

**UNITED STATES SHIP
JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699)**



CHANGE OF COMMAND

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA**

USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699)

SHIP'S HISTORY

Since being commissioned in May 1981, JACKSONVILLE has been assigned to Submarine Squadron EIGHT homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. The Bold One's operations have included a variety of fleet exercises and deployments including two around-the-world cruises in 1982 and 1985, deployments to the western Atlantic Ocean in 1983, 1986, 1993, and 1994, and deployments to the Mediterranean Sea in 1987, 1993, and 1997. In 1988, JACKSONVILLE participated in a shock trials test program for Los Angeles class submarines, which was followed by a three year major modernization overhaul in Norfolk Naval Shipyard. The Bold One's crew has earned, the following awards:

- 1983 Meritorious Unit Commendation
- 1986 Yellow "M" for Medical Excellence
- 1987 Sixth Fleet ASW "Hook Em" Award for Anti-Submarine Warfare Excellence
- 1987 White "A" for Anti-Submarine Warfare Excellence
- 1987 Green "C" for Communications Excellence
- 1988 Red "E" for Engineering Excellence
- 1988 Red "DC" for Damage Control Excellence
- 1988 Yellow "M" for Medical Excellence
- 1993 Sixth Fleet "Sharpshooter" for Strike Warfare Excellence
- 1993 Red "DC" for Damage Control Excellence
- 1994 Meritorious Unit Commendation
- 1994 White "D" for Deck Seamanship Excellence
- 1997 Red "DC" for Damage Control Excellence
- 1997 Sixth Fleet USW "Hook Em" Award for Undersea Warfare Excellence
- 1997 COMSUBLANT nominee for Arliegh Burke Award for the most improved submarine in Battle efficiency



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AT WHICH

COMMANDER ROBERT A. GURCZYNSKI

UNITED STATES NAVY

WILL BE RELIEVED BY

COMMANDER JAMES F. CALDWELL, JR.

UNITED STATES NAVY



Captain Michael C. Tracy

United States Navy

Commander Submarine Squadron Eight

CAPTAIN
MICHAEL C. TRACY
UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Michael C. Tracy, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1975. He earned his Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan the next year. He completed Nuclear Power Training and reported aboard USS THOMAS A. EDISO (SSBN 610) in February 1978 where he served as a division officer, completing five strategic deterrent patrols. From 1981 through 1983, he was assigned to the faculty at the United States Naval Academy, where he received the William P. Clemens Award for educational Excellence as the top military instructor for the 1982 - 1983 academic year.

Captain Tracy was assigned to USS NATHANIEL GREENE (SSBN 636), where he served as Engineer Officer, completing three strategic patrols prior to a shipyard period. His next assignment was as Executive Officer onboard USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706), reporting in April of 1987. He completed two North Atlantic deployments and one Mediterranean Sea deployment prior to detaching to the staff of Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., where he served as the Special Assistant for Enlisted Matters.

Captain Tracy took command of the USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) in February 1992. He guided the ship through three deployments including participation in Operation Desert Storm/Vigilant Warrior in 1994. During his tour, NEWPORT NEWS was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation, consecutive awards of the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E" for 1993 and 1994, and Red Engineering "E" for 1992 and 1993. He was one of the three CINCLANTFLT finalists for the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership in Command.

Captain Tracy was senior member of the COMSUBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team from January to April 1995 prior to reporting to the Bureau of Naval Personnel as Deputy Director, Submarine/Nuclear Power Distribution Control Division until May 1997. Captain Tracy took command of Submarine Squadron EIGHT on July 16, 1997.

Captain Tracy's awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with two gold stars), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (with one gold star), and various other unit commendations and service awards.

Captain Tracy and his wife, Charlene, reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia with their children, Jared and Julia. Their oldest daughter, Heather, attends the University of Michigan.



Commander Robert A. Gurczynski

United States Navy

Commanding Officer, USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699)

COMMANDER
ROBERT ALLAN GURCZYNSKI
UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Robert A. Gurczynski a native of Iselin, New Jersey, graduated from New Jersey Institute of Technology in May of 1978 receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

Following nuclear power and basic submarine training, he served on USS ASPRO (SSN 648) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as Communications Officer, Electrical Assistant, Damage Control Assistant and Sonar Officer. During his tour the ship conducted two Western Pacific deployments and an Arctic deployment.

In July 1982, Commander Gurczynski was assigned to Submarine School Groton, Connecticut as a weapons instructor. In May of 1985 he was assigned to USS GEORGE C. MARSHALL (SSBN 654B) as Engineer Officer where he conducted four strategic deterrent patrols. In August of 1987 he was assigned to USS TAUTOG (SSN 639) as Navigator. Commander Gurczynski then served as the Material Officer for submarines on the COMSUBPAC staff.

In August 1991 he was assigned as Executive Officer of USS ASPRO (SSN 648) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During this tour the ship completed both a Northern Pacific deployment and a Western Pacific deployment and was twice awarded the Battle Efficiency "E".

Commander Gurczynski reported to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in August 1993 and served as the Chairman of the Leadership, Ethics and Law Department.

Commander Gurczynski's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal.

Commander Gurczynski is married to the former Nancy Marie Brown of Old Bridge, New Jersey. They have three children, Jennifer, Brian, and Robin.

THE CEREMONY

U.S. Navy Regulations 1990,
Article 0807

"At the time of turning over Command, the Commanding Officer to be relieved will call all hands to muster, read the orders of detachment and turn over the command to his or her relief, who will read the orders of relief and assume command."

The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and personnel of the command the continuity of command authority. The Change of Command for a Naval Unit is almost unique in the world. It is a transfer, in an instant, of the total responsibility, accountability and authority.

This simple ceremony passing authority and responsibility from one officer to another reflects the dedication of free men and women serving this country.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

BAND SELECTIONS

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

REMARKS BY
Captain Michael C. Tracy, USN
Commander Submarine Squadron Eight

REMARKS AND DETACHMENT ORDERS
Commander Robert A. Gurczynski, USN

REPORTING ORDER AND RELIEF OF COMMAND
Commander James F. Caldwell, Jr.

BENEDICTION

COMMANDER
JAMES F. CALDWELL JR.
UNITED STATES NAVY

Raised in a Navy family, Commander Caldwell is the son of Captain and Mrs. James F. Caldwell, Sr. of Fairfax, Virginia. He received his commission, graduating with distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering.

Following completion of nuclear power training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course in March 1983, Commander Caldwell reported on board USS BOSTON (SSN 703) homeported in New London, Connecticut. During his tour, the ship completed an Indian Ocean deployment, circumnavigating the world, and later a North Atlantic deployment.

In September 1985, Commander Caldwell reported to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California where he earned a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research.

After completion of the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in April 1988, Commander Caldwell completed five strategic deterrent patrols as Engineer Officer on board USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731) (GOLD) homeported in Bangor, Washington. During his tour, he earned the Naval Submarine League's Charles A. Lockwood Leadership Award.

In May 1991, Commander Caldwell was assigned to the Pacific Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. Following this tour, he served as Executive Officer of USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) from September 1993 to November 1995 during which the ship completed two Western Pacific deployments. Most recently, commander Caldwell served as Undersea Warfare Requirements Officer on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet from December 1995 to December 1997.

Commander Caldwell's personal award include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards).

Commander Caldwell lives in Norfolk, Virginia with his wife Kimberly, also a Navy Junior, the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Charles E. Fegley III.

JACKSONVILLE'S COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPT Robert B. Wilkinson
28 August 1978 through 30 May 1981

CDR Dennis G. Feuerbacher
30 May 1981 through 23 March 1982

CDR G. Michael Hewitt
23 March 1982 through 28 May 1982

CDR Ricky K. Morris
28 May 1982 through 25 September 1984

CDR Francis Lacroix
25 September 1984 through 24 December 1984

CDR John P. Davis
24 December 1984 through 11 December 1987

CDR Anthony J. Watson
11 December 1987 through 10 November 1989

CDR Timothy J. Traverso
10 November 1989 through 26 September 1992

CDR William W. Matzelevich
26 September 1992 through 7 April 1995

CDR John F. Yarbrow, Jr.
7 April 1995 through 29 May 1996

CDR Richard N. Current
29 May 1996 through 14 August 1996

CDR Robert A. Gurczynski
14 August 1996 through 9 October 1998

JACKSONVILLE'S SPONSOR CITY

USS Jacksonville (SSN 699) is named for Jacksonville, Florida and is the first ship to bear its name. The first name for the city of Jacksonville was "Cowford" because cattle crossed the St. John's River at the narrowest point where Jacksonville is now located. Cowford was settled in 1763 by the British. In 1822 the city was renamed Jacksonville in honor of its territorial governor Andrew Jackson. Since then, the city has survived a series of adversities: a seven year war with the Seminole Indians, a fire in 1854 that almost leveled the town, the turmoil of the Civil War and Reconstruction Period, a yellow fever epidemic in 1823, a terrible freeze in 1899 which completely destroyed the region's fruit industry, and finally a devastating fire in 1901 that left only one building standing in downtown Jacksonville. From these beginnings, Jacksonville has emerged as the largest and most populous city in Florida becoming the "Bold New City of the South."





USS JACKSONVILLE's (SSN 699) emblem is similar to the Jacksonville city seal. In a design contest consisting of nearly 150 entries, JACKSONVILLE's crew members selected the slogan submitted by Mrs. Arthur C. Perry and combined it with a design submitted by Mrs. Judy Thompson for the ship's emblem.

The horseman is Andrew Jackson. The sunburst represents the "rebirth" of Jacksonville with the advent of consolidated city-county government in 1968 and the orange color represents the Florida sunshine. The motto "The Bold One" represents the tie between the ship and the "Bold New City of the South."

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LCDR DOUGLAS E. ARNOLD

CHIEF OF THE BOAT
ETCM (SS) JAMES K. ROBINSON

OFFICERS

LCDR B. C. BOLT
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LT P. C. HAEBLER
LT N. R. REED
LT B. L. DUNSMOOR
LT J. LONGO
LT T. L. OWENS
LTJG C. S. CONNORS
LTJG K. K. TOWNSEND
LTJG A. S. INMAN
LTJG C. D. MENSER

LEADING PETTY OFFICERS

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ETC (SS) J. E. STONE
ETC (SS) R. L. BEECH, JR
MMC (SS) P. R. REYNOLDS
ETC (SS) R. W. CONRAD
EMC (SS) M. J. MILLER
MMC (SS) K. R. BROWN
ETC (SS) R. E. CHITWOOD
STSC (SS) W. R. RANKINS
ETC (SS) R. PEREZ
FTC (SS) P. A. BRYANT
MMC (SS) K. M. BOND
MMC (SS) K. D. IRWIN
MS1 (SS) M. CONNELLY
HMC (SS) J. A. WAYNE
SK1 (SS) C. A. WAGSTER
YNI (SS) M. B. SOWERS

