



# USS San Juan (SSN 751)

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## CDR Edward L. Takesuye Commanding Officer

Commander Takesuye is a native of Scottsdale, Arizona and graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1983.

After graduation, Commander Takesuye attended Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida and the Nuclear Power Training Unit at Ballston Spa, New

York. He reported to his initial sea assignment on USS DRUM (SSN 677) where he served as the Chemistry and Radiological Controls Assistant, Main Propulsion Assistant and Damage Control Assistant. He completed a refueling overhaul at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and a deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. In 1988, he was assigned to the NROTC Unit at the University of Texas at Austin where he served as a Naval Science Instructor. Commander Takesuye earned a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering during this assignment.

Commander Takesuye completed the Submarine Officer Advanced Course in August 1991 and reported to USS RAY (SSN 653) where he served as the ship's Navigator and Operations Officer until the ship was decommissioned in September 1992. Commander Takesuye transferred to USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) and served as Engineer Officer for two years. While aboard LOUISVILLE, the ship deployed to the Arabian Gulf and was awarded the Submarine Squadron ELEVEN Battle Efficiency "E". In November 1994, Commander Takesuye transferred to the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron ELEVEN where he served as the Squadron Engineer Officer.

Commander Takesuye reported as Executive Officer of USS CHICAGO (SSN 721) in October 1996. During his tour the ship change homeport from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, conducted a deployment to the Western Pacific and a Depot Modernization Period. From September 1998 until August 2000, Commander Takesuye served on the staff of Commander-in-Chief United States Pacific Command. During this assignment, he earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University.

Commander Takesuye has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and various campaign and unit awards.

## Technology and Tradition

The first San Juan (SP-1352) was built in 1904 by J.F. Duthie of Seattle, Washington and acquired by the Navy on 20 December 1917 on charter from the San Juan Packing Company of Seattle. She was converted for use as a minesweeper and patrol boat and commissioned on 8 March 1918 under the command of Ensign R.W. Jackson, USNRF. After the end of World War I, her services were no longer required and in February 1919, she was decommissioned and returned to her owner.

The second San Juan (CL-54) was laid down on 15 May 1940 by the Bethlehem Steel Company of Quincy, MA. She was launched on 6 September 1941 and commissioned on 28 February 1942. During World War II, she participated in several of the great naval campaigns in the Pacific theater. San Juan arrived at Bremerton, WA for inactivation on 24 January 1946 and was decommissioned on 9 November 1946.

Technology has dramatically changed the size and capability of naval warships since the original San Juan served her country in World War I, but the mission of the USS San Juan (SSN 751) has not significantly changed. That mission is to protect the security interests of the United States of America.

## Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes