



The Rickover Tribune

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

"Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence"

Fourth Quarter, 2024 & Beyond



FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

RICKOVER has been busy the last few months! We hosted the Submarine Command Course for a second time in 2024, helped certify another boat for combat and deployment, and conducted an exercise to develop new technology and advance the basic science of submarine warfare. I was especially happy to host the Command Course - we practiced lots of combat skills during the weeks we had the prospective commanding and executive officer students onboard. We improved our ability to do attacks on surface ships, submarines, and Tomahawk strike targets by working with the teams of students and their instructor. The students were also helpful all over the ship, taking time to review some of the new programs we've stood up since just before commissioning and giving us welcome outside advice for ways we can do things better.

We also continued our recent streak of showing off the boat to friends of the submarine force. We hosted two distinguished visitor cruises, first to a group of film industry writers and producers, and second to members of the 795 Club who have supported us since before Commissioning back in 2023. I am proud of the ship we maintain and the crew we've trained, and it was great to take two days to show it off to people who can help us tell our stories to the wider public.

We are taking a breather right now with a few weeks of much needed leave, and then have a bit more operational time before going back to Electric Boat for our "warranty maintenance." I'm very thankful for the continuing support we get from our wonderful Family Readiness Group (FRG), the 795 Club in visiting us and sponsoring prizes at our holiday party in October, and to our sponsor Darlene Greenert for her continued support of our FRG.



FROM THE CHIEF OF THE BOAT

HOOYAH RICKOVER FAMILY!

In this last quarter we have executed several at sea testing and training periods with our focus on maintaining the ship and crew in top warfighting condition. The main operational focus for the quarter was us being the host ship for the Submarine Command Course where the ship was exercised to the limits of our tactical and operational capabilities. We also were able to host 2 distinguished visitor cruises, one for Hollywood executives and the other for our very own 795 Club members. The crew was excited to show off their professionalism and expertise during both opportunities. Enlisted advancement results were released in just before Thanksgiving and we were excited to be able to promote (6) 2nd Class Petty Officers and (2) 3rd Class Petty Officers to the next pay grade. Another highlight was in 6 Sailors completing their Enlisted Submarine Warfare qualifications. Of which, the 100th pair of Silver Dolphins was earned during the life of the ship. Having just completed our Holiday stand down, the crew is well rested and ready to get back to the business of protecting the American way of life. 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, wishing you fair winds and following seas for the US Navy's finest warship!



SILVER DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS



ITR3(SS) FLOWERS



ETVSA(SS) MCDADE



MMAFN(SS) SANCHEZ

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.

GOLD DOLPHINS RECIPIENTS

*BRAVO ZULU TO RICKOVER'S LT HEALY AND LTJG
EDDY FOR COMPLETING THE RIGOROUS
SUBMARINE QUALIFICATION PROCESS AND
RECEIVING THIER GOLD DOLPHINS!*



*LTJG KALEB J.
EDDY*



*LT AARON E.
HEALY*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS PROMOTION TO COMMANDER



BRAVO ZULU, CDR SHOPE

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



**STS1(SS)
GRAHAM**

BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!

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



**ETN2(SS)
SCHOLLMEIER**

BRAVO ZULU, SHIPMATES!

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



**YNS3(SS)
KISTE**



**ITE3(SU)
CRIPE**

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:



ETVC Marks



LT Terranova



STS1 Castro



MMN1 Isamoyer

RICKOVER'S NEWEST DEVILS!

FTC
NICOSA



ETN3
GRAYSON



ETN2
MORRISON



ETVSN
TAYLOR



LCDR
SCHWEERS



ENS
HOLDER



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.

As we prepare for 2025, it's always good to do a beginning of the year check for Powers of Attorney, upcoming pay changes, and identification expirations like licenses, passports, and dependent IDs. It's better to anticipate the change and update as needed than to get caught with expired documents!

2025 is going to bring some new opportunities to the boat, and by extension to the families. It's crucial to remember that regardless of where the boat is in its life (out to sea, in the shipyard, etc.), the importance of the sailors' jobs remain the same. The responsibility of a submariner and the families is to be ready at a moment's notice to fulfill the mission at hand. It won't be long until the RICKOVER is out to sea for her first full deployment, and what we do now will help prepare ourselves for when that time comes.

Having a loved one on a submarine can be extremely difficult. The long hours, the minimal communication, and the high pressure of the job at hand can strain even the best relationships. There are a lot of resources through the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) to help families navigate the demands of a sea tour. I encourage you to reach out if you need support or guidance!

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, streaming sites, 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 on this page 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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RESOURCES

AMCROSS

COMPASS

MWR

FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT
CENTER



2024 CHIEF PETTY OFFICER PINNING CEREMONY



MMNC CORREIA



After Selection, Chief Selects undergo four intense weeks of training, leadership development and the strengthening of bond, commonly know as "Chiefs Season". Congratulations to RICKOVER's newest Chief!

RICKOVER'S CRAZY ADVENTURES AT SEA



BSC for Hollywood Producers



HGR passing under the Thames River bridges



HGR Returning to Port with Santa



HGR Returning to Home Port in December



HGR Returning to Port in December - Sunset



HGR Returning to Port in December - All Bundled Up

RICKOVER'S CRAZY ADVENTURES AT SEA



Rainbow during Return to Home Port - November



HGR Returning to Home Port (Phil Medbery)



HGR Returning to Home Port (Phil Medbery)



RICKOVER'S CRAZY ADVENTURES AT SEA



Underway Section ENG Officers



Underway Section NAV Officers



Underway Section Acting WEPS Officers



RICKOVER'S HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY



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