

Change of Command



USS TREPANG (SSN 674)

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COMMANDER DEAN R. SACKETT, JR., U. S. NAVY



Commander Dean Reynolds Sackett, Jr., USN, was born in Beatrice, Nebraska on 26 August 1934. He graduated from Beatrice High School in May 1952 and enrolled in the Naval Academy the following month. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy he was commissioned an Ensign, United States Navy in June 1956. Following his four years at the Naval Academy, Commander Sackett served one year on board USS LEWIS HANCOCK (DD 675) as CIC Officer. He also served with the Commissioning Crews of USS BIGELOW (DD 942) and USS JOHN PERRY (DE 1034). From June 1961 to July 1963 he served as an instructor at the Naval Academy. In June of 1964 he received his Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from George Washington University in Washington, D. C. Commander Sackett received his Nuclear Power Training at the Naval Nuclear Power School, Bainbridge, Maryland, completing that course in January 1964. After completion of prototype training at Windsor, Connecticut he was assigned to Submarine School in New London, Connecticut. His first submarine assignment was USS PLUNGER (SSN 595) where he served as Weapons Officer and Navigator. After attending Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, Virginia and Prospective Commanding Officer's School in New London, Connecticut he was assigned to USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSBN 618) as Executive Officer in October 1966.

Commander Sackett reported as Prospective Commanding Officer of USS TREPANG (SSN 674) in August 1969.

He has served as Commanding Officer since USS TREPANG was placed in commission on 14 August 1970.

Commander Sackett is married to the former Marguerite A. Griggs of Washington, D. C. They now reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut with their son Dean, III.

COMMANDER ROBERT S. PERKINS, JR., U. S. NAVY

Commander Robert S. Perkins, Jr., born in Maryville, Missouri, was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1958. After Commissioning he served on USS JOHN HOOD (DD 655) for three years, during which time he served as the Engineer Officer. He then attended Nuclear Power School at Groton, Connecticut, followed by training at the Prototype at West Milton, New York.

Commander Perkins' first submarine was USS SCORPION (SSN 589), which he joined in January, 1963, after attending the Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. He served on USS SCORPION for two and one-half years in numerous billets, among them Operations Officer. His next submarine tour was as Engineer Officer on USS JOHN ADAMS (SSBN 620) homeported in Charleston, South Carolina.

Commander Perkins then served on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief United States Atlantic Fleet for two years as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal at the completion of this tour of duty.

He was then assigned to USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636) in August, 1969, as Executive Officer. He was detached in September, 1972, for temporary duty at the Division of Naval Reactors, Atomic Energy Commission.

Following temporary duty at Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, he was detached to assume command of USS TREPANG.

Commander Perkins is married to the former Eugenia Ellis of New Braunfels, Texas. They have four children and live in Waterford, Connecticut.



HISTORY OF THE USS TREPANG



USS TREPANG (SSN 674) is the second United States Naval ship to bear that name. The first TREPANG (SS 412) was a fleet-type submarine built by Mare Island Navy Yard, launched 23 March 1944, and commissioned 22 May 1944.

TREPANG was decommissioned 27 June 1946 and remained inactive until her name was stricken from the Navy list on 30 June 1967.

The present TREPANG is a nuclear powered attack submarine of the STURGEON Class built by Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation. She is 292 feet long with a beam of 32 feet and a surface displacement of 4250 tons. Her keel was laid on 28 October

1967 and she was launched on 27 September 1969 under the sponsorship of Mrs. Melvin Laird. TREPANG employs the latest advances in submarine technology in all areas including sonar, weapons and propulsion. She is capable of speeds in excess of 20 knots and depths in excess of 400 feet.

Since commissioning TREPANG has been attached to Submarine Development Group TWO at New London, Connecticut and has been involved in many highly valuable research and development projects. TREPANG has made three extensive deployments in the North Atlantic and was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for a deployment under the North Atlantic ice cap.

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