear Submarine Program. He served in six nuclear submarines, including command of the attack submarine, USS Hyman G. Rickover, and the Trident ballistic missile submarine, USS Michigan. He served in numerous Pentagon assignments, including those on the Navy Staff as Nuclear Officer Program Manager, Deputy Director of Investment and Development, Head of Nuclear Affairs and International Negotiations, and Director and Deputy Director of the Strategy and Policy Division. As Chief of the Asia-Pacific Division with the Joint Staff, he negotiated landmark agreements with China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Mr. Lemkin also served as a Senior Fellow at The Atlantic Council of the United States. In 1999, he retired from active duty and became the chief negotiator and special assistant and senior policy adviser to the Executive Director of The Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, the international consortium carrying out the terms of the nuclear non-proliferation regime, the 1994 Agreed Framework with North Korea. Subsequently, Mr. Lemkin worked for an investment management firm as the Chief Operating Officer and Business Unit Manager, and later, was an international consultant. In 2002, he returned to the federal government and served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management, until his present assignment. He is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the U.S. Naval Institute, as well as a member of the Air Force Association.



CAPTAIN BRENTON S. GREENE UNITED STATES NAVY (RETIRED)

Brent Greene is the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at Lucent Technologies, where he has executive responsibility to advance Lucent and Bell Labs solutions in the government sector, helping to grow Lucent government business by over 50% each year from 2004 to 2006 and becoming one of the top 50 Federal IT Contractors. He also coordinates and directs Lucent's engagement with the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC). Prior to joining Lucent, he led the National Communications System (DHS/NCS) for over three years as its Director (a Senior Executive Service Level 6 position), responsible for day-to-day operations, policy, technical, and programmatic oversight in coordination of all federal government-wide activities in national security and emergency

preparedness communications, and managing its \$200M/year budget. As NCS Director, he also managed the President's NSTAC for all 30 member companies, facilitating the significant information sharing processes and partnerships associated with the NCS and NSTAC. Following 9/11, his agency coordinated many aspects of the restoration of key New York City telecom infrastructures, including communications supporting the recovery of Wall Street, leading to the NCS being awarded a Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Mr. Greene is a member of the Federal Government Leadership Forum. He is on the Board of Directors for ReliabilityFirst Corporation, one of the major regional reliability councils of NERC, overseeing electric grid reliability for vital regions of the nation. He served as the government Chair, and later, industry Vice Chair of the President's NSTAC Industry Executives Subcommittee. He served as Chair of the NSTAC Emergency Communications and Interoperability Task Force. He was a Principal on FCC's Network Reliability and Interoperability Council (NRIC VI) during 2002-2004.

During 2000-2001, Mr. Greene managed Critical Infrastructure Protection Programs for Sandia National Laboratories. He was a member of the Department of Defense's Defense Science Board 2000 Task Force on Defensive Information Operations. From 1997 to 2000, he served as Vice President for Electronic Commerce at CAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation managing five Electronic Commerce Resource Centers, advancing e-commerce for the Defense Department (DoD) and small and midsize manufacturing enterprises.

During 1996 and 1997, Mr. Greene served as a Presidential Commissioner on the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection (PCCIP), developing national policy and strategy recommendations for the President and leading to a wide range of national CIP initiatives. He was instrumental in the Commission's establishment and its results, and, for this, was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.

From 1992 through 1996, Mr. Greene was a DoD leader in exploring national security issues that pertain to critical infrastructures and information networks, and in coordinating special access programs. He created DoD's Infrastructure Policy Directorate in 1994 and was its first Director in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Mr. Greene served in other key Defense Department positions within the offices of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), the Chief of Naval Operations and the Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation.

A 1971 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Mr. Greene completed nuclear propulsion training and served a career in submarines, including tours as commanding officer of the nuclear attack submarines *USS Skipjack* and *USS Hyman G. Rickover*. He retired as a Navy Captain in 1995 to continue infrastructure-related initiatives as a senior government executive. His military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal, as well as various campaign and service awards.

He is married to the former Debra L. Rogers. They and their two sons, Andrew and Adam, reside in Annapolis, Maryland.



REAR ADMIRAL JOHN J. DONNELLY UNITED STATES NAVY

Rear Admiral Jay Donnelly, a native of Groton, Conn., and second-generation submarine officer, entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971. He graduated with distinction in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and earned a Master's of Science degree in Engineering Acoustics from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1976.

His operational submarine assignments were aboard *USS Tautog* (SSN 639) as Sonar Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant and

Weapons Officer and aboard *USS Memphis* (SSN 691) as Engineer Officer. He served as Executive Officer, *USS Simon Bolivar* (SSBN 641) Blue Crew before taking command of *USS Hyman G. Rickover* (SSN 709) in November, 1991. Following submarine command, Rear Adm. Donnelly served as Commanding Officer of the submarine tender *USS McKee* (AS 41).

Rear Adm. Donnelly's significant shore assignments include tours as a Physics Instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, as the Assistant for Undersea Warfare and Strategic Issues for the Chief of Naval Operation Executive Panel (OP-00K), and as the Assistant for Plans and Liaison in the Submarine Warfare Division of the Chief of Naval Operations Staff.

In May 2000, while serving as Chief of Staff for Commander Seventh Fleet, he was selected to Flag rank and subsequently served as Director of Combat Plans (J5A) and as Deputy Director for Operations and Logistics (J3/4A) at the United States Strategic Command.

Most recently, he served in Yokosuka, Japan, as Commander Submarine Group Seven, Commander Task Force Seven Four, and Commander Task Force Five Four prior to assuming duties as Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet in July 2004.

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



REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPH A. WALSH UNITED STATES NAVY

Rear Admiral Joseph A. Walsh, from Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He has also received a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the Catholic University of America.

After completing nuclear power training and the Submarine Officer's Basic Course, he reported to his first assignment, *USS Skipjack* (SSN 585), where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Weapons Officer.

Rear Adm. Walsh was then assigned as a staff instructor at the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls, Idaho, from May 1981 to May 1983. Following completion of the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in December 1983, he served as Engineer on board *USS City of Corpus Christi* (SSN 705) from December 1983 until January 1987.

From January 1987 to January 1989, Rear Adm. Walsh served at the Bureau of Naval Personnel as the Submarine Department Head Detailer. Rear Adm. Walsh next reported as Executive Officer, *USS Ohio* (SSBN 726) (Blue), where he served from May 1989 to July 1991.

Following a brief tour on the staff of the Secretary of Defense, Rear Adm. Walsh reported as the Naval Aide to the President, serving both President George H. W. Bush and President William J. Clinton from July 1992 to January 1994.

Rear Adm. Walsh served as Commanding Officer of *USS Hyman G. Rickover* (SSN 709) from December 1994 through July 1997. While under his command, *Hyman G. Rickover* completed a North Atlantic deployment and was twice awarded the Submarine Squadron Eight Battle Efficiency "E" as well as the Golden Anchor Award.

Immediately following his command tour, he reported to the Division of Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C., where he served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Director and Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor. In July 1999, Rear Adm. Walsh assumed the duties as Commander Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, overseeing six submarines and the Submarine Force's tactical development. From there, he served as Chief of Staff, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. While in this assignment, he was selected to flag rank.

Rear Adm. Walsh commanded Submarine Group TWO and Navy Region Northeast from April 2003 to April 2004. He was last assigned as Director, Submarine Warfare Division, on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Rear Adm. Walsh's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (two awards), Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).



CAPTAIN ROBERT E. SCHUETZ UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Schuetz was born and raised in northern New Jersey and was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He is a submarine officer with sea duty assignments in USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656) (BLUE), USS PHOENIX (SSN 702), and USS BERGALL (SSN 667). Captain Schuetz was in command of USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) from July 1997 to July 1999. During this tour the ship received 10 unit awards including: a Meritorious Unit Commendation, the COMSUBRON EIGHT

Battle Efficiency "E", Engineering Red "E", and the Fleet Retention Excellence award. He was also assigned to the submarine tender USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39) where he qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.

Shore assignments included tours on the staffs of the Chief of Naval Operations and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Following his command tour, Captain Schuetz served as Director of the Submarine Command Course. He then served with US Strategic Command in Omaha, NE as the Chief, Strategic Plans Division, where he was responsible for development of the war plan carried by our SSBNs, ICBMs and Bombers.

Captain Schuetz was in command of Submarine Squadron 17 from July 2003 to June 2005 and commissioned Submarine Squadron 19 in March 2004. During his tour the Squadron received a Chief of Naval Operations Letter of Commendation. He then served as the Director of Operations, Plans and Policy (N3/N5) at COMSUBPAC prior to assuming his current assignment as COMSUBPAC Chief of Staff in June 2006.

Captain Schuetz is a graduate of the US Army War College and holds a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He is a licensed Professional Engineer. Captain Schuetz' personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (three awards), Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), and Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards). He and his wife, the former Brenda Gibson of Hampton, VA, have 3 daughters: Lisa is studying Marketing at James Madison University; Lauren is an NROTC Midshipman at Marquette University studying Nursing; and Carolyn is a Pre-Med student at the University of Washington.



CAPTAIN PETER H. YOUNG UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Young was raised in Vienna, Virginia. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. After completing initial nuclear power and submarine training, he reported to the USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD), where he served in various division officer billets. In August 1986, Captain Young reported to the U.S. Naval Academy as a Company Officer. After attending the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in 1988, he reported to USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN 629) (GOLD), as Engineer Officer, serving until

June 1991. In July 1991, he reported to the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, here he served as a junior member on the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board.

Captain Young served as Executive Officer of USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) from 1994 to 1996. During this period PROVIDENCE deployed to both the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea. In February 1996 he reported to the staff of the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, where he served as a member of the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team.

Captain Young assumed command of USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) in July 1999. During his tour RICKOVER completed two Northern Atlantic deployments and was awarded two Navy Unit Commendations and the Intelligence Community Seal Medallion. Additionally, RICKOVER earned the Tactical "T" twice, the Navigation "N" twice, the Engineering "E" and the Battle Efficiency "E." Captain Young is a recipient of the 2002 VADM James B. Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership.

After graduating from the National War College in June 2003, Captain Young served as Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron Six before being assigned as Senior Member of the Atlantic Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. He reported for duty as Commander, Submarine Development Squadron 5 in April 2005. Relieved in October 2006, he is currently at Joint Staff.



CAPTAIN KENNETH L. GRAY UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Gray, a native of Butler, Pennsylvania, graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He was commissioned in May 1984 after completing Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

Following nuclear power training and the completion of the Submarine Officer Basic Course, Captain Gray's first submarine assignment was aboard the USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) where he served as Chemistry/Radiological Assistant and Damage Control Assistant until July 1989. During his tour, SPADEFISH completed

one Mediterranean Sea deployment and earned the Navy Unit Commendation. It also completed an overhaul at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Following this assignment, he reported to Naval Reserve Officer Training Unit, Iowa State University, where he served as a Naval Science Instructor and midshipman advisor.

After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, Captain Gray reported as Engineer Officer aboard USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) in April 1992. The ship was twice awarded the Submarine Squadron SEVEN Battle Efficiency "E," was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and completed a Depot Modernization Period during this assignment. In July 1995, he was assigned to the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet through February 1997.

In May 1997, Captain Gray reported to USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762) as Executive Officer. During this tour, the ship completed a western Pacific Ocean deployment and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was then assigned to the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe where he served as a Command Duty Officer during Operation ALLIED FORCE and later as Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commander in Chief.

Captain Gray assumed command of USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) in June 2002. While in command, RICKOVER conducted an independent deployment to the North Atlantic Ocean and was awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E."

Upon being relieved of command of the RICKOVER in August 2005, Captain Gray attended the Naval War College where he earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He is currently assigned to Air University, Maxwell AFB as an instructor.

Captain Gray's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards). He and his wife Angela reside in Montgomery, Alabama with their daughters Allyson and Kathryn.



COMMANDER ROBERT E. COSGRIFF UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Cosgriff is originally from West Chester, Pennsylvania. He attended The Pennsylvania State University where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering and was commissioned through the NROTC program in May 1987.

After completing nuclear power and submarine training, CDR Cosgriff was assigned as a Junior Officer to USS JACK (SSN 605) in New London, CT where he served as Reactor Control Assistant from 1988 to 1989. After decommissioning JACK, he was then assigned to USS HELENA (SSN 725) in Pearl Harbor, HI where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Assistant Weapons Officer from

1990 to 1992. During his Junior Officer assignments CDR Cosgriff conducted deployments to the Mediterranean and the Western Pacific. CDR Cosgriff's first shore duty assignment came in 1992 when he served as a shift engineer at the D1G Prototype in Ballston Spa, NY until 1994.

After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in December 1994, he served as Engineer Officer of USS TREPANG (SSN 674) in Groton, CT until September 1997. During his time aboard, TREPANG completed the UNITAS XXVI deployment as well as a Mediterranean Sea deployment. CDR Cosgriff's second shore tour was spent as an Olmsted Scholar, where he attended the Defense Language Institute's French course then earned a degree from the Institute of Political Studies in Grenoble, France.

In August 2000 CDR Cosgriff reported to USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) where he served as Executive Officer until November 2002. While serving on ALBUQUERQUE the ship completed a mission in support of Joint Interagency Task Force East, conducted Prospective Commanding Officer operations and then conducted a refueling overhaul at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. CDR Cosgriff then completed a tour of duty on the COMSUBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team from 2002 to 2004 serving as the Team's Executive Officer.

CDR Cosgriff assumed command of USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) in August 2005. During his tour to date, RICKOVER has completed a North Atlantic deployment and was awarded the 2005 Tactical "T" and Supply Blue "E".

CDR Cosgriff is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with four Gold Stars, and the Navy Achievement Medal with one Gold Star.

CDR Cosgriff is married to the former Gail Steidler of Mendham, New Jersey. He and Gail have three daughters, Lauren, Kelly, and Amanda. They currently reside in Chesapeake, VA.



Admiral Hyman G. Rickover
January 1900 – July 1986
United States Naval Service 1918 - 1982

ADMIRAL HYMAN G. RICKOVER

“Through Vice Admiral Rickover’s skillful technical direction, unusual foresight and unswerving perseverance, the United States has attained a preeminence in the field of naval nuclear propulsion.”

Accolades such as this when the Distinguished Service Medal was presented to him in 1961, followed Admiral Hyman George Rickover throughout his colorful and distinguished 64-year Naval career.

That career began in 1918, when as a young lad from Chicago, he entered the United States Naval Academy. It went on to span two world wars and the nation’s progression into the nuclear era, earning him the title “Father of the Nuclear Navy.”

For 15 years after he graduated from the Naval Academy in 1922, he served mainly on board battleships and submarines and also commanded a minesweeper. During this time, he also received a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University.

In December 1945, he was assigned as Inspector General of the U.S. NINETEENTH FLEET, engaged in mothballing vessels of the Pacific Fleet.

While assigned to the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, he received a Letter of Commendation from the War Department “for outstanding service in connection with the development of the atomic bomb as Assistant Director of Operations, Manhattan District.”

In 1947, he was assigned to duty in connection with nuclear ship propulsion in the Bureau of Ships. From there he moved to the Division of Reactor Development of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in Washington D.C.

Those assignments set the stage for the Admiral’s historic involvement with the NAUTILUS, the world’s first nuclear-powered vessel.

Rickover, then a Captain, was chosen to direct work on the land-based prototype (STR Mk 1) for the NAUTILUS at the AEC's National Reactor Testing Station near Idaho Falls, Idaho. For his work with that project, he received a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit.

NAUTILUS was built in Electric Boat's south yard and was christened on 21 January 1954 by Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. On 17 January 1955, she put to sea for the first time, signaling her historic message - "Underway on Nuclear Power."

Rickover went on to champion and develop the nuclear Navy for another 28 years; through several generations of nuclear submarines and surface ships. In fact, today's entire U.S. nuclear submarine and surface fleets bear Rickover's imprint.

In addition to his contributions to the development of the Nuclear Navy, Rickover also led the scientific, technical and industrial team that developed and constructed the first nuclear powered electric utility central station in the United States; at Shippingport, Pennsylvania. First authorized in July 1953, the station achieved initial criticality on 2 December 1957.

Rickover's value to the nation was perhaps best exemplified by the fact that he served, by act of Congress, on active duty for 20 years beyond the mandatory retirement age of 62. When he retired on 19 January 1982, he had served for 64 years; longer than any other person.

Over the years, Rickover received 13 military medals and decorations, 61 civilian awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, 2 congressional gold medals, the prestigious Enrico Fermi Award, and 15 honorary degrees. He was also the author of five books and two reports to Congress.

His career is perhaps best summed up by this comment from President Gerald R. Ford: "His countless achievements will be everlasting and indelibly written on the pages of America's history as a challenge for future generations."

The Ship's Crest



The ship's crest was designed by Mrs. Anita M. Tipton, wife of former crewmember MM1(SS) Carl A. Tipton. The patch symbolically represents Admiral Rickover and the ship.

The four white stars symbolize Admiral Rickover's rank upon retirement. The submarine's upward angle represents seeking out our nation's enemies. The nuclear power symbol is a reminder that Admiral Rickover is father of the nuclear Navy, and the motto, "Committed to Excellence," symbolizes the Admiral's 64 years of active naval service.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR Peter W. Hudson

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LCDR Richard T. McCarty
LCDR James R. McIver
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LTJG Brendan A. Kearney

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Operations Officer
Weapons Officer
Supply Officer

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LTJG David Z. Bloom
LTJG Stuart R. Chambers
LTJG Ryan T. Atwell
LTJG Robert J. Gillis
LTJG Sean P Riordan
LTJG John R. Cooper

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ETC(SS) Dana K. Thorson
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ET2(SS) Christopher D. Howard
ET2(SS) Jhermayne L. Bullock
ET2(SS) Eric J. Ramos
ET2(SS) Jason T. Roth
ET3(SU) Kevin H. Stine
ET3(SU) Nicholas P. Cappetta

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CS1(SS) James D. Glanton
CS3(SS) Luther R. Young
CS3(SS) Richard L. Frazier
CS3(SS) John T. Folsom
CSSN(SS) William L. Cooper

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MM2(SS) Jacob K. Cox
MM2(SS) Jarvis K. Walker
MM2(SS) Anthony R. Yorke
MM3(SU) Jonathan D. Johnson
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FT2(SS) James C. Helvey III
FT2(SS) Jamey D. Powell
FT2(SS) Dale G. Mosher
FT2(SS) Chadrick R. Doran
FT2(SS) Melvin C. Fernandez
FT3(SU) Christopher J. Rucker
FTSA(SU) Joshua R. Sharp

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STS1(SS) David A. Slabaugh
STS2(SS) Christopher L. Compton
STS2(SS) Roland L. Hendrix
STS2(SS) Brian M. Hewitt
STS2(SS) David A. Johnston
STS2(SS) Jason W. Paez
STS2(SS) William J. Woodruff
STS3(SS) Rolando Nieves
STS3(SS) Philips M. Johnson
STS3(SS) Justin M. Howard
STS3(SS) Van M. Hanshaw III

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ET2(SS) Matthew S. Miller
ET2(SS) Joshua E. Sisk
ET2(SS) Jorge Lozano
ET2(SS) Brian P. Taylor
ET3(SS) Justin K. Bowdoin
ET3(SS) Matthew J. Branka
ET3(SS) Brett A. Hickman
ET3(SS) Brett A. Wolff
ET3(SS) Mark A. Chavez
ETSA(SU) John M. Morgan

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ET1(SS) Daniel B. Ferguson
ET2(SS) Thomas W. Mauger
ET2(SS) Jeremy P. Patin
ET2(SS) Jeremy J. Healy
ET3(SU) John T. Boner

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MM1(SS) Kenneth D. Reed, Jr
MM2(SS) Robert C. Philyaw
MM2(SS) Joshua A. Ortiz
MM2(SS/DV) Matthew R. Wallner
MM2(SS) Zachary T. Knorr
MM3(SU) Chet E. Spuller

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MM1(SS) Nicholas L. Turner
MM1(SS) William E. Collins
MM2(SS) Damien W. Bernat
MM2(SS) Jerry W. Keller
MM2(SS) Cedric D. Leverette
MM2(SS) Eric A. Christensen
MM2(SS) Stephen J. Quast
MM3(SS) James A. Nelson
MM3(SS) Dustin L. Winter
MM3(SS) Alan D. Mason
MMFN(SS) Brandon W. Schuster
MMFN(SU) Jonathan J. Guzman
MMFN(SU) Dustin L. Rudisill
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EM2(SS) Adam T. Downey
EM2(SS) Dorian J. Mason
EM2(SS) Jeffery P. McGaffey
EM2(SS) Matthew R. Coffman
EM2(SS) Wright E. Whitlow
EM2(SS) Andrew M. Johnson
EM3(SS) Casey L. Jones
EM3(SU) Matthew D. Atkinson
EM3(SU) Clayton W. Gregory
EM3(SU) Eric V. Johnson
EM3(SU) David B. Watson

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MM1(SS/DV) Jason A. James
MM1(SS) John B. Martin
MM2(SS) Matthew A. Chatfield
MM2(SS) Jeffery O. Lowrance
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MM3(SS) Adam M. Wagoner

OMBUDSMAN

Mrs. Melissa Wade

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

Unit Recognition

- Navy Unit Commendation (Two Awards)** awarded by the Secretary of the Navy to a unit for service which is outstanding compared with other units or organizations performing similar service
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Three Awards)** awarded by the Secretary of the Navy to a unit for meritorious achievement compared to other units performing similar service
- Navy Expeditionary Medal** awarded for individual operations (13 Awards)
- Armed Forces Service Medal (One Award)**
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E"** awarded for the overall readiness of the command to execute assigned wartime tasking (Four Awards)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Tactical "T"** awarded for excellence in submarine mission execution tactics (Three Awards)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT ASW "A"** awarded for ASW performance (Three Awards)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Supply "E"** awarded for logistical and food service excellence (Seven Awards)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Engineering "E"** awarded for excellence in engineering readiness and performance (Two Awards)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Damage Control "DC"** awarded for overall readiness in Damage Control (One Award)

- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Communications “C” awarded for excellence in submarine communications
(One Award)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Deck Seamanship “D” awarded for topside deck seamanship excellence
(One Award)
- Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT Navigation “N” awarded for excellence in all aspects of submarine navigation
(Two Awards)
- Intelligence Community Seal Medallion for Excellence
- Golden/Silver Anchor awarded for top performers in retention
(Four Awards)
- COMSIXTHFLEET “Hook ‘em” award for Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) (Two Awards)
- COMSUBBLANT Battenberg Cup Nominee (awarded to the top U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet ship for operational excellence)
- Star performer in the PBS documentary “Steel Boats and Iron Men”
- CINCLANTFLT Honorable Mention Captain Edward F. Ney Award for food service excellence

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

Forward Presence

Forward deployed operations (Fourteen times):
1985 (Two times), 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1996, 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2006

