

Welcome Aboard
USS L.Y. Spear AS-36



Attack Submarine Tender
of the
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

The Commanding Officer



CAPTAIN JOHN H. KINERT, USN

CAPTAIN KINERT graduated from the Naval Academy in 1956. His assignments have included the USS LOFBERG (DD-179), USS TERRILL COUNTY (LST-1127) and three Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines. He commanded USS CASIMIR PULASKI (SSBN-610) FOLDS, completing six strategic deterrent patrols as Commanding Officer.

CAPTAIN KINERT reported to L. V. SPEAR from the Staff of U. S. Commander in Chief, Europe and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe where he served as Special Assistant.

CAPTAIN KINERT has been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Battle Efficiency "E", China Service Medal two awards, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star.

CAPTAIN KINERT is married to the former Barbara Mary Briggs of San Marcos, California. They have two children, Kimberly and Kent.

The Ship and its crew

USS L. Y. SPEAR is named in honor of Lawrence York Spear, 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 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, computerized supply center, an 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.

