



Change of Command
USS L.Y. Spear AS-36
4 September 1981

SCHEDULE

USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS-36)

HERITAGE

CAPTAIN JOHN B. KINERT, U.S. NAVY

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES L. COMBARDI, U.S. NAVY

REMARKS and RESUME of SERVICE
CAPTAIN JOHN B. BERRY, U.S. NAVY

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CAPTAIN ROBERT F. KELLY JR., U.S. NAVY

REMARKS by COMMANDER RYAN M. TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMAND
REAR ADMIRAL RALPH W. GIBBNEY, U.S. NAVY

REMARKS
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER E. BRIDGE JR., U.S. NAVY

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USS GEORGE EASTMAN (AGOS-10)

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CAPTAIN JOHN B. KERR, U.S. NAVY

CAPTAIN ROBERT F. KELLY II, U.S. NAVY

THE SHIP AND THE CREW

THE U.S. SPLEAM is named in honor of Lieutenant York Spruce, Naval Academy graduate and former president of Electric Boat Company. Following the War Spruce in 1949 was selected (under FFA, then Commandant of the Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet) as "10 of those who have contributed to the modern submarine, if the greater portion could be attributed to one man, it would be Lieutenant Spruce."

The last of her class, U.S. SPLEAM is designed to provide suitable facilities, support and services to Pacific Fleet Submarines and their operational commands and its staff. The ship is equipped with design, installed and modernized capabilities in repair and ready maintenance requiring any alterations short of designed capabilities. The crew qualifications support, including training, maintaining and testing supplies, repair parts and systems. Complete medical and dental facilities are available including a ward for the sick. U.S. SPLEAM is also a ready ship providing logistic support to various operations of surface submarines. The ship is a floating industrial maintenance complex, complete with repair shops, and possesses those facilities necessary to service the U.S. Navy with complete maintenance support capability in all areas assigned. The Officers and crew assigned to U.S. SPLEAM are highly trained and include experienced craftsmen, who often are their neighbors in ability to support around the clock operations and to maintain the extremely high standards of readiness and readiness in the Submarine Force.

U.S. SPLEAM CREW

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SEA, SURVIVAL DEPARTMENT

REPORT BY THE CREW OF THE U.S. SPLEAM

The traditions underlying the United States of America's Navy are about three centuries old, dating back to the era of the Anglo-Saxon Naval Wars of the mid to late 17th's. This period saw the rise of "national navies" wherein ships were specifically designed to combatants compatible with the latest weapons available, and well governmentally organized military units. By the early 19th's, the concept of "unconventional" warships was fully established. This formed the nucleus for the change of "national navies" to the legal exchange of authority and responsibility between national and national Commanding Officers. This tradition in the United States Navy dates back to its very establishment during the American Revolution wherein "national navy" and "national ship" concepts in order to reduce those of the change in Commanding Officers. The modern day use of both these systems, varied greatly, and widely coverage in a study of our own unique national development. However, even with all the additional changes, the change of "national navies" still maintains it's focus on the "making of order" representing the legal exchange of authority and responsibility for the ship and her crew.

Submitted by: The Commanding Officer
Naval Operations Division
Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet
Ft. Belvoir, VA

REFERENCE

CAPTAIN JOHN W. SMITH, U.S. NAVY

CAPTAIN ROBERT F. SMITH JR., U.S. NAVY



Captain ROBERT C. SMITH, U.S. NAVY
Commanding Officer
USS L. BROWN (DD-708)

Captain Smith is the son of HARRY JOHN DE SMITH, U.S. Navy, and the first of his family to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1944. Captain Smith graduated from the Naval Academy in 1968. His assignments have included the USS Lathrop (DD-704), U.S. Naval Facilities School (1969) Station in England, and USS Forrest County (LST-1175) where he served as CO. Captain Smith has also served as Head of the Fleet Safety Study Laboratory, USS Maine Station (DDH-981) Norfolk, VA at the Alexander Hamilton (DDG-981) (DD-982), and CO of USS Thomas (DDH-981) (DDH-981) Norfolk, VA assigned to forward yards.

Captain Smith reported to U.S. Navy in August 1974 from the Staff of U.S. Commander in Chief, Europe and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe where he served as Special Assistant. Captain Smith reports to Fleet Station Norfolk, Virginia from there is Commanding Officer (DDH-981) (DDH-981).

Captain Smith has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of several bars, Distinguished War Commendation Ribbon, Navy Commendation "D" Ribbon three awards, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy Meritorious Medal (several), National Defense Service Medal with two bars and the Arctic Ribbon.

Captain Smith is married to the former Barbara May Smith of the Navy, California. They have two children, Kimberly and Paul.

CAPTAIN JOHN B. SPARKS, U.S. NAVY

CAPTAIN ROBERT C. SMITH, U.S. NAVY



Captain Robert F. Kelly, Jr., USN
Executive Commanding Officer
USS L. F. Rogers (DD-961)

Captain Robert F. Kelly, Jr., graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1964. His initial assignment upon commissioning was to the Reserve Department aboard USS Albany (DD-950).

After joining the Submarine Force in 1966, Captain Kelly has served aboard two submarines and completed 60 24-hour duty periods. During his assignment as Commanding Officer, USS Tenacious was twice awarded the Submarine Operations Practice Battle Efficiency Award. In November 1968, Captain Kelly received a Master's Degree in Management from the U.S. Naval War College School of Maritime Studies. Captain Kelly reports to USS L. F. Rogers from the Submarine Operations Support Branch of the Naval Military Personnel Command, Washington, D.C.

Captain Kelly is married to the Honorable Mrs. Judith M. Kelly of Concord, New Jersey. Captain and Mrs. Kelly have two children.