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From: Commanding Officer, USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758)  
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard  
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Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Photograph of Commanding Officer  
(2) Biography of Commanding Officer

1. The Command History for the period 1 January 1998 to 31 December 1998 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. Command composition and organization.

a. USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) was commissioned on 28 September 1991. Its mission includes surveillance, regional sea denial, precision strike, battle group support and ground warfare support.

b. USS ASHEVILLE is currently assigned to Submarine Squadron THREE, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. ASHEVILLE is administratively responsible to the Commander, Submarine Squadron THREE in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

c. Commander Bruce E. Grooms is the Commanding Officer.

3. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1 January 1998 to 5 January 1998	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.
5 January 1998 to 16 January 1998	Underway (Service support FOR USS LOUISVILLE and USS SAN FRANCISCO/HFSP testing with AMERICAN ISLANDER).
16 January 1998 to 21 January 1998	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.
21 January 1998 to 30 January 1998	Underway (TRE Workup/TRE).

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30 January 1998 to 2 February 1998	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.
2 February 1998 to 5 February 1998	Inport West Loch for weapons load.
5 February 1998 to 20 February 1998	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.
20 February 1998 to 2 March 1998	Underway (WESTPAC Deployment 98/Enroute Yokosuka, Japan).
02 March 1998 to 12 March 1998	Inport Yokosuka, Japan.
12 March 1998 to 22 March 1998	Underway (Enroute Pattaya Beach, Thailand).
22 March 1998 to 28 March 1998	Anchored at Pattaya Beach, Thailand.
28 March 1998 to 5 April 1998	Underway (Enroute Chinhae, South Korea).
5 April 1998 to 11 April 1998	Inport Chinhae, South Korea.
11 April 1998 to 14 April 1998	Underway (TYT with ROK SS PARK-WI).
14 April 1998 to 16 April 1998	Inport Chinhae, South Korea.
16 April 1998 18 May 1998	Underway (Special Operations).
18 May 1998 to 20 May 1998	Underway (Enroute Okinawa, Japan for pierside BSP).
20 May 1998 to 20 May 1998	Inport Okinawa, Japan for pierside BSP.
20 May 1998 to 24 May 1998	Underway (Enroute Hong Kong, China).
24 May 1998 to 28 May 1998	Anchored Hong Kong, China.

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28 May 1998 to 4 June 1998	Underway (Enroute Sasebo, Japan).
4 June 1998 to 19 June 1998	Inport Sasebo, Japan for upkeep.
19 June 1998 to 3 August 1998	Underway (Special Operations).
03 August 1998 to 7 August 1998	Underway (Enroute Yokosuka, Japan).
7 August 1998 to 8 August 1998	Inport Yokosuka, Japan.
8 August 1998 to 8 August 1998	Underway (Vip Cruise).
8 August 1998 to 10 August 1998	Inport Yokosuka, Japan.
10 August 1998 to 19 August 1998	Underway (Enroute Pearl Harbor, HI/ORSE Workup).
19 August 1998 to 20 August 1998	Underway (ORSE).
20 August 1998 to 22 September 1998	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.
22 September 1998 to 25 September 1998	Inport West Loch, HI.
25 September 1998 to 29 September 1998	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI.
29 September 1998 to 19 December 1998	Inport Drydock #4 Pearl Harbor, HI for Selected Restricted Availability.
19 December 1998 to 31 December 1998	Holiday stand down Drydock #4 Pearl Harbor, HI.

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4. Summary.

During the year, the ship conducted work-up for WESTPAC Deployment 98. While on deployment the ship participated in exercises with the South Korean and Japanese submarine forces. ASHEVILLE also was involved in a joint exercise with a surface task force comprised of U.S. and South Korean Naval forces. The crew had the opportunity to perform several community relations projects in Thailand, South Korea, and Japan. The ship hosted a three member delegation of the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) submarine force to an unclassified tour. The group included RADM Kim Song Jin (COMSUBFLT NINE), CAPT Lee COMSUBRON NINE ONE, and CAPT An COMSUBRON NINE TWO. Prior to the completion of deployment, the ship hosted forty-seven members of the Tokyo Navy League on a VIP cruise out of Yokosuka, Japan. The ship finished the year with a Selected Restricted Availability in Pearl Harbor, HI.

  
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