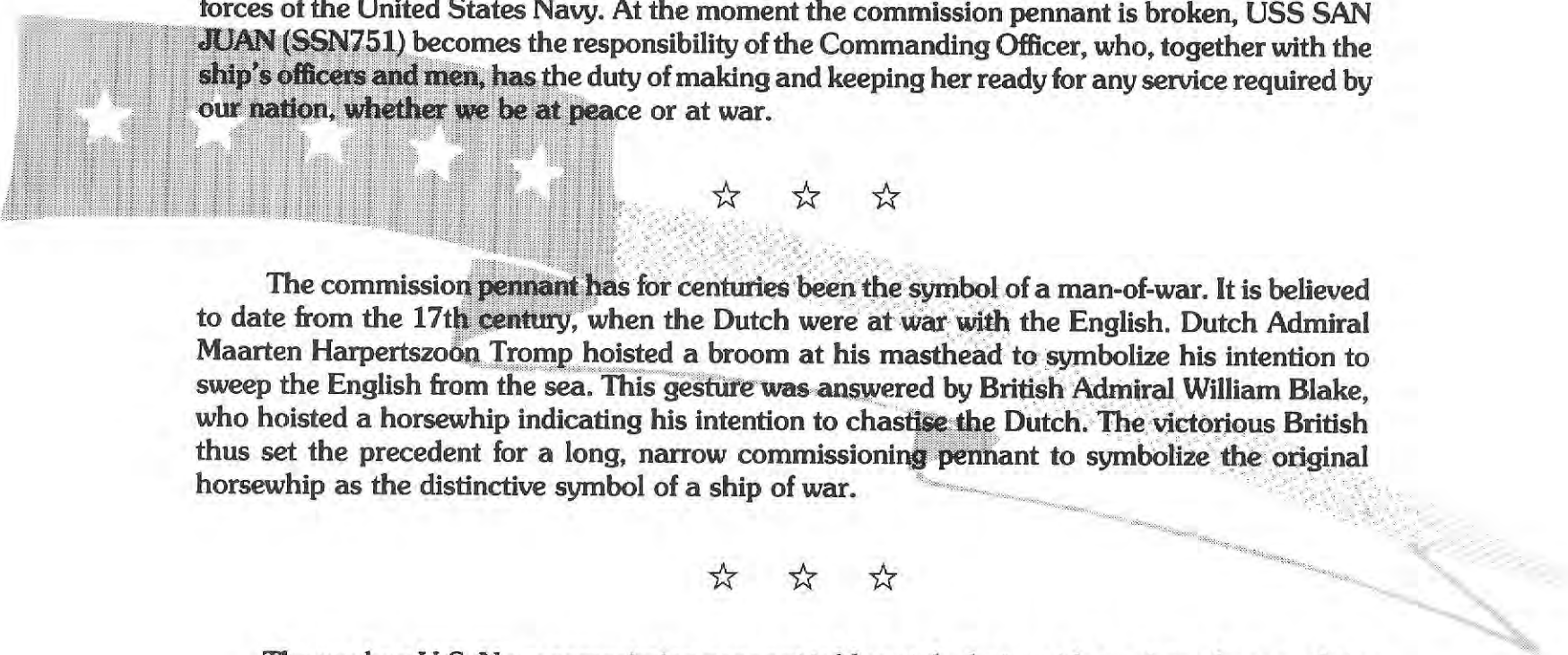


**COMMISSIONING**

**USS SAN JUAN SSN751**

**AUGUST 6, 1988**

# THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY AND PENNANT



The commissioning ceremony marks the acceptance of a ship as a unit of the operating forces of the United States Navy. At the moment the commission pennant is broken, USS SAN JUAN (SSN751) becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, who, together with the ship's officers and men, has the duty of making and keeping her ready for any service required by our nation, whether we be at peace or at war.

The commission pennant has for centuries been the symbol of a man-of-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 his 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 commission pennant is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars, and a horizontal red and white stripe at the fly.

# **COMMISSIONING PROGRAM**

## **ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY INVOCATION**

The Reverend Ronald Gauss

## **WELCOMING REMARKS**

Commander C. B. Young, USN  
Prospective Commanding Officer

## **SHIPBUILDER'S REMARKS**

Mr. James R. Mellor  
Executive Vice President – Marine,  
Land Systems & International  
General Dynamics Corporation

## **SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING'S REMARKS**

RADM John S. Claman, USN  
Supervisor of Shipbuilding,  
Conversion and Repair,  
Groton, CT

## **CITY REMARKS**

The Honorable Baltzar Corrada del Rio  
Mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico

## **STATE REMARKS**

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson  
United States Representative  
State of Connecticut

## **COMMISSIONING**

Vice Admiral Daniel L. Cooper, USN  
Commander Submarine Force  
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

## **ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND**

Commander C. B. Young, USN  
Commanding Officer, USS San Juan (SSN751)

## **INTRODUCTION OF SHIP'S SPONSOR**

Commander C. B. Young, USN

## **SPONSOR'S REMARKS**

Mrs. Sherrill Diane Perkins de Hernandez

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER**

Vice Admiral Diego E. Hernandez, USN  
Commander Third Fleet

## **PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The Honorable Rafael Hernandez-Colon  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

## **BENEDICTION**

Commander Joseph A. Ferraro, CHC, USN  
Catholic Chaplain At Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

## **MUSIC**

Northeastern Navy Band

**THE  
HONORABLE  
RAFAEL  
HERNANDEZ-  
COLON**

**GOVERNOR  
OF  
PUERTO RICO**



***PRINCIPAL SPEAKER***

Governor Hernandez-Colon was born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, on October 24, 1936, son of Rafael Hernandez-Matos, a retired Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, and Dorinda Colon-Clavell.

He graduated with honors from Johns Hopkins University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. At Johns Hopkins he won the Julius Turner Award for the best political science thesis. Upon his return to Puerto Rico, he studied law at the University of Puerto Rico where he graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1959. He was also chosen Valedictorian of his class.

He married Lila Mayoral on October 24, 1959. The couple has four children: Rafael, Jose Alfredo, Dora Mercedes, and Juan Eugenio.

From 1959 to 1965 Governor Hernandez-Colon practiced law, appearing before the courts of Puerto Rico and the

Federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

He served as Associate Commissioner of Public Service from 1960–1962, was lecturer at the Catholic University from 1961–1965, and served as Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from 1965–1967.

In 1968 he was elected Senator-at-Large under the Popular Democratic Party, and from 1969–1972 was President of the Puerto Rican Senate. He has been President of the Popular Democratic Party since 1969 and National Committeeman of the Democratic Party of the United States since 1968.

He was elected Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on November 7, 1972–1976 and re-elected on November 6, 1984–1988.

He has received numerous awards as a student, as a professional, and as a public servant. Among these are memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, the Academy of Law and Science, and the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

He has received honorary Doctorate degrees from Johns Hopkins University and the Catholic University of Puerto Rico.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

He was selected by Time Magazine in 1974 as one of the 150 young leaders of the world.

His activities in favor of the development of the Caribbean region earned him the Duarte, Schez y Mella Order, the highest distinction granted by the Dominican Republic Government.

In 1987, the Harvard Foundation extended him the Harvard Foundation Award for his contribution to the international solidarity development.

He is the author of a textbook on civil procedure, as well as numerous essays, articles, and conferences that have been printed in various publications.

Daniel L. Cooper was born and raised in East Liverpool, Ohio, the son of William B. and Rowena S. Cooper. He attended one year at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy, from which he graduated in 1957.

He first served with the amphibious force on board USS CHILTON (APA 38) stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. In June 1959, at the completion of Submarine School, he reported to USS TRIGGER (SS564) in New London, Connecticut. TRIGGER's homeport shifted shortly thereafter to Charleston, South Carolina.

In 1963, Vice Admiral Cooper received a Masters of Public Administration degree from Harvard University through the Navy's Postgraduate Program in International Relations. During 1963 and 1964, he attended Nuclear Power School at Bainbridge, Maryland, and then the S1C prototype in Windsor, Connecticut.

From December 1964 to March 1966, he served aboard USS HADDO (SSN604), then reported to USS SIMON BOLIVAR (SSBN641) as Executive Officer on the blue crew. Both submarines operated out of Charleston.

In June 1968, he was ordered to duty in Washington, DC, as Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Following brief tours on USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655) and USS QUEENFISH (SSN651), Vice Admiral Cooper was ordered to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and assumed command of USS PUFFER (SSN652) in January 1972.

He was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS PUFFER, and reported in May 1974 to be Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management). In May 1976, Vice Admiral Cooper was ordered as Commander, Submarine Squadron 10 in New London, Connecticut. Three years later, he reported as Deputy to the Director, Strategic Submarine Division and TRIDENT Program Coordinator on the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. It was while in this position that he was selected for flag rank. Vice Admiral Cooper's first flag assignment was as the Deputy



**DANIEL L.  
COOPER**

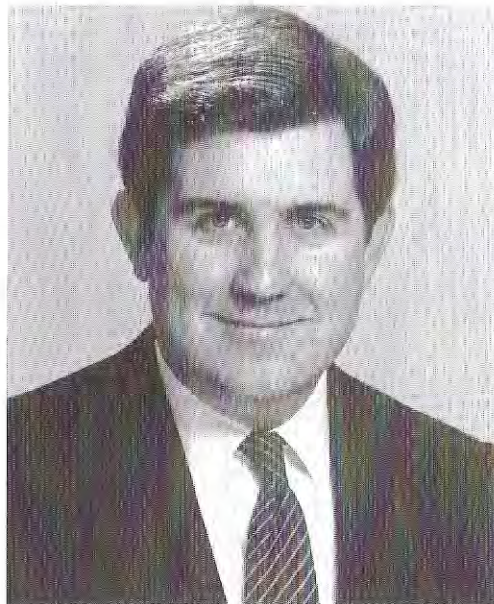
**VICE ADMIRAL  
U.S. NAVY**

## **COMMISSIONING OFFICER**

Commander/Comptroller, Naval Sea Systems Command to which he reported in August 1980. Three years later, in May 1983, he was appointed by the President as the Director of the Budget and Reports, Office of the Navy Comptroller, and Director, Fiscal Management Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. In September 1985, he reported as Director, Navy Program Planning on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and was promoted to Vice Admiral in November 1985. In August 1986, he assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. He also serves as Commander, Submarine Allied Command Atlantic, a NATO post.

Vice Admiral Cooper is married to the former Betty Jane Ogilvie of East Liverpool, Ohio. They have two daughters, Amy and Cynthia.

**WILLIAM L.  
BALL III**



**SECRETARY OF  
THE NAVY**



**THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON**

Commander Charles B. Young, USN  
PCO, SAN JUAN (SSN 751)  
Groton, CT 06340

Dear Captain Young:

Congratulations on your new command, and best wishes to you and to your crew on the commissioning of SAN JUAN.

This name has been borne twice before by ships of the Navy. The first SAN JUAN served on minesweeping and patrol duty during World War I. The second, a light cruiser commissioned shortly after Pearl Harbor, served with honor in the Pacific during World War II. From the Solomons through the Marianas and Philippines to Okinawa and the shores of Japan, this SAN JUAN earned 13 battle stars as she compiled a record of duty well and truly done. The new SAN JUAN, the most modern attack submarine in the Navy, embodies the latest technical advances in design and construction, but depends upon your professionalism and skill to bring her to life. I know that you and your crew will add new luster to the tradition of duty well done that has been bequeathed to you.

Your ship now begins an active role in the fleet. You, and those who serve with you, are charged with the heavy responsibility of making SAN JUAN a fully effective instrument in our nation's defense. May you meet with every success in assuming that responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. L. Ball III".

William L. Ball, III



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Dear Captain Young,

Please accept my congratulations on the commissioning of United States Ship SAN JUAN. An unusual distinction and a special responsibility fall upon you as the first commanding officer.

The newest attack submarine in the fleet, SAN JUAN brings to our operating forces afloat the most modern design and construction on the seas today. This ship cannot fulfill the role for which she was authorized by Congress, to contribute to the defense of our nation, unless she is manned by a dedicated crew capable of operating and maintaining her to the limit of her potential.

It is your responsibility to establish SAN JUAN's capability. As your ship and crew perform, SAN JUAN will develop a reputation that will endure over her years of service. Her character will depend, in no small measure, upon your leadership as her first commanding officer.

Your selection for this most important task is an honor and a responsibility. I have the fullest confidence you will execute it well.

Sincerely,

C. A. H. TROST  
Admiral, U.S. Navy

Commander Charles B. Young, USN  
PCO, SAN JUAN (SSN 751)  
Groton, CT 06340



**ADMIRAL  
C.A.H. TROST**

**CHIEF OF NAVAL  
OPERATIONS**





**SHERRILL DIANE  
PERKINS  
De HERNANDEZ**

***SPONSOR***

Sherrill Diane Perkins de Hernandez, the wife of Vice Admiral Diego E. Hernandez, was born in Big Lake, Texas, and grew up in Keota, Oklahoma.

An accomplished pianist and singer, Mrs. Hernandez attended Eastern Oklahoma State Junior College and Central State University of Oklahoma, where she majored in music.

Active in Navy wives' organizations, she has also served as a volunteer for, and as honorary chairman of, American Red Cross chapters in various locations and as a member of the Board of the Navy Relief Association.

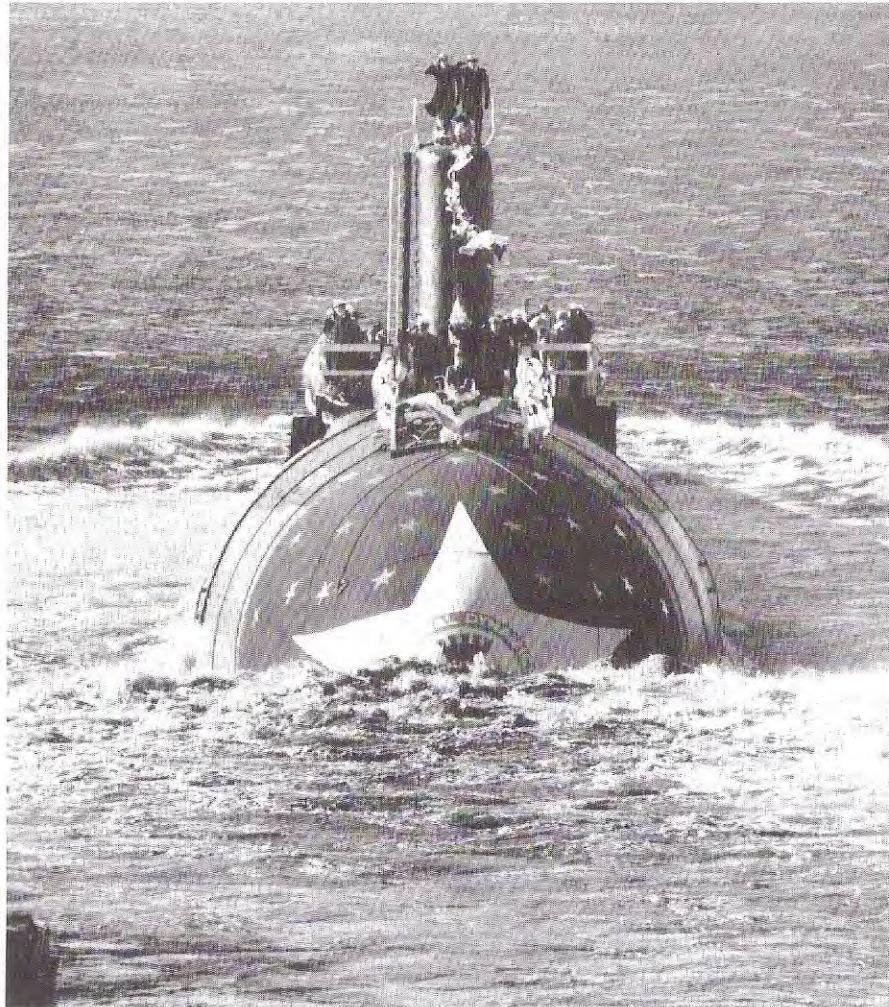
She has a wide variety of interests, including oil painting, tennis, diving, flying, and community affairs.

Vice Admiral and Mrs. Hernandez currently reside in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

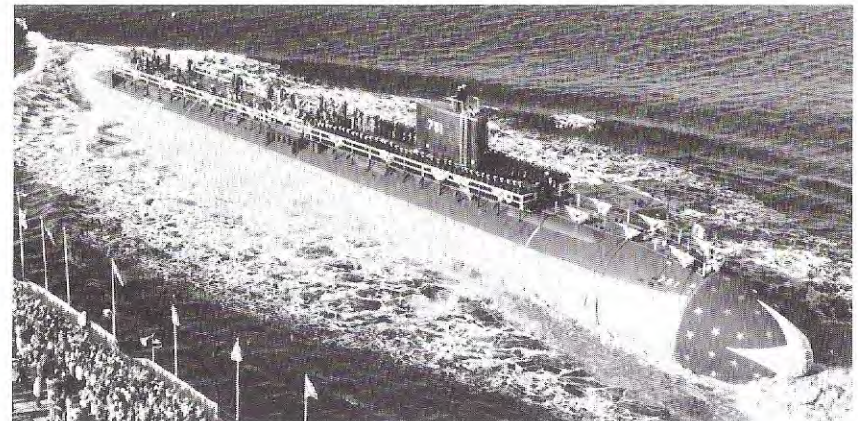


**“In the name of the  
United States  
I christen thee SAN JUAN.  
May God bless her and  
all who sail in her.”**

**– Mrs. Sherrill Hernandez**



***USS SAN JUAN LAUNCHING***





## ***THE CITY OF SAN JUAN***

San Juan, the capital city of Puerto Rico, blends centuries-old traditions with the vibrancy of the present.

Ancient city walls, winding cobblestone streets, and charming colonial buildings of "Old" San Juan lie just minutes away on modern expressways from steel and glass skyscrapers and shopping malls.

Christopher Columbus first sighted the island of Puerto Rico, the smallest and easternmost island of the Greater Antilles, nearly 500 years ago on November 19, 1493. One of his shipmates, Juan Ponce de Leon, liked what he saw so much that he returned in 1508 to become the first governor of the island.

The fabled and heroic figure of Juan Ponce de Leon, characterized by his indomitable search for the Fountain of Youth, is admired by the people of the city. Buried in San Juan Cathedral, Ponce de Leon still symbolizes the legendary

and romantic nature of this enchanted city. Today, 500 years later, visitors and residents alike still marvel at the beauty and charm of this city, the oldest under the American flag. (Puerto Rico occupies unique status as a Commonwealth of the United States. It has its own constitution and a system of government very similar to that of most states.)

Declared a historic zone in 1949, "Old" San Juan was renovated. Tourists now enjoy El Morro, a six-level fortress built in 1539 and towering 140 feet above the sea. Other attractions include the city walls built in 1630 to protect the city from foreign invaders, a cemetery noted for its elaborate tombstones, and a former convent that houses the Institute of Puerto Rican Culture as well as a Folk Arts Center.

Next door, the Plaza de San Jose boasts a bronze statue of Ponce de Leon forged from British cannons melted down after an unsuccessful attempt to conquer the island. Near the plaza there is a museum displaying memorabilia of Puerto Rico's greatest musician, Pablo Casals. Nearby is the San Juan Museum of Art and History. Originally a marketplace, it was restored in 1979 and today houses a collection of Puerto Rican art. Spacious galleries and an enormous central patio for concerts and special events make this museum a central part of the island's cultural life.

Beyond the timeworn battlements of the historic section lies a vibrantly new city equally suited to the tourist industry. It houses over a million people, one third of the island's population.

Much of the activity centers around an area known as Condado, where many luxury hotels and gambling casinos line some of the most spectacular beaches in the Caribbean. Shops, restaurants, and entertainment add the necessary spice to this tropically flavored capital, where the average annual temperature is 77°.

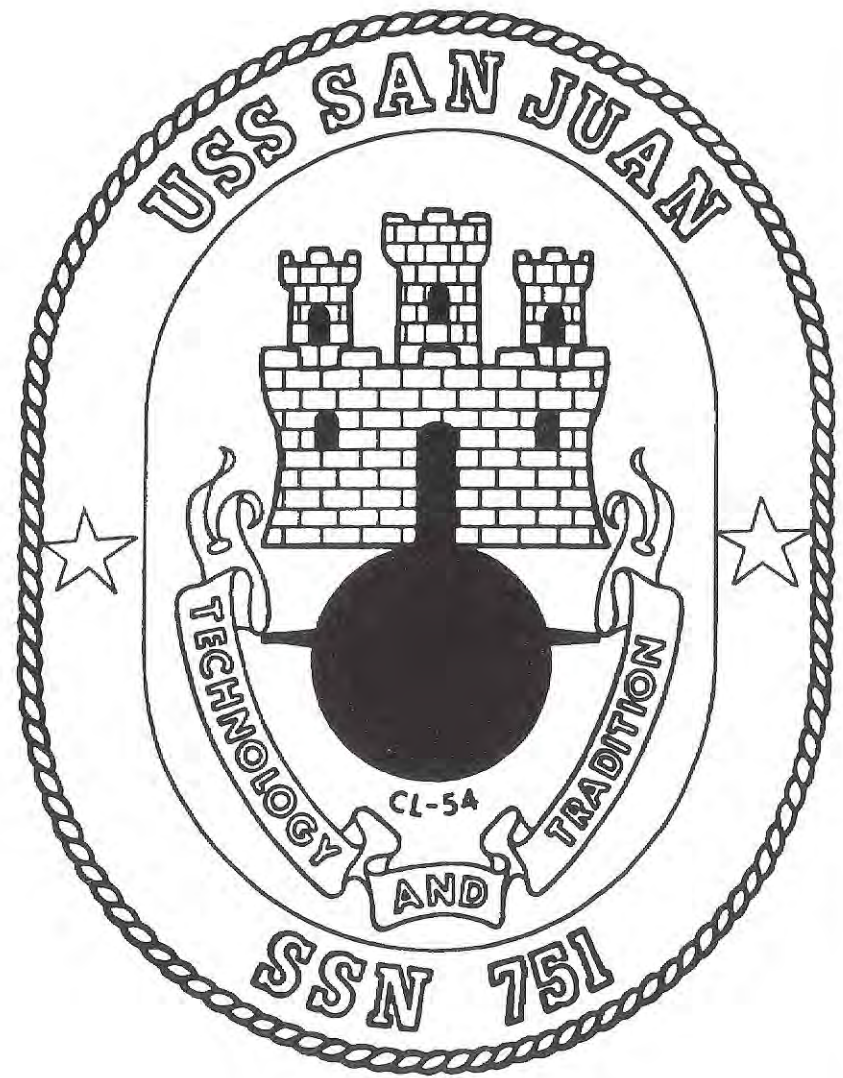
The Centro de Bellas Artes, San Juan's new fine arts center just minutes away from the hotel area, offers symphonies, song festivals, jazz, ballet, and theater.

## SHIP'S INSIGNIA

USS SAN JUAN (SSN751) ship's insignia contains a rendering of a castle bathed in gold. This is symbolic of the massive walls of the El Morro Fortress, which guards the city and harbor of San Juan. The cross-sectional view of a submarine is symbolic of the "new improved" 688 Class submarine with her bow planes extended. Below the submarine is CL-54, the hull number of the last great ship to carry the proud name of USS SAN JUAN.

The banner is enscribed with the motto "Technology and Tradition," which is representative of the "tradition" the new SAN JUAN inherits from the great city of San Juan and from both of the naval ships that previously carried her name. "Technology" is symbolic of the state-of-the-art systems, such as the AN/BSY-1 Combat System and the Retractable Bow Planes, that USS SAN JUAN will take to sea. She will carry on the tradition of excellent service through expanded technology.

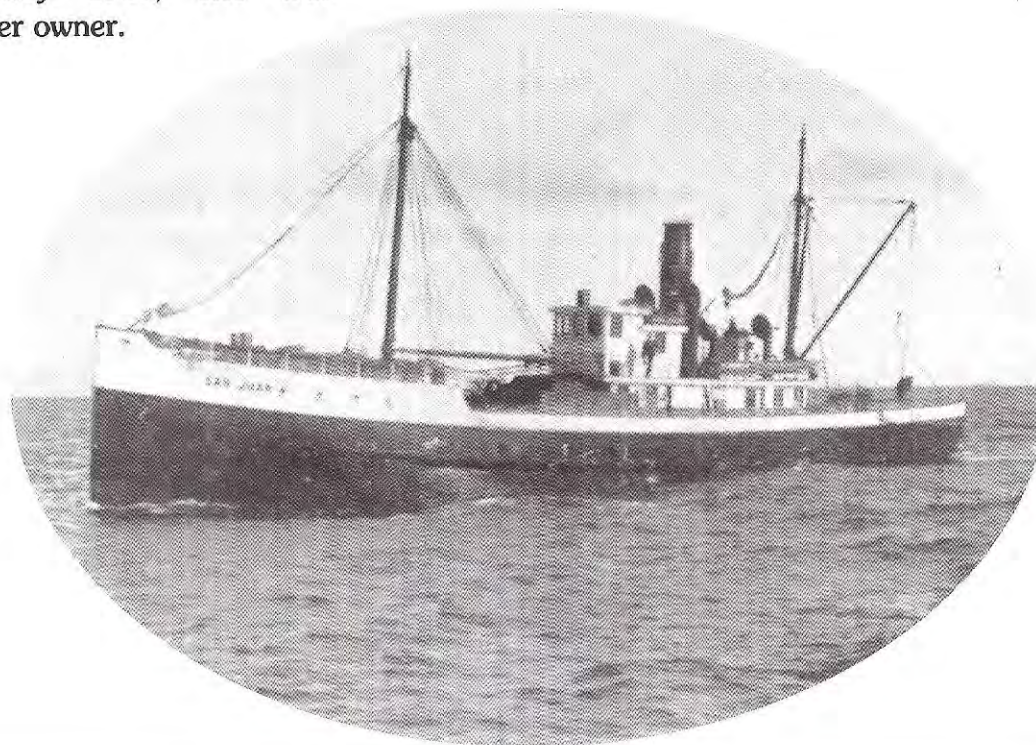
The blue, oval-shaped border edged with gold rope represents the sea and excellence. The two silver stars refer to the previous ships of the same name and refer to San Juan as the second oldest city in the Americas. The colors red, white, and blue are from the national flag and that of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.



## **HISTORY OF SHIPS NAMED SAN JUAN**

The first SAN JUAN (SP-1352) was built in 1904 by J. F. Duthie of Seattle, WA, and acquired by the Navy on 20 December 1917 on charter from the San Juan Packing Company of Seattle. She was converted for use as minesweeper and patrol boat and commissioned on 8 March 1918 under the command of Ensign R. W. Jackson, USNRF. Following commissioning, SAN JUAN was retained in the 13th Naval District and throughout her brief career, operated primarily in the Puget Sound-Juan de Fuca Strait area. After the end of World War I, her services were no longer required and in February 1919, she was decommissioned and returned to her owner.

**SAN JUAN  
SP-1352**



The second SAN JUAN (CL-54) was laid down on 15 May 1940 by the Bethlehem Steel Company of Quincy, MA. She was launched on 6 September 1941 and commissioned on 28 February 1942 with Captain James E. Maher in command. After shakedown in the Atlantic, SAN JUAN departed from Hampton Roads, VA, on 5 June 1942 as part of a carrier task group formed around WASP (CV-9) and bound for the Pacific. During World War II, she participated in several of the great naval campaigns in the Pacific theatre.



## **SAN JUAN CL-54**

**SAN JUAN** participated in the landings at Tulagi, the Battle of Savo Island, the Battle of Santa Cruz, the neutralization of airfields at Bougainville and Rabaul, and the Battle of the Philippine Sea. During the Battle of Santa Cruz, **SAN JUAN** withstood a direct hit to her stern by Japanese aircraft that resulted in damage to her rudder and the flooding of several compartments. **SAN JUAN** helped guard her group during the Battle of the Philippine Sea when American naval air power decisively defeated a Japanese counterattack to save the Marianas and in doing so, all but wiped out Japanese naval air strength.

**SAN JUAN** was at sea when the news of a Japanese capitulation was received on 15 August 1945. On 27 August she anchored outside of Tokyo Bay. On 29 August, **SAN JUAN** entered Tokyo Bay and landed parties that liberated prisoners in camps at Omori, Ofunda, and Shanagawa

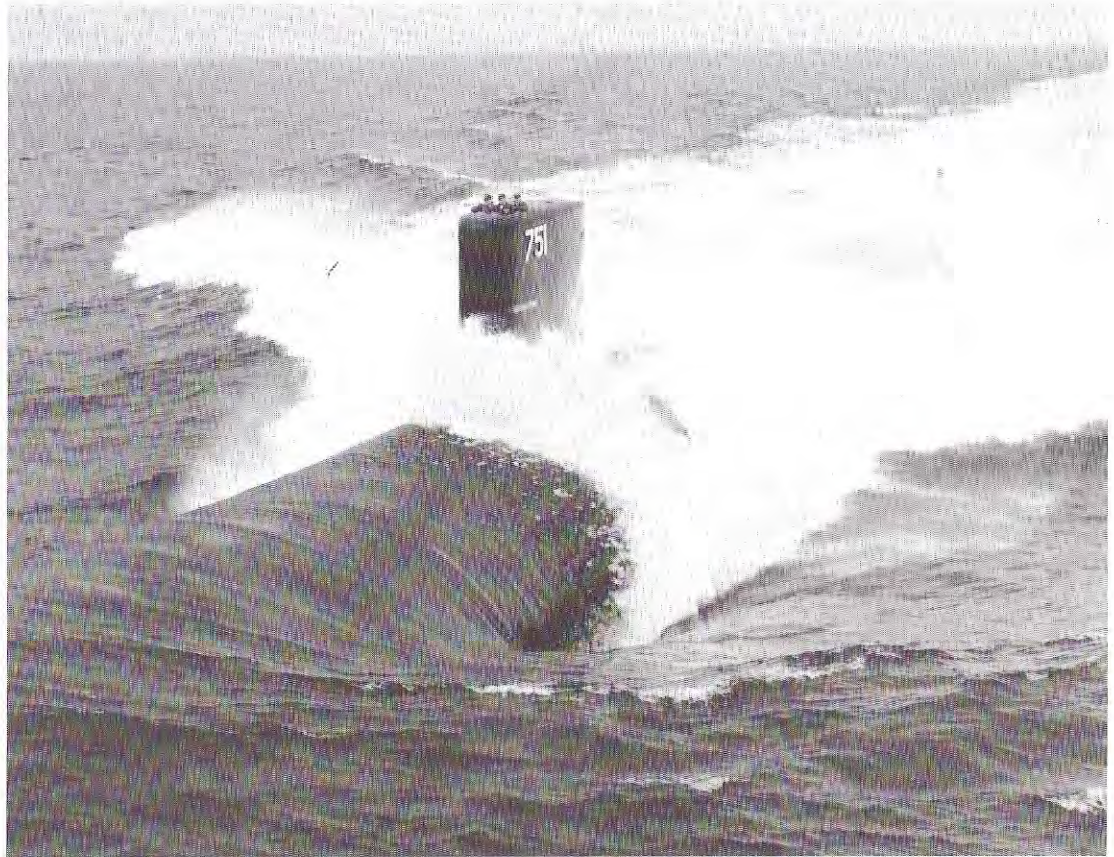
hospital. After evacuating camps in the Tokyo Bay area, **SAN JUAN** moved to other areas in Japan where she continued to lead the liberation of allied prisoners.

She sailed for the United States on 14 November 1945. **SAN JUAN** arrived at Bremerton, WA, for inactivation on 24 January 1946 and was decommissioned on 9 November 1946. For her Pacific service, **SAN JUAN** received 13 battle stars.

Technology has dramatically changed the size and capability of naval warships since the original **SAN JUAN** served her country in World War I, but the mission of the **USS SAN JUAN (SSN751)** has not significantly changed. That mission is to protect the interests of the United States of America.

## **USS SAN JUAN (SSN751)**

<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>360 FEET</b>
<b>DISPLACEMENT</b>	
<b>(SUBMERGED):</b>	<b>6901 TONS</b>
<b>(SURFACED):</b>	<b>6135 TONS</b>
<b>HULL DIAMETER:</b>	<b>33 FEET</b>
<b>DRAFT:</b>	<b>32 FEET</b>
<b>COMPLEMENT</b>	
<b>OFFICERS:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>ENLISTED:</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>137</b>



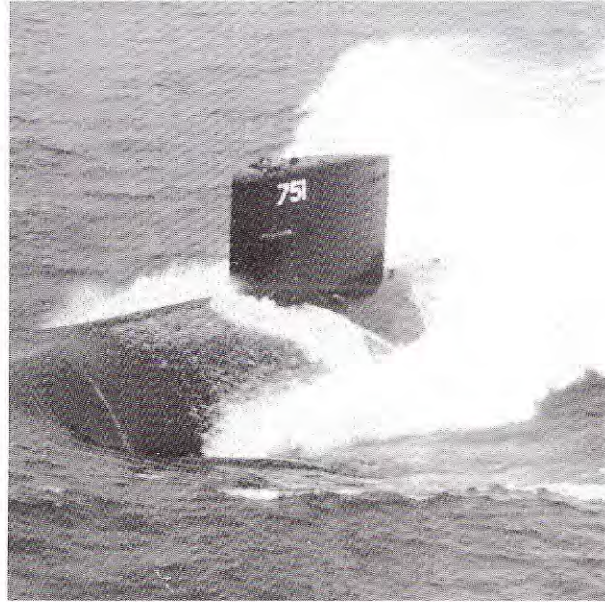
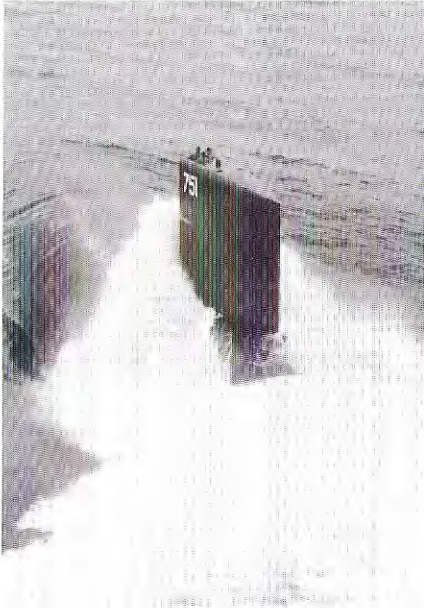
USS SAN JUAN is the latest addition to the LOS ANGELES Class, the Navy's newest class of nuclear powered attack submarines. They are the most advanced undersea vessels of their type in the world. Their mission: to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines and to protect our own naval interests.

The 360 foot, 6900 ton ships are well equipped to accomplish that task. Faster than their predecessors and equipped with highly accurate sensors and weapon control systems, they are armed with sophisticated Mark 48 anti submarine torpedoes and the HARPOON guided

missile. Twelve vertical tubes located in the bow provide the capability to launch TOMAHAWK cruise missiles. Each vessel carries a crew of 137, 14 officers and 123 enlisted men, all specialists in their respective fields.

Approval to proceed with this class resulted from a review of the U.S. Submarine Program conducted nine years ago by the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. USS LOS ANGELES (SSN688), for which the class is named, was commissioned on 13 November 1976.

**USS SAN JUAN  
(SSN751)  
SEA TRIALS**



**CHARLES B.  
YOUNG**

**COMMANDER,  
U.S. NAVY**



### **COMMANDING OFFICER**

Commander Charles Young was born in Donalds, South Carolina, and was raised in Greenwood, South Carolina. Upon completion of high school, he attended one year of college at Lander College studying Business Administration. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned in June 1970. Following commissioning, he enrolled in the Immediate Graduate Education Program at the University of Delaware, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering in May 1971. He completed Naval Nuclear Propulsion training at Nuclear Power School, Bainbridge, Maryland, and Nuclear Power Training Unit, Schenectady, New York. In September 1972, he completed the Submarine Officer Indoctrination Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

Commander Young's first assignment was on USS ULYSSES S. GRANT (SSBN631) from September 1972 to April 1974. He returned to Nuclear Power School, Bainbridge, Maryland, and was assigned as an instructor in the Officer Department from April 1974 to March 1976. Subsequently, he graduated from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in September 1976 and was then assigned as Engineer Officer on USS PLUNGER (SSN595) from October 1976 until September 1979. He was next assigned as the Material Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron Sixteen at Kings Bay, Georgia. In March 1982, after completing the Prospective Executive Officer Course, he reported to USS SAND LANCE (SSN660) as Executive Officer. Following his tour on USS SAND LANCE, he was assigned to the Tactics Training Department at the Navy Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Center in Charleston, South Carolina. In May 1986, Commander Young reported as the Prospective Commanding Officer of the SAN JUAN (SSN751) in new construction at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division in Groton, Connecticut.

Commander Young is entitled to wear the Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of second and third awards, the Meritorious Unit Commendation with one bronze star in lieu of second award, National Defense Service Medal, the Battle Efficiency Ribbon, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Sea Service Ribbon with bronze star in lieu of second award, and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia recognizing three successful patrols.

Commander Young and his wife, Karen, reside in Gales Ferry, Connecticut, with their three children, Chip, Kirsten, and Robert.



Lieutenant Commander Douglas Philipp was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was raised in Brookhaven, Mississippi. He entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1971, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Ocean Engineering. He was commissioned in June 1975. Following commissioning he was assigned to USS SHARK (SSN591) as Auxiliary Division Officer while awaiting further orders.

Lieutenant Commander Philipp was selected for Nuclear Propulsion training and completed Nuclear Power School, Orlando, Florida, and Nuclear Power Training Unit, Schenectady, New York. In March 1977, he completed the Submarine Officer Basic Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut.

Lieutenant Commander Philipp's next assignment was on the Gold Crew of USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN642) from April 1977 until March 1980. He graduated from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in August 1980 and was assigned as Navigator/Operations Officer on USS FINBACK (SSN671) until March 1981. He then completed Prospective Commanding Officer School Tactics Course (Pacific) and was reassigned to USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN705) as Navigator/Operations Officer, where he served until July 1984.

He was next assigned to Naval Submarine School, Groton, Connecticut, as the Assistant Director for Tactical Training. Upon completing Prospective Executive Officer School in May 1986, he reported to SAN JUAN (SSN751) in new construction at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division, Groton, Connecticut, as Executive Officer.



**DOUGLAS T.  
PHILIPP**

**LIEUTENANT  
COMMANDER,  
U.S. NAVY**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Lieutenant Commander Philipp is entitled to wear the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Battle Efficiency Ribbon with two "Es" in lieu of second awards, the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Ribbon, and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia recognizing six successful patrols.

Lieutenant Commander Philipp and his wife, Martha, reside in Ledyard, Connecticut, with their two children, Benjamin and Spencer.

**OFFICERS**



**LCDR MARK C.  
MANTHEY**  
Toledo, OH  
*NAVIGATOR*



**LCDR MARK S.  
NAULT**  
Newton, NH  
*COMBAT SYSTEMS  
OFFICER*



**LCDR JAMES W.  
BAUER**  
Battle Creek, MI  
*ENGINEER*



**LT DANIEL G.  
CLAGUE**  
Butte, MT  
*SUPPLY OFFICER*



**LT CHRISTOPHER B.  
CECHAK**  
Levittown, PA  
*SONAR OFFICER*



**LT GREGORY R.  
THOMAS**  
Potomac, MD  
**SHIP MATERIAL  
OFFICER**



**LT TIMOTHY S.  
PETTIBONE**  
Leipsic, OH  
**COMMUNICATOR**



**LTJG GREGORY G.  
WEISS**  
Kent, WA  
**REACTOR CONTROLS  
ASSISTANT**



**LTJG THOMAS M.  
LOGAN**  
Muncie, IN  
**ELECTRICAL OFFICER**



**LTJG THOMAS D.  
RYAN**  
Summerville, SC  
**MAIN PROPULSION  
ASSISTANT**



**LTJG JOSEPH S.  
IWANSKI**  
Fair Haven, NJ  
**CHEMISTRY AND RADIOLOGICAL  
CONTROL ASSISTANT**



**LTJG CHRISTOPHER C.  
SWITZER**  
Albany, NJ  
**DAMAGE CONTROL  
ASSISTANT**

**MASTER CHIEF  
MACHINISTS  
MATE  
ROBERT L.  
LANCE**

**U.S. NAVY**



***CHIEF OF THE BOAT***

Born 6 June 1950 in Lodi, OH, Master Chief Robert Lance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland A. Lance. He attended Jackson High School and Southern Ohio College, where he majored in computer programming. He was first employed by the Akron Equipment Company in Akron, OH.

Master Chief Lance entered the United States Navy on 7 January 1971. He completed Recruit Training and Machinists Mate "A" School at Great Lakes, IL. After completion of "A" School, he attended Basic Submarine School in Groton, CT. His initial sea assignment was onboard the USS PINTADO (SSN672) in San Diego, CA. During his first deployment to the Western Pacific, he was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class and was designated "Qualified in Submarines." The PINTADO deployed for another cruise to the Western Pacific, and he was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class. His second tour of duty was with the Precommissioning Unit GROTON (SSN694) at Electric Boat, Groton, CT. While serving onboard the GROTON, he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class.

Upon completion of this tour of duty he was transferred to the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Cincinnati, OH. During this assignment, Petty Officer Lance was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. He served as the Training Department Head for all Reserve Training and ACDUTRA. Upon completion of this duty he reported to the USS GREENLING (SSN614) in Groton, CT. During this assignment Chief Petty Officer Lance was the "A" Division Leading Petty Officer. He deployed on the GREENLING to the Mediterranean. Chief Petty Officer Lance detached from the GREENLING for duty at the SMMS Performance Monitoring Team, Commander Submarine Squadron Fourteen in Holy Loch, Scotland. He was assigned as Auxiliary Division Leading Petty Officer responsible for evaluating and monitoring preventive maintenance as directed by NAVSEASYSKOM. While assigned to COMSUBRON 14, he was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer. Upon completion of his tour of duty at COMSUBRON 14, he was transferred to the Precommissioning Unit SAN JUAN (SSN751). He was assigned as "A" Division Leading Petty Officer and Operational Control Transfer Officer. He was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer on 20 April 1987.

In March 1988, Master Chief Lance was selected to become SAN JUAN's Chief of the Boat. He is responsible to the Commanding Officer as the principal enlisted advisor for the crew.

Master Chief Lance is authorized to wear the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (5th), Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal with three bronze stars, Vietnam Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

Master Chief Lance is married to the former Linda Mae Wilhelm of Massillon, OH. They have two children, Christina Marie and Aaron Robert.



**MMCM(SS) MARK E.  
HILLYER**  
Resida, CA



**RMCS(SS) ROBERT M.  
HAGERMAN**  
Griswold, CT



**STSCS(SS) GREGORY V.  
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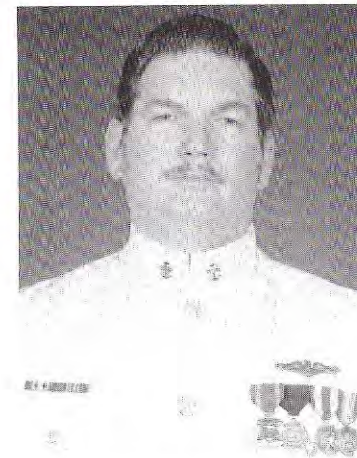
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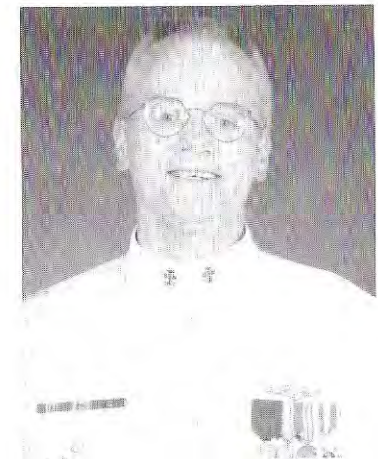
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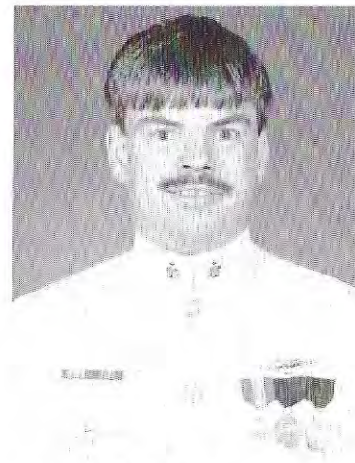
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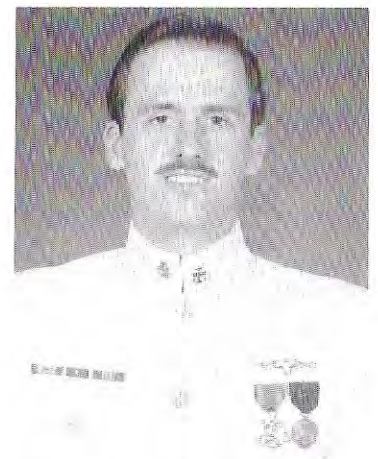
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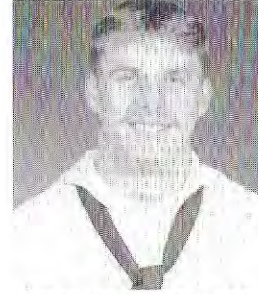
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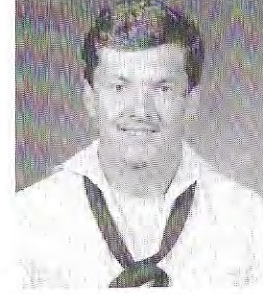
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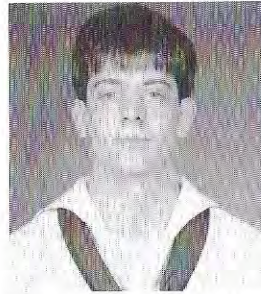
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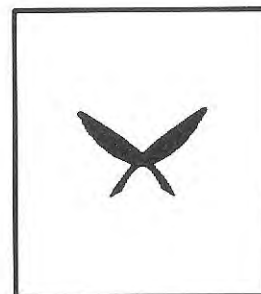
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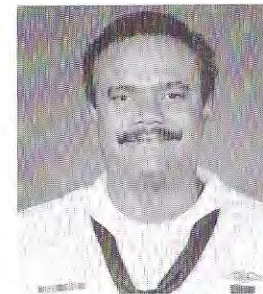
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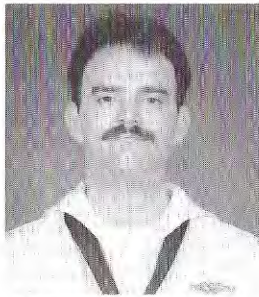
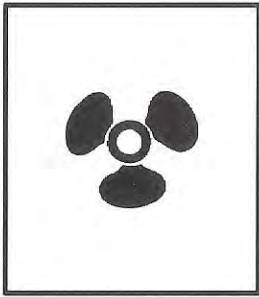
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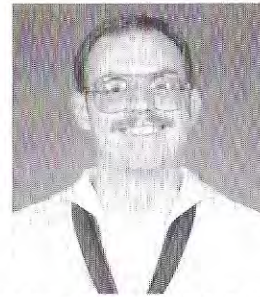
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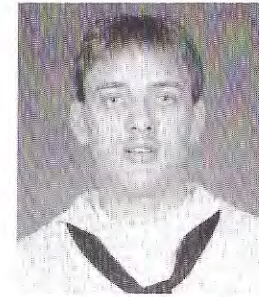
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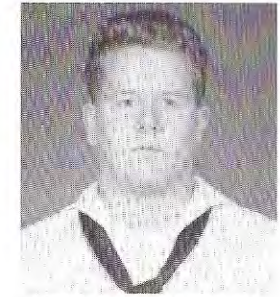
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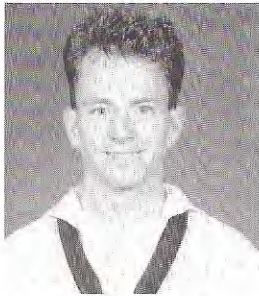
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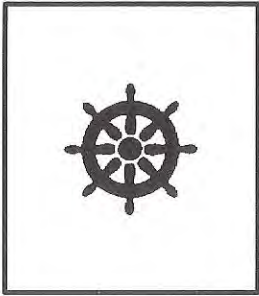
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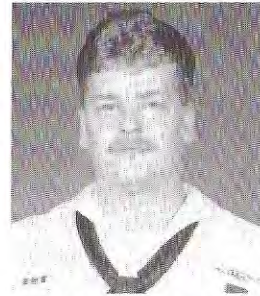
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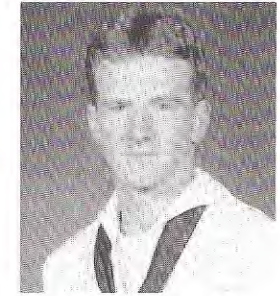
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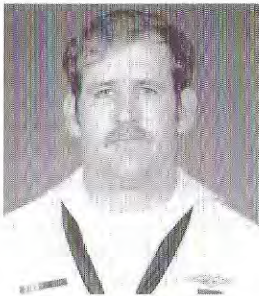
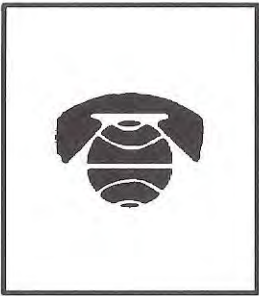
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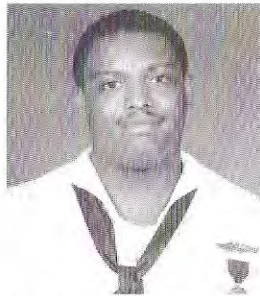
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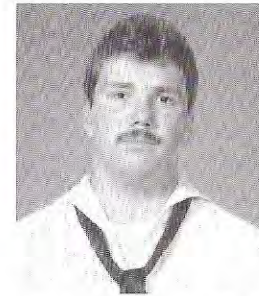
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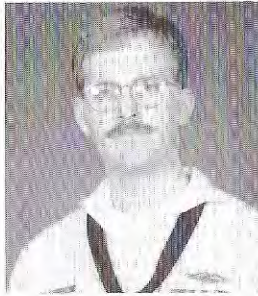
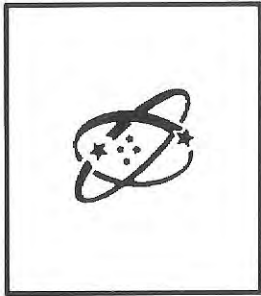


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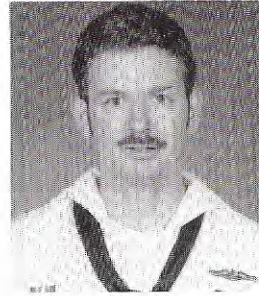
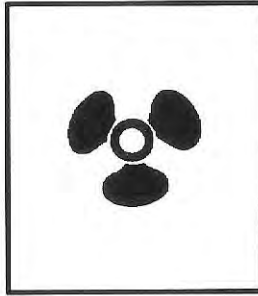
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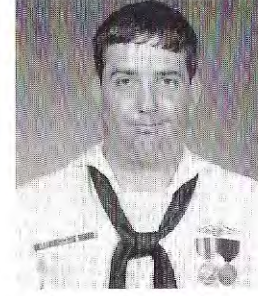
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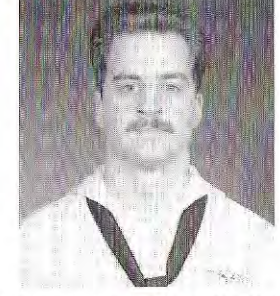
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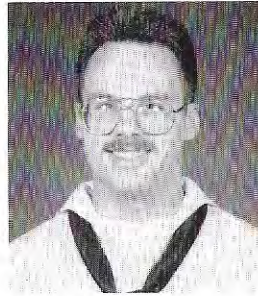
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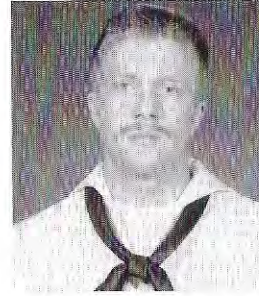
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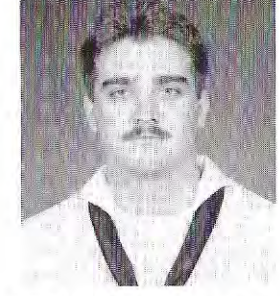
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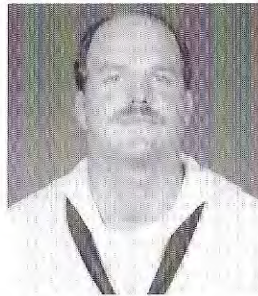
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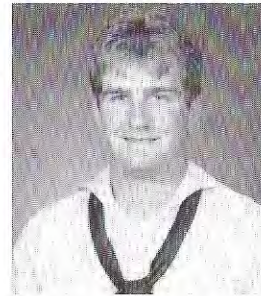
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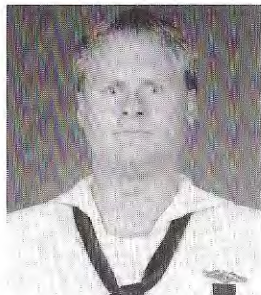
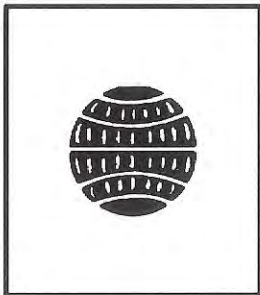
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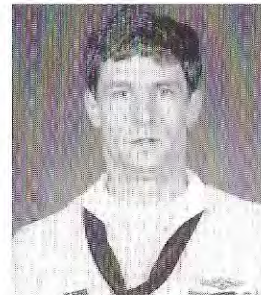
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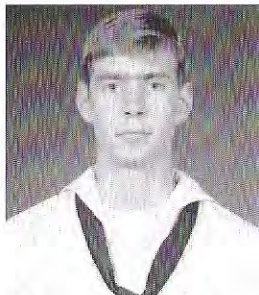
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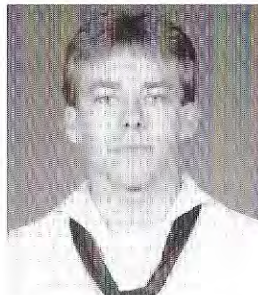
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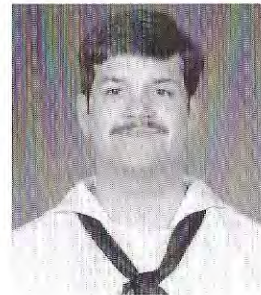
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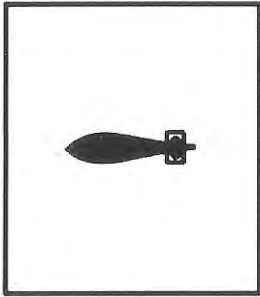
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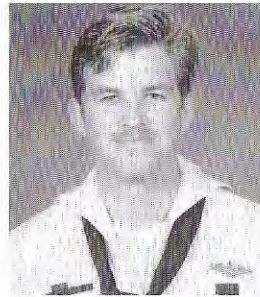
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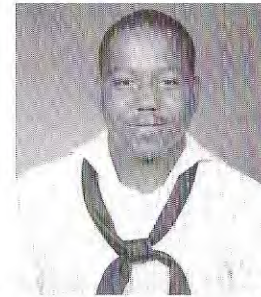
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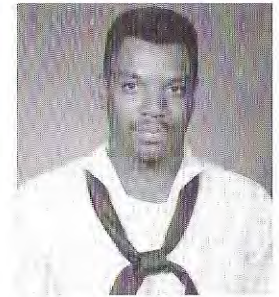
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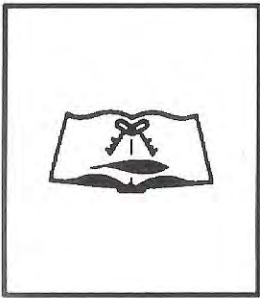
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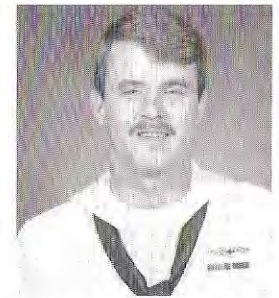
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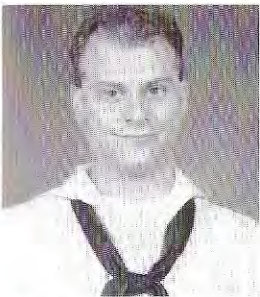
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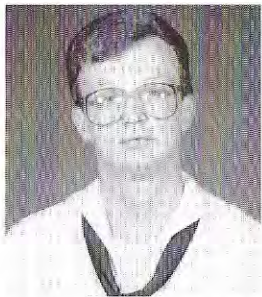
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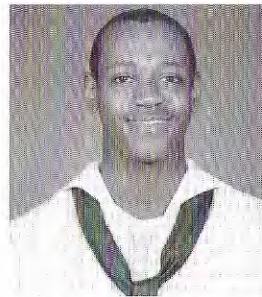
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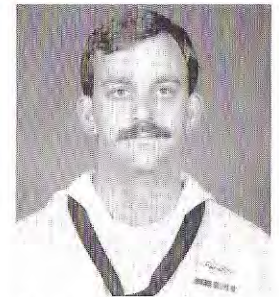
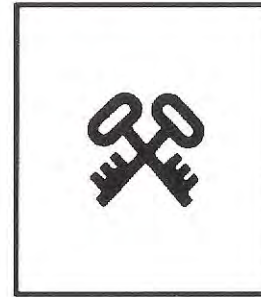
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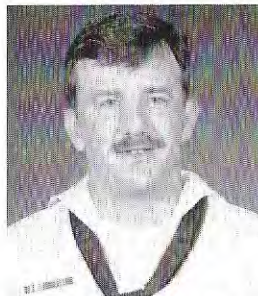
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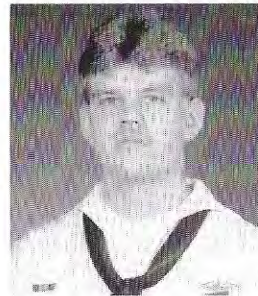
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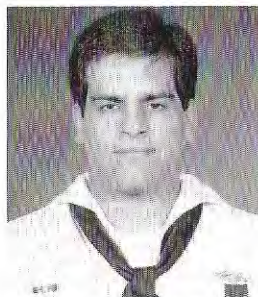
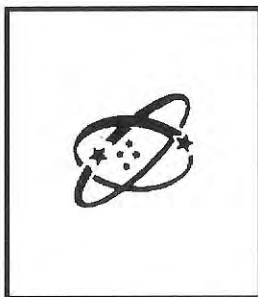
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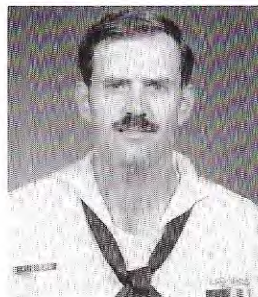
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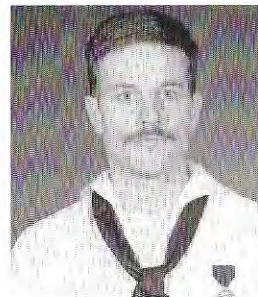
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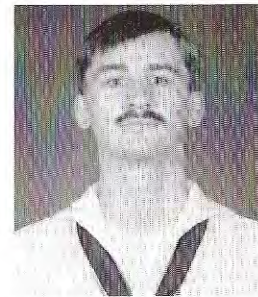
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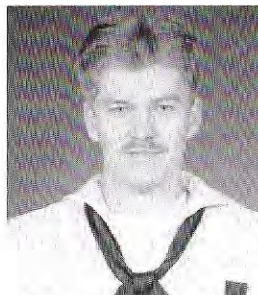
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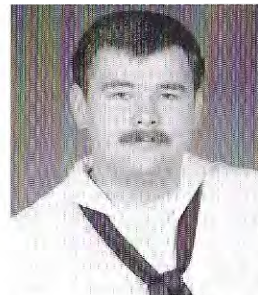
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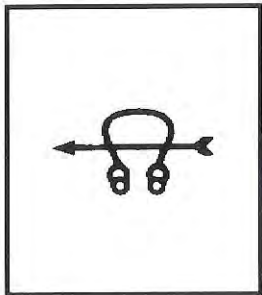
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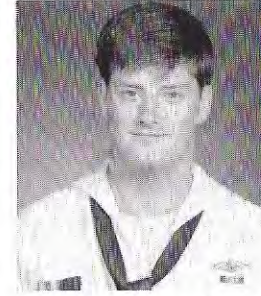
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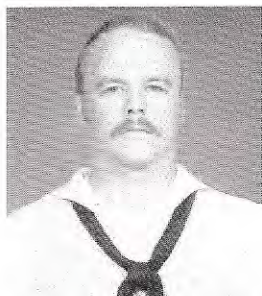
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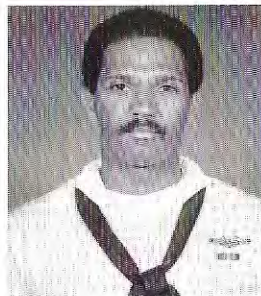
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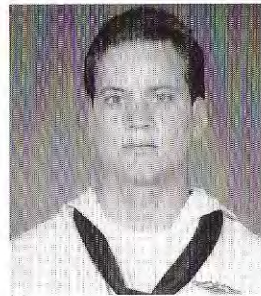
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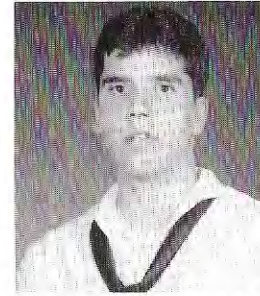
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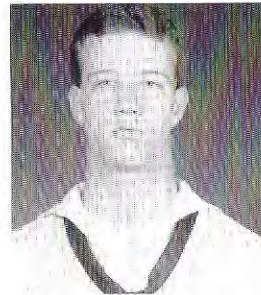
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**TO THE CREW  
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**TAKES PLEASURE IN COMMENDING  
THE CREW OF THE SAN JUAN (SSN751)  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

“For superior professional performance of duty and exceptional initiative of the crew members of SAN JUAN (SSN751) Precommissioning Unit. All personnel onboard the SAN JUAN have been truly valuable shipmates. The exceptional day-to-day initiative of each division, often with out supervision, ensured all work was completed expeditiously and correctly. All members showed an aggressive attitude for completion of their watchstation qualifications to support both the inport and at sea watchstanding requirements. The crew’s performance has been superb. Through their dedication and exemplary performance of duty, the crew members of the SAN JUAN (SSN751) have brought credit upon themselves, the SAN JUAN (SSN751) Precommissioning Unit, the Submarine Force, and the United States Navy.”

*C. B. Young*

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**WITH  
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There are many people who have been assigned to SAN JUAN Precommissioning Unit throughout the construction period and have departed for various reasons. Their efforts contributed directly to the successful completion of this fine ship, and we bid them fair winds and following seas.

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