

**UNITED STATES SHIP ASPRO
CHANGE OF COMMAND
AND
INACTIVATION CEREMONY**

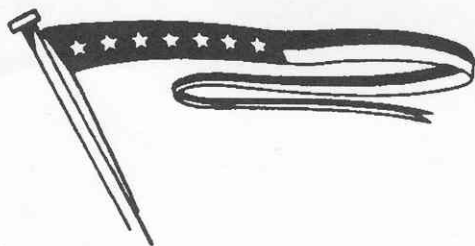


**NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE
PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII
23 SEPTEMBER 1994**



CHANGE OF COMMAND ABOARD A NAVY SHIP

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition, solemn and colorful, which formally restates to subordinate commanders and ship's company the continuity of the 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 commissioning pennant, a replica of which appears above, symbolizes the order to active service. As such, it is flown continuously by each Navy ship, from the moment she is commissioned until the final moment, years later, when she is retired from active service. Traditionally the commissioning pennant is replaced with a new one at each change of the commanding officer. The outgoing commanding officer is then presented with the pennant flown during his command of the ship.

PROGRAM

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

"THE NATIONAL ANTHEM"

INVOCATION

Chaplain Randall B. Craft, CHC, USNR

REMARKS

Captain Donald P. Miller, USN
Commander, Submarine Squadron 1

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS

Commander James M. Willy, USN

READING OF ORDERS

Commander Mitchell K. Sauls, USN

REPORT OF RELIEF OF COMMAND OF USS ASPRO (SSN648)

REMARKS

Commander Mitchell K. Sauls, USN
Commanding Officer, USS ASPRO (SSN 648)

REMARKS

Rear Admiral Fred P. Gustavson, USN
Commander, Submarine Group 5

INACTIVATION

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Randall B. Craft, CHC, USNR

NAVY HYMN

CINCPACFLT Band



REAR ADMIRAL FRED P. GUSTAVSON
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Rear Admiral Fred P. Gustavson is a native of Richmond, Washington. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating and receiving his commission in June 1965. Following nuclear power and submarine training, he reported to USS SAILFISH (SS 572) where he served as Supply Officer and Weapons Officer and qualified in submarines.

From 1968 to 1971 Admiral Gustavson was assigned to USS JAMES MONROE (SSBN 622) (BLUE) as the Damage Control Assistant and Main Propulsion Assistant. Following this tour, he reported as Navigator and Operations Officer aboard USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) (BLUE) where he conducted a shipyard overhaul, shakedown period and three deterrent patrols.

From 1975 to 1977 Admiral Gustavson served in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare) as the SSBN Programs Officer. He then reported to USS PINTADO (SSN 672) and served as Executive Officer from May 1977 to April 1980.

Admiral Gustavson commanded USS ASPRO (SSN648) from November 1980 until November 1983. During his tour, the ship conducted two deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, and a deployment under ice in the Arctic.

Following his command tour, Admiral Gustavson served as the Prospective Commanding Officer Instructor on the staff of the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet for three years. In January 1987 he reported to the staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Undersea Warfare) as the Head of the Combat Systems Branch (OP-224), and later, as Deputy Director of the Attack Submarine Division (OP-22B).

Admiral Gustavson served as Commander Submarine Squadron 14 in Holy Loch, Scotland from April 1989 to May 1991. He reported to the staff of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Welfare Requirements, and Assessments) where he served as the Director, Attack Submarine Branch (N872) from June 1991 through May 1993. Rear Admiral Gustavson reported to San Diego in July 1993 where he presently serves as Commander, Submarine Group FIVE.

Admiral Gustavson has been awarded the Legion of Merit (with three gold stars), Meritorious Service Medal (with gold star), Navy Commendation Medal (with three gold stars), and the Navy Achievement Medal (with gold star).

Admiral Gustavson is married to the former Lynne Pierson of Havertown, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Christina.



CAPTAIN DONALD P. MILLER
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Captain Donald P. Miller of Flemington, New Jersey is a 1971 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, receiving his degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Following nuclear power and basic submarine training, Captain Miller's first sea duty assignment included various division officer assignments on USS HADDO (SSN 604). Following Submarine Officer Advanced Course training, Captain Miller next reported to the pre-commissioning unit of USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693) as Engineer Officer. While serving on CINCINNATI, Captain Miller completed all post shakedown availability trials and the ship's first deployment.

Captain Miller's next assignment was to Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida where he served as the Director of the Enlisted School. Returning to sea duty in 1982 as Executive Officer of USS DANIEL BOONE (SSBN 629)(GOLD), Captain Miller completed three strategic deterrent patrols before the crews combined for overhaul.

In May 1984, Captain Miller reported to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Submarine Warfare, where he served as the Head, Manpower branch. He began prospective commanding officer training in the fall of 1986.

Captain Miller relieved as Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) in June of 1987. During his 29 months as Commanding Officer the BUFFALO completed two Western Pacific Deployments, was awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, and was the Battle Efficiency "E" winner for Submarine Squadron ONE for three consecutive years.

After leaving the BUFFALO, Captain Miller reported as the Deputy Commander for Training at Submarine Squadron SEVEN, a position he served in until early 1992. His next assignment was as Senior Member, Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board on the staff of Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Miller relieved as the forty third Commander of Submarine Squadron ONE in August 1994.

Captain Miller's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).

Captain Miller and his wife Adriane live in Aiea. They have two children: Mr. Francis Lee who lives with his wife in Honolulu, Hawaii and Pamela Miller who lives in Orlando, Florida.



COMMANDER JAMES M. WILLY
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Commander James M. Willy, a native of Olathe, Kansas, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1976 with a major in Mathematics.

Following nuclear power and basic submarine training, Commander Willy reported to USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN 644)(GOLD) in October 1977, completing submarine qualification and serving as Reactor Controls Assistant, Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant and Main Propulsion Assistant.

In August 1980, Commander Willy was assigned to Bureau of Naval Personnel where he served as the Junior Officer Detailer. After completing the Submarine Officer Advanced Course at Naval Submarine School in March 1983, Commander Willy reported for duty as Engineer Officer of USS LAPON (SSN 661) serving until July 1986. Commander Willy served as the Material Officer on the Staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron 6 until November 1988.

Commander Willy served as Executive Officer of USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) from December 1988 through May 1991. Following prospective commanding officer training, he assumed command of USS ASPRO (SSN 648) in February 1992. During his tour as Commanding Officer, USS ASPRO completed two deployments to the Western Pacific and an Eastern Pacific operation.

Commander Willy has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with three Gold Stars, the Navy Achievement Medal with one Gold Star, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon.

Commander Willy is married to the former Nancy Ann Wood of Indianapolis, Indiana. They have three daughters Ellen, Christina and Cathleen.



COMMANDER MITCHELL K. SAULS
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Commander Mitchell K. Sauls, a native of Pensacola, Florida, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy in June of 1978.

His first assignment was to USS NATHAN HALE (SSBN 623)(BLUE) where he served as Reactor Controls Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant and Communicator. He then went to Pre Commissioning Unit ALASKA (SSBN 732) in September 1983 where he served as Reactor Controls Assistant from initial manning to commissioning.

Following completion of the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in June 1986, he reported to USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) as Combat Systems Officer. From December 1989 until October 1990, he served as Radiological Controls Officer on USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS 36). Subsequently, he served as Executive Officer of USS SCRANTON (SSN 756) until September 1992.

Commander Sauls' last assignment was Director of the Engineering Training Department at Trident Training Facility, Kings Bay, Georgia.

Commander Sauls has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation with one Gold Star, and the Navy Achievement Medal with two Gold Stars.

Commander Sauls is married to the former Rachel Hagler of Chicago, Illinois and has three children: Amber, Emily, and Galen.

OFFICERS

LCDR Richard L. Perry
LCDR Dennis M. Gallagher
LT Paul D. Hullinger
LT Mark E. Davis
LT Frank J. Lorentzen
LT Jeffrey L. Bessa, Jr.
LT Ronald P. Fuchs
LT William L. Joyner
LTJG Timothy J. Le Duc
LT Gilbert R. Loomis
LTJG Christopher J. Martin
LT Daniel S. Moffit
LTJG Mark W. Schmall
LTJG Eric R. Schneider

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

QMCM(SS) Phillip C. Moore
MMCM(SS) Robert A. Fuson
ETC(SS) David J. Kozerow
MMC(SS) Ivan J. Kreher
EMC(SS) Steven A. LaMonica
MMC(SS/DV) Christopher P. Lydman
RMC(SS) James K. Hammons
STSC(SS) Bruce C. Orcutt
TMC(SS) Steven M. Partch
ETC(SS) Tobin M. Schroeder
QMC(SS) Anthony C. Tinder
ICC(SS) Robert A. Wheeler

ELECTRICAL

EM3(SS) Thomas J. Avery
EM2(SS) Shawn F. Buckendahl
EM2(SS) Gary D. Cross
EM2(SS) Jason D. Crowson
EM2(SS) Robert K. Damron
EM2(SS) Jeffery R. Hoffman
EM1(SS) Daniel G. Hutchinson
EM2(SS/DV) Aaron K. Morgan
EM2(SS) Eric K. Parker
EM1(SS) William L. Warp

RADIO

RM3(SS) James B. Banks
RM2(SS) Shaun "C" Kerr
RM3(SS) Richard W. Kulesh, Jr.
RM3(SS) Paul D. McNeal
RM2(SS) Matthew D. Rachke
RM2(SS) William K. Strickland

TORPEDO

TM1(SS) Freddie D. Bingham
TM2(SS/DV) William J. Carden
TM2(SS) Ronie S. Gumban
TM2(SS) John R. Harvell
TMSA(SS) Aden J. Schillig

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FT1(SS) Brian L. Bradshaw
FT2(SS) Timothy W. Schaaf
FT3(SS) Timothy J. Wagner
FT2(SS) Karl "D" Weeman

SONAR

STS3(SS) James A. Branch
STS1(SS) James J. Casey Jr.
STS2(SS) Jack E. Cutting, Jr.
STS3(SS) John M. Drake
STS3(SS) Philip J. Eveland
STS3(SS) Christopher R. Halsall
STS1(SS) Peter B. Hubbard
STS2(SS) Charles W. McGarity
STS3(SS) Jason W. Rowell
STSSN(SS) John J. Scanlon
STS3(SS) Robert C. Sparling
STS3(SS) Corey D. Vire

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ET3(SS) Joseph M. Cavanaugh
ET1(SS) John O. Dockum
ET1(SS) Shaun E. Jones
ET3(SS) Richard G. Pitzer
ET2(SS) Patrick J. Raffetto
ET2(SS) Robert A. Trout
ET3(SS) Brian S. Underwood

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MM2(SS) Brian "D" Chandler
MM2(SS) Lejay R. Colborn
MM1(SS) John M. Etcheberry
MMFN(SS) Mark Ladd
MM2(SS) Joseph G. Mathis
MM3(SS) James C. McElveen
MM3(SS) Jonathan T. McLean
MM2(SS) Antonio Padilla
MM3(SS) Brett W. Prost
MM2(SS) Robert D. Sawyer
MM1(SS) Michael S. Vick

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MM3(SS) Robert G. Cherry
MM3(SS) Daniel P. Clausen
MM3(SS) Kurt B. Durnal
MM1(SS) Robert W. Edwards
MM2(SS) Christopher J. Klein
MM3(SS) John M. McCauley
MM2(SS) Aaron M. Meisenheimer
MM2(SS) Richard J. Rechlin
MM2(SS) Howard Sample, Jr.
MM1(SS) Eric S. Schank
MM2(SS) Scott "R" Weeks

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IC3(SS) Duless A. Duet
IC3(SS) Gregory L. Stump
IC3(SS) Nigel "K" Sturge

MESS MANAGEMENT

MS3(SS) James W. Duncan
SN(SS) Mark A. Easter
MS2(SS) Timothy R. Roberts
MS3(SS) Thomas J. Turner
MS3(SS) Charles D. Tweedy
MS3(SS) Ramon Villanueva, Jr.
MS2(SS) Jason Wallace

ELECTRONICS

ET3(SS) Carlos A. Esquivel
ET3(SS) Raymond L. Garcia
ET3(SS) Bruce E. Himmerick
ET3(SS) David "A" Rocha
ET3(SS) David B. Towery

REACTOR LABORATORIES

MM1(SS) Frank H. Frazar
MM3(SS) Brandon C. Haley
MM2(SS) John A. Jacobson
MM2(SS) Thomas J. Prusnek
MM2(SS) Keith A. Stanislawski
MM1(SS) Brian E. Wilson

STORES

SK3(SS) Joseph F. Giannotta
SK2(SS) Kevin J. Montambo
SK1(SS) Glen E. Ruede
SK3(SS) Christopher M. Spurlock

DECK

SA(SS) Gregory E. Hailey
SA(SS) Joseph P. Hughes
STS3(SS) Eric M. Lischak

YEOMAN

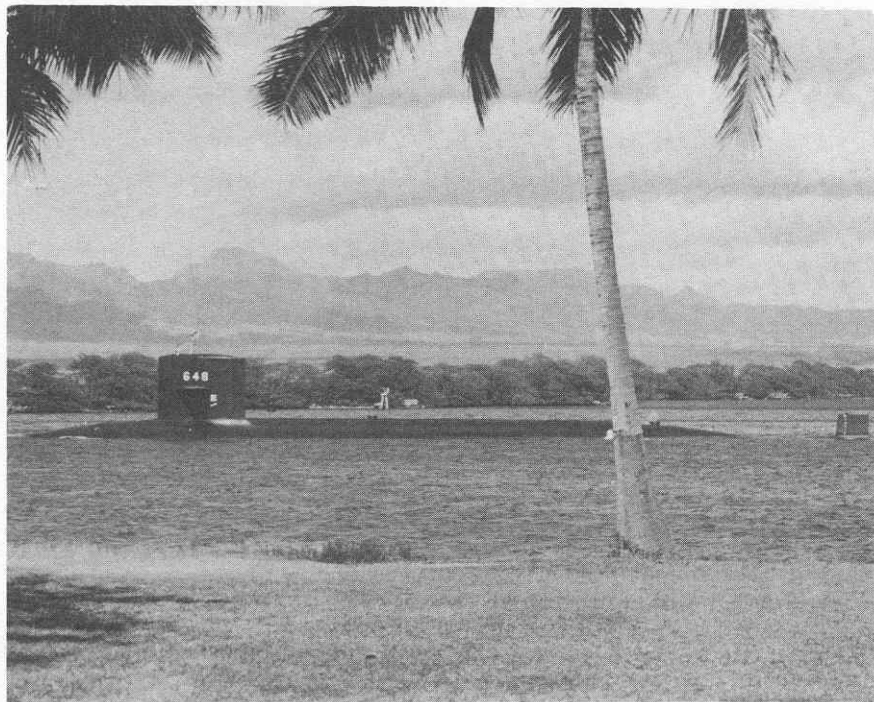
YNSN(SS) Michael R. Johnson
YN1(SS) Ronnie Mitchem
YNSA(SS) Edwin K. Smart
SA(SS) Adrian S. Prindle

QUARTERMASTER

QM3(SS) William J. Pfaffendorf
QM2(SS) Michael S. Rhodes
QMSN(SS) Chad J. Rice

MEDICAL

HM1(SS) David Sisto



USS ASPRO (SSN 648)

Keel laid	23 November 1964
Launched	29 November 1967
Commissioned	20 February 1969
Sponsor	Mrs. Robert H. Baldwin
Built by	Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp.

AWARDS

Battle Efficiency "E"	1971, 1972, 1990, 1991, 1993
Navy Unit Commendation	1972, 1984
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1971, 1982

Following the return from the North Pole, ASPRO conducted local operations until July 1983. From July to October 1983, ASPRO conducted her seventh Western Pacific deployment. Upon return, ASPRO conducted local operations until July 1984 at which time she deployed for her eighth Western Pacific Deployment. ASPRO was awarded a second Navy Unit Commendation for this deployment.

From July to September 1985, ASPRO changed homeports to Mare Island, California for her third overhaul. The overhaul lasted from November 1986 to June 1989. Upon completion of the overhaul, ASPRO returned to Pearl Harbor.

ASPRO conducted her ninth Western Pacific deployment from July 1990 to January 1991. The ship earned the Battle Efficiency "E" for 1991 during this deployment, her first year out of overhaul. In March and April of 1991, ASPRO conducted a deployment to the Arctic Ocean.

From September 1991 to November 1991, ASPRO conducted a deployment to the Northern Pacific. At the completion of this deployment, ASPRO was awarded a second consecutive Battle Efficiency "E."

ASPRO conducted her tenth Western Pacific deployment from October 1992 to April 1993. ASPRO then conducted local operations until August 1993 when ASPRO returned to southern California for the first time since the end of her last overhaul in 1989. ASPRO was awarded the 1992 COMSUBPAC Silver Anchor Award for Retention and Quality of Life Excellence.

ASPRO was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" for 1993. This marked the crew's third receipt of this prestigious award since completion of an extensive overhaul in 1989.

ASPRO conducted her eleventh and final deployment to the Western Pacific from April 1994 to September 1994. At the completion of this deployment every man assigned to ASPRO was qualified in submarines.

Proudly returning to Pearl Harbor in September, ASPRO will commence inactivation at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard 30 September 1994.

**ASPRO--A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE--ASPRO
ASPRO--OUR PRIDE RUNS DEEP--ASPRO**



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 at times it is even difficult for us to comprehend, but it is so."

"A ship at sea is a distinct 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 alone who is ultimately responsible for the safe navigation, engineering performance, accurate gunfire 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 as commanding officer that he can escape the grasp of command responsibility. His privileges in view of his obligations are almost 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 seagoing world...Captain."

JOSEPH CONRAD





COMMANDING OFFICERS

Commander Roy R. Wight, USN	20 February 1969 28 July 1971
Commander Robert H. Harris, USN	28 July 1971 31 December 1973
Commander Edward F. Wagner, USN	31 December 1973 30 July 1977
Commander Jonathan C. Warthin, USN.....	30 July 1977 21 November 1980
Commander Fred P. Gustavson, USN	21 November 1980 10 November 1983
Commander Michael D. Martin, USN.....	10 November 1983 10 May 1986
Commander Thomas H. Etter, USN	10 May 1986 27 May 1989
Commander John A. Borchardt, USN	27 May 1989 21 February 1992
Commander James M. Willy, USN	21 February 1992 23 September 1994
Commander Mitchell K. Sauls, USN.....	23 September 1994

SUBMARINE VERSE OF THE NAVY HYMN

*"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."*

-Rev. Gale Williamson

