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# **INACTIVATION CEREMONY**

**UNITED STATES SHIP  
DRUM  
(SSN 677)**

**1300  
20 MAY 1995**

**AT THE  
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

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CDR ROBERT A. VALKO, CHC, USNR  
COMSUBRON ELEVEN CHAPLAIN

WELCOMING REMARKS

CAPTAIN THOMAS L. TRAVIS, USN  
COMMANDER  
COMSUBRON ELEVEN

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

ADMIRAL HENRY G. CHILES, JR. USN  
COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

REMARKS

COMMANDER MITCHELL K. SAULS, USN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

CEREMONIAL HAULING DOWN OF  
COMMISSIONING PENNANT

SECURE THE WATCH

BENEDICTION

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# USS DRUM (SSN 677)



COMMISSIONED 15 APRIL 1972



## THE COMMISSIONING PENNANT

At the moment the commissioning 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 commissioning pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-o-war. It is believed to date from the 17th century, when the Dutch were at war with the English. Dutch Admiral Maarten Harpertzoon 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 commissioning pennant to symbolize the original horsewhip as the distinctive symbol of a ship of war.



The modern U.S. Navy commissioning 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 symbolizes a tribute to the ship preparing for her decommissioning, the time-honored end of a ship's life. As if decommissioning, the commissioning pennant is hauled down and the watches secured. The solemn ceremony where the commissioning 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.







## Admiral Henry G. Chiles, Jr.

### COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

Admiral Henry G. Chiles, Jr. is Commander in Chief, United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. The Command has the responsibility for all U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy strategic nuclear forces supporting the national security objective of strategic deterrence.

Admiral Chiles, of Baltimore, Maryland, and Richmond, Virginia, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in the Class of 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Following commissioning, he served aboard USS BORIE (DD 704). In September 1961 he began submarine training at the Naval Submarine School, Groton, Connecticut, followed by nuclear propulsion training.

In April 1963 he reported aboard his first nuclear powered submarine, USS TRITON (SSN 586). He then served for two years aboard USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628) (BLUE) as Engineer. Between March 1968 and June 1970 he was Material Officer on the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN, Guam.

In 1970 he reported aboard Pre-Commissioning Unit DRUM (SSN 677) as the Executive Officer and remained with DRUM after commissioning until August 1973. He studied at Oxford University in England as a CNO Scholar in politics, philosophy, and economics, receiving a Master of Arts degree.

Admiral Chiles reported aboard USS GURNARD (SSN 662) in February 1976 and, after an under ice Arctic Ocean deployment, assumed command in May 1976. He served aboard USS GURNARD until March 1980. From April 1980 until July 1983, Admiral Chiles was Special Assistant to the Director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, U.S. Department of Energy, conducting fleet liaison and directing the Prospective Commanding Officer's Course.

From August 1983 to July 1985 he served as Commander, Submarine Squadron THREE, and from July 1985 to June 1986 as Commander, Naval Training Center, San Diego. He then served as Director, Strategic Submarine Division, and Deputy Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare) until reporting as Commander, Submarine Group EIGHT (CTF 64, 66, and 69) and Commander Submarines Mediterranean in Naples, Italy, in July 1988. In December 1990, he assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and also served as Commander, Submarines Allied Command Atlantic, a NATO post.

Admiral Chiles became the Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, United States Strategic Command, in September 1993. He assumed his present position on February 14, 1994.

Admiral Chiles is married to the former Katherine (Katy) Pearson of Newtown, Pennsylvania. They have three sons, John, Peter, and Hank.



## **Captain Thomas L. Travis**

### **COMSUBRON ELEVEN**

Captain Travis was born in Holyoke, Colorado, graduated high school from Brush, Colorado, and entered the Naval Academy with the class of 1971. After commissioning, he taught at the Naval Academy for ten months before nuclear power training in Mare Island, California and at the AIW prototype in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

In June 1973, he reported to USS SAND LANCE (SSN 660) where Captain Travis served as the Damage Control Assistant and qualified in Submarines. He then transferred back to Idaho Falls as an instructor at S1W prototype. In Idaho he served as the Leading Engineer Officer of the Watch and as Staff Training Group Supervisor. In August 1977, Captain Travis began a three year tour as Engineer Officer aboard USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579). From November 1980 until June 1984 Captain Travis served as the Commander Submarine Squadron Seven Material Officer. He then served as Executive Officer on board USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) until June of 1986 when he was ordered to command of USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696).

During his tour on NEW YORK CITY, the submarine was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. After transfer from the NEW YORK CITY in November 1990, Captain Travis served as the Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet for two years. He then served as a Fellow on the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group from June 1992 to June 1993. Following this assignment he served as the Head of the Navy Modeling and Simulation Office for the Director of Assessments on the Chief of Naval Operations staff until May 1994. He assumed command of Submarine Squadron ELEVEN in June 1994.

Captain Travis' personal awards include the Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards). Additionally, he was the 1991 recipient of the James Bond Stockdale award for leadership as a Commanding Officer and the Naval Submarine League's Jack Darby award for command excellence.

Captain Travis is married to the former Laura Gibson. Together they have two children, Sam and Geneva. In addition, Captain Travis has two children from a previous marriage, Lars and Petra.





**COMMANDER Mitchell K. Sauls**

**COMMANDING OFFICER USS DRUM**

Commander Mitchell K. Sauls, a native of Pensacola, Florida, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned an Ensign in June of 1978.

His first assignment was to USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623) (BLUE) where he completed six patrols serving as Reactor Controls Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant, and Communicator. He then went to PCU ALASKA (SSBN 732) in September 1983 where he served as Reactor Controls Assistant from initial manning to commissioning in January of 1986.

Following completion of the Submarine Officer's Advanced course in June 1986, he reported to USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) as Combat Systems Officer. During his tour on MEMPHIS he completed post overhaul weapon certifications and a Mediterranean deployment prior to transferring in September 1988. From December 1988 until October 1990 he served as Radiological Controls Officer on USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36).

After completing the Prospective Executive Officer's course, he reported to USS SCRANTON (SSN 756) where he served as Executive Officer until September 1992. He then transferred to Kings Bay, Georgia, where he was the Director of the Engineering Training Department at the Trident Training Facility until November 1993.

Following completion of Prospective Commanding Officer training in July 1994, he relieved as the tenth and final Commanding Officer of USS ASPRO (SSN 648) completing her inactivation in March 1995. He assumed command of USS Drum (SSN 677) in April 1995.

Commander Sauls is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (two awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

He is married to the former Rachel Hagler of Chicago, Illinois, and has three children: Amber, Emily and Galen.



**COMMANDING OFFICERS  
USS DRUM (SSN 677)**

**Commander J. L. Willis, USN**  
April 1972 - July 1974

**Commander D. C. Tarquin, USN**  
July 1974 - November 1976

**Commander M. D. Bradley, USN**  
November 1976 - May 1980

**Commander M. F. Oliver, USN**  
May 1980 - August 1983

**Commander H. L. Cox, USN**  
August 1983 - April 1986

**Commander D. L. Winchell, USN**  
April 1986 - February 1989

**Commander B. B. Engelhardt, USN**  
February 1989 - November 1991

**Commander W. A. Thornton, USN**  
November 1991 - August 1994

**Commander S. C. Hall, USN**  
August 1994 - April 1995

**Commander M. K. Sauls, USN**  
April 1995 - Present

# USS DRUM SSN 677

## PLANK OWNERS

CDR JAMES L. WILLIS  
Commanding Officer

LCDR HENRY G. CHILES JR.  
Executive Officer

STCM(SS) GRAFF  
Chief of the Boat

LCDR J. B. DROSTE  
Navigator / Operations Officer

LCDR F. W. DAU III  
Engineering Officer

LT G. G. ZECH  
Weapons Officer

LTJG R. W. ROGERS  
Supply Officer

LT G. J. CORCORAN  
LT B. L. FLETCHER

LT D.R. DISHAMAN  
LT D. J. STANLEY

LTJG W. B. POIRIER

### AUXILIARYMEN

MMC(SS) F. W. Taber  
ENC(SS) R. L. Fort  
MM1(SS) L. A. Willis  
MM1(SS) R. F. Mollenbernd  
EN1(SS) R. J. Peltcher  
EN2(SS) R. W. Donahue  
MM2(SS) H. B. Pettiford  
MM2(SS) F. J. Hill  
MM3 D. W. Nixon  
MM3 E. S. Pildh  
MM3 A. E. Thirkill

### FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIANS

FTG1(SS) C. F. Watson  
STG1(SS) P. A. Doyle  
FTG1(SS) J. J. Wheatley  
FTG2(SS) T. D. Heitz  
FTG3 J. T. Mitchell  
FTGSN L. R. Lord

### REACTOR CONTROLS

ETCS(SS) D. J. Dardis  
ET1(SS) L. O. Dietz  
ET1(SS) T. L. Scheie  
ET1(SS) G. R. Moran  
ET1(SS) B. F. Dow  
ETN2 D. A. Buser  
ETN2 R. F. Ertel  
ETN2 S. R. Richards  
ETR2 D. T. Owens  
ETR3 V. C. Hughes

### DECK / SEAMAN GANG

MMFN T. W. Copeland  
MMFN R. W. Morgan  
MMFN R. L. Joseph  
MMFN T. W. Hopping  
MMFN M. A. Branson  
SR L. J. Burns  
SN M. R. Maroda  
SN R. J. Millaney  
SN M. H. McCaulley  
SA T. A. Bowman

### INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS

ICC(SS) A. R. Tuberg  
IC1(SS) G. B. Morse  
IC2(SS) W. P. Rimestone  
FN K. L. Woodall  
FN J. L. Walton

### MEDICAL DEPT.

HMC(SS) D.D. Seymour

### MECHANICS

MMC(SS) R. E. Binns  
MM1(SS) K. I. Jelley  
MM1(SS) L. J. Baker  
MM1(SS) M. P. Kelley  
MM1(SS) T. D. Madsen  
MM1(SS) S. J. Sass  
MM2(SS) G. Portillo  
MM2 M. R. Mittelreider  
MM2 E. J. Lakens  
MM2 D. R. Schearer  
MM1(SS) G. T. Payne  
MM1(SS) R. D. Hanming  
MM1 R. F. Bonney  
MM2(SS) F. L. Daughtery  
MM2 P. E. Hayes  
MM3 M. S. Mihalik  
MM1(SS) P. E. Gant  
MM2 R. G. Goebel

### SONAR TECHNICIANS

STC(SS) D. A. Stephen  
STC(SS) F. Miller III  
ST1(SS) E. G. Mantran  
ST1(SS) T. E. Morgan  
STS2 B. A. Dechard  
STS2 S. A. Harold  
STS2 L. T. Theriault  
STS2 D. P. Whittaker  
STS2 T. R. McMullen

### ELECTRICIANS

EMC(SS) E. M. Hiler  
EM1(SS) S. L. Warren  
EM1(SS) R. A. Wallace  
EM1(SS) B. J. Byrne  
EM1(SS) J. I. Goodrich  
EM2(SS) I. Fitzsimmons  
EM2 T. E. Hall  
EM2 M. J. Warren  
EM2 P. A. Louis  
IC1(SS) J. N. Branson  
IC1(SS) R. E. Riggs  
IC2 C. D. Darro

### SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

SK1(SS) G. T. Anderson  
SK3(SS) C. E. Day  
CSSN V. E. Marshall  
SD2(SS) I. C. Artis  
TA J. T. Murphy  
TR J. W. Shelton  
CS3(SS) G. B. McCarty  
CSC(SS) D. G. Carney  
CS2 C. J. Carden  
CS2 E. M. Villalobos  
CS2(SS) D. A. Stack

### ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS (NAVIGATIONAL)

ETC(SS) R. A. Chamless  
ETN2(SS) T. I. McCracken  
ETN2 G. S. Johnson  
ETR2 R. D. Wetmore  
ETR2(SS) R. K. Burchett  
ETR3 J. D. Henry  
ETR2 G. E. McNeess

### QUARTERMASTERS

QMC(SS) O. N. Hall  
QM1(SS) L. C. Rydberg  
QM2(SS) R. A. Shaul  
QMSN H. D. Deal  
QMSN K. H. Schwalbe

### TORPEDOMEN

TMC(SS) D. B. Follo  
TMC(SS) R. N. Schinars  
TM1(SS) B. W. Parks  
TM1(SS) S. C. O'Hoppe  
TM2(SS) J. C. Randall  
TM3 D. R. Langenfelder  
TM3 G. T. Schilling  
EN3(SS) R. R. Ives

### RADIOMEN

RMC(SS) B. F. Frisch  
RM1(SS) F. A. Santillanes  
RM1 M. R. Hunt  
RMSN W. O. Wilson

### YEOMEN

YN1(SS) O. N. Brittan  
YN3 L. M. Ono  
YNSN L. C. Searcy



# USS DRUM SSN 677

## INACTIVATION CREW

**CDR MITCHELL K. SAULS**  
Commanding Officer

**LCDR DAVID B. RICH**  
Executive Officer

**MMCM(SS) JOSEPH C. GALLASPIE**  
Chief of the Boat

**LCDR MICHAEL J. DOBBS**  
Navigator / Operations Officer

**LCDR MICHAEL W. BROWN**  
Engineering Officer

**LT LAWRENCE OSSOWSKI**  
Combat Systems Officer

**ENSIGN JEFFREY W. RAGGHIANI**  
Supply Officer

**RMCS(SS) TIMOTHY G. ROCKOV**  
Navigator / Operations LCPO

**MMCM(SS) STANFORD W. KING**  
EDEA

**STSC(SS) KEVIN H. OEDING**  
Combat Systems LCPO

**MMCS(SS) LONNIE J. TEAL**  
3M Coordinator

**HMI(SS) WILLIAM L. PATTERSON**  
Medical Dept. Representative

**LT MICHAEL B. TANNER**  
**LT MICHAEL J. BLOOD**  
**LT ROBERT J. WEBER**  
**LT JEFFREY L. CIMA**

**LT STANLEY L. DUNAWAY**  
**LT CHRISTOPHER R. NELLI**  
**LT STEPHEN F. REUTER**

**LTJG WILLIAM A. STRENGER**  
**LTJG CHRISTOPHER M. BROZEK**  
**LTJG JERRY D. FRISER**

### AUXILIARYMEN

**MMCS(SS) Michael W. Yawn**  
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**MM1(SS) Richard A. Watson**  
**MM1(SS) David A. Dipuoziorst**  
**MM2(SS) Gary M. Good**  
**MM2(SS) Dennis P. Acfalle**  
**MM2(SS) Dean K. Franciazzo**  
**MM3(SS) Gregg P. Clark**  
**MM3(SS) Brent W. Wamke**  
**MM3(SS) Ben J. Young**  
**MMFN Eric F. Tamison**  
**MMFA Bobby J. Warner**

### DECK/SEAMAN GANG

**SN Robert A. Barton**  
**SR Leo R. Cherry**  
**SR Brendan H. King**

### ELECTRICIANS

**EMC(SS) John P. Maynes**  
**EM1(SS) Antonio Jesus Carreon**  
**EM2(SS) Gregory H. Jennings**  
**EM2(SS) Craig R. Nataman**  
**EM2(SS) Daniel W. Roberts**  
**EM2(SS) Damon A. Scott**  
**EM2(SS) David A. Turner**  
**EM3 David W. Hanson**  
**EM3 James K. Lowry**  
**EM3(SS) Paul M. Stearns**  
**EM3(SS) Erich J. Kessler**

### ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS

#### (NAVIGATIONAL)

**ETC(SS) Timothy A. Butler**  
**ET1(SS) Eric P. March**  
**ET2(SS) Michael L. Schutte**  
**ET3(SS) John W. Dalglish**  
**ET3(SS) Steven R. Estes**  
**ET3(SS) Walter Orjeufo**  
**ET3(SS) Charles V. Schneider**

### FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIANS

**FTC(SS) Jeffrey E. Calvin**  
**FT1(SS) Robert J. Jobe**  
**FT1(SS) Thomas A. Ballenger**  
**FT3(SS) Jeffrey A. Keener**  
**FT3(SS) Leroy I. Levine**  
**FTSN(SS) Ronald W. Holloway**

### MECHANICS

**MMCS(SS) Ronald K. Rice**  
**MMC(SS) Phillip E. Parr**  
**MM1(SS) Frederick Ghoslon**  
**MM1(SS) Leigh A. Biltott**  
**MM1(SS) Richard E. Swindle**  
**MM1(SS) Roy D. Branham**  
**MM2(SS) Anthony J. Meissner**  
**MM2(SS) Billy J. Johnson**  
**MM2(SS) Jeffrey L. Kizer**  
**MM2(SS) Samuel E. Jorocki**  
**MM2(SS) Alan J. Blanding**  
**MM2(SS) George H. Hoskison**  
**MM2(SS) John T. Lambrou**  
**MM2(SS) Kenneth B. Myrick**  
**MM2(SS) Gary L. Spotts**  
**MM3(SS) Norman D. Ayers**  
**MM3(SS) Joel A. Holland**  
**MM3(SS) Kyle B. Davis**  
**MM3 John P. Greiner**  
**MM3(SS) David A. Neal**  
**MM3(SS) James M. Reider**

### MESS SPECIALISTS

**MSC(SS) Daniel M. Lowell**  
**MS1(SS) Bruce A. Drawdy**  
**MS2(SS) Charles E. Duregger**  
**MS2(SS) John D. LoStedt**  
**MS3(SS) Michael E. Hollenbeck**

### QUARTERMASTERS

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**QM1(SS) Neil A. Davenport**  
**QM3(SS) Mitchell S. Sweley**  
**QM3(SS) Christopher T. Boland**  
**QMSN Thomas E. Meyers**  
**QM3(SS) Michael E. Frankovich**

### RADIOMEN

**RM1(SS) Michael F. Devaney**  
**RM2(SS) Monty C. Clawson**  
**RM2(SS) Troy E. Demers**  
**RM2(SS) Michael X. Morgan**  
**RM3(SS) Christopher W. Barnes**  
**RM3(SS) Raul Quintana Jr.**  
**RMSA Cable S. Delivar**  
**RMSA Eric D. Purvis**

### INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS

**ICC(SS) Vlado M. Subarich**  
**IC2(SS) Dustin L. Balser**  
**IC3(SS) Richard W. Spradley**  
**IC3(SS) Corey L. Kummerliener**

### REACTOR CONTROLS

**ET1(SS) Richard D. Polston**  
**ET2(SS) Ernest J. Sandoval**  
**ET2(SS) Phillip L. Landenuth**  
**ET2(SS) James B. Moxon**  
**ET2(SS) Scott A. Tracy**  
**ET3(SS) Destry E. Krupp**  
**ET3(SS) John H. Cooke**  
**ET3(SS) Robert A. Davis**  
**ET3 Peter Crulla**

### SONAR TECHNICIANS

**STS1(SS) Richmond L. Gougineour**  
**STS1(SS) Daniel J. Sharer**  
**STS2(SS) Myles C. Ralston**  
**STS2(SS) Michael R. MacDonald**  
**STS2(SS) Paul D. Smeltzer**  
**STS2(SS) Anthony C. Grim**  
**STS2(SS) Greg C. Harrison**  
**STS3(SS) Theodore R. May**  
**STS3(SS) Neapolitan E. Smith**  
**STS3(SS) Stephen C. McLaughlin**  
**STS3(SS) William A. Heckerman**  
**STSSN Wesley C. Allan**  
**STSSN Dale M. Aspelund**

### STOREKEEPERS

**SK1(SS) Mathew F. Donnelly**  
**SK2(SS) Paul J. Evans**  
**SK2(SS) Raymond C. Salcedo**  
**SK3(SS) Roy Howard**

### TORPEDOMEN

**TMC(SS) James G. Osborne**  
**TM1(SS) Frank D. Schudardt**  
**TM1(SS) Daniel C. Jones**  
**TM2(SS) Randy D. Brackins**  
**TM3(SS) Milo D. Beckler**  
**TM3(SS) John E. Ellis**

### YEOMEN

**YN1(SS) Martin D. Humann**  
**YN3(SS) William R. Krant**  
**YN3(SS) David M. Forrester**  
**YNSA Michael B. Martin**



# USS DRUM (SSN 677)

The second ship of the fleet to bear the name of fish of the family *scraenidae*. SSN 677 is named in commemoration of the fleet submarine DRUM (SS 228)

The keel for the second DRUM was laid August 20, 1968 at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. DRUM became the fifth of the 637 class and the forty-third and last submarine to be built at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.



"I CHRISTEN THEE DRUM"

On May 23, 1970, under sunny skies, a crowd of thousands watched as the ship's sponsor, Mrs. William F. Bringle, wife of Admiral William F. Bringle, USN, Commander, Naval Air Forces, U. S. Pacific, took a hearty, single swing with a bottle of Christian Brother Napa Valley champagne, and intoned the memorial words "In the name of the United States of America, I christen thee DRUM."