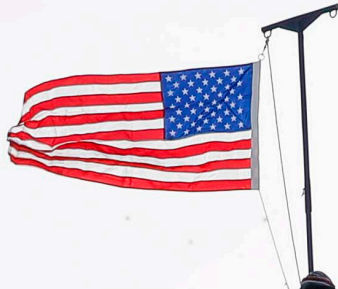


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COMMODORE'S CORNER



Squadron 11 family and friends,

We have had a monumental year in 2024, and you should all be proud of the effort and energy you've brought to this squadron and our tenant commands. We've sent submarines across the globe, from the Arctic to the southern tip of South America and across the vast expanses of the Pacific Ocean.

We've participated in multinational exercises like Dynamic Monarch, honing our undersea rescue capabilities alongside our Allies, and welcomed our Peruvian partners to San Diego once again for the DESI program. We brought Greeneville and Asheville into our Squadron 11 family. We undocked Scranton from ARCO after 12 months of vital maintenance. Shortly afterward, we brought Asheville into the dry dock for maintenance of her own.

All along the way, we have showed up to work every single day with a unity of purpose and effort, bringing professionalism, technical acumen, and commitment to our motto "Defensor Pacis" – Defenders of Peace – in everything we do.

When I assumed command of our Squadron in August, I did so knowing that this Squadron and our commands have an impeccable reputation in our community, and you have only reinforced that reputation since then. Thank you for your tireless work and your steadfast dedication to our mission – the long hours, time spent away from friends and family, and continued devotion to your commands and to one another. This dedication to a daily pursuit of excellence is essential in making our Submarine Force and our Navy stronger.

For those of us who have the opportunity to take a little downtime this holiday season with friends and family, enjoy the well-deserved rest and take care of one another. For our teammates who are deployed and underway, providing presence, reassuring our Allies and deterring our adversaries, thank you for standing the watch. And for those of you who are continuing to work across our Squadron over the holidays, thank you for all that you do.

I cannot wait to see this team continue to raise the bar in 2025. As we head into the new year, Cathy and I wish you and yours a safe, memorable, and enjoyable holiday stand-down period.

Very Respectfully,

CAPT Will Wiley

Commodore, Submarine Squadron 11

CMC'S CORNER

Happy Holidays to all of our Submarine Squadron ELEVEN families and friends!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well, and that everyone has the opportunity to spend as much time as possible with those most important to us.

Throughout 2024, I have been very impressed with the outstanding work of all of our Sailors on and around the waterfront. We have been very busy this year and I want to highlight some key events. We conducted a Change of Command on USS SANTA FE, USS HAMPTON, and welcomed CDRE Wiley at the CSS-11 Change of Command. We welcomed SANTA FE back from a very successful deployment, HAMPTON back from SOUTHCOM and ICE CAMP, surged GREENEVILLE, casted off ALEXANDRIA to deploy, undocked SCRANTON, and welcomed ASHEVILLE to San Diego for a DSRA. The 124th Submarine Birthday Ball was a great time for everyone and we executed another successful year of DESI by hosting BAP PISAUGA. Our ability to support our submarines, their crews, and families is only possible because of the hard work and expertise of your Sailor, and the sacrifices that every family makes to support. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this incredibly talented team.

As busy as 2024 has been, 2025 will present new challenges and a more demanding schedule. We will work hard to protect and value you and your family's time as we work throughout the new year. Parts of 2025 will feel more demanding as we approach and execute critical events. During the less demanding times I encourage you take leave, visit family, and take care of each other by doing things that you may not otherwise have the opportunity and time to do.

Congratulations to the CSS-11 Sailor of the Year, MMA1 (SS) Kantorzyck, and to the CSS-11 Junior Sailor of the Year, YNS2 (SS) Allen! Both of these amazing Sailors have been doing a great job all year long and we look forward to benefiting from their continued leadership and the impact they both have throughout the command and the waterfront!



Thank you to Mrs. Sarah Crane for her amazing support as our Command Ombudsman! She volunteers her time to take care of our families while somehow also working full time, raising her children, and supporting her husband. Her selfless dedication, compassion, and ability to connect families with the right resources are truly a blessing.

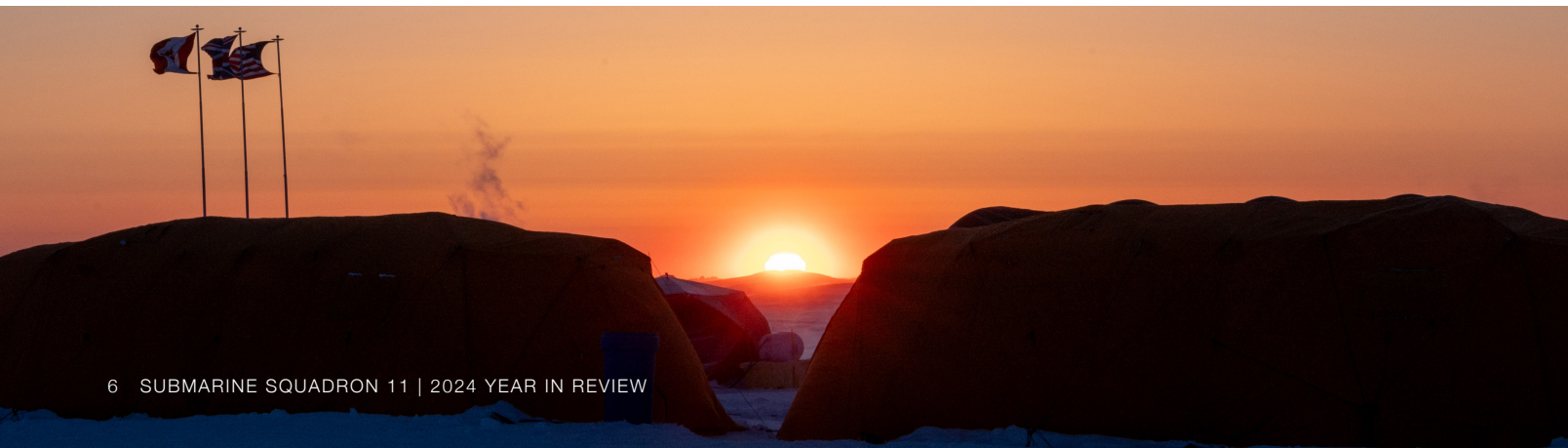
Angela, Aiden, and I have all enjoyed another amazing year with you in San Diego. We have enjoyed meeting and getting to know everyone and look forward to those we haven't yet. Thank you for everything you do and for the sacrifices that you make in order to support the mission at Submarine Squadron ELEVEN!

Happy Holidays!

CMC Brandon Wallis

Command Master Chief, Submarine Squadron 11

OPERATION ICE CAMP 2024





USS Greeneville Arrival

NAVAL BASE POINT LOMA – The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Greeneville (SSN 772) and its crew of approximately 155 Sailors arrived at its new homeport of Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego, May 20, 2024.

Greeneville conducted a homeport shift to San Diego following the completion of a 30 month Engineered Overhaul (EOH) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. Prior to beginning its EOH, Greeneville was homeported at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.



Submarine EOHs are comprehensive maintenance periods, ranging from 24 to 36 months in duration, and are normally conducted near the mid-point of a submarine's service life. The EOH period encompasses necessary repairs, maintenance, equipment modernization and upgrades, and system alterations. The production work accomplished during the EOH will ensure the submarine operates at full technical capacity and mission capability, and remains certified for unrestricted operations over the long term.

"It is a wonderful feeling to be here in San Diego," said Cmdr. Chad Tella, Greenville's commanding officer. "This crew has worked incredibly hard over the course of the last 30 months while Greenville was in the shipyard. Over the past month of operations, the crew has demonstrated their professionalism and resilience in safely bringing Greenville to our new home. I could not be more proud of each and every crewmember, and I am happy to join the warfighters of Submarine Squadron 11."



Greenville joined the four Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines already assigned to Submarine Squadron 11. More than half of the U.S. Navy's submarine force is based in the Indo-Pacific region due to the area's strategic importance.

"We are excited to welcome Greenville to the Submarine Squadron 11 family," said Capt. Kenneth Douglas, Commander, Submarine

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- Senior Chief Logistics Specialist
(Submarine) Dan Dumitrache

Squadron 11. "They bring increased experience and capability under the water to our already impressive arsenal and we are looking forward to seeing what they will do."

Changing homeports can be challenging for crews, as it requires a lot of communication and coordination between multiple organizations.

"We are extremely proud of our Sailors and their families who have worked tirelessly to return our ship back to the fleet," said Greenville's Chief of the Boat, Senior Chief Logistics Specialist (Submarine) Dan Dumitrache. "They have persevered through months of shift work, several arduous crew certification events, countless numbers of complex ship system testing, household goods shipments, and geographic separation from their loved ones.





Their hard work and preparation has ensured that Greeneville will continue to be an undersea warfighting asset for years to come. We are excited to show our operational commanders what we are capable of. Our Sailors and their families exemplify the ship's motto, "Second to None."

Greeneville was built by Virginia-based Newport News Shipbuilding and DryDock Company beginning in 1990 and was commissioned in February 1996 at Naval Station Norfolk. It is the only vessel in United States Naval history named after Greeneville, Tennessee.

Greeneville is now assigned to U.S. 3rd Fleet. An integral part of U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the Indo-Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary to execute the Navy's role across the full spectrum of military operations—from combat operations to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. U.S. 3rd Fleet works together with allies and partners to advance freedom of navigation, the rule of law, and other principles that underpin security in the Indo-Pacific.

AROUND THE SQUADRON









Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 Change of Command

SAN DIEGO (NNS) – Capt. Will Wiley relieved Capt. Kenneth Douglas as Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 (CSS-11) in a change of command ceremony held aboard the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Hampton (SSN 767) at Naval Base Point Loma, Aug. 9.

Rear Adm. Richard Seif, Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, was the guest speaker at the ceremony. Seif presented Douglas with the Legion of Merit and offered his reflections on Douglas' tenure at CSS-11.

“The legacy Ken leaves behind at Squadron 11 is his pursuit of warfighting readiness and agility for support organizations on Point Loma, key enablers for our submarines at the tip of the spear, and the many accomplishments of his team of over 1300 Sailors, five fast-attack submarines, a floating dry-dock, and Navy's undersea rescue unit,” said Seif. “Thank you for your steadfast leadership, and we wish you and your family all the best in D.C., where you will support our entire submarine community.”

Since assuming command of CSS-11 in May 2022, Douglas has mentored 14 commanding officers and certified submarines for three Western Pacific deployments, two Southern Command deployments, an Arctic deployment,

and two inter-fleet transfers. He significantly improved Squadron processes for deployment preparations and certifications by incorporating real-world lessons learned and a greater emphasis on warfighting, and spearheaded the development of Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach as an expeditionary logistics hub for submarines.

Under Douglas' leadership, CSS-11 hosted President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for the initial AUKUS announcement in 2022. Douglas also spearheaded the first major fire-focused full scale exercise in San Diego, implementing corrective actions from the USS Bonhomme Richard fire in 2020.

"Serving as the commander of this talented and hardworking group of Sailors and submarines has been the opportunity of a lifetime," said Douglas. "I thank you all for your tireless efforts in supporting our team and preparing our crews for their critical national missions. You are no doubt in capable hands and I look forward to seeing you continue to push the envelope for Capt. Wiley, just as you have done for me."

Upon assuming command of CSS-11, Wiley addressed his staff for the first time as the new commander.

"This squadron has an incredible reputation in our community, and after observing this staff in action, it is easy to see why," Wiley said. "I am excited about the road ahead for Squadron 11 and I feel blessed to get to be part of this team of warfighters."

Wiley arrived at CSS-11 after a tour at the Office of the Secretary of Defense – Policy, where he served as a Military Assistant to Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Dr. Mara Karlin. Raised in Elberton, Georgia, he is a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. He also holds a Master of Arts in National Security Studies from Georgetown University.

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- Capt. Will Wiley

Submarine Squadron 11, now commanded by Capt. Wiley, is headquartered at Naval Base Point Loma, California, and reports to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, headquartered in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. CSS-11 provides training, material and personnel readiness support for the medium auxiliary floating dry dock ARCO (ARDM 5), Undersea Rescue Command (URC) and five Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarines capable of supporting various missions, including: anti-submarine warfare; anti-ship warfare; strike warfare; and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.





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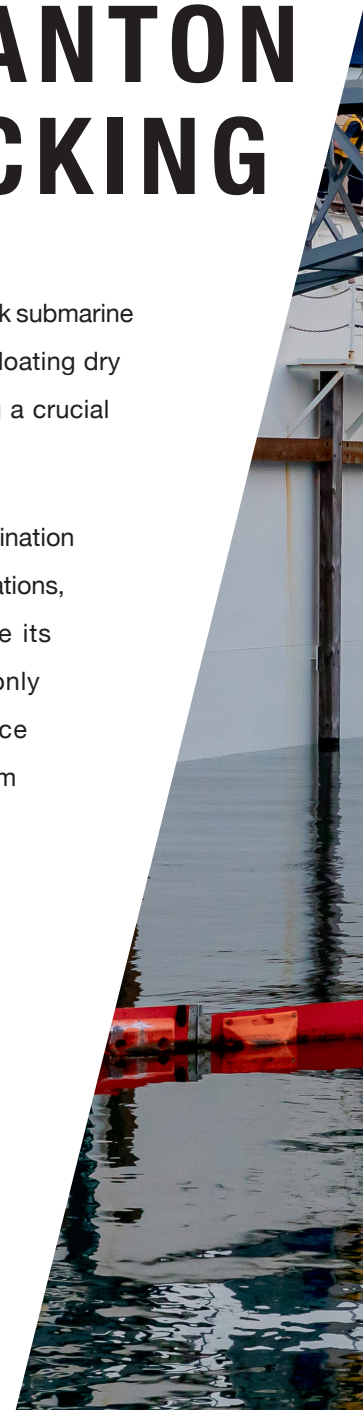
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USS SCRANTON UNDOCKING

SAN DIEGO (Sept. 4, 2024)—The Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Scranton (SSN 756) successfully undocked from the floating dry dock ARCO (ARDM-5) at Naval Base Point Loma following a crucial maintenance period, Sept. 4, 2024.

This period of dry dock maintenance work and coordination was essential to ensuring Scranton’s readiness for future operations, allowing for necessary upgrades and repairs to enhance its warfighting capabilities. This type of maintenance was only possible due to ARCO’s unique submarine maintenance capabilities and the tireless efforts of the Scranton project team from across the waterfront.

“Together we navigated complex tasks with precision, ensuring every operation was executed seamlessly,” said Lt. Cmdr. Gregory Johnson, commanding officer of ARCO. “Today, we celebrate not just the successful completion of a docking period, but the unwavering commitment and teamwork of everyone involved.”





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Throughout the maintenance period, Cmdr. Jeffrey Ransom, USS Scranton's commanding officer and Scranton's crew forged a remarkable partnership with ARCO personnel. The crew's expertise and insight were invaluable to the ARCO team, enabling them to swiftly, but effectively, address challenges and leverage experience during the dry dock period.

"Undocking is a critical milestone during this fast-paced shipyard maintenance availability," said Ransom. "We worked closely with ARCO and Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to ensure the safe return of Scranton to the water."

As the submarine returns to the water, Scranton's crew and the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 will shift focus to recertifying upgraded systems to

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- Lt. Cmdr. Gregory Johnson



ensure Scranton maintains its edge in a dynamic security environment.

ARCO, meanwhile, will gear up to receive the next submarine, ensuring the readiness and capability of the U.S. Submarine Force for years to come.

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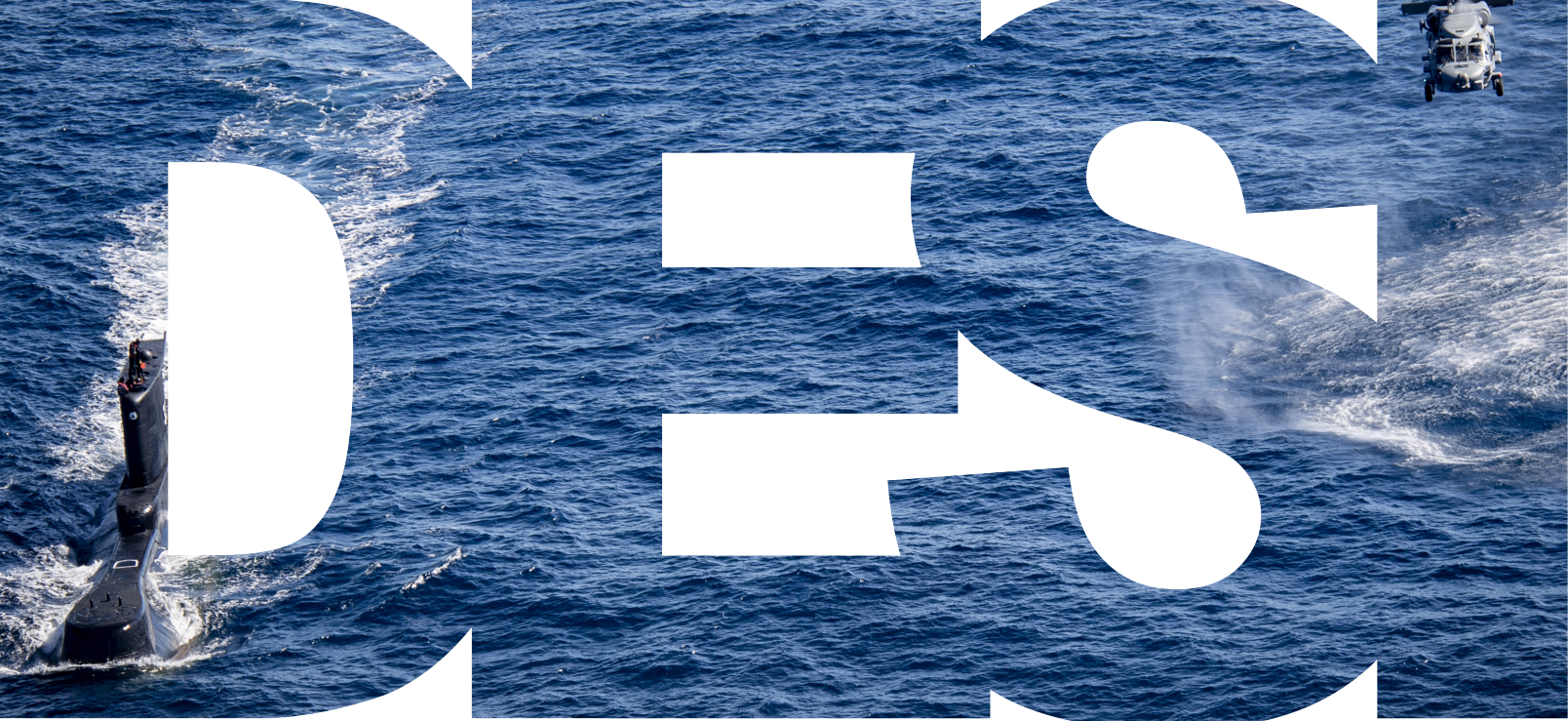




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DIESEL ELECTRIC SUBMARINE INITIATIVE





TIMELINE

March - Operation Ice Camp

Operation Ice Camp 2024 is a three-week U.S. Navy mission focused on testing submarine capabilities in the Arctic. USS Hampton and USS Indiana participated by conducting research and evaluation operational readiness in the region. The operation supports both national security and scientific goals in the Arctic.

May - Greenville Arrival

USS Greenville (SSN 772) officially changed its homeport to Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 at Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego. The homeport change strengthens the Navy's Pacific presence and supports operational readiness in the region.

September - DESI

The Diesel Electric Submarine Initiative (DESI), launched in 2001 by U.S. Fleet Forces Command, enhances fleet readiness through joint exercises with South American navies. In 2024, the Peruvian submarine, BAP Pisagua participated alongside U.S. submarines, improving interoperability and naval partnerships.

September - Chief Pinning

Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremonies were held at the Roncador Memorial, recognizing new Chiefs from Commander Submarine Squadron 11, USS Asheville (SSN 758), USS Santa Fe (SSN 763), USS Scranton (SSN 756) and USS Alexandria (SSN 757). The ceremonies celebrated their dedication and leadership as they took on greater responsibilities within the submarine community.

April - Submarine Ball

The 124th Submarine Birthday Ball in 2024 celebrated the history and achievements of the U.S. Submarine Force. Rear Adm. Rick Seif attended to honor the tradition and service of submariners and presented a chance for all current and prior Sailors to come together and celebrate the price and dedication of the Submarine Force.

August - Change of Command

Commander, Submarine Squadron 11 held a change of command ceremony with Capt. Wiley relieving Capt. Douglas as the squadron commander. The leadership change ensures ongoing commitment to operational readiness and excellence.

September - Scranton Undocking

USS Scranton (SSN 756) was undocked from ARCO (ARDM-5) after completing an extensive maintenance period. The milestone marks the submarine's readiness to return to active service with enhanced capabilities.

October - Asheville Docking

USS Asheville (SSN 758) docked at ARCO (ARDM-5) for a scheduled maintenance period. The docking allows for necessary repairs and upgrades, ensuring the submarine remains fully operational and ready for future missions. This maintenance reflects the Navy's ongoing efforts to maintain the readiness and effectiveness of its submarine fleet.