



**Change of Command
USS L.Y. SPEAR AS-36**

12 August 1983



CHANGE OF COMMAND ABOARD A NAVY SHIP



The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition, solemn and colorful, which formally transfers to subordinate commanders and ship's company the command and authority of command. The ceremony is an event conducted by, and in the main interest of, the two officers involved and represents the final act in command of the officer being relieved. The change of command aboard a naval ship is nearly unique in the world today; it is a total transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another.

The ship's commission pennant, a replica of which appears above, symbolizes the order by active service. As such, it is flown continuously by each Navy ship, from the moment she is commissioned until that final moment, years later, when she is retired from active service. Traditionally the commission pennant is replaced with a new one at each change of the commanding officer. The outgoing commanding officer is then presented with the pennant from during his command of the ship.

SCHEDULE

**NATIONAL ANTHEM
COMCLANTFLT BAND**

INVOCATION

COMMANDER GEORGE B. SUMNER (CMC), U.S. NAVY

**REMARKS and READING of ORDERS
CAPTAIN ROBERT F. KELLY, JR., U.S. NAVY**

**REMARKS and READING of ORDERS
CAPTAIN JOHN E. WHELAN, JR., U.S. NAVY**

**INTRODUCTION of PRINCIPAL SPEAKER BY
COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON SIX
CAPTAIN T. M. SPANG, U.S. NAVY**

**REMARKS BY COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET
VICE ADMIRAL R. M. KROEMER, U.S. NAVY**

BENEDICTION

COMMANDER GEORGE B. SUMNER (CMC), U.S. NAVY



Vice Admiral
BERNARD M. KAUBERT
United States Navy

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Vice Admiral Bernard M. Kaulbars, U.S. Navy, a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, first served in USS THE HULLAWANG (SS-313), and then as Executive Officer, USS HILMINGBERG (SSC-582) before attending Submarine School, New London, Connecticut.

After arrival in USS RAYON (SSB-526), he attended a year of nuclear power training in New London and Idaho Falls, Idaho. He then served in USS ROBERT S. LEE (SSBN-484), as Engineer Officer in USS EXPLORER (SSN-583) and as Executive Officer, USS O.E. GRANT (SSBN-411).

Command of the nuclear attack submarine USS BARR (SSN-586) was followed by command of the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls, and then of the submarine tender USS DEWON (AS-17). On the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Vice Admiral Kaulbars served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Management, and then as Chief of Staff. Following selection to Flag rank in 1977, he served as Commander Submarine Group FIVE and then as Deputy Director, Research, Test and Evaluation, in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He then served as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, from June 1981 to June 1983. Vice Admiral Kaulbars assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in June 1983.

In addition to the Legion of Merit, a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal, the admiral holds the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Star and the Vietnam Service Medal with Star.

A native of Philadelphia, Vice Admiral Kaulbars is married to the former Myra F. Weisman of Brooklyn, New York. They have three children: a son, Lieutenant H. Todd Kaulbars, a Naval Intelligence Officer who is married to Nancy; a daughter, Heidi, married to Lieutenant Lawrence C. Becker, a Naval Aviator; and a daughter, Robin, a recent graduate of Pennsylvania State University.



Commanding Officer
Captain
ROBERT F. KELLY, JR.
United States Navy



Captain Robert F. Kelly, Jr. graduated from the United States Naval Academy in June 1947. His initial assignment upon commissioning was in the Weapons Department aboard USS Manley (DD-584).

Since entering the Submarine Force in 1947, Captain Kelly has served aboard five submarines and completed 28 PRM deterrent patrols. During his assignment as Commanding Officer, USS Sam Rayburn was twice awarded the Submarine Squadron Fourteen Battle Efficiency Award. In December 1968, Captain Kelly received a Master's Degree in Management from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In 1967, Captain Kelly was awarded a Master's Degree in Management of Human Resources by Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Captain Kelly's next assignment will be as a participant in Harvard University's Advanced Management Program.

Captain Kelly is married to the former Anne B. Smith of Cranhill, New Jersey. Captain and Mrs. Kelly have four children.



Captain
JOAN FRANCIS BAYLAN, JR.
United States Navy

WORLD WAR II DATA SHEET

Captain John F. Whelan, Jr. graduated from high school in Abington, Massachusetts in 1943. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School at Annapolis, Maryland prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1944.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy in June 1946, he served for fifteen months aboard the destroyer USS KINGSTON D. BULLY (DD-674) prior to entering the Naval Submarine School, New London, Connecticut. Upon graduation he attended the Nuclear Power School, New London in 1947 and completed training at the Nuclear Power Training Unit, West Milton, New York in March 1948.

In April 1948, Captain Whelan was assigned to the USS AURELIAN LINGOIN (SSN 400) and completed five deerskin patrols while serving as Main Propulsion Assistant, Electrical and Reactor Control Officer, Damage Control Assistant, Communicator and Sonar Officer. He also served as Commissioning Engineer on the USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARRIER (SSN 404) (GOLC), Assistant Nuclear Power Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Engineer of the USS HULLIBT (SSN 487), and Executive Officer of the USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 449).

In August 1949 Captain Whelan reported to the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Upon graduation in January 1950 he underwent training as Prospective Commanding Officer and assumed command of USS TINGHA (SSN 406) on 2 December 1950. Captain Whelan commanded USS TINGHA (SSN 406) through a two and one-half year refueling overhaul in Pascagoula, Mississippi and subsequent Mediterranean deployment from September 1951 to February 1952. He was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS TINGHA on 29 April 1952.

Captain Whelan reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet in May 1952 as Operations Officer and was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations from May 1952 to July 1953.

Captain Whelan has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Communication Medal with two gold stars, Navy Achievement Medal and is authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Award and the Polaris Deterrent Patrol Insignia (seven patrols).

Captain Whelan is married to the former Miss Mary Jane Sweeney of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. The Whelan's have four sons, Richard, David, James and Christopher.

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 the Spear in 1944, 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 and 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, computational 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 officer 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 state of workmanship and readiness in the Submarine Force.

L. Y. SPEAR AWARDS

NAVY SUBMARINE UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON
BATTLE EFFICIENCY "B" RIBBON (FOUR AWARDS)
NAVY DEPENDENT'S MEDAL
NATIONAL DEPENDENT'S SERVICE MEDAL
SEA SERVICE RIBBON



USN L. Y. SPEAR (AS - 14)
COMMANDING OFFICERS

CAPTAIN RALPH GIBBERLEY, USN
FEB 1976 - AUG 1971

CAPTAIN JERRY W. DONLON, USN
AUG 1971 - JUNE 1971

CAPTAIN ROSE K. WILLIAMS, USN
JUNE 1971 - MAY 1971

CAPTAIN DAVID A. PROSENY, USN
MAY 1971 - MAY 1971

CAPTAIN BRADY J. THOMPSON, USN
MAY 1971 - AUG 1971

CAPTAIN JOHN H. KINSLEY, USN
AUG 1971 - SEPT 1971

CAPTAIN ROBERT P. KELLY, USN
SEPT 1971 - AUG 1971

