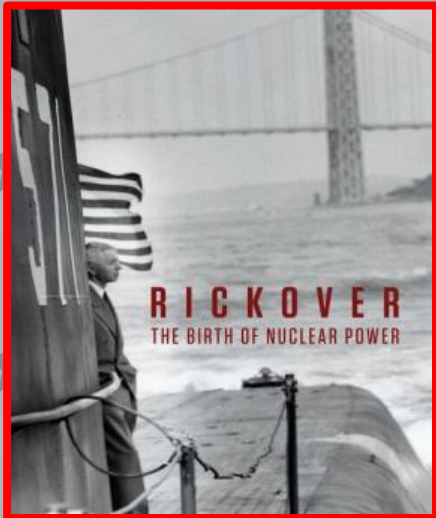


# The Rickover Tribune

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

*"Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence"*

**Third Quarter, 2024 & Beyond**



## FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RICKOVER has had a busy underway in August and September. We were mostly focused on doing developmental exercises to test new technology and tactics to make the submarine force more stealthy and more effective at tracking other subs. However, we did take a few breaks from our science missions.

First, we did two days of underway filming with a helicopter for the next Mission Impossible movie, ending time at periscope depth with a rising emergency blow to the surface. I haven't seen the footage yet, but I'm looking forward to seeing the movie in May 2025 to see how we jumped out of the water. Second, we did a distinguished visitor cruise with some Congressional aides out of Port Canaveral, Florida. Our submarine force brings a lot of capabilities to our national defense, and it's important for us to explain what we do to Congress because they are ultimately the ones who set policies and provide funding for the submarine force and our families.

Finally, we got to take a break from testing in the Bahamas for a swim call over the side in the Bahamas. Lots of guys really just wanted "cell phone liberty" to check in with the world and call their friends and families, but we also had a great day for sun and swimming.

We're doing some maintenance and training right now in port and will be back out to sea soon for most of the next few months. We're doing some high-end combat simulations to train ourselves and develop new tactics. We also have another developmental exercise to keep working on next-generation technology. Naturally, we are also putting a lot of effort into engineering readiness while we're out. Early next year, we're planning a return trip to our builders at Electric Boat to get some warranty maintenance done. There are a few outstanding material problems from the build process that the shipyard is going to fix. Naturally, the Navy is also looking to add a few upgrades to make our systems safer and more effective.

I've spent a lot of time talking about my three goals for the ship over the next six months. First, we are trying to be ready for combat as a ship and as individuals. We are a warship first and foremost, and even after we start our maintenance period at Electric Boat next year many RICKOVER sailors will get called to help out on other, operational ships. Second, we have to be ready for our maintenance availabilities. Our ship is too capable and too valuable to not show up ready to get work done safely the first time. Third, I want the crew to stay focused on getting ready for our maiden deployment overseas in 2026. While it seems like it's a long way away, the experience and qualifications we can get now will help prepare the current generation of junior sailors to be the leaders of their divisions and watch teams when we get out there for our first overseas deployment.

Thanks to all readers for being part of the RICKOVER family!



## FROM THE CHIEF OF THE BOAT

Another fantastic quarter for USS RICKOVER! In the past three months we have been busy with several at-sea testing periods, participating in the filming of one of next year's summer blockbuster movies and relaxing in the Caribbean Sea during a swim call. These months allowed for multiple Sailors to complete qualifications from some of the most junior, to senior in-rate qualifications. We are also very happy to announce the promotion one Third Class Petty Officer to E-5 and one Second Class Petty Officer to E-6 and one First Class Petty Officer to Chief. Congratulations are in order to ETN2 Schollmeier, STS1 Graham and MMNC Correia, well done shipmates! The crew is looking forward to a few upcoming events. We have a crew picnic planned for October 16th where we will celebrate the one year anniversary of the RICKOVER being a commissioned Naval Warship. The men are looking forward to our annual softball match where the Chiefs and Officers will take on the crew. We are also excited about our upcoming Halloween Costume party that will be happening on October 18th. We thank you for your continued support of the Sailors onboard, their families at home, and for the vital mission that we carry out. Until next time, we wish you fair winds and following seas.



# SILVER DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS



STS3(SS) DEAN



MMAFN(SS) HERNANDEZ-SILVA



MMAFN(SS) PARK



MMN2(SS) CUEVAS



TMFN(SS) COTTILLIONSTEVENS

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.

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



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GOLDEN**

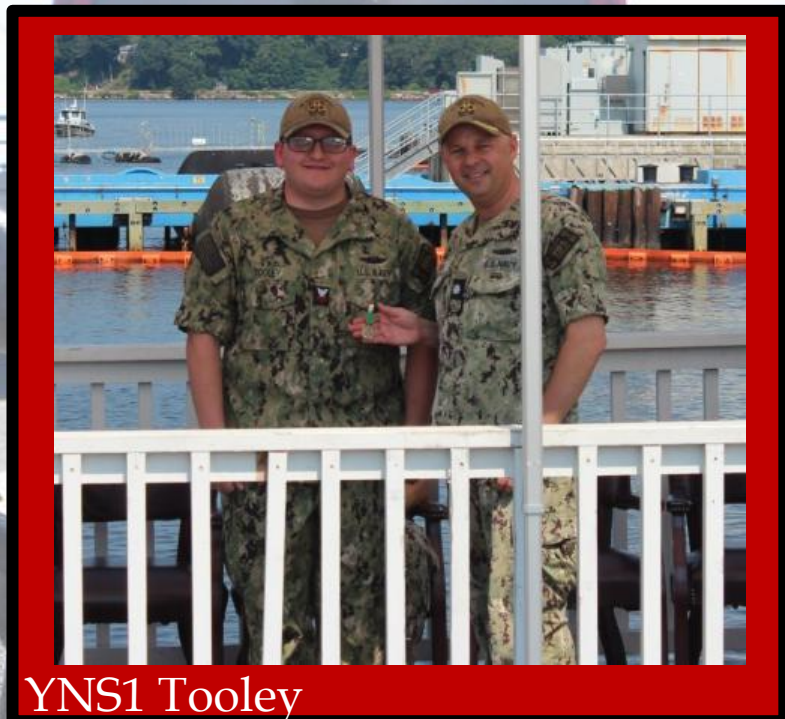


**FT3(SS)  
BOYARSKI**

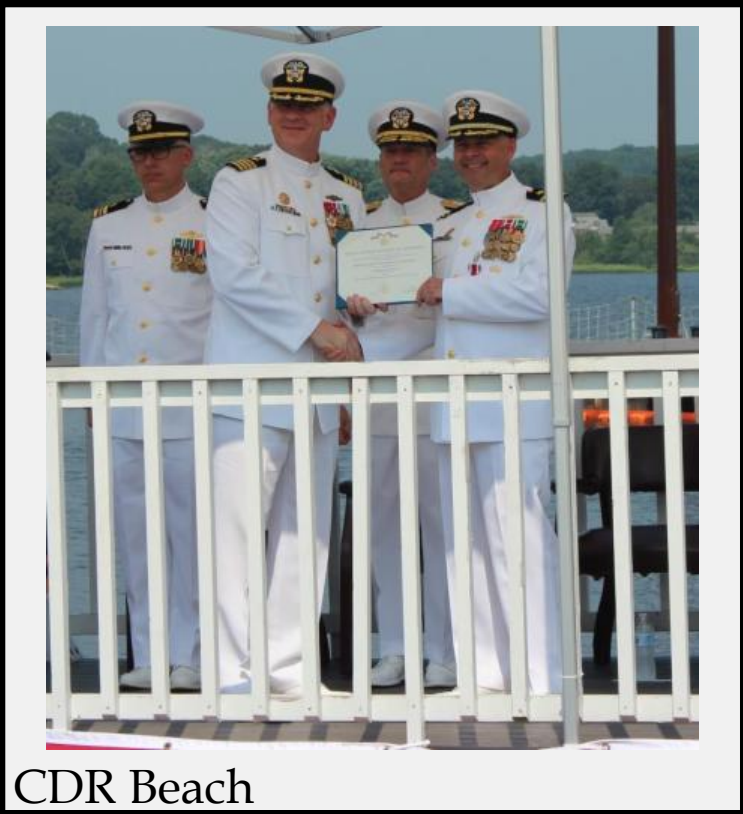
***BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!***

# 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:



YNS1 Tooley



CDR Beach



LT Jaquith

# RICKOVER'S NEWEST DEVILS!

ETVC  
HUGILL



ETVSN  
GLOVER



STS1  
MEILLIO



EMN1  
PENN



STSSN  
DEL REAL



FT1  
BOWNAS



STS1  
MEILLIO



MMAFN  
HIGGINS



WARMEST WELCOMES!



# OMBUDSMAN UPDATE

Hello RICKOVER families! I am Celeste Winters, your Command Family Ombudsman. My role as the volunteer Ombudsman is to support the sailors and their families who are serving on the USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER. I do this in a variety of ways, including providing information and referrals, facilitating communication during crises, and using my experiences and training to help families navigate Navy life.

October 14<sup>th</sup> will mark the one-year anniversary of the boat's commissioning! It's amazing to think back and see what our crew has accomplished in the last year. They have completed countless hours of training, they've spent a significant amount of time at sea, and they have worked hard to complete their missions. The job of a submariner is a difficult one, spending time away from their families while working long hours to keep the boat mission ready. I am so grateful for their hard work and dedication!

While the crew continues to perform their jobs, it's important to remember that we as family members play an important role their success. It's our job to hold down the home front while they are out to sea. For many of our families on board, that means navigating the highs and lows of "normal" life without their sailor around. Over the last year, our families have navigated relocations, illnesses, deaths, births, hospitalizations, first and last days of school, new jobs, promotions, loss of pets...the list could go on and on. And all these things have happened at times where there has been minimal communication with the sailor. I am so proud of the spouses, kids, parents, and extended families of the RICKOVER sailors. Your resiliency has been inspiring, and I know you will continue to rise to the occasion.

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# OMBUDSMAN UPDATE

As always, I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone of proper 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. I speak of OPSEC often because we never know when our sailors are going to be called away for a mission, and therefore we should be practicing it constantly.

I am so grateful to continue to work as your Ombudsman! If you need my assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact me at the cell phone listed below between the hours of 8am-8pm EST M-F (24/7 for emergencies), or via email (with a return email within 24 working hours).

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Navy Family Ombudsman 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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# DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND RICKOVER'S SECOND STEEL BEACH!



**Rickover Family**



**RICKOVER Departing**



**Judges rate the dive  
as 10**



**MMAC Bissereth showing how to  
put on an EAB to Distinguished  
Visitors**



**DIVE! DIVE!**



**Ms. Kelly using an  
NIFTI**



# RICKOVER'S CRAZY ADVENTURES AT SEA



**Return to port in the Long Island Sound**



**Brief Stop for Personnel in Port Everglades, Florida.**



**Swim call and cell phone liberty in the Bahamas**



**Oath of office while promoting LTJG Crook.**



**Flying the COMSUBRON 4 Flag at sunset near Florida**



**Heading Out to sea in the Block Island Sound**

# FLEET WEEK 2024



**Chicago Cubs**



**Fermi National Lab  
Tour**



**The Bean In Chicago**



**Historic Reactor At Fermi**



**ETVC Marks Fan Of  
The Game**

# CHANGE OF COMMAND



**Thank you, Silver Dolphin Team**



**Thank you, Army Band North East**



**RICKOVER Arriving**



**Commander United States Navy Arriving**



**RICKOVER ATTENTION!**



**Gifts for the honored guests**

# CHANGE OF COMMAND



**I properly relieve you as  
Commanding Officer**



**Mrs. Beach receiving flowers as  
thanks for her support of her husband**



**Abigayle Beach receiving flowers as  
thank you for her support of her father**



**Sir, I have properly relieved  
as the Commanding Officer**



**Legacy**



**Thank you Ombudsman for  
your support**

# CHANGE OF COMMAND



Junior Officer powow



CDR Beach receiving the his commissioning pennant



CDR Beach Gift revival



Good People, Good Eats, Good Time



Junior Officer's Group photo