

Commanding Officer



CAPTAIN DENNIS Y. SLOAN, USN

Captain Dennis Y. Sloan, the son of Colonel and Mrs. Donald C. Sloan, USAF, Retired, was born in Duluth, Minnesota on 29 January 1936. He graduated from Washington-Lee High School, Arlington, Virginia, in June of 1953 and entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, graduating in June 1957. His initial duty was in USS LOS ANGELES (CA-135) where he served until December 1958 as a Junior Division Officer and later as Fire Control Officer.

Captain Sloan reported to the United States Naval Submarine School at Groton, Connecticut in January of 1959 for six months of submarine training. Upon graduating, he reported to USS GROWLER (SSG-577), serving as Commissary Officer and later as Assistant Missile Officer and Torpedo Officer. In October 1960, he departed GROWLER for Nuclear Power Training at Mare Island, California and Idaho Falls, Idaho. He reported to his first nuclear powered submarine, USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSBN-598) (BLUE) in November of 1961 and served there as Main Propulsion Assistant and later as Operations Officer on three Polaris Deterrent Patrols. This tour was followed by a short tour as Damage Control Assistant during construction of USS WOODROW WILSON (SSBN-624) (BLUE) in Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. In October 1963, Captain Sloan was transferred to USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN-634) for duty as Gold Crew Engineer Officer during new construction, shakedown, and one Polaris Deterrent Patrol. From October of 1965 until September of 1967, he served as Material Officer on the Staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR in Charleston, South Carolina. In December of 1967, Captain Sloan reported to USS SAM RAYBURN (SSBN-635) (GOLD) where he served as Executive Officer for three Polaris Deterrent Patrols. In July of 1969 he reported to the Staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet where he served as a member of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. Following Prospective Commanding Officer Training at the Office of the Director of Naval Reactors in Washington, D.C., and the Staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Captain Sloan reported in June 1972 to the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, U.S. Navy, Pascagoula, Mississippi as Prospective Commanding Officer of TUNNY (SSN-682), and as Commanding Officer USS TUNNY (SSN-682) upon commissioning in January 1974. During his tour as Commanding Officer, TUNNY was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E", Anti-Submarine Warfare "A", and two Engineering Excellence "E"'s. Captain Sloan was relieved as Commanding Officer USS TUNNY (SSN-682) in January 1976 and served as Head, Nuclear Power Submarine Officer Branch in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. He reported in November 1978 as Prospective Commanding Officer, EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) and assumed duties as Commanding Officer USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) when the ship was placed In-Commission Special on 23 March 1979.

Captain Sloan has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, Navy Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal with Star, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He is married to the former Miss Nancy E. Caples of Baltimore, Maryland. The Sloans have three daughters, Lisa, Sharon and Linda.