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From: Commanding Officer, USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760)

To: Director, Naval Historical Center

Subj: USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) Command History for January  
to December 2002

(2) 3 1/2" disk with ASC II/MS DOS text.

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted in accordance with  
reference (a).

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## USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

- I. Command Composition and Organization.
  - a. Command Short Title: USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760)
  - b. UIC: 21690
  - c. Mission: To rapidly conduct sustained combat operations at sea.
  - d. ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR
  - e. Commanding Officer: CDR David J. Bartholomew, Jr.
  - f. Homeport: United States Submarine Base, New London, Groton, Connecticut

USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY 2002

II. Chronology.

01JAN - 06JAN Holiday Stand down  
08JAN - 14JAN TYT NBOA for training  
16JAN - 22JAN NBOA's Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination  
preps  
23JAN - 25JAN ORSE  
25JAN - 05MAR Moored Pier 17S USNSB Groton, Connecticut, VIC 41  
23.7'N 072 05' 45.8'W (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 55)  
06MAR - 08MAR Transit to AUTEK  
09MAR - 10MAR SVCS AUTEK  
11MAR Torpedo Proficiency  
12MAR - 15MAR Transit to Groton  
15MAR - 25MAR Moored Pier 12S USNSB, Groton, Connecticut, VIC 41  
23.7'N 072 05.6'W (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 55)  
25MAR - 29MAR U/W NBOAS FOR CONNECTICUT POMCERT/SONAR OP-EVAL  
29MAR - 02APR Moored Pier 15S USNSB Groton, Connecticut, VIC 41  
23.8'N 072 05.6'W (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 55)  
02APR - 05APR U/W NBOAS Shallow Water Training  
05APR - 13MAY Moored Pier 10N, USNSB, Groton, Connecticut. VIC  
41 23.7'N 072 05.6'W, (OPNAVINST C3000.8M Page  
55.)POM II Upkeep Groton  
14MAY - 22MAY U/W NBOAS FOR POM WORKUP  
22MAY - 03JUN Moored Pier 10S, USNSB, Groton, Connecticut. VIC  
41 23.7'N 072 05.5'W. (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 55)  
03JUN - 07JUN U/W NBOAS FOR POMCERT  
07JUN - 19JUN Moored Pier 17S, USNSB, Groton, Connecticut. VIC  
41 23.9'N 072 05.6'W. (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE  
55)  
19JUN - 29JUN Transit from Groton to Rota, SP. Inchop COMSUBGRU  
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29JUN - 03JUL Moored Pier 1, Naval Station Rota, Spain VIC 36  
37.1'N 006 20.0'W. (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 43)  
03JUL - 06JUL INCHOP Ride  
06JUL - 31JUL Underway for Operations, Mediterranean Sea  
31JUL - 04AUG Moored Pier 1, Turkish Naval Base at Aksaz, Turkey  
VIC 36 50.0'N 028 23.2'E. (OPNAVINST C3000.8M  
PAGE 47)  
04AUG - 05AUG Transit to Naval Base Souda Bay, Crete  
05AUG - 09AUG Moored Pier NATO Fuel Pier, Berth K-14, Souda Bay,  
Crete VIC 35 29.8'N 024 08.9'E (OPNAVINST  
C3000.8M PAGE 17)  
09AUG - 03SEP Underway for Operations, Mediterranean Sea  
03SEP - 15SEP Moored alongside Emory S. Land (AS 39) VIC 41  
12.0'N 009 25.3'E (OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 20)

15SEP DV Cruise with the Prefect of Sassari and guests  
16SEP - 20SEP Transit to Naval Base Souda bay, Crete for a Brief  
Stop for Personnel  
21SEP - 16OCT Underway for Operations, Mediterranean Sea  
16OCT - 23OCT Transit to Lamaddelena, IT  
23OCT - 12NOV Upkeep LaMaddelena, IT. Moored alongside Emory S  
Land (AS 39) VIC 41 12.0'N 009 25.3'E (OPNAVINST  
C3000.8M PAGE 20)  
12NOV - 27NOV Underway for Operations, Mediterranean Sea  
27NOV - 03DEC Moored Milhaud Pier 6 West, French Naval Base at  
Toulon, France IVO 43 06.5'N 005 54.3'E.  
(OPNAVINST C3000.8M PAGE 14)  
03DEC-16DEC Transit from Toulon, France to Norfolk.  
16DEC Moored Pier 3, Naval Station Norfolk IVO 36 56.3'N  
076 19.6'E.  
17DEC Underway for ORSE, enroute Groton  
19DEC Moored Pier 8 USNSB, Groton, Connecticut. VIC 41  
23.7'N 072 05.6'E, (OPNAVINST C3000.8M Page 55.)  
Standown  
19DEC - 31DEC Standown

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### III. Narrative.

USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) completed holiday stand down on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Returning from stand down, the Supply Department completed a Pre-Deployment Supply Assist. USS ANNAPOLIS got underway and completed an Operational Reactor Safeguard Exam (ORSE) January 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. During those three days, USS ANNAPOLIS participated in a series of inspections, written and oral examinations, and simulated casualties designed to test their knowledge and skills as technicians and plant operators.

USS ANNAPOLIS spent the month of February in Pre Overseas Movement (POM) workup. The ship completed Pre-deployment training and numerous maintenance projects in preparation for a Mediterranean Deployment.

From March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, USS ANNAPOLIS certified the Navigation department, fired six exercise torpedoes, and trained on ship handling in shallow water. The navigation drills including a simulated dredged channel, man overboard, loss of true bearings, dead reckoning tests, and written and oral examinations. The ship completed exercise firings for torpedo proficiency demonstrating tactical expertise against surface platforms.

In the end of March, USS ANNAPOLIS conducted operations in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOA) for POM certification (POMCERT). The ship demonstrated its ability in navigation, weapons handling, strike, ship handling, shallow water operations, and damage control.

In April, the ship conducted a short underway from the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> for shallow water operations in the NBOA followed by a maintenance availability (upkeep) through May 15<sup>th</sup>. USS ANNAPOLIS utilized this time to put the finishing touches on the ship in terms of maintenance while attending rigorous training in the Naval Submarine School Attack Centers and Ship Control Trainers. Mid-May the crew successfully completed POM Workup in the NBOA, followed by two weeks inport to finish outstanding maintenance and finalize all deployment preparations.

From June 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>, USS ANNAPOLIS got underway with the POMCERT team and successfully demonstrated the crews ability and readiness. This was followed by two weeks of a relaxed schedule so that the crew could make final preparations for deployment.

JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> - OUTBOUND Groton. USS ANNAPOLIS departed for the Mediterranean Sea. Several families and friends were on hand to see off the ship and her crew. The ship arrived ten days later in Rota, Spain. The crew enjoyed the hospitality, culture, shopping and sightseeing in Rota and nearby Seville.

For the remainder of June and the month of July USS ANNAPOLIS successfully completed mission tasking in the Mediterranean Sea.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, USS ANNAPOLIS arrived for a much-anticipated five-day port visit to Aksaz, Turkey. The nearby town of Marmaris provided exceptional shopping and tourist activities.

Departing Aksaz, USS ANNAPOLIS headed directly to Souda Bay Crete. Several members of the crew took in such attractions as the Palace of Knossos, white beaches, and shopping during a period of outstanding summer weather.

Departing Souda Bay on August 9<sup>th</sup>, USS ANNAPOLIS completed its second mission in the Mediterranean. During this time the ship made a Brief Stop for Personnel (BSP) in Augusta Bay to HUMEVAC two personnel on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Coming off station at the end of August the ship returned to Augusta Bay to conduct another BSP to bring on inspectors and personnel.

After a short transit to Naval Base La Maddalena, Italy, the ship enjoyed a weeklong upkeep alongside the USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). Designated a working port, the crew accomplished a significant amount of maintenance while enjoying their time off in Palau and La Maddalena.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, USS ANNAPOLIS welcomed aboard 35 distinguished visitors including the Prefect of Sassari and ranking members of the Italian Police Force known as the Cabalarie. The guests enjoyed a day of Submarining. The day included experiencing large angles, trips to look off the bridge, a tour berthing, Sliders (hamburgers), fries, and Slushies.

After the last BSP on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, USS ANNAPOLIS headed to Naval Base Souda Bay, Crete to embark personnel for continuing Mediterranean operations.

After finishing Mediterranean operations on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, USS ANNAPOLIS transited through the Strait of Mecina enroute to LaMadalena, Italy for our second upkeep period along side USS EMORY S. LAND (AS 39).

Departing La Madalena, Italy on November 12<sup>th</sup>, USS ANNAPOLIS commenced its next mission in the Mediterranean. The mission included a Joint Exercise with the George Washington Battle Group. After the exercise the ship pulled in to port to celebrate Thanksgiving day in the city of Toulon, France. In Toulon the ship was welcomed for numerous Thanksgiving day functions. The crew took in several tours including Wine Tasting, a visit to a French Abby, and a tour of a Medieval Castle.

USS ANNAPOLIS departed Toulon, France on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and transited across the Atlantic to Norfolk, VA to complete the final part of its Mediterranean Deployment, the Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE).

After embarking the Nuclear Propulsion Examination Board in Norfolk, USS ANNAPOLIS sailed for Groton, CT. After successfully completing the ORSE and the MEDITERRANEAN DEPLOYMENT 2002, USS ANNAPOLIS Moored at Pier 8 to a much anticipated fan fare of friends and family.

USS ANNAPOLIS received the Squadron FOUR BATTLE 'E', Supply BLUE 'E' for the second year in a row, the Navigation RED AND GREEN 'N', and is competing in the Finals for the Navy Supply Command Atlantic Fleet 2002 Edward F. Ney award. In addition, one of USS ANNAPOLIS's First Class Petty Officers was named Squadron FOUR Sailor of the Year.