

Welcome Aboard
USS L.Y. Spear AS-36



Attack Submarine Tender
U.S. Atlantic Fleet

THE SHIP AND ITS CREW

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 testing 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 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 standards of workmanship and readiness in the Submarine Force.

L. Y. SPEAR AWARDS

NAVY HONORARY UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON
BATTLE EFFICIENCY "B" MEDAL (FOUR AWARDS)
NAVFY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL
SEA SERVICE RIBBON
NAVY CROSS



AWARDS TO THE CREW OF THE
L. Y. SPEAR

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Captain
JOHN FRANCIS WILLIAM, JR.
United States Navy

USS L. T. SPEAR AS-36 is named after a man that former United States President, Harry S. Truman commended for "unwavering 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 - 1959).

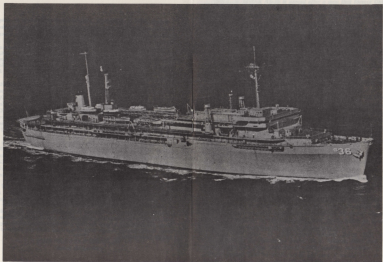
Mr. Spear was born in October 1870 in Warren, Ohio. He had an early interest in ship construction and with this objective in mind, Mr. Spear entered the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis in 1888 and graduated second in his class in 1890. He served on the Naval vessels: USS PENDACOLA, USS CHARLESTON and 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 shipsyard 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 Philip Holland) submarines of the "A" or alpha class, which were under contract from the Electric Boat Company. Mr. Spear saw the potential of these new "ships" and recognized his ability to contribute to 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 1, 1904 Mr. Spear replaced Philip Holland as director and on June 4, 1904, Lawrence Y. Spear became Vice - President of the Electric Boat Company, a position he held for 28 years. He then served as President of the company until 1947, when he became chairman of the board.

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 Lawrence Spear." Lawrence York Spear died in 1959. The USS L. T. SPEAR AS - 36 was commissioned February 28, 1959.



USS (SP-1) (1942)



LAWRENCE YORK SPEAR

Captain John F. Whelan, Jr. graduated from high school in Abington, Massachusetts in 1935. He enlisted in the Navy in 1937 and attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School at Annapolis, Maryland prior to entering the U. S. Naval Academy in June 1938.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy in June 1940, he served for three months aboard the destroyer USS KENNETH D. BAILEY (DD-311) prior to entering the Naval Submarine School, New London, Connecticut. Upon graduation he attended the Nuclear Power School, New London in 1942 and completed training at the Nuclear Power Training Unit, West Hill, New York in March 1943.

In April 1943, Captain Whelan was assigned to the USS ARCADIAN LINCOLN (TB-9) and completed five different periods 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) (GOLD), Assistant Nuclear Power Officer on the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Engineer of the USS HULLBY (SSN 381), and Executive Officer of the USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 444).

In August 1947 Captain Whelan reported to the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia. Upon graduation in January 1948 he underwent training as Prospective Commanding Officer and assumed command of USS TINGOLA (SSN 406) on 3 December 1948. Captain Whelan commanded USS TINGOLA (SSN 406) through a two and one-half year refueling overhaul in Pascagoula, Mississippi and subsequent Mediterranean deployment from September 1949 to February 1950. He was relieved as Commanding Officer, USS TINGOLA on 27 April 1950.

Captain Whelan reported to the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet in May 1950 as Operations Officer and was assigned as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations from May 1950 to July 1952.

Captain Whelan has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, Navy Commendation Medal with two gold stars, Navy Achievement Medal and authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Award and the Robert D. Silverman Patrol Insignia (seven periods).

VITAL STATISTICS

The USS 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
Displacement (est.)	Length - 663
	Beam-85
	Draft-24.3
Displacement	23,000 tons
Propulsion	Single engine,
	Steam turbine,
	Single shaft
Speed	18.5 knots
Manning	43 Officers
	1068 Enlisted



The ship's crest was designed by enlisted personnel of L. Y. SPEAR and symbolizes the mission of sea power (anchors), peace (a torch), and liberty (swords).