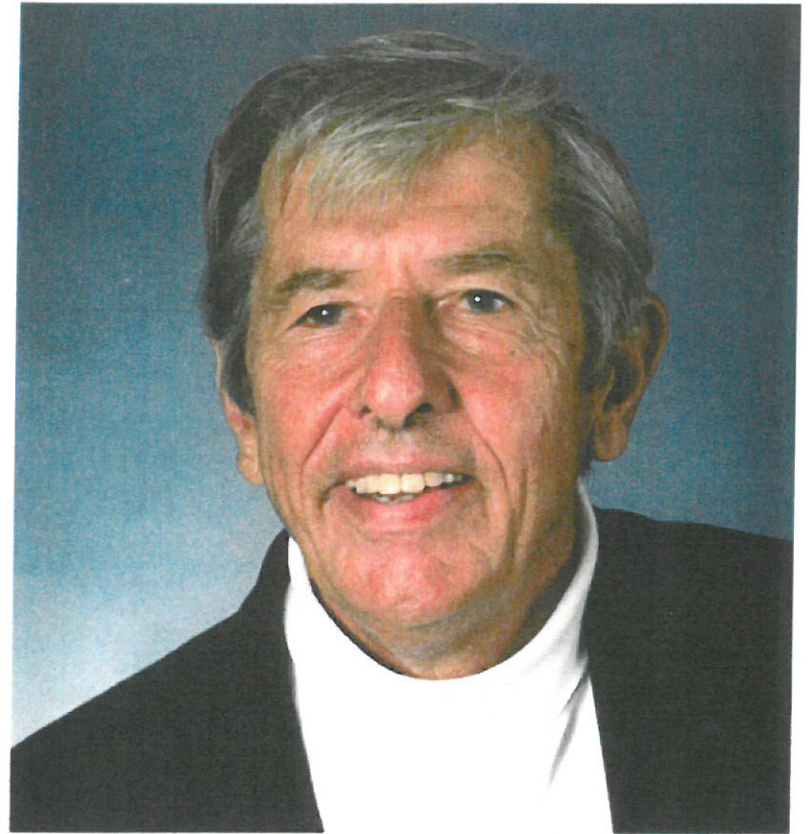


**Dr. John P. Craven
Committal to Sea**



**USS Hawaii (SSN 776)
Submarine Piers,
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
April 12, 2015**

Processional Order

Ceremony Commences

Scripture Reading

Protestant Burial Prayer

Committal Prayer

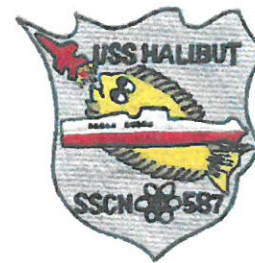
Committal of Ashes

Rifle Volleys

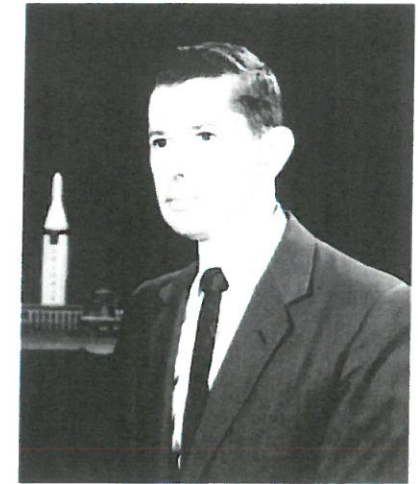
Benediction

Flag Folding and Presentation to the Craven Family

Order Passed to Secure the Ceremonial Detail



Dr. John Piña Craven was born on October 30, 1924 in Brooklyn, New York. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and was on board USS NEW MEXICO when she earned two battle stars. By WWII's end, he was selected for the V-12 program at Cornell University and ultimately commissioned as an ensign in the Naval reserve (honorably discharged from the reserves in 1959). Dr. Craven used the G.I. Bill after the war to attend the California Institute of Technology, and the University of Iowa where he earned a doctorate in mechanics and hydraulics. While in Iowa, he met his future wife, the former Dorothy Drakesmith. Later, he earned a law degree from George Washington University. As a civilian, Dr. Craven continued his work with the Navy after earning his Ph.D. A true pioneer in undersea innovations, he became the project manager developing the Polaris missile, the world's first ICBM capable of being fired from a submerged submarine. Craven's work also included the development and implementation of a wide-range of undersea vehicles, various search techniques, human work under the sea, rescue and salvage gear, and intelligence-gathering tools.



He was appointed in 1965 as Chief Scientist to lead a team converting the nuclear submarine USS HALIBUT for intelligence work. HALIBUT was considered a technological breakthrough capable of maneuvering undetected beneath the waves while deploying devices for photography, deep reconnaissance, and recovery. Craven and his team were able to recover lost items, as well as other intelligence related activities with this state-of-the-art technology. Dr. Craven moved to Hawaii in 1970 to take positions with the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. He was involved in many different and innovative projects involving the sea right up to his death, and he touched a great many lives. He left an indelible and legendary impact on our beloved submarine community through his skill, invention, and daring initiative. His friends, his family, his Navy, and his nation have lost a revered and accomplished man. His remains are being committed to the sea he loved per his request. A devoted family man, Dr. Craven is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy, son David, and daughter Sarah, and five grandchildren.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Lord God, our power evermore,
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
Dive with our men beneath the sea;
Traverse the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray, and keep
Them safe from peril in the deep.

Amen.

