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Subj: 2002 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (GOLD)

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology and Narrative
(3) Ship's Photograph
(4) Commanding Officers Biography
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(6) Diskette, containing enclosures (1), (2), and (4)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION
USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730)

Characteristics

Length Overall: 560 feet	Submerged Displacement: 18,700 tons
Maximum Beam: 42 feet	Missile tubes: 24
Navigational Draft: 36 feet	Torpedo tubes: 4
Speed: >25kts	Complement: 146 Enlisted 16 Officers
Keel laid: 19 Jan 81	Launched: 15 Oct 83
Commissioned: 6 Oct 84	Homeport: Bangor, WA

The USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) is the fifth ship in the powerful OHIO TRIDENT submarine class. The ship is named after the late United States Senator Henry M. Jackson, a proponent of the TRIDENT submarine program. The HENRY M. JACKSON was built at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division in Groton, CT. Following new construction, the ship successfully completed sea trials and demonstration/shakedown operations (DASO) in Florida. The ship transited through the Panama Canal to its current homeport of Bangor, WA, arriving in June 1985.

TRIDENT submarines are undersea intercontinental ballistic missile launching platforms whose primary mission is strategic nuclear deterrence. The submarine is under the operational control of Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and the United States Strategic Command while deployed at sea.

The ship has completed 60 strategic deterrent patrols to date and has participated in successful operational tests of the TRIDENT I Missile System.

USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (GOLD)
CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE

1. General. USS HENRY M. JACKSON was underway on patrol at the beginning of 2002. The Gold crew conducted two Strategic Deterrent Patrols during the year.

2. Significant Events. The following is a chronological listing of significant events during the on-crew periods:

- a. 01 January 2002 - Underway on Patrol 57.
- b. 10-13 January 2002 - Conducted TWP/SRE.
- c. 15 January 2002 - Conducted Port Visit in San Diego, CA.
- d. 03-06 February 2002 - Participated in COMPTUEX 02-1 with USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Battlegroup.
- e. 12-14 February 2002 - Conducted CAST/BEARTRAP training.
- f. 14 February - Return to Bangor, WA.
- g. 16 February 2002 - Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew.
- h. 27 May 2002 - Gold Crew relieved Blue Crew.
- i. 29 May - 02 June 2002 - Conducted Mini-DASO.
- j. 6 July 2002 - Sea trials.
- k. 6 July 2002 - Departed for Patrol 59.
- l. 9-13 July 2002 - REFTRA.
- m. 22-23 July 2002 - Participated in exercise Solar Hawk.
- n. 27 July 2002 - Conducted a Medical Evacuation at Kodiak, AK.
- o. 9-13 August 2002 - Conducted Port Visit in Pearl Harbor, HI.
- p. 14-16 August 2002 - Conducted PCO operations.
- q. 16-20 August 2002 - Conducted Engineering Assist.
- r. 20 August 2002 - Conducted Port Visit in Pearl Harbor, HI.
- s. 31 August-02 September 2002 - Conducted ORSE.
- t. 6-12 September 2002 - Conducted ARDENT Operations.
- u. 16-18 September 2002 - Conducted INSURV.
- v. 18 September 2002 - Return to Bangor, WA.
- w. 21 September 2002 - Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew.