

CHANGE OF COMMAND



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USS THRESHER SSN 593

PROGRAM

Invocation by Chaplain JONES

Remarks by Commander D. L. AXENE

Reading of Orders by Commander D. L. AXENE

Reading of Orders by Lieutenant Commander J. W. HARVEY

Remarks by Captain F. A. ANDREWS,
Commander, Submarine Development Group TWO

Benediction by Chaplain JONES

Commander DEAN L. AXENE, USN

Commander DEAN L. AXENE, USN, was born on August 1, 1923, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. AXENE. His early life was spent in Columbus, Ohio.

On June 7, 1944, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was assigned to Submarine Training. In 1945, he completed two successful war patrols in Japanese waters in the USS PARCHE. For the second patrol, Commander AXENE was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V".

His postwar service included duty aboard the PARCHE during Operation Crossroads at Bikini Atoll, postgraduate instruction in electronics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, duty on the staffs of Commander Submarine Squadron ONE and Commander Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet and duty as Executive Officer of the USS SEA ROBIN.

In 1953, after receiving special Atomic Energy Commission training, he served as the first Executive Officer of the USS NAUTILUS. From 1955 to 1957, he was Commanding Officer of the USS CROAKER. Following this duty, he served as Director of the Nuclear Department of Submarine School.

In June 1960, having received additional nuclear training, he reported to THRESHER. He assumed command on commissioning, August 3, 1961. While under his command, THRESHER participated in fleet exercises and in the many trials necessary to prove this newest class of attack submarine.

Commander AXENE, his wife, Sally, and their two children, Eric and Kristen, are now living in Kittery, Maine.

Lieutenant Commander JOHN W. HARVEY, USN

Lieutenant Commander JOHN W. HARVEY, USN, was born on September 4, 1927, the son of Mr. and Mrs. MANNING J. HARVEY. He was raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and attended Franklin High School and the University of Pennsylvania prior to entering the United States Naval Academy. He graduated from the Academy in 1950.

Before entering the submarine service, he served for a year in the aircraft carrier CORAL SEA. From January 1952 to June 1953, he served aboard the submarine SEA ROBIN. He then commenced Atomic Energy Commission training for duty aboard the USS NAUTILUS and then served on that first nuclear submarine for 38 months.

Lieutenant Commander HARVEY's next tour of duty was as Chief Engineer of the TULLIBEE nuclear reactor prototype and later as commissioning Engineer Officer of the TULLIBEE herself.

In June 1961, he reported to the USS SEA DRAGON for duty as Executive Officer. In the summer of 1962, he participated in SEA DRAGON's polar rendezvous with SKATE.

Lieutenant Commander HARVEY, his wife, Irene, and their two sons, John, Jr. and Bruce have recently moved from Hawaii to New London, Connecticut.