

WELCOME ABOARD

Length - 340
Beam - 85
Displ - 24,500



SUBMARINE TENDER

USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS-36)

SUBMARINE SQUADRON SIX

U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET

UNITED STATES SHIP
L. Y. SPEAR
(AS 36)

Dimensions, feet	Length - 640 Beam - 85 Draft - 24.5
Displacement	22,600 Tons
Propulsion	Type - Steam Turbine Shafts - One
Speed	18.5 Knots
Armament	Two Single 5"/38 Gun Mounts Four 50 Cal. Machine Guns
Personnel	Approx. 47 Officers, 1030 Enlisted

The first of a new class submarine tender, U.S.S. L. Y. SPEAR (AS36) is designed primarily to provide mobile facilities, support and service for Attack Nuclear Submarines and their operational and administrative staffs. L. Y. SPEAR is the first SS/SSN Tender to be provided the Navy in nearly a quarter of a century. (The last, U.S.S. NEREUS (AS17), was commissioned 12 February 1945.) L. Y. SPEAR is equipped with shops, material and technical capabilities to repair and modify submarines requiring any services short of shipyard facilities. She will provide logistic support, including stocking, maintaining and issuing of supplies, repair parts, weapons, and torpedoes. Complete medical and dental facilities are available, including a ward for the sick. Berthing facilities are available for a limited number of personnel from submarines undergoing repair. L. Y. SPEAR has the completeness of a small city, and is capable of providing logistic support to an entire squadron of Nuclear Submarines. She has the additional capability of helicopter operations, with a flight deck large enough to permit day and night operations. L. Y. SPEAR is a floating industrial, supply, and service complex, a computerized supply center, an ammunition depot, a large modern self-contained support depot providing numerous services. As a U. S. Naval Vessel, she is capable of performing all these duties and moving anywhere on the seven seas.

FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER:



This folder will present you with an idea of the scope, and brief history of L. Y. SPEAR. We trust that your time aboard will afford you a fuller comprehension of the mission of a Submarine Tender as a vital part of the Submarine Force and U. S. Navy.

Welcome Aboard,

Ralph M. Ghormley

RALPH M. GHORMLEY
Captain, U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer
USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS36)

HISTORY OF L. Y. SPEAR

L. Y. SPEAR was built in Quincy, Massachusetts by General Dynamics.

Keel Laid-----5 May 1966
Launched-----7 September 1967
Commissioned-----28 February 1970
Sponsor-----Mrs. Arnold F. Schade

Following fitting out availability, underway training, and shakedown, L. Y. SPEAR is moored at Destroyer/Submarine Pier 22, Norfolk, Virginia. The ship is a part of Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.



The Ship's Crest was designed by Petty Officers attached to L. Y. SPEAR. The crest symbolizes the mission of sea power (trident) for peace (oak leaves) and liberty (torch).

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