

WELCOME ABOARD

USS L. Y. SPEAR AS-36




ATTACK SUBMARINE TENDER
U. S. ATLANTIC FLEET

THE SHIP AND ITS CREW

USS L.Y. SPEAR is named in honor of Lawrence York Spear, a Naval Academy graduate and former president of Electric Boat Company. Referring to Mr. Spear in 1949, Rear Admiral James Fife, then Commander of the Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet, said "Of all those who have contributed to the modern submarine, if the greater portion could be attributed to one man, it would be to Lawrence Spear."

The first of her class, L.Y. SPEAR is designed to provide mobile facilities, support services to nuclear attack submarines and their operational commander and his staff. The ship is equipped with shops, material and technical capabilities to repair and modify submarines requiring any alterations short of shipyard capabilities. The crew provides logistic support including stocking, maintaining and issuing supplies, repair parts and weapons. Complete medical and dental facilities are available, including a ward for the sick. L.Y. SPEAR is like a small city providing logistic support to an entire squadron of nuclear submarines. The ship is a floating industrial maintenance complex, computerized supply center and ammunition depot providing numerous services. Her mobility provides the U.S. Navy with a complete submarine support capability in any area assigned. The officers and crew assigned to L.Y. SPEAR are highly trained and include experienced craftsmen who often run their machines in shifts to support around the clock operations and to maintain the necessarily high standards of workmanship and readiness in the Submarine Force.

L. Y. SPEAR AWARDS



MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON
BATTLE EFFICIENCY "E" RIBBON (FIVE AWARDS)
NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
SEA SERVICE RIBBON
EDWARD F. NEY MEMORIAL AWARD (FOUR)



CAPTAIN
LEON E. EVERMAN
UNITED STATES NAVY

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CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY

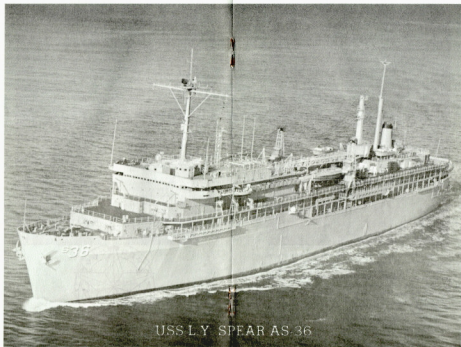
Captain Leon E. Everman, U. S. Navy, a 1960 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy first served in the destroyer USS GAINARD (DD 706) before attending Submarine School.

Following completion of Submarine and Nuclear Power Training in mid-1963, Captain Everman was assigned to the commissioning crew of the USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623) and served in the GOLD crew. He then served in the USS HENRY CLAY (SSBN 625)(GOLD), on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet and as Executive Officer of USS JOHN C. CALHOUN (SSBN 630)(BLUE).

Captain Everman commanded USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN 643) (BLUE) from 1974 until 1977 and subsequently served as Off-crew and Predeployment Training Officer on Commander Submarine Group SIX staff and as Commander Submarine Squadron FOUR Deputy for Training. He was then assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served in the Combat Systems Section of the Fast Attack Submarine Division. Captain Everman served as Commanding Officer, Navy Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Center, Charleston, South Carolina from June 1983 to June 1985.

Captain Everman's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with one Gold Star in lieu of the second award, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars, in lieu of the second and third awards and the National Defense Medal.





USS L Y SPEAR AS 36



LAWRENCE YORK SPEAR

HISTORY

USS L. Y. SPEAR AS-36 is named after a man that former United States President, Harry S. Truman commended for "outstanding fidelity and meritorious conduct in aid of the war effort against common enemies of the United States and its allies in World War I."

Our ship, the submarine tender of SUBRON SIX, and one of the finest in its class of the U. S. Navy is named for Lawrence York Spear (1870-1950).

Mr. Spear was born in October 1870 in Warren, Ohio. He had an early interest in ship construction and with this objective in mind, Mr. Spear entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis in 1886 and graduated second in his class in 1890. He served on the Naval cruisers, USS PENSACOLA, USS CHARLESTON and USS BALTIMORE in the Atlantic and South Pacific oceans.

His enthusiasm for modernizing the United States Fleet led him to apply and be accepted for the Construction Corps. Because no suitable instruction was available in the U. S., he attended Glasgow University in Scotland, for training in Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture. After serving in various shipyards in the states, he was assigned Superintendent of Construction and Repair at Crescent Shipyard in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. While he supervised there, the Navy's first submarines were built.

There were five Holland (named after Phillip Holland) submarines of the 'A' or adder class, which were under contract from the Electric Boat Company. Mr. Spear saw the potential of these new 'ships' and recognized his ability to assist in the development of the submarines. Mr. Spear resigned his commission as a Lieutenant in 1902, to become a technical director for Electric Boat Company.

May 3, 1904 Mr. Spear replaced Phillip Holland as director and on June 4, 1904, Lawrence Y. Spear became Vice-President of Electric Boat Company; a position he held for 38 years. He then served as President of the company until 1947, when he became chairman of the board.

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VITAL STATISTICS

THE USS L. Y. SPEAR WAS BUILT IN QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS BY
GENERAL DYNAMICS.

KEEL LAID	5 MAY 1966
LAUNCHED	7 SEP 1967
COMMISSIONED	28 FEB 1970
SPONSOR	MRS. ARNOLD F. SCHADE
DIMENSIONS (FEET)	LENGTH-643
	BEAM-85
	DRAFT-24.5
DISPLACEMENT	22,600 TONS
PROPULSION	SINGLE ENGINE, STEAM TURBINE, SINGLE SHAFT
SPEED	18.5 KNOTS
MANNING	55 OFFICERS 1170 ENLISTED



THE SHIP'S CREST SYMBOLIZES THE MISSION OF SEA POWER (TRIDENT), PEACE (OAK LEAVES), AND LIBERTY (TORCH).

