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From: Commanding Officer, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12h

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) 3 1/2" disk copy of Command History

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. MISSION

The ship's 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 continuously improve submarine tactics in the accomplishment of the mission.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- a. Command PLAD: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705)
- b. Command UIC: 20832
- c. Immediate Senior in Chain of Command (ISIC)): Commander, Submarine Squadron 15
- d. Units under operational / administrative control: none.
- e. Name of Commander: Robert J. Schmidt
- f. Permanent duty station: COMNAVMAR, Guam

3. COMMANDER AND BIOGRAPHY

- a. CDR Robert J. Schmidt

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2003 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

DATE EVENT

JANUARY

08-13 Typhoon evasion.
17-25 KILOEX with USS SAN FRANCISCO
27 Underway to Pearl Harbor for Primary Relief valve testing and training.

FEBRUARY

2 Moored in Pearl Harbor

MARCH

10-15 Underway for Basic Submarine Assessment and Mine Readiness Certification
 Inspection.
16-23 Transit to Guam.

APRIL

13-16 Underway for typhoon evasion
21 Underway for participation in Exercise TANDEM THRUST

May

5 Moored in Guam.
19-21 Underway for sea trials.
28 Underway for transit to Pearl Harbor.

JUNE

4 Moored in Pearl Harbor
7-13 Underway for Tactical Readiness Evaluation Work-up and Tactical Readiness
 Evaluation
18-25 Underway to return to homeport.

JULY

24-25 Underway for sea trials
28 Underway for transit to Australia

AUGUST

8 Moored in Fremantle, Australia
11-16 Underway to participation in LUNGFISH
20-28 Underway for Prospective Commanding Officer Operations

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SEPTEMBER

6-15 Underway to return to homeport.

OCTOBER

14-26 Underway for Pre Overseas Movement Work-up
31 Underway for Pre Overseas Movement Certification

NOVEMBER

7 Moored at COMNAVMAR Santa Rita, Guam.
23 Underway to conduct first mission by a forward deployed fast attack submarine.

DECEMBER

23 Moored at COMNAVMAR Santa Rita, Guam.
24 Crew commenced Holiday Stand down.

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2003 COMMAND NARRATIVE

In January the ship went underway to avoid a Typhoon and conduct training with the USS SAN FRANCISCO. After which time, the ship went to Pearl Harbor to conduct primary relief valve testing and receive advanced submarine warfare training. Upon completion of our training, we conducted our first Basic Submarine Assessment and Mine Readiness Certification Inspection. After the ship arrived in Guam, it was shortly greeted by another Typhoon evasion causing us to get underway for four days.

The CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI participated in exercise TANDEM THRUST 2003 in April, where it had the opportunity to work with several surface ships, air assets, and a Recon Marine Detachment. During this exercise, the CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI was the first SSN to be assigned to an Expeditionary Strike Group under the tactical command of a Marine Corps General. Submarines will now be attached to expeditionary units because of the success of the exercise.

In June, the ship transited to Pearl Harbor to conduct a Tactical Readiness Evaluation. Afterwards, it went back to Guam to make preparations for a voyage to Australia. While in Australia, the ship participated in exercise LUNGFISH with Australian forces and conducted Prospective Commanding Officer Operations. Additionally, the crew was afforded the opportunity to explore Fremantle, Perth, and the surrounding areas.

The ship left Australia and returned to Guam and made preparations for mission. On the 23 December, the CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI returned home after completing the first mission of National Security from the forward deployed homeport of Guam. The ship is very proud to be apart of this historic event because it establishes a new standard of operation for the submarine force by reducing response time while increasing military presence.

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