

# USS TUCSON (SSN 770)

## Change of Command



March 30, 2001



## COMMAND AT SEA

*Only a seaman realizes to what extent an entire ship reflects the personality and ability of one individual, her Commanding Officer. To a landsman this is not understandable, and sometimes it is even difficult for us to comprehend - but it is so.*

*A ship at sea is a distant world in herself and in consideration of the protracted and distant operations of the fleet units 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 hour of emergency or peril at sea, can turn to no other man. There is one who alone is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gun firing 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 of duty as Commanding Officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are most 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."*

—Joseph Conrad—



## **CHANGE OF COMMAND**

at which  
Commander Dennis J. Murphy  
United States Navy

will be relieved by

Commander William F. Traub  
United States Navy



## *CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY*

*The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the people 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 total responsibility, accountability and authority.*

*The strength of today's Navy stems in large measure from the observance of such customs and traditions, each founded on need, each contributing to stability, combat effectiveness, and smooth transfer of authority. The Change of Command you witness today is part of the rich heritage of Naval tradition. This simple ceremony passing authority and responsibility from one officer to another reflects the dedication of free men and women serving their nation proudly.*

## *MILITARY COURTESIES*

### *NATIONAL ANTHEM*

*If in uniform, salute if covered, stand at attention with arms at side if uncovered; if in civilian clothing, place right hand over the heart while facing the flag.*

### *ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE OF OFFICIAL PARTY*

*Participants (those on the platform or the quarter-deck) salute until the end of the pipe flourishes or music. Attendees in uniform remain at attention and do not salute.*

# **PROGRAM**

## **\*ARRIVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY**

### **\*NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Band*

### **\*INVOCATION**

*LT Paul J. Shaughnessy, CHC, USN*

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

*Commander Dennis J. Murphy, USN*

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

*The Honorable Robert Walkup  
Mayor, of Tucson, AZ*

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Captain Fred Byus, USN  
Commodore, Submarine Squadron 7*

### **PRINCIPLE ADDRESS**

*Rear Admiral A. H. Konetzni, Jr., USN  
Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

## **REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS**

*Commander Dennis J. Murphy, USN*

## **REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS**

*Commander William F. Traub, USN*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

*LT Paul J. Shaughnessy, CHC, USN*

## **\*DEPARTURE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY**

### **NAVY HYMN**

*Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Band*

*\*Guests please rise*



**REAR ADMIRAL A. H. KONETZNI, JR.**

**REAR ADMIRAL ALBERT H. KONETZNI, JR**  
**COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET**  
**UNITED STATES NAVY**

Rear Admiral Albert H. Konetzni, Jr. attended Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, New York. In 1962, he entered the United States Naval Academy where he graduated with merit and received a commission in 1966.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy, Rear Admiral Konetzni attended Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut followed by Nuclear Power School in Mare Island, California and completed his nuclear training at Naval Nuclear Power Prototype Training in West Milton, New York. In 1968, he reported to USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658) (Gold) for his initial submarine assignment, and in 1970 he reported to the United States Naval Academy and served as a Company Officer.

In 1972, Rear Admiral Konetzni reported to the pre-Commissioning Unit WILLIAM H. BATES (SSN 680) under construction in Pascagoula, Mississippi and served as Engineer Officer through commissioning until 1976. Following that tour, Rear Admiral Konetzni served as Executive Officer, USS KAMEHAMEHA (SSBN 642) (Gold) from June 1976 to December 1978. In December 1978, Rear Admiral Konetzni reported to the Naval Military Personnel command and served as Submarine Placement Officer and Executive Officer Detailer. His first command tour was onboard USS GRAYLING (SSN 646) from August 1981 until May 1984.

Rear Admiral Konetzni served as Deputy Commandant of the U.S. Naval Academy from August 1984 until May 1987. He commanded Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN from May 1987 until July 1989. After his squadron command, he served as Senior Fellow of the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group. Rear Admiral Konetzni then served as Deputy Director of the Submarine Strategic Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare) from July 1990 until April 1991. From April 1991 to April 1993, he served as Chief of Staff to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

His next assignment was as Director, Attack Submarine Division (N872) at the Pentagon from June 1993 until February 1994. From February 1994 to November 1995, he served as the Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel to the Bureau of Naval Personnel for Total Force Programming and Manpower (PERS-5) and Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Personnel Policy and Career Progression (PERS-2). Prior to his current duties, he served as Commander Submarine Group SEVEN in Yokosuka, Japan from December 1995 to April 1998. Rear Admiral Konetzni assumed his current duties as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in May, 1998.

Rear Admiral Konetzni is entitled to wear the Legion of Merit with a silver star, the Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He was also awarded the Order of National Security Merite Cheonsu Medal by the Republic of Korea in December 1997. He holds a Master's Degree in Industrial Personnel Management from George Washington University and is the coauthor of the book "Command at Sea."

Rear Admiral Konetzni and his wife Shirley (Missy) have six adult children.



**CAPTAIN FRED BYUS**



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**Commander Submarine Squadron SEVEN**

Captain Fred Byus, from El Paso, Texas graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering. He holds a Master of Engineering Management Degree from George Washington University. He is a graduate of the National Security Management Course at the Maxwell School, Syracuse University.

After nuclear power and submarine training, Captain Byus served on the submarines USS SWORDFISH (SSN 579) as a junior officer, USS NEW YORK CITY (SSN 696) as Engineer Officer and USS PLUNGER (SSN 595) as Executive Officer. Additionally, Captain Byus served at sea as Submarine Liaison Officer and Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer for Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, Battle Group Foxtrot including deployed operations in Third Fleet, Seventh Fleet, Sixth Fleet and Second Fleet.

Captain Byus served as Commanding Officer of USS TAUTOG (SSN 639) from May 1993 to November 1995. Under his command, TAUTOG made a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and conducted highly successful operations as a unit of the U.S. Seventh Fleet. Following his command tour, Captain Byus served as Deputy Commander for Readiness, Submarine Squadron SEVEN from December 1995 to January 1998.

Captain Byus' shore assignments have been Staff Training Officer (S7G) at Navy Prototype Training Unit Ballston Spa; Submarine Combat Systems Requirements Officer in the Attack Submarine Branch, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; and Chief, Program and Budget Branch of the Joint Staff Program Budget Analysis Division.

Captain Byus has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. He proudly wears the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Unit Commendation and Battle Efficiency ribbons.

He is married to the former Kathryn Nielsen of Salt Lake City, Utah. They have four children, John, Sara, Fred Jr. and Jane.

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LT A. B. KEFFLER  
LTJG M. E. WESTMORELAND  
LTJG H. TELLEZ  
ENS S. A. CROCKETT

LCDR S. M. HARRISON  
LT C. R. MYERS, III  
LT B. C. GASSER  
LTJG J. K. MUES  
LTJG S. E. FAULK  
ENS N. B. LAPOINTE  
ENS D. R. MCAULIFFE

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MM1(SS) C. D. BARNES  
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MM2(SS) N. C. MCKENNA  
MM2(SS) T. A. METZGER  
ET2(SS) M. S. MOEN  
MM2(SS) C. T. PERRY  
MM2(SS) J. D. RAMIREZ  
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ET2(SS) C. C. SMITH  
MM2(SS) D. V. TREW  
EM2(SU) C. H. WILLIAMS  
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ET3(SS) T. L. BALDWIN  
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ET2(SS) D. J. SHORT  
MM2(SS) J. C. TAYLOR  
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MM3(SU) C. C. BRYANT  
FT3(SS) C. J. COLBY  
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MM3(SS) M. L. MISHOE  
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**COMMANDER DENNIS J. MURPHY**

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### **UNITED STATES NAVY**

Commander Dennis Murphy, a native of San Francisco, California, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1981. Following commissioning, he completed nuclear propulsion training in Orlando, Florida and Idaho Falls, Idaho before attending submarine school in New London, Connecticut.

Commander Murphy was assigned to USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for his initial sea tour, where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Weapons Officer from May 1983 to August 1986. During this tour he completed two deployments to the Western Pacific and one to the Northern Pacific. He then served as the Naval Aide to the Chief of Naval Operations until February 1989. During this tour he earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from Catholic University.

After graduating from the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course, Commander Murphy served as the Engineer Officer aboard USS NEVADA (SSBN 733) in Bangor, Washington from August 1989 until February 1992. During this tour he completed four Strategic Deterrent Patrols.

Commander Murphy next served in the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C and spent a year as a White House Fellow where he worked as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation. He then returned to Hawaii for duty as Executive Officer of USS PINTADO (SSN 672) from November 1993 until August 1995. His most recent assignment was on the staff of the Director, Submarine Warfare Division (N87), in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Commander Murphy is authorized to wear the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards).

Commander Murphy is married to the former Julie Saracco of Kailua, Hawaii. They have two children, Matthew and Meredith.



**COMMANDER WILLIAM F. TRAUB**

## COMMANDER WILLIAM F. TRAUB UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander William Traub, a native of Vineland, New Jersey, graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Engineering. Following graduation, he completed nuclear propulsion training and the Submarine Officer Basic Course prior to his assignment on board USS HYMAN G RICKOVER (SSN 709), in April 1985. During his tour he served as Main Propulsion Assistant, Damage Control Assistant and Communications Officer and completed a deployment to the Mediterranean and two deployments to the North Atlantic.

In September 1988 Commander Traub reported as the Force Retention Officer, Equal Opportunity Program Manager and Midshipmen Summer Cruise Coordinator on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. After graduating from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course, where he was awarded the L. Y. Spear Award for academic excellence, he reported as Engineer Officer on board USS BALTIMORE (SSN 704), in May 1991 and completed a deployment to the North Atlantic. His next assignment was at the United States Naval Academy where he served as a Company Officer and Executive Assistant to the Commandant of Midshipmen from June 1994 to June 1996.

Commander Traub next served as Executive Officer on board USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) (BLUE) in Kings Bay, Georgia from October 1996 to August 1998, completing the ship's initial firing Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO), Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) and two strategic deterrent patrols. Following his tour he was assigned as Flag Secretary for Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet from August 1998 to June 2000.

Commander Traub is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and various campaign and unit awards.

Commander Traub is married to the former Carol Anne Wallis of Knoxville, Tennessee. They and their two children, Sydney and Chandler reside in Aiea, Hawaii.



## HISTORY OF USS TUCSON

USS TUCSON (SSN 770) is the second ship of the United States Navy to bear the name of this Arizona city. The first TUCSON was a light cruiser, designated CL-98, built by Bethlehem Steel Co. in San Francisco and commissioned on February 3, 1945. Following shakedown and training cruises, TUCSON was assigned to screening duty for Fast Carrier Task Force, TF-38. TUCSON joined the fast carriers in mid-1945 in time to participate in their final assault on the Japanese Empire and its inner defenses. Following the surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945, TUCSON remained in the Far East and helped support occupation forces moving into Japan. For the next four years, TUCSON performed various gunnery and anti-aircraft training missions for the Pacific Fleet. On June 11, 1949, TUCSON was decommissioned and berthed with the San Francisco Group of the Pacific Fleet Reserve. For her service during the waning years of World War II, TUCSON earned one battle star.

The new TUCSON (SSN 770) is the 59th Los Angeles class attack submarine and the 20th of the Improved-Los Angeles class attack submarine to be built. She was built by Newport News Shipbuilding Company, christened on March 19, 1994 by Ms. Diane C. Kent and commissioned on September 9, 1995. The ship changed homeport to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in September 1996.

TUCSON's first deployment was conducted in 1998 with USS INDEPENDENCE Battle Group, deployed to the Arabian Gulf in response to increased tensions between the United Nations and Iraq. In addition to port calls in Manama, Bahrain and Dubai and Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates; TUCSON visited Phuket, Thailand; Singapore; Yokosuka, Japan; Apra Harbor, Guam and Noumea, New Caledonia.

TUCSON deployed again in 2000 with the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battle Group to the Arabian Gulf and also conducted independent submarine operations in the Western Pacific while assigned to the SEVENTH Fleet. TUCSON was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" as the top submarine in Submarine Squadron SEVEN for the year 2000.

TUCSON is one of the most advanced vessels in the world. Her mission - - alone or in company with a battle group - - is to conduct cruise missile strikes against targets ashore, covertly gather intelligence, hunt down and destroy enemy forces and support Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force special forces. Able to operate in all ocean areas of the world, TUCSON's stealth, endurance, mobility and responsiveness make her a formidable force in multi-mission roles.





## **TUCSON: A CITY OF CONTRASTS**

Nestled in the Southeast desert Tucson, Arizona is ringed by five mountain ranges: The Santa Catalina Mountains, Rincon Mountains, Santa Rita Mountains, Tucson Mountains and Tortalita Mountains. The Tucson desert, which is known to get an occasional powdering of snow during the winter months, is far from barren. It is stunningly lush and provides a setting for an abundance of plants and animals. The majestic giant Saguaro Cactus, which can live up to 200 years and tower 40 feet, grows only in the nearby Sonoran desert.

History has etched its contrasts into the city, resulting in a diverse culture that is evident today. The area's first inhabitants were the Hohokam people, who farmed the area in the first century A.D. when the area was fed by a river. For unknown reasons, the Hohokams disappeared, and were later replaced by the Pima and Tohono O'odham tribes. The first settler to the area was the Spanish missionary Father Eusebio Francisco Kino. In 1687 he founded the mission San Xavier del Bac, which remains a Tucson landmark today. The city was founded in 1775 by Irishman Hugh O'Conner who was exploring for Spain. During the Civil War, Confederate soldiers raised their flag over the city for two brief periods. During Tucson's U.S. territorial days, the city was a rowdy frontier town. Overland Stage stop and major outpost against Apache raids. The "Old Pueblo" was tamed, however, by the arrival of the railroad, telegraph and city settlers with social refinements.

Today, Tucson boasts a population of over 700,000 and a metropolitan area of nearly 500 square miles. It is a progressive city, and its ideal weather and beauty have attracted several national and international businesses. The community is one of only 14 U.S. cities with a full complement of the performing arts; symphony, theater, ballet and opera companies. Tucson is also home to the University of Arizona and Pima Community College. Easily - and unpretentiously - TUCSON is a city of geographical, historical and cultural contrasts that have been blended into a dynamic progressive community.

# USS TUCSON

## Commanding Officers

CDR Duane M. Baker, Jr.

Jun 1993 - Feb 1996

CDR James D. Miller

Feb 1996 - Sep 1998

CDR Dennis J. Murphy

Sep 1998 - Mar 2001

CDR William F. Traub

Mar 2001 -



Ship Identification:

SSN 770

Surfaced Displacement:

6,200 tons

Submerged Displacement:

6,900 tons

Length:

360 feet

Beam:

33 feet

Draft:

32 feet

Speed:

in excess of 25 knots

Depth:

in excess of 800 feet

Crew:

134 men

Weapons:

4 21" torpedo tubes

12 vertical launch missile tubes

## NAVY HYMN

*Eternal father, strong to save  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep  
O hear us when we cry to Thee;  
For those in peril on the sea.*

*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 or day.*

*Amen*



