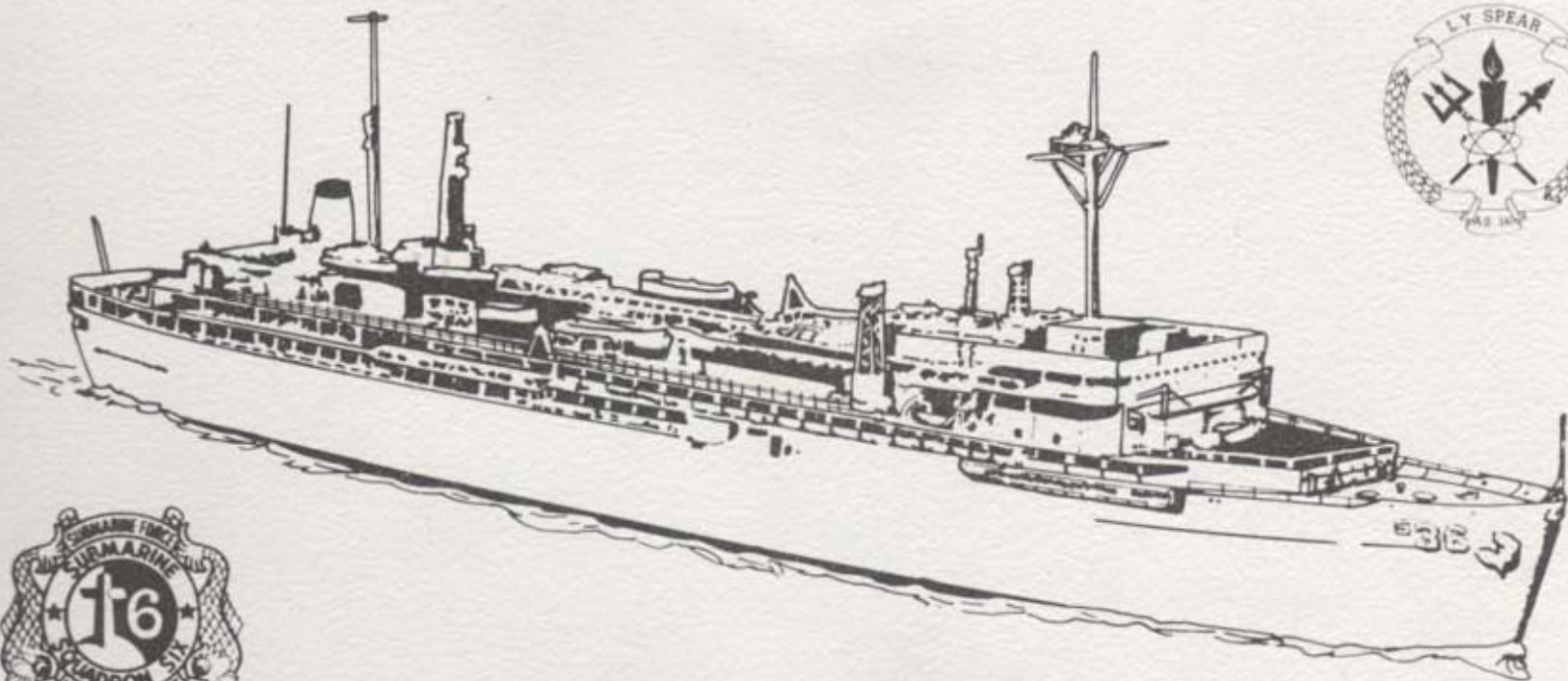


# USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS-36)



## Commanding Officer, USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS-36)



It has been a pleasure to host you aboard the USS L.Y. SPEAR (AS-36). I hope this photograph album will provide you with pleasant memories of your visit.

*Thomas L. Parry, Jr.*

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## HOW L.Y. SPEAR WAS NAMED

USS L. Y. SPEAR AS-36 is named after a man that former United States President, Harry S. Truman commended for 'outstanding fidelity and meritorious conduct in aid of the war effort against common enemies of the United States and it's allies in World War I.'

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 1886 and graduated second in his class in 1890. He served on the Naval cruisers: USS PENSACOLA, 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 shipyards 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.

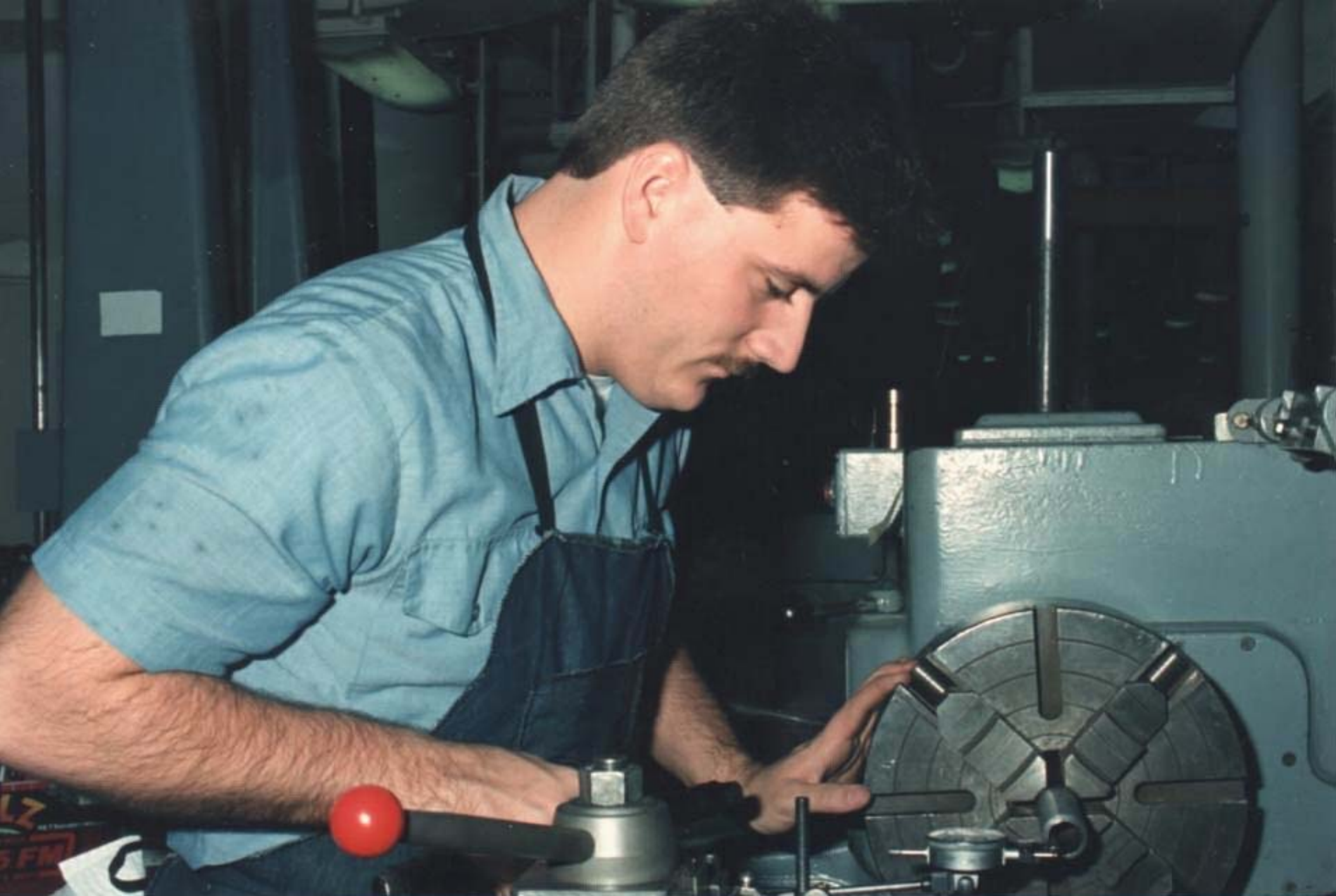
Citing Mr. Spear in 1949, Rear Admiral James Fife, then Commander of the Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet said, "Of all of those who have contributed to the modern submarine, if the greater portion could be attributed to one man, it would be Lawrence Spear." Lawrence York Spear died in 1950. The USS L. Y. Spear AS-36 was commissioned February 28, 1970. L.Y. SPEAR is the submarine tender of SUBRON SIX, and one of the finest in it's class of the U.S. Navy.



## L.Y. SPEAR's MISSION

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 and ammunition depot. 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 technicians and 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.





















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