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From: Commanding Officer, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705)  
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1. (U) In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.



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CINCLANTFLT (ATTN PAO)  
COMSUBLANT (CODE 009)  
NAVAL SUBMARINE MUSEUM  
COMSUBRON TWO

## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

### 1. MISSION:

In accordance with COMSUBLANT OPOD 2000 the mission is to carry out tasks assigned by higher authority, fulfill assigned commitments, maintain high standards of personnel and material readiness for naval action, and strive continuously to improve submarine tactics in the accomplishment of the mission.

In accordance with OPNAVINST C3501.2G, NAVAL WARFARE MISSION AREAS AND REQUIRED OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY/PROJECTED OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT STATEMENTS the following Naval Warfare Mission Areas are assigned to SSN's (not in priority order):

#### Primary:

1. Anti-Surface Warfare
2. Anti-Submarine Warfare
3. Command, Control and Communications
4. Intelligence
5. Mobility
6. Strike Warfare

#### Secondary:

1. Amphibious Warfare
2. Electronic Warfare
3. Mine Warfare
4. NonCombat Operations
5. Naval Special Warfare

### 2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:

- a. Immediate Senior in Chain of Command (ISIC): Commander Submarine Squadron Two
- b. Units under operational/administrative Control: None.

### 3. COMMANDER AND BIOGRAPHY:

- a. Commander: CDR Charles R. Skolds, USN

4. PERMANENT DUTY STATION: New London, Ct.

5. TYPE AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED: None.

Encl(1)

CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>JANUARY</b>	
4	Underway from New London, Ct
5	Moored, Norfolk, VA to off-load Tomahawk land attack missiles (TLAM's)
7	Underway from Norfolk, VA
9	Moored New London, Ct in preparation for a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA)
15	Docked in ARDM-4, SHIPPINGPORT (started SRA)
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
1-29	In drydock for SRA
<b>MARCH</b>	
1	Undocked, moored New London, Ct
9	Underway for local operations, Sea Trials
11	Moored New London, Ct
21	Underway from New London, Ct
22	Moored Norfolk, VA (Deperming Crib)
24	Underway from Deperming Crib, moored alongside USS L.Y. Spear to load TLAM's
27	Underway from Norfolk, VA
<b>APRIL</b>	
2	Moored New London, Ct
14	Docked in ARDM-4, Shippingport (to repair Secondary Propulsion Motor (SPM))
18	Undocked, moored New London, Ct
22	Underway from New London, Ct
25	Moored Port Canaveral, FL to load ADCAP Torpedoes
27	Underway from Port Canaveral, FL to conduct ADCAP Torpedo test firings at AUTECH
<b>MAY</b>	
5	Moored Frederikstad, St Croix to install pinger for operations on the ST Croix weapons range
6	Underway, moored, underway, moored, underway from Frederikstad, St Croix to act as a target for exercise MK-48 Torpedo firings. Commenced a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
7	Moored, underway from Frederikstad, St Croix conducted TRE during transit to New London, Ct
11	Moored New London, Ct
15	Underway from New London, Ct
20	Moored Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to load ADCAP Torpedoes
21	Underway from Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
22	Moored, underway from Frederikstad, St Croix to conduct ADCAP torpedo test firings at the St Croix weapons range
23	Moored, underway from Frederikstad, St Croix
27	Moored New London, Ct

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>JUNE</b>	
3	Underway, moored New London, Ct (for VIP cruise)
6	Underway from New London, Ct to participate in FLEETEX 2-88
24	Moored New London, Ct
29	Underway, moored New London, Ct (Dependents Cruise)
<b>JULY</b>	
8	Underway from New London, Ct for Midshipman Operations at AUTEK
19	Moored New London, Ct
21	Underway from New London, Ct
22	Moored Earle, NJ to off load Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles
23	Underway from Earle, NJ
26	Moored New London, Ct for Pre-deployment upkeep
<b>AUGUST</b>	
12	Change of Command. CDR SKOLDS relieved as Commanding Officer
22	Underway from New London, Ct
23	Moored Yorktown, VA to load Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles and warshot ADCAP Torpedoes
24	Underway from Yorktown, VA
26	Moored NUSC pier, New London, Ct for VIP cruise then underway, moored SUBASE, New London, Ct
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
6	Underway for preoverseas movement (POM) workup
9	Moored New London, Ct
19	Underway for POM certification
23	Moored New London, Ct
29	Underway for a six month Mediterranean deployment
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
8	Shifted OPCON to CINCUSNAVEUR, London, UK. Moored Gibraltar, BCC for port visit and arrival briefings
11	Underway from Gibraltar, BCC to conduct ASW operations for COMSIXTHFLT
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
16	Moored Toulon, France for port visit
23	Underway from Toulon, France
28	Anchored Tangier, Morocco for port visit
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
1	Underway from Tangier, Morocco for Exercise African Eagle 88
23	Moored Naples, Italy for port visit
27	Underway from Naples, Italy
28	Moored La Maddalena, Italy for upkeep

## NARRATIVE

### JANUARY

After a holiday leave and upkeep period in New London, Ct, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI proceeded to Norfolk, Va to off load Tomahawk land attack missiles in preparation for a Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). On 15 January the ship commenced a 60 day SRA and entered the SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM-4). A Portsmouth Naval Shipyard tiger team conducted the SRA.

### FEBRUARY

During the month of February, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI remained in drydock in ARDM-4 conducting an SRA.

### MARCH

On 1 March, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI undocked and proceeded to pierside at the Submarine Base New London to continue the SRA. On 9 March the ship got underway to conduct sea trials after the SRA. The SRA was completed on 11 March, 8 days ahead of schedule. On 21 March the ship got underway bound for Norfolk, Va for deperming and to load Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles. On 27 March after deperming and the weapons load the ship proceeded to EXUMA Sound to conduct Fleet Acoustic Sound Trials (FAST) and then returned to New London, Ct.

### APRIL

The ship arrived in New London, Ct on 2 April and commenced a three week upkeep. The ship entered the SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM-4) on 14 April to repair the Secondary Propulsion Motor (SPM). Repairs were completed and the ship undocked on 18 April. The ship then proceeded to Port Canaveral, Fl on 22 April, arriving on 25 April. While in Port Canaveral, Fl the ship loaded exercise MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes. The ship completed test firings of the ADCAP torpedoes at the AUTEC range on 30 April and proceeded to St Croix, US Virgin Islands for a combined Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) with the USS Shark (SSN-591).

### MAY

USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI arrived at St Croix on 5 May. After installing a pinger for operations on the St Croix weapons range the ship was a target for USS SHARK. On 7 May the ship commenced the TRE conducting exercise MK-48 torpedo firings using the USS SHARK as a target. The ship also conducted HARPOON and TOMAHAWK exercise weapons firings. The remainder of the TRE was completed during the transit to New London, Ct arriving on 11 May. USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI was evaluated as ABOVE AVERAGE overall and was selected as a COMSUBLANT TRE Top Performer. On 15 May the ship proceeded to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to load exercise MK-48 ADCAP torpedoes for test firings on the St Croix weapons range. The test firings were completed on 23 May and the ship then proceeded back to New London, Ct arriving 27 May.

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### JUNE

The ship conducted a VIP cruise on 3 June for the commissioning committee for USS TENNESSEE (SSBN-734). On 6 June the ship proceeded to the Virginia Capes Operating Areas (VCOA's) to participate in FLEETEX 2-88. During the FLEETEX the ship launched an exercise Harpoon missile. After FLEETEX, the ship returned to New London arriving on 24 June. On 29 June the ship conducted a Dependents Cruise south of Fisher's Island in Block Island Sound.

### JULY

After completing an upkeep on 8 July the ship proceeded to AUTEC to participate in CORTRAMID 88 for Second Class Midshipmen from the US Naval Academy. The ship also completed testing of the Propulsion Shaft Test Device (PSTD) at Exuma Sound, returning to New London, Ct on 19 July. On 21 July the ship proceeded to the Weapons Station at Earle, NJ to offload Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles. After completing the weapons offload the ship operated in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOA's) for the prospective Commanding Officer before returning to New London, Ct on 26 July for a pre-deployment upkeep.

### AUGUST

A Change of Command was held on 12 August. CDR Charles R. SKOLDS relieved CDR Stephen I. Johnson as Commanding Officer. CDR Johnson received orders to the Strategic Studies Group in Newport, RI. On 19 August the ship was host for a luncheon in honor of ADM Arosa, AN, Chief of Staff of the Argentine Navy. On 22 August the ship proceeded to Weapons Station, Yorktown, Va to load Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles. During the weapons load on 26 August the ship received the first warshot ADCAP Torpedoes delivered to the fleet. The ship returned to New London, Ct on 26 August. That same day the ship was host for a VIP cruise which included COMO Abraham Ashur, the Israeli Naval Attache in Washington D.C.

### SEPTEMBER

On 6 September the ship conducted a Preoverseas Movement (POM) workup in the NBOA's returning on 9 September to New London, Ct. After a week of training at the Naval Submarine School, the ship conducted a POM certification in the NBOA's from 19 to 23 September. On 29 September, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI got underway for a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and operations with the Sixth Fleet.

### OCTOBER

On 1 October USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI was selected for the fifth consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" and sixth consecutive Engineering Red "E" awards by Commander Submarine Squadron TWO. On 8 October after a transit of the Atlantic Ocean, the ship transferred operational control to CINCUSNAVEUR and arrived in Gibraltar, BCC for a port visit and arrival briefings by staff members of COMSUBGRU EIGHT. On 11 October the ship got underway from Gibraltar and commenced ASW operations for COMSIXTHFLT.

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### NOVEMBER

After completing ASW operations for COMSIXTHFLT the ship arrived in Toulon, France for a port visit on 16 November. During the port visit the Commanding Officer and members of the crew participated in the Welcome US Navy program with the French towns of EYRAGUES and TARADEAU. The town of TARADEAU named their 1988 vintage red wine after the USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI. On 23 November the ship proceeded to Tangier, Morocco and anchored out on 28 November for a port visit.

### DECEMBER

The ship got underway on 1 December and participated in Exercise African Eagle 88 with units of the Sixth Fleet and the Moroccan Navy. After completing the exercise the ship proceeded to Naples, It for a port visit arriving on 23 December. After spending Christmas in Naples the ship proceeded to La Maddalena, It on 27 December for an upkeep and remained in La Maddalena for the rest of 1988.