



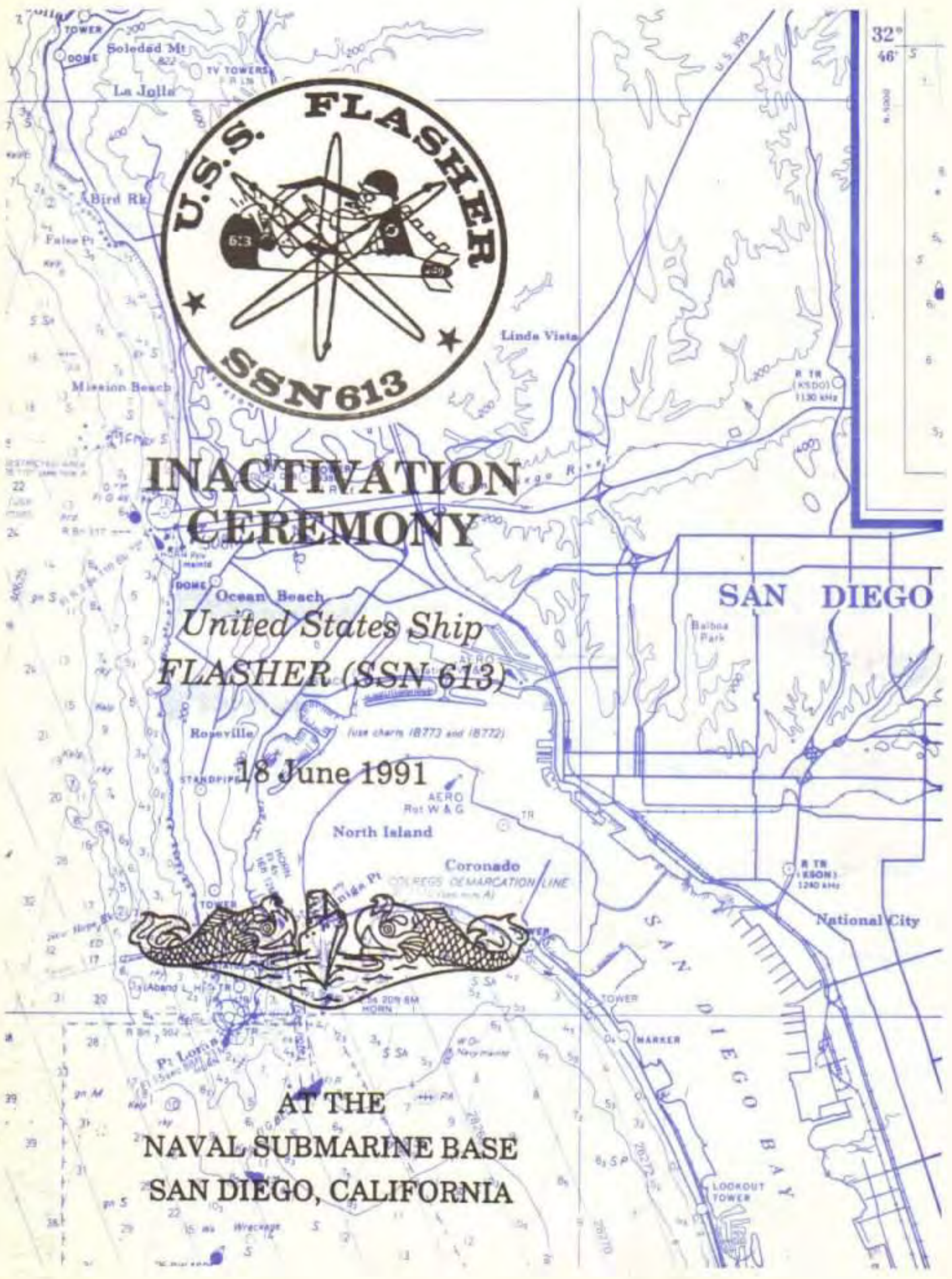
INACTIVATION CEREMONY

United States Ship
FLASHER (SSN 613)

18 June 1991



AT THE
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA





The Fish Flasher

The Flasher or Tripletail belongs to the fish family Lobotidae. Characteristic of this family is the unusual placement of the second dorsal and anal fins, which are located posteriorly on the body, close to the tail. When these fins are folded back they produce a superficial appearance of three tail lobes, hence the name Tripletail.

The Flasher is known scientifically as *Lobotes surinamensis*. It is circumtropical in distribution living in the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans as well as the Mediterranean Sea. Along American shores it is common in the Gulf of Mexico and from South Carolina southward along the Atlantic coast. It takes a baited hook readily and is an excellent food fish, reaching a length of about three feet.

Coloring is variable, it may be dusky greenish, dark to light brown, or light tan. The lower sides are silvery. Several dark bands are present on the face and head.



The present insignia of the USS FLASHER (SS 613) was adapted from the insignia of the original FLASHER (SS 249). The SS 249 was commissioned on 25 September 1943. Her insignia was designed by Walt Disney. During the final days of construction on the SSN 613, the crew developed several designs based on the original. The two ships' numbers were added and the electron orbits added to symbolize nuclear power. The insignia became official in 1965.



UNITED STATES SHIP FLASHER (SSN 613)

KEEL LAID	.....	15 APRIL 1961
LAUNCHED	.....	22 JUNE 1963
COMMISSIONED	.....	22 JULY 1966

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

Length	.....	292 ft 8 inches
Beam (Extreme)	.....	32 ft.
Displacement		
Surfaced	.....	4103 tons
Submerged	.....	4634 tons
Propulsion	.....	Nuclear Reactor
Speed	.....	Over 20 Knots
Submerged Depth	.....	Greater than 400 ft.
Armament	.....	Torpedoes, Harpoon missiles
Complement	.....	12 Officers
.....	.....	94 Enlisted

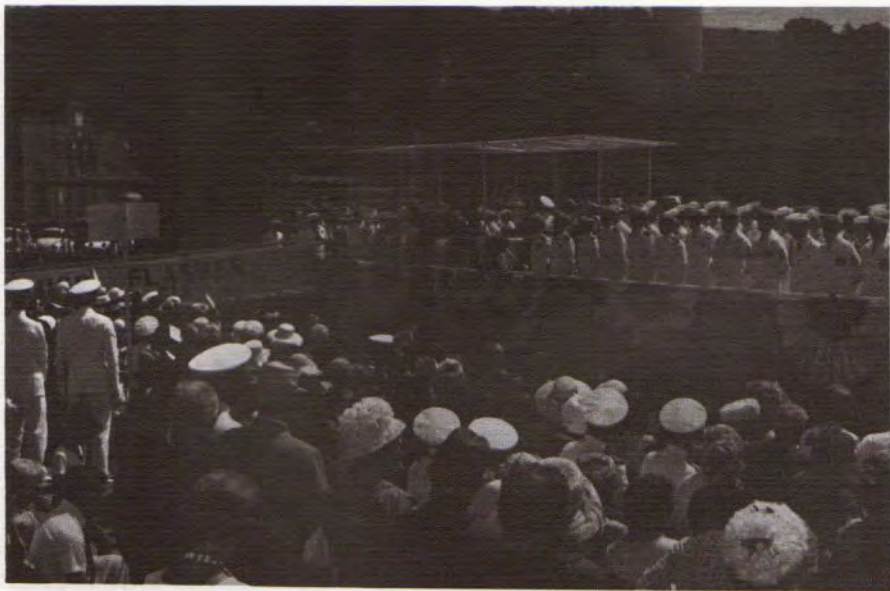


22 JUNE 1963

USS FLASHER (SSN 613) USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628)

In the nation's only simultaneous twin launching FLASHER and TECUMSEH (SSBN 628) were launched on 22 June 1963. FLASHER was christened by Mrs. Paul B. FAY, Jr., wife of the Under Secretary of the Navy. VADM Elton W. GRENFELL, then Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet delivered the principal address.

Originally laid down as the tenth submarine in the PERMIT class building program, FLASHER was extensively modified during the construction period. These modifications consisted of lengthening the hull, lengthening the sail, and upgrading the watertight integrity of sea water systems.



Commissioning United States Ship **FLASHER** (SSN 613) Program

INVOCATION

Lieutenant Commander Charles W. Rugg, (CHC), USNR
Chaplain, United States Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, Connecticut

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT, ELECTRIC BOAT DIVISION GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

Captain Harry A. Jackson, USN
Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, Connecticut

REMARKS

Mr. J. William Jones, Jr., President
Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corporation

INTRODUCTION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMANDANT, THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT

Captain Harry A. Jackson, USN

REMARKS BY THE REPRESENTATIVE AND READING OF THE COMMISSIONING DIRECTIVE

Captain V.F. McCormack, USN, Chief of Staff and
Aide to the Commandant, Third Naval District

HOISTING OF THE COMMISSIONING PENNANT

National Anthem
United States Coast Guard Band

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Commander Kenneth M. Carr, USN
Commanding Officer

SETTING OF THE WATCH

Lieutenant Commander Harold A. Glover, Jr., USN
Executive Officer

RENDERING OF HONORS

The Commanding Officer orders the personal flag of the Commander
Submarine Force, United States Atlantic Fleet, to be broken with appropriate
honors.

REMARKS BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Kenneth M. Carr, USN

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Vice Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, USN
Commander Submarine Force, United States Atlantic Fleet

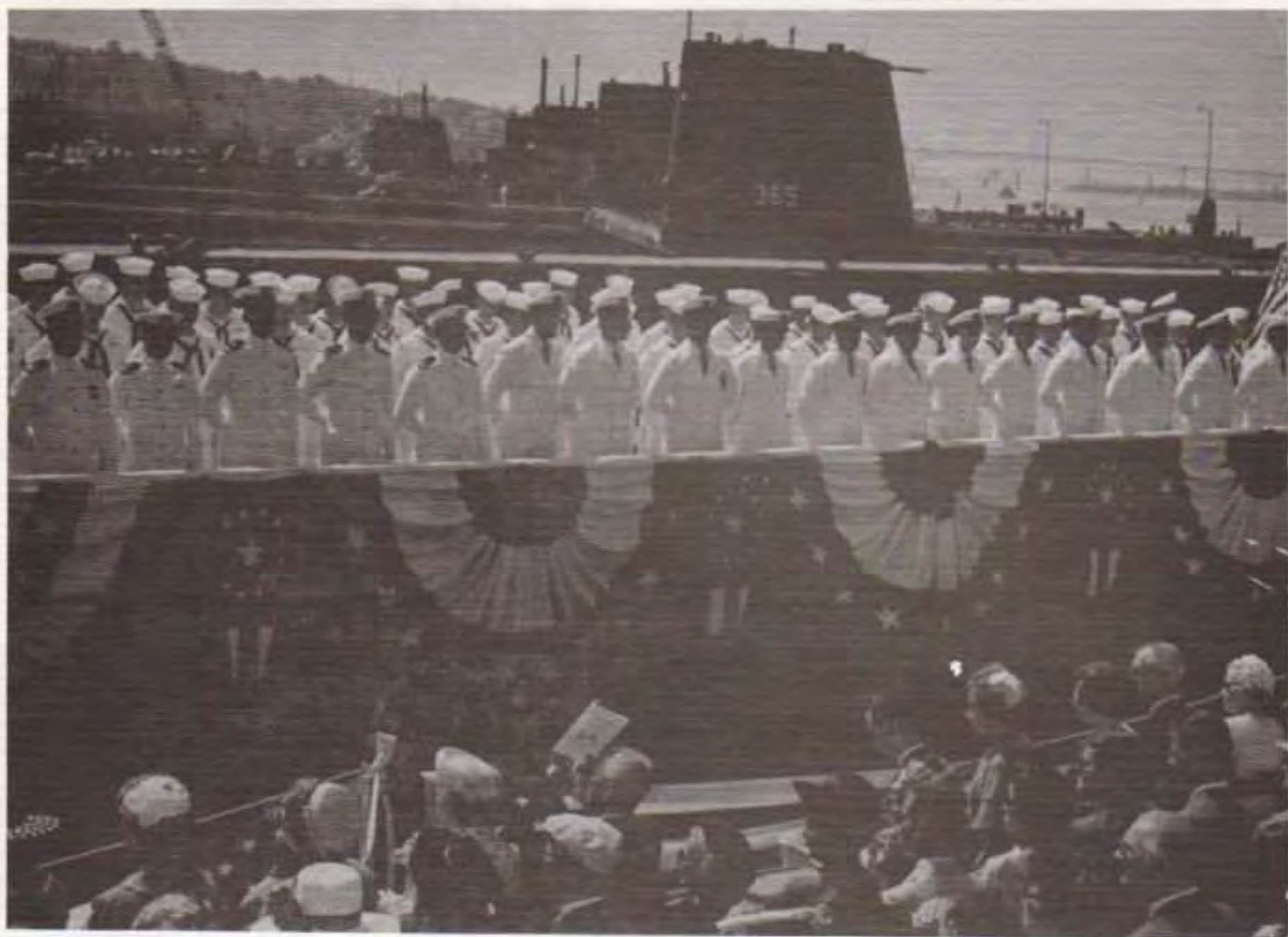
ADDRESS

The Honorable George W. Grider, House of Representatives

BENEDICTION

Lieutenant Commander Charles W. Rugg, (CHC), USNR
Chaplain, United States Coast Guard Training Station, Groton, Connecticut

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER
SUBMARINE DIVISION



FLASHER was placed in commission at 1050 AM 22 July 1966 at the United States Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Connecticut. A reception for officers, guests and their ladies followed at the Submarine Base Officers Club. Throughout the day the unclassified portions of the ship were open for personally escorted tours by relatives and guests of the crew.

USS FLASHER COMMISSIONING CREW OFFICERS



Commander
KENNETH M. CARR
Commanding Officer



Lieutenant Commander
HAROLD A. GLOVIER, JR. USN
Executive Officer



Lieutenant Commander
KENNETH H. PARCELL, USN
Operations Officer



Lieutenant
MILTON H. LEAKE, USN
Weapons Officer



Lieutenant
THOMAS H. BOND, USN
Engineer Officer



Lieutenant
JAMES H. PATTON, JR., USN
Main Propulsion Assistant



Lieutenant
ROBERT G. PEARCE, USN
Electrical Officer



Lieutenant
NEIL S. CARNS, USN
Supply Officer



Lieutenant Junior Grade
MICHAEL J. McQUOWN, USN
Sonar Officer



Lieutenant Junior Grade
LARRY R. MARSH, USN
First Lieutenant



Lieutenant Junior Grade
WILLIAM H. OVERGARD, USN
Auxiliaries Officer

CREW



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

Wyllie, Walter G. Jr., STCS(SS) Chief of the Boat

Baker, James E., CSC(SS)
 Buchanan, Donald R., ENC(SS)
 Bugbee, Alden K., HMCS (SS)
 Carlos, George B., FTC(SS)
 Channell, Robert E., QMC(SS)

Coker, Harry, RMC(SS)
 Cutler, Robert M., EMC(SS)
 Davis, Webster, C. Jr., ENC(SS)
 Fields, "M" "J", EMC(SS)
 Green, Robert D., ENC(SS)
 Huckaby, John, TMC(SS)

Johnson, Robert D., STC(SS)
 Jones, Paul, W. STC(SS)
 Patterson, Harry W., QMC(SS)
 Rapinan, Leopoldo M., SDC(SS)
 Von Behren, Erwin H. Jr., MMC(SS)

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

Anderson, Duane J., RM1(SS)
 Arquette, Daniel J., FTG2(SS)
 Bacon, Robert F., ET1(SS)
 Bloemer, Frederick J. Jr., SK1(SU)
 Brown, Richard D., ETR2(SU)
 Burgess, William R., YN1(SS)
 Byron, Douglas J., SA(SU)
 Case, Robert T., SN(SU)
 Cornell, David T., MM1(SS)
 Crisp, Bennie G., SN(SU)
 Crofford, Lynn H. Jr., RM3(SS)
 Danford, Martin R., ETR2(SS)
 Daproza, Elpidio Q., Jr., SD2(SS)
 Darron, Charles W., EM1(SS)
 Davis, Harry J. Jr., TM2(SS)
 De Witt, Peter R., ET1(SS)
 Doherty, Daniel J., II, EM3(SU)
 Douglass, Stephen R., STSSA(SG)
 Duarte, Victor, G., QM2(SS)
 Edwards, Lloyd I., SN(SU)
 Ford, Charles L., ST1(SS)
 Fulcher, Tom Jr., CS2(SS)
 Fuller, Robert L. Jr., EM2(SS)
 Gilliland, Dean C., MM1(SS)
 Greene, Richard D., EN3(SU)
 Gregory, Gary E., ETR2(SS)

Harrington, David T., STS2(SS)
 Hedman, Richard C., TN(SU)
 Hemrich, Frank M., EM2(SU)
 Hiler, Robert E., QM2(SS)
 Hill, Frank J., III, ENFA(SU)
 Hittle, Gerald E., EM2(SS)
 Hobbs, Ralph J., TM1(SU)
 Impastato, Lawrence B., EN3(SU)
 Koelbl, Richard L., MM2(SS)
 Lairson, Jimmy D., RM2(SU)
 Mallisk, David W., ST1(SS)
 Marchi, Joseph A., ST1(SS)
 McMinn, Charles, M., MM2(SU)
 McCarthy, John J., SA(SU)
 Mitzel, John T., MM1(SS)
 Morris, Garold A., EN1(SS)
 Olson, Dennis R., EM1(SS)
 Pinkley, Thomas E., YN1(SS)
 Potvin, Donald E., MM3(SU)
 Powers, Ronald S., JC2(SS)
 Przbyla, John D., EM3(SU)
 Rapelye, David K., TM1(SS)
 Raynard, Terry L., FTG2(SS)
 Reynolds, Raymond C., MM1(SS)
 Robb, Charles G., ST(ET)1(SS)
 Robinson, Stephen M., MM1(SU)

Rodies, Frank H. Jr., MM3(SU)
 Roy, Raymond L., ET1(SS)
 Ryan, George A., MM2(SS)
 Sbrana, Alfred P., EN3(SU)
 Schafer, George W., IC3(SS)
 Seeley, Gary J., CS3(SU)
 Shearer, Orrin H., ETN3(SS)
 Shevelin, Thomas A., MM2(SS)
 Sims, George L., TM2(SS)
 Skipper, Robert L., MM2(SS)
 Smith, Kenneth E., MM2(SU)
 Snow, Clifton J. Jr., IC2(SS)
 Soles, Franklin D., EN1(SS)
 Spear, Jimmy L., SN(SU)
 Tall, Donald E., ET1(SS)
 Tall, Richard E., SN(SU)
 Thier, Dennis W., IC2(SS)
 Townsend, Herbert D., ETR2(SU)
 Wallace, Joseph M., MM2(SU)
 West, Byron R., MM2(SU)
 Williams, Edward R. III, ENFA(SU)
 Wilson, Earl L., MM1(SS)
 Garren, Dennis A., IC2(SU)
 Gleave, Dale V., FA(SU)
 Pace, Ronald D., EM3



USS FLASHER (SSN 613) COMMANDING OFFICERS



CDR K.M. CARR	1966-1967
CDR A.C. JOHNSON	1967-1969
CDR E.F. COBB	1969-1972
CDR R.F. BACON	1972-1975
CDR N.B. HENDERSON	1975-1976
CDR W.C. ROTHERT	1976-1979
CDR W.C. HUGHES, Jr.	1979-1982
CDR R.R. MORRIS	1982-1986
CDR P.W. PAPINEAU	1986-1989
CDR J.N. WEBER	1989-PRESENT

Command At Sea
THE PRESTIGE, PRIVILEGE
AND
BURDEN OF COMMAND
from Joseph Conrad

A ship at sea is a distant world in herself. 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 hours of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one alone who 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'.



**VICE ADMIRAL
KENNETH M. CARR**

**UNITED STATES NAVY
(RETIRED)**

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

**FIRST
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS FLASHER (SSN 613)**

Kenneth M. Carr became Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on July 1, 1989. He has been a member of the Commission since August 14, 1986. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a vice admiral on May 1, 1985, last serving as Deputy and Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief Atlantic Command and the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Mr. Carr enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served as a crewman on an assault landing craft in the Pacific theater before being selected for an officer candidate program at the University of Louisville in 1944, and being appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the class of 1949.

In 1950, he entered submarine school in New London, Connecticut, and in 1953 was assigned to the precommissioning detail of the nuclear submarine USS NAUTILUS. With the exception of a one-year period for nuclear power training, he served as a member of the NAUTILUS crew until 1960. He later served as Commanding Officer of the nuclear submarine USS FLASHER and the fleet ballistic missile nuclear submarine USS JOHN ADAMS.

He was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Research and Development) in 1968, and to the staff of the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet in 1970, as a senior member of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. In 1972, Chairman Carr was assigned as Chief of Staff to the Commander, Submarine Force of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and in 1973, assumed duties of Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

From June 1977 to May 1980, he commanded the Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. He served as Vice Director of Strategic Target Planning at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, before assuming duties as Deputy and Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command on April 1, 1983.

Among his honors are the Defense and Navy Distinguished Service Medals, the Legion of Merit, Presidential Unit Commendation and the Defense Superior Service Medals.

Chairman Carr was born in Mayfield, Kentucky, on March 17, 1925, and is married to Molly Pace of Burkesville, Kentucky.

**VICE ADMIRAL
ROGER F. BACON**

UNITED STATES NAVY

**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF
NAVAL OPERATIONS
(UNDERSEA WARFARE)**

**FOURTH
COMMANDING OFFICER
USS FLASHER (SSN 613)**



Vice Admiral Roger F. Bacon was born in San Diego, California and raised in the Bremerton, Washington area. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1959 and holds a master's degree in Computer Science from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He also attended the National Defense University Flag and General Officer CAPSTONE course and the Harvard University National and International Security course.

Vice Admiral Bacon served in USS ISHERWOOD (DD-520), his first sea tour, until 1960. Following Submarine School and Nuclear Prototype training at Idaho Falls, he reported to USS HALIBUT (SSGN-587) in 1961. While on board HALIBUT, Vice Admiral Bacon participated in five REGULUS missile deterrent patrols. His next assignments were in USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSN-642) as Engineer Officer during construction and two POLARIS patrols and then as Executive Officer of the USS HALIBUT (SSN-587). Vice Admiral Bacon commanded USS FLASHER (SSN-613) and USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN-599) and then served as COMSUBPAC Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor until 1979 when he assumed command of USS HUNLEY (AS-31) at the deployed site in Apra Harbor, Guam.

From 1980 to 1982, Vice Admiral Bacon served as Commander Submarine Squadron ONE, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Vice Admiral Bacon served as the Chief of Staff to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet during 1982 and 1983. He was selected for Flag rank in January 1983. From June 1983 through July 1986, he served as the Director, Strategic and Theater Nuclear Warfare Division and Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations) on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. He served as Commander Submarine Group EIGHT, Commander Submarines Mediterranean, Commander Submarine Force Sixth Fleet, and Commander Area ASW Forces Sixth Fleet from December 1986 to July 1988. From August 1988 to December 1990, he served as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander Submarines Allied Command Atlantic. In January 1991, he assumed duties as the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare).

Vice Admiral Bacon is married to the former Joan D. Darby of Walnut Creek, California. They have two children, Roger and Jennifer. His father, the late Rear Admiral Barton E. Bacon, USN (Retired), commanded USS PICKEREL in the Pacific during World War II. His younger brother, Commander Daniel K. Bacon, USN (Retired), commanded USS HADDOCK (SSN-621), and his twin brother, Captain Barton E. Bacon, USN (Retired), commanded USS TROUT (SS-565) and USS CLEVELAND (LPD-7).

BAND SELECTIONS

San Diego Navy Band

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ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

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INVOCATION

REVEREND GREGORY J. HOFFMANN

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INTRODUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

By VICE ADMIRAL ROGER F. BACON, USN

Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare)

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PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

VICE ADMIRAL KENNETH M. CARR, USN, (RET.)

First Commanding Officer, USS FLASHER

REMARKS

CDR JOEL N. WEBER

Commanding Officer, USS FLASHER

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**CEREMONIAL HAULING DOWN OF
COMMISSIONING PENNANT**

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SECURING THE WATCH

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RONALD R. COX

Executive Officer, USS FLASHER

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BENEDICTION

REVEREND GREGORY J. HOFFMANN

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DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY

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BAND SELECTIONS

San Diego Navy Band



**COMMANDER
JOEL N. WEBER**

**COMMANDING OFFICER
UNITED STATES SHIP
FLASHER (SSN 613)**

Commander Joel N. Weber, a native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois in June 1973. He subsequently attended Nuclear Power Training at Bainbridge, Maryland and Windsor, Connecticut.

In August 1974 following completion of Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut, he reported to USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) where he served as Chemistry and Radiological Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant and Sonar Officer. After attending the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course at Submarine School, Commander Weber assumed duty as Engineer Officer of USS TINOSA (SSN 606) in August 1978.

In December 1981 he reported to the staff of Naval Submarine School as the Director of the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course. In April 1984 he assumed duty as executive Officer of USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654) (GOLD).

Commander Weber graduated with honors from the Naval War College in June 1988 and holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island. He is entitled to wear the Navy Commendation Medal with gold star and Navy Achievement Medal with gold star.

Commander Weber is married to the former Janet K. Herwig of Arlington, Wisconsin. They have two sons, Joel and Jonathan.

USS FLASHER (SSN - 613)
INACTIVATION CREW



"From the frigate under sail to the submarine powered by nuclear energy and from the smoothbore cannon to the guided missile, technological advances have in no way altered the fact that the heart of the Navy is the trained sailor."

*RADM Julius A. Furer
USN (RET.)*

OFFICERS



CDR Joel N. Weber
Commanding Officer

LCDR Ronald R. Cox
Executive Officer

LCDR Charles A. Edmondson
Navigator

LTJG Jonathan T. Skarda
Main Propulsion Assistant

LCDR Richard J. Fiola
Engineer Officer

LTJG James K. Stoelzel
Reactor Controls Assistant

LT Daniel E. Kimble
Combat Systems Officer

LTJG Todd M. Versaw
Chemistry & Radcon Assistant

LT Michael J. Wood
Engineer Assistant

LTJG John C. McClure
Electronics Material Officer

LTJG Edmond M. Harrigan
Damage Control Assistant

LTJG Matthew O. Gotch
Supply Officer

CREW



CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

COLE, STEVEN E., RMCM(SS) Chief of the Boat

BENING, FRED N., EMCM(SS) Eng. Dept. Enlisted Advisor

ADAMS, RICHARD C., SR., ICC(SS)
BENTON, JAMES W., MSC(SS)
BRACE, STEVEN M., ETC(SS)
KERRINS, BRIAN K., FTGC(SS)

LAWLER, JOHN W., MMCS(SS)
LINDLAU, CARL P., TMC(SS)
MCMILLAN, EARL B., MMC(SS)
MURPHY, TIMOTHY J., EMC(SS)

PAYTON, GEARY J., STSC(SS)
RICKARD, JAMES G., RMC(SS)
ROYSTON, JOEL B., ICC(SS)
STEVENS, LARRY D., ETCB(SS)

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

ABBOTT, MICHAEL J., QMSN(SS)
ARTH, ANTONI D., MM3(SS)
BANDEMER, BRYON G., RM2(SS/DV)
BATTISTONI, STEVEN L., EM2(SS)
BAXLA, JOHN A., ET1(SS)
BERRYMAN, BRAD L., MM2(SS)
BIDDLE, ROY A., IC2(SS)
BLOM, MARK A., QM2(SS)
BOOMHOWER, CARTER D., SK2(SS)
BORCHERS, KEVIN B., MM1(SS)
BROWN, WILLIAM A., IC2(SS)
CHISHAM, CARL R., RM2(SS)
CHURCH, JAMES M., EM1(SS)
CISNEROS, DAVID JR., TMSA(SS)
CLEMONS, SCOTT W., QM1(SS)
COLLINS, DAVID M., TMSA(SS)
COLLINSWORTH, TERRY R., FTG2(SS)
CORK, DANIEL B., MM3(SU)
CORONA, ROBERT, TM3(SS)
CUBRAGE, ABRAHAM J., PA(SS)
CULPEPPER, LABALLE, TM2(SS)
CURD, MAURICE L., MSN(SS)
CURRY, DAVID R., SK1(SS)
DALOISIO, DAVID L., STS1(SS)
DAWSON, DAVID C., STS3(SS)
DEANGELO, JONATHAN R., MM3(SU)
DIBONA, ROBERT A., SA(SU)
DIRKS, MICHAEL R., MM2(SS)
DOBBS, ROBERT D., RM2(SS)
DONNELLY, JACK W., MM1(SS)
DUDLEY, MICHAEL W., ET3(SS)
ELLIOTT, JONAHAN A., MM2(SS)

ESPINOZA, GREGORY R., MS3(SS)
EVERHART, ROBERT E., EM3(SU)
FIEGE, GREGORY P., ET3(SU)
FREEDMAN, GARY H., MM2(SS/DV)
FULGHAM, MORRIS III, FR(SU)
GAHAN, MAURICE F., EM3(SS)
GUFFEY, ERIC E., MM3(SS)
HALL, EDWARD A., FR(SU)
HANSEN, ERIC R., EM3(SU)
HANSEN, MARK R., MM2(SS)
HANSON, KENNETH J., ET3(SS)
HARDMAN, LARRY E., ICFN(SS)
HARTY, MICHAEL J., MS2(SS)
HEATH, JAMES L., QMSN(SS)
HERRERA, ROBERT III, MS3(SS)
HOSTETLAR, MATTHEW P., YN3(SS)
HOUSTON, ROOSEVELT, YN1(SS)
HOWE, JOHN K., FTG1(SS)
JENSEN, JEFFREY L., MM3(SU)
JONES, ISAAC A., ET1(SS)
JONES, JEFFREY M., ET3(SS)
KING, JAMES L., STS2(SS)
KNAPP, MICHAEL J., SN(SS)
KRAMER, DONALD W., STS2(SS)
LAMB, PATRICK R., TM2(SS)
LAMBERT, CHRISTOPHER R., FN(SS)
LAUHON, JOSEPH J., HM1(SS)
LE HA X., SN(SS)
LEE, DANIEL R., ET3(SS)
LINDEMAN, JOSEPH L., EM1(SS)
MARSH, ANTHONY W., EM1(SS)
MACMILLAN, CHARLES E., MM2(SS)
MILANKOW, DAVID B., STS2(SS)

MILLER, DARREN C., MSSA(SS)
MILLS, BRETT A., STS2(SS)
MOORE, RICHARD W., MM2(SS)
MORGAN, EDMUND G., FR(SU)
NICHOLS, ROBERT W., MM3(SS)
NORTON, WARREN M., STS2(SS)
O'CONNOR, MICHAEL J., YN3(SS)
O'NEILL, JARVIS P., ET2(SS)
PADGETT, ROBERT G., MM3(SU)
PELOT, MICHAEL A., MM3(SS)
PERIERA, ERIC L., MM1(SS)
PENDLETON, JAMES E., FTG1(SS)
REDD, ERIC D., FN(SS)
REEKERS, JOSEPH J., RM1(SS)
RHODES, KEVIN M., MM2(SS)
RIENSTRA, TADD J., MM2(SS)
ROBERT, TIMOTHY P., MM2(SS)
ROSS, STACEY L., FR(SU)
SAMPSON, DOUGLAS W., STS2(SS)
SIMMONS, RONALD L., STS3(SS)
SIROIS, JERRY E., SK3(SS)
SKARTVEDT, MARK E., EM2(SS)
SLAUGHTER, PAUL E., MM3(SS)
SMITH, DAVID A., EM2(SS)
STEINER, CHRISTOPHER M., SA(SU)
SUOR, RUSSELL P., MM2(SS)
WEBER, GERARD J., MM3(SS)
WELLS, BRIAN A., QM2(SS)
WILSON, ANDREW T., ET2(SS)
WOLINE, TED G., IC3(SS)

USS FLASHER (SSN 613) HIGHLIGHTS

- 22 July 1966 FLASHER commissioned at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, Groton, Ct. Commander Kenneth M. Carr, assumed command as the first Commanding Officer.
- 23 September 1966 FLASHER arrives at new home port Pearl Harbor, HI.
- 7 October 1966 Director General of the Japanese Defense Agency Mr. Elkichi Kambayashiyama visited in company with COMSUBPAC Rear Admiral J.H. Maurer.
- 14th July 1967 Commander Arne C. Johnson relieved and became the second Commanding Officer.
- 25 April 1968 Underway for first 'WESTPAC' deployment.
- 4 July 1968 Awarded first Battle Efficiency "E" for overall combat excellence.
- 1 July 1969 Awarded second consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" for overall combat excellence.
- 8 July 1969 Commander Emsley F. Cobb relieved and became the third Commanding Officer.
- 2 December 1969 Awarded first Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period March 1967 through August 1968.
- 15 June 1970 Commenced first major overhaul at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.
- 12 June 1971 Completed overhaul.
- 13 July 1971 Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee visit.
- 19 August 1972 Commander Roger F. Bacon relieved and became the fourth Commanding Officer.
- 19 August 1972 Awarded PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.
- 1 July 1972 Awarded third Battle Efficiency "E" for overall combat excellence.
- 2 March 1973 Awarded Navy Unit Commendation for operations in 1970-1971.
- 1 July 1973 Awarded Fourth Battle Efficiency "E" for overall combat excellence.

11 January 1975	Commander Noel B. Henderson relieved and became the fifth Commanding Officer.
22 February 1975	Commenced second overhaul Mare Island Naval Shipyard, changed homeport to Mare Island, shifted administrative command to Submarine Squadron THREE.
20 March 1976	Commander William C. Rothert relieved and became the sixth Commanding Officer.
16 December 1976	Completed overhaul.
22 December 1976	Changed homeport to San Diego, CA.
August 1977	Attended Seattle Seafarer Festival.
January 1979	Commenced Selected Restricted Availability at Mare Island Naval Shipyard (Completed March 29).
June 1979	Attended Annual Rose Festival in Portland, OR.
1 July 1979	Awarded fifth Battle Efficiency "E" for overall combat excellence.
13 July 1979	Commander William C. Hughes relieved and became the seventh Commanding Officer.
12 November 1980	Awarded second Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period November 1979 through May 1980.
5 November 1982	Awarded third Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period July 1981 through January 1982.
5 November 1982	Commander Ralph R. Morris relieved and became the eighth Commanding Officer.
9 May 1983	Commenced third overhaul at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.
26 March 1985	Completed overhaul, shifted homeport back to San Diego, CA.
1 August 1986	Commander Paul W. Papineau relieved and became the ninth Commanding Officer.
2 March 1989	Commander Joel N. Weber relieved and became the tenth Commanding Officer.
18 June 1991	FLASHER Inactivation Ceremony held at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, San Diego, CA.



Number of Patrols	Number and Type of Ships Sunk	Total Tonnage of ships sunk	Number & type of ships Damaged	Total Tonnage of ships Damaged
#1	Four Freighters One Sampan	26,442 40	One Sampan	40
#2	Three Freighters	12,565	One Freighter	7,500
#3	One Transport One Light Cruiser One Tanker Four Freighters	10,000 5,100 10,000 20,600	None	
#4	One Transport Three Freighters	7,500 15,500	One Freighter	4,000
#5	Four Tankers One Destroyer	40,000 1,700	None	
#6	One Freighter One Sea Truck Two Luggers	2,500 75 50	None	
Total for War		152,072		11,540



Launched at the Victory Yard of the Electric Boat company, New London, Connecticut, the FLASHER was commissioned on 25 September 1943 with Commander REUBEN T. WHITAKER, USN of Memphis, Tennessee as Commanding Officer.

From New London the FLASHER departed for the Panama Canal through the then dangerously Nazi U-boat infested Atlantic and Caribbean waters. On 1 December 1943, she dipped her bow planes in the blue Pacific for the first time.



Holding one of the highest records of Uncle Sam's subsurface fleet the submarine USS FLASHER accounted for more than 154,000 tons of enemy cargo being sent to the bottom and an additional 11,500 tons being damaged in her six war patrols.

For her outstanding record during her 3rd, 4th and 5th patrols, the FLASHER was awarded the Navy Unit Citation. It was during her 3rd patrol after "trailing for hours" that she finally got into position for her largest prey, a 45,000 ton Japanese Cruiser.

On her very first patrol in the China Seas the FLASHER sank four ships and one sampan accounting for a total of 26,482 tons of enemy shipping. Her 2nd patrol in the same waters recorded 12,565 more tons of "made in Japan" goods delivered to "Davey Jones' Locker."

Besides the Japanese Cruiser, which practically blew to pieces, the FLASHER sank six other enemy craft on its 3rd patrol, adding another 47,000 tons to its total.

Four more of the "Rising Sun's" ships took the full force of the "Firing FLASHER'S" guns and were sunk on the 4th patrol. Another enemy vessel was badly damaged. This added 23,000 more tons to the sub's credit.

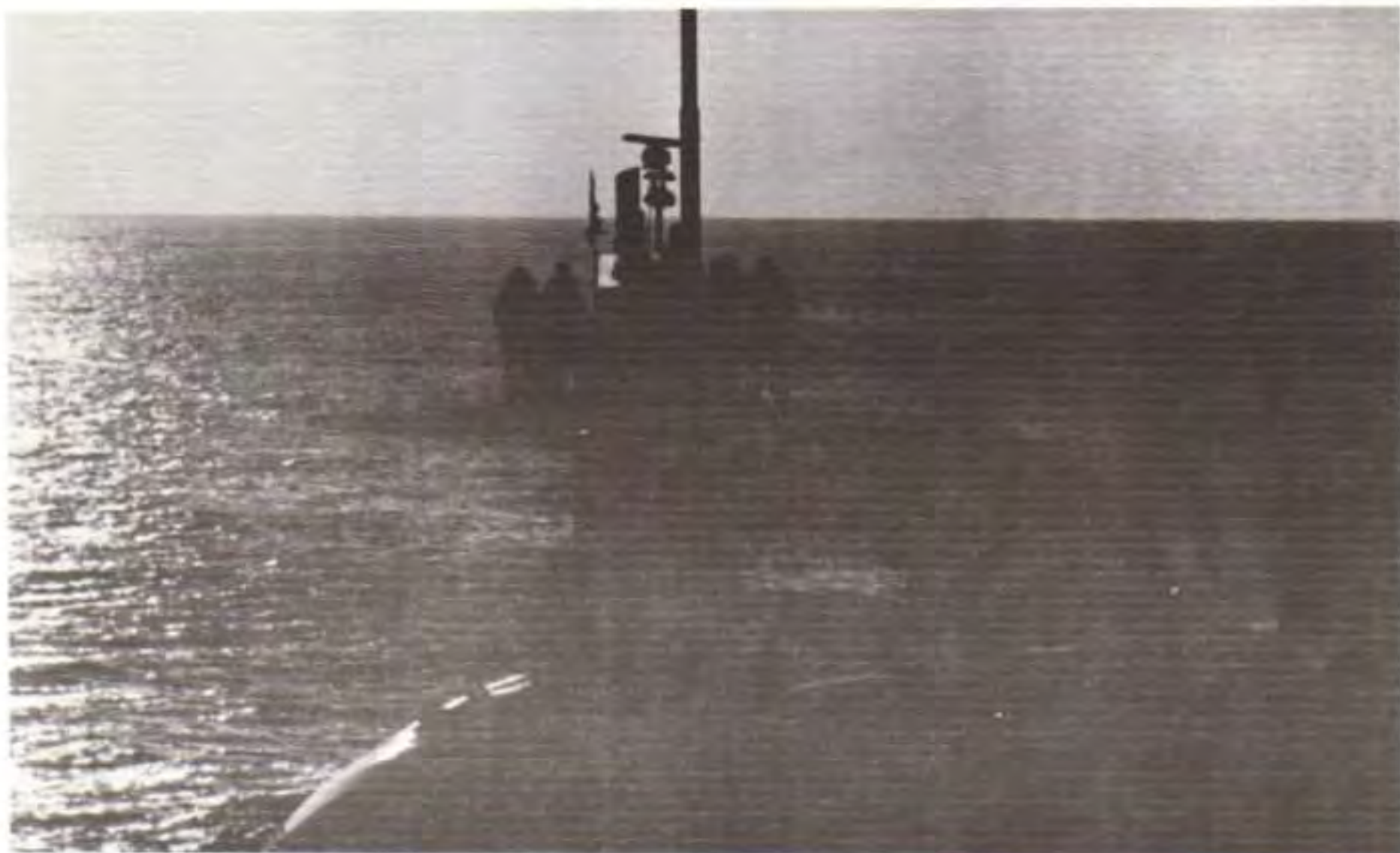


Commander GEORGE W. GRIDER, USN, also of Memphis, Tennessee, relieved Commander Whitaker as the FLASHER'S Commanding Officer in November 1944, and subsequently commanded the ship on her last two war patrols.

Between war patrols, the FLASHER based and refitted at Fremantle, West Australia. At the end of March 1945, the FLASHER turned her bow towards the east for the long trip across the Pacific and home. She had been overseas for seventeen months when in April she passed beneath the Golden Gate Bridge at San Fransisco, returning to be overhauled at the Bethlehem Steel Company. After being put back into "Ship-shape condition", she again turned to the west to renew her feud with enemy shipping. However, shortly after reaching Pearl Harbor, hostilities had ceased and the FLASHER never made her 7th war patrol.



Despite significant differences, the USS FLASHER (SSN 613) has much in common with her distinguished ancestor. They have each been pioneers in their own right - one of the first submarines to take the war to the Japanese, and one of the first true submarine warships, capable of operating totally divorced from the surface. Each has been well-constructed and well-crewed and, in their own way, each has gone "in harms way". USS FLASHER (SSN 613) has lived up to the challenges and expectations established by her namesake, SS-249. Both ships leave a rich legacy and a high standard for the next submarine named FLASHER.



Bless those who serve beneath the deep
Through lonely hours their vigil keep.
May peace their mission ever be!
Protect each one, we ask of Thee.
Bless those at home who wait and pray
For their return by night and day.

Amen.

The Reverend G.R. Williamson
July 23, 1971

