

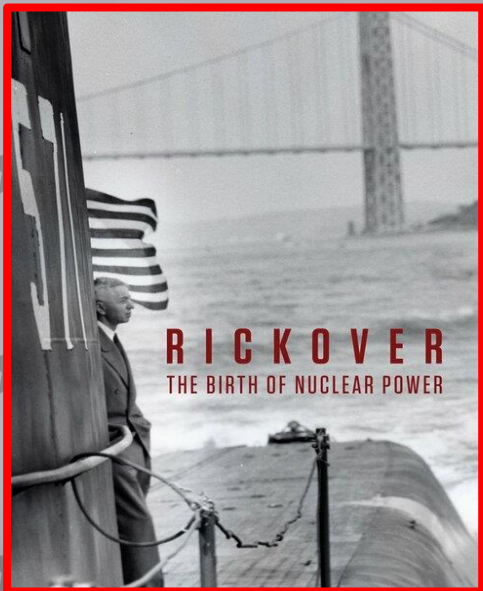


The Rickover Tribune

The official newsletter of USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 795)

"Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence"

First Quarter, Fiscal year 2024 & Beyond



FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Dear RICKOVER Friends and Family,

Writing you from sea with the USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 795) underway on nuclear power. It's been an adventurous past few months, with substantial time away from our loved ones, developing the warfighting edge of the crew and certifying the ship for defense of our homeland. I could not be more proud!

I'd like to highlight just some of the extraordinary things our sailors are accomplishing. Our leading Yeoman, YSN1 Tooley, after being selected as RICKOVER'S sailor of the year, went on to win sailor of the year for all of Submarine Squadron Four in Groton. He will go in to compete at SUBLANT in just a few days against sailors from dozens of over ships. We are so excited to have one of our RICKOVER sailors representing the best in the fleet and wish him the best of luck.

MMA1 Beegle was selected as the 2023 SUBLANT Command Career Counselor (CCC) of the Year. Career Counselors are experts in helping our Sailors navigate their Navy career paths and MMA1 Beegle's contributions to the RICKOVER team is greatly appreciated.

Three RICKOVER Chiefs were selected for advancement this month! Congratulations to CSSCM(SS/DV) Felt, MMACM(SS) Clark and STSCS(SS/DV) Salazar. Thank you for your outstanding leadership. We also want to extend congratulations to our XO, Taylor Shope, who was recently selected for Commander (O5) and will promote this fall. Bravo Zulu to all!

While our extraordinary sailors have been hard at work, we have also taken some time to have fun. We were able to organize the RICKOVER'S first Swim Call. After surfacing the submarine in the middle of the ocean, our Sailors went for a swim and enjoyed some sunshine at the "Steel Beach". This unique experience was enjoyed by all. Additionally, we were able to offer a small dependent's cruise out of Cape Canaveral Florida and our family members were able to experience the excitement of a submarine out to sea.



FROM THE CHIEF OF THE BOAT

HOOYAH RICKOVER! 1st Quarter of 2024 has been another extremely busy and rewarding time for ship and crew. The crew has meet every challenge is performing beyond expectations. As we continue forward with our schedule it is important to ensure family readiness and communicating potential issues as early as possible. Our amazing Ombudsman have done an outstanding job of supporting the families while we are underway. I encourage all of you to introduce yourself to Shelby and Celeste at first opportunity. I couldn't be more proud of each and every crew member and their families for the GRIT they have shown to bring the command to where we are. I look forward to speaking about all of our future successes!



SILVER DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS



YNSSN(SS) CHRISTOPHER KISTE



EMN2(SS) LUKE FAUVER



ITS2(SS) NYRIAN JIGGETTS



MMN2(SS) DANIEL BURNS



MMN2(SS) ANDREW NELSON



TMFN(SS)
DAQUINTON MACKLIN

Can you think of a symbol that has immediate meaning to you? Maybe it's the American flag, the logo of your favorite sports team, or your college mascot. For the men and women of the Submarine Force, it's the submarine warfare insignia, informally known as a submariner's "dolphins." Submariners earn their dolphins by demonstrating their vast knowledge of all the systems aboard their submarine in a process they call "qualifying." Qualifying is not just a rite of passage or an achievement for submariners, it is a requirement of submarine service. A new unqualified submariner has a year to successfully complete the qualification process and pass his or her final evaluation board prior to receiving their dolphins.



SILVER DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS



CSSSN(SS) ISAIAH COLEMAN



STSSN(SS) CALEB BENNETT



CSSSN(SS) CHANCE GOLDEN



EMN2(SS) WILLIAM MIZE

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SILVER DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS



ETN2(SS) MICHAEL MEEHAN



MMAFN(SS)
DILLON COTTONGAME



LSS2(SS) SHANE BOWEN

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GOLD DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS

*BRAVO ZULU TO RICKOVER'S LTJG WINTERS FOR
COMPLETING THE RIGOROUS SUBMARINE
QUALIFICATION PROCESS AND RECEIVING HIS
GOLD DOLPHINS!*



LTJG MATTHEW A. WINTERS





USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER'S

1ST QUARTER AWARDS

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER'S
BLUE JACKET OF THE QUARTER
ETV3(SS) KEVIN SKULICH



USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER'S
JUNIOR SAILOR OF THE QUARTER
ETN2(SS) BARRETT LONG



USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER'S
SAILOR OF THE QUARTER
MMA1(SS) BRIAN SMITH



OUTSTANDING!



BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!

Congratulations to the following Sailors for being selected for advancement to the next paygrade!



LSSI(SS) REIMER



MMNI(SS) SMITH



MMNI(SS) WOLSKI

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Congratulations to the following Sailors for being selected for advancement to the next paygrade!



ETV2(SS) TSOI



EMN2(SS) HIERS



MMN2(SU) JUSTICE

BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!

Congratulations to the following Sailors for being selected for advancement to the next paygrade!



STS3(SS) EVANS



FT3(SU) VELA



STS3(SU) DEAN



STS3(SS) CRAIG

BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

The following Sailors have transferred and received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their faithful service aboard RICKOVER:



FT2 Elder



MMA2 Gonzales



LSS1 Reimer



MMN1 Delarosa



EMNC Berube



MMA2 Moore

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The following Sailors have transferred and received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their faithful service aboard RICKOVER:



MMN1 Weyker



ITS1 McCarter



ENT3 Schmitz



LT Mandell



LTJG Hostetler (PCU IDAHO)



TMC Lett

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The following Sailors have transferred and received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for their faithful service aboard RICKOVER:



MMN1 Smith



ETN1 Nageotte



STS2 Garcia



STS2 Langaricatorres

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



LTJG Verkamp



LTJG Jaquith



LTJG Mandell



LTJG Saunders

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



LTJG Eddy



LTJG Winters



ETVC Robinson



ETNC Rossi

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



CSSA Coleman



LSS3 Jackson



ITS2 Lehmann



ITS2 Hart

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



HM1 Taylor



ETN2 Long



ETN2 Ocampo



LSS1 Reimer

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS
ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



LSS2 Bowen



MMA1 Smith



MMA1 Cleveland



MMA1 Edgarstorbeck

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



ETV2 Fuentes



ETV2 Tsoi



ETN2 Brown



ETN2 Lane

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



FT3 Herriman



FT2 Shakespeare



FT2 Elder



FT2 Leiter

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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



STS1 Bender



STS1 Castro



STS2 Graham



STS2 Underwood



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NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL RECIPIENTS



STS2 Paigg



STS3 Laporte



EMN2 Villaman



ETN2 Mckay

OUTSTANDING!

BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!



AWARDED BEST SUBMARINE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BY SUBMARINE SQUADRON 4



RICKOVER'S NEWEST DEVILS!



MMN1
LASSITER



ETN2
KALYVAS



MMN2
JUSTICE



MMN1
GRADY



MMAFR
SANCHEZ



MMAFR
PARK



MMAFR
PARKER



TMFR
PRIZIO



ETVSR
MESLER



ITS1
HOUGHTALING



STS1
THOMPSON



MMAFR
HERNANDEZSILVA

WARMEST WELCOMES!



OMBUDSMAN UPDATE

Hello RICKOVER families!

We are Celeste Winters and Shelby Bender, your Command Family Ombudsmen. Our role as volunteer Ombudsmen is to support the sailors and their families who are serving on the USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER. We do this in a variety of ways, including providing information and referrals, facilitating communication during crises, and using our experiences and training to help navigate the Navy family life.

We can't believe it's been almost 6 months since the Commissioning! Our sailors have done tremendous work getting the boat tested and ready for its future missions. We are so proud of them and the work they have done. The work will continue, of course, and we want to share our reminder about practicing Operations Security (OPSEC). One of the most critical roles of a military family is to keep the information your service member gives you secure. This information could be about boat movement, port calls, the maintenance schedule, or upcoming missions. Keeping the information safe includes not sharing it in writing (including text messages), in public places, or on any social media platforms like Reddit, TikTok, and Facebook. We speak of OPSEC often because we never know when our Sailors are going to be called away for a mission so we should be practicing it constantly.

However, we also know that as family members we want as much information about our Sailors' whereabouts as possible! We understand that so many of our families are not local to the Groton area, and therefore cannot attend in-person meetings to receive updates. This is why official phone tree communications are so important! The phone tree is staffed by volunteers who relay official statements given by the Chain of Command (COC) or Squadron to the Ombudsman. The phone tree is only activated in certain circumstances, like a significant delay in schedule or when we must get crucial information out in a timely manner.

OMBUDSMAN CONTACT INFORMATION

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PHONE: (860) 772-4133

RESOURCES

AMCROSS

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OMBUDSMAN UPDATE CONT'D

The phone tree will only ever be activated by direction of the COC or Squadron, and the message is crafted to balance the desire to give information to the allowed recipients with the absolute need to keep our sailors safe. Each sailor may have one contact on the phone tree, and we encourage them to communicate with their selection before they leave for a mission. If you have any questions about the phone tree, please reach out to your sailor or to us directly.

We are so grateful to continue to work as your Ombudsmen! If you need us, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact us at the cell phone listed below between the hours of 8am-8pm EST (24 hours for emergencies), or via email (with a return email within 24 working hours).

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Ombudsman Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/795ombudsman>

Navy Family Ombudsmen are required to report to the command and/or the appropriate authorities all instances of alleged or known child abuse, alleged spouse abuse, potential or attempted suicide, potential homicidal or life-threatening behavior, and any other issues identified as reportable by the Commanding Officer.

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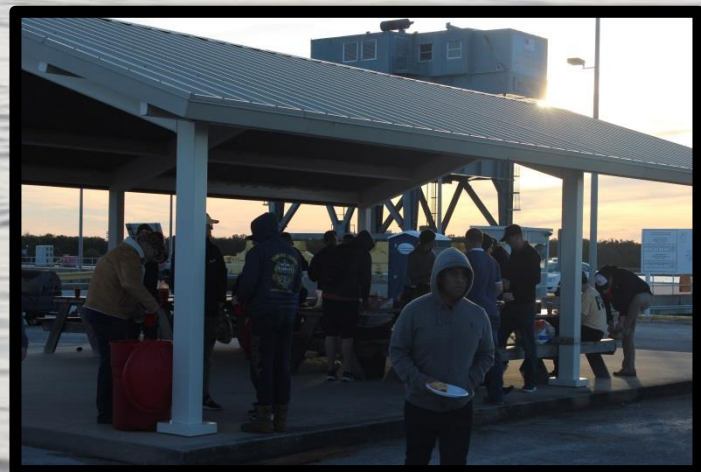
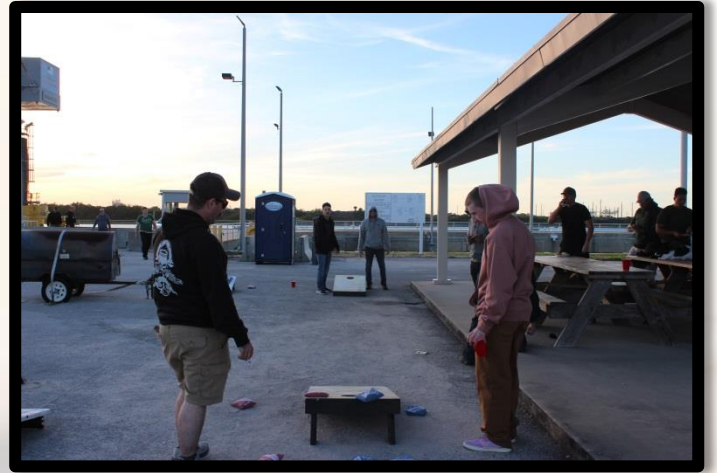
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The Emotional Cycle of Deployment



Port Canaveral, Florida

RICKOVER Sailors were able to enjoy their first port call in Port Canaveral, FL for a scheduled visit. The crew enjoyed much needed liberty on the Space Coast along with some rocket launch viewings!



Merry Christmas Rickover and Welcome Home

After a successful underway, RICKOVER was welcomed home by loved ones and Santa Clause.



Even Santa has to field day



FT2 Shakespeare enjoying the Holiday and Santa approves



ITS1 McCarter is the first to have his photo taken on Santa's lap



Santa ready to deliver presents to the kids of Groton and beyond



Welcome HO HO Home Rickover

