

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1992

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. Commissioned 13 July 1991, KENTUCKY's mission consisted a Post Availability Shakedown (PSA) period and two Strategic Deterrent Patrols.

b. Organizational Structure. KENTUCKY operates under the cognizance of Submarine Group TEN, commanded by RADM T.J. Robertson. The Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew was CAPT Joseph G. Henry and CAPT William W. Schmidt, USN, (biography attached). The BLUE crew was commanded by CAPT Michael G. Riegel, USN, and CAPT Robert D. Rish, USN, (biography attached).

c. Duty Station. KENTUCKY is homeported at the Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA.

2. Chronology of Events

a. 6 Jan 1992 - Exchange of command takes place, the BLUE crew, under the command of CAPT M. G. Riegel, mans the ship. The GOLD crew begins its off-crew training period.

b. February 1992 - KENTUCKY arrives at Electric Boat, in Groton, CT for its Post Shakedown Availability (PSA).

c. 14 May 1992 - Exchange of command takes place, the GOLD crew, under the command of CAPT J.G. Henry, mans the ship. The BLUE crew begins its off-crew training period.

d. June 1992 - KENTUCKY completes Strategic Missile Onload.

e. June 1992 - KENTUCKY completes REFIT 1.

f. 16 July 1992 CAPT R. D. Rish relieved CAPT M. G. Riegel as Commanding Officer, USS KENTUCKY BLUE.

g. July 1992 - KENTUCKY conducts Phase III Sonar Certification, Post Shakedown Availability (PSA) Acoustical Trials, and a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

h. September 1992 - KENTUCKY completes the ship's first Strategic Deterrent Patrol, CINC Evaluation Test (CET), and Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

i. September 1992 - KENTUCKY GOLD launches four test trident missiles as part of its CET.

j. 10 September 1992 - Exchange of command takes place, The BLUE crew, under the command of CAPT R.D. Rish, mans the ship. The GOLD crew begins its off-crew training period.

k. September 1992 - KENTUCKY conducts a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection(NTPI).

l. September 1992 - KENTUCKY completes REFIT 2.

m. 4 December 1992 - CAPT W. W. Schmidt relieved CAPT Joseph G. Henry as Commanding Officer, USS KENTUCKY GOLD.

n. December 1992 - KENTUCKY completes its second Strategic Deterrent Patrol, an Operation Reactor Safeguard Examination(ORSE), and Supply Management Inspection(SMI).

o. 22 December 1992 - Exchange of command takes place, the GOLD crew, under the command of CAPT W.W. Schmidt, mans the ship. The BLUE crew begins its off-crew training period.

3. Narrative

a. USS KENTUCKY's first two Strategic Deterrent Patrols were highly successful. During this period, the BLUE crew underwent a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI), Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE), and a Supply Management Inspection (SMI), with each inspection being passed satisfactorily.

4. Supporting Documents

a. The Following supporting documents are submitted:

- (1) Biography of Captain Robert D. Rish
- (2) Biography of Captain William W. Schmidt
- (3) Change of Command Programs