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## ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2001

### 1. Command Composition and Organization

- a. Mission: Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Unit Warfare, Strike Warfare, and Special Operations.
- b. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO.
- c. Commanding Officer: CDR J. K. BURROUGHS
- d. Permanent Duty Station: NAVSUBASE NLON, Groton, CT
- e. Homeport Change: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH

### 2. Chronology

- a. 1 Jan - 22 Jan      Holiday shutdown and IMA upkeep Groton
- b. 23 Jan - 13 Feb    USWOP and Phase 3 support in the PROAS
- c. 14 Feb - 6Mar      Type training inport Groton
- d. 7 Mar - 23 Mar     AUTEK range services and Tiger Cruise
- e. 24 Mar - 20 Apr    Type training and upkeep Groton
- f. 21 Apr - 29 Apr    Undocking preparations
- g. 30 Apr - 6 Jun      Resin discharge evolutions Groton
- h. 7 Jun - 18 Jun      Undocking and upkeep inport Groton
- i. 19 Jun - 21 Jun     Transit to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
- b. 22 Jun - 31 Dec    Undergoing ERO/ILO at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

### 3. Command Awards

- a. 2001 CINCLANTFLT Retention Excellence Award

4. Narrative

The year 2001 opened for ALBUQUERQUE conducting holiday standown followed by an IMA upkeep period in Groton, CT. She and her crew got underway from 23 January - 13 February to conduct Undersea Warfare Operations and provide Phase 3 support for USS CONNECTICUT in the Puerto Rican Operating Areas. ALBUQUERQUE returned to port on 13 February just in time to share Valentine's Day with the many spouses and significant others of her crew.

Type training and upkeep was the press until 6 March in preparations for ALBUQUERQUE'S next tour of duty on the AUTEK range where she and her crew provided tactical range services for fellow Atlantic Fleet submarines. After successful completion of her duties on the range, ALBUQUERQUE berthed in Port Canaveral, FL for a much needed liberty port. When ready to get underway back to homeport, ALBUQUERQUE embarked a contingent of crewmember's relatives and conducted a 3-day Tiger Cruise.

Returning to port on 24 March, ALBUQUERQUE and her crew commenced an intense upkeep period and preparations for docking in the floating drydock, USS SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM 4). Within the massive SHIPPINGPORT from 30 April - 6 June, ALBUQUERQUE'S crew successfully conducted resin discharge evolutions, one of the most critical events a submarine crew can endeavor. Undocking on 7 June, she and her crew immediately transitioned into preparations for getting underway.

On 19 June, ALBUQUERQUE began her last underway period from Groton, CT for the year 2001. Embarking the Discovery Channel, she and her crew conducted a homeport change to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH where she would undergo her first refueling after more than 17 years of service. Arriving on 21 June, she and her crew began the immense tasking involved with Engineered Refueling Operations and Integrated Logistics Overhaul which would be her mainstay for the next 24 months.

From July - December, ALBUQUERQUE and her crew successfully accomplished the many hurdles and events associated with the transition from her operational posture in Groton, CT to her overhaul availability environment in Portsmouth, NH. Now, full of hull cuts, her systems no longer under the control of her

crew, and a contingent of shipyard workers ripping at her day and night,  
ALBUQUERQUE and her crew make it day by day through the toughest job a submarine  
and her crew can endeavor - that of a submariner not running silent and deep, but  
landlocked in overhaul.