

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)  
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2001

1. Command Composition and Organization

- a. Mission. The ship was commissioned 13 July 1991. USS KENTUCKY's mission, as defined by the Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet is threefold:
- (1) To be continuously ready to fight the ship in war.
  - (2) To maintain the highest standards of personnel and material readiness for this war action.
  - (3) To strive continuously to improve submarine tactics and techniques to achieve the maximum readiness posture.
- b. Organizational Structure. USS KENTUCKY operated under the cognizance of the Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Vice Admiral J. J. Grossenbacher; administrative and pre-deployment cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group Ten, RADM G. L. Talbot Jr.; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain A. R. Hochevar and Commander, Submarine Squadron Sixteen, Captain G. A. Balzer. The Commanding Officer of the BLUE crew was Commander P. F. Seidel until Commander R. W. Melampy assumed Command on 09 November 01. The Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew was Commander M. W. McKinnon until Commander C. J. Kelly assumed Command on 27 July 01.
- c. Duty Station. USS KENTUCKY is home ported at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

2. Chronology of Events

- a. 21 January 2001 to 25 January 2001 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) Patrol 30 liberty port Kings Bay, GA.
- b. 17 February 2001 - The KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's thirtieth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

- c. 18 February 2001 - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander M. W. McKinnon relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences the Pre-Deployment Training Period.
- d. 29 March 2001 - The KENTUCKY (GOLD) crew departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirty-first Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- e. 10 June 2001 - The KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's thirty-first Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE), an Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (ANTPI), a Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test (FCET), and a Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI).
- f. 11 June 2001 - The BLUE crew under the command of Commander P. F. Seidel relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The GOLD crew commences the Pre-Deployment Training Period.
- g. 23 July 2001 - The KENTUCKY (BLUE) crew departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirty-second Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- h. 08 September 2001 - The KENTUCKY (BLUE) conducts first visit to Port Canaveral, FL for LANT SCOPEX 1-01.
- i. 29 September 2001 - The KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's thirty-second Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
- j. 01 October 2001 - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander C. J. Kelly relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit period. The BLUE crew commences their Pre-Deployment Training Period.
- k. 20 November 2001 - The KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirty-third Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

1. 22 December 2001 to 26 December 2001 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) Patrol 33 liberty port Kings Bay, GA.

3. Narrative

- a. The ship successfully completed three Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 2001.
- b. The ship successfully completed two Tactical Readiness Evaluations (TRE).
- c. The ship successfully completed one Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and one Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (ANTPI).
- d. The ship successfully completed one Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE).
- e. The ship successfully completed one Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test (FCET).
- f. The ship successfully completed one Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI).
- g. The ship successfully completed the first LANT SCOPEX at Port Canaveral, FL.