



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

COMMANDING OFFICER  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743)  
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From: Commanding Officer, USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD)  
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard,  
805 Kidder Breese SE, Washington, DC 20374-5060

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command Welcome Aboard Pamphlet  
(2) 3 ½" Diskette

1. Per reference (a), the following information is provided:

2. Command Composition and Organization:

- a. USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD) (48586)
- b. Strategic Missile Nuclear Submarine
- c. ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron 16
- d. CDR William A. Ebbs (relieved by CDR Peter H. Hanlon on 7 May 2004)
- e. Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay  
1050 USS GEORGIA Avenue  
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3. Chronology:

- a. Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Fifteen (October 2002 - January 2003)
- b. Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Seventeen (January - May 2003)
- c. Completed Refit during the months of June and July 2003
- d. Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Seventeen (July - September 2003)

e. Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Nineteen (September 2003 - December 2003)

f. Completed refit during the months of December 2003 and January 2004

4. Awards. LOUISIANA GOLD was presented with the following awards on 1 January 2004 from COMSUBRON 16 for superior performance in 2003:

a. Communications "C"

b. Strategic "S"

5. Narrative:

a. On 20 January 2003, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Fifteen and on 22 January 2003 the Blue crew relieved the Gold crew. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted the following significant events during Patrol Fifteen:

(1) Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)

(2) Supply Management Inspection (SMI)

(3) Tactical Readiness Evaluation re-inspection (TRE)

(4) Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI)

b. On 22 January 2003, the Gold crew began Pre-deployment Training Period Seventeen. On 21 May 2003 the Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew. During the months of May through July 2003 the Gold crew completed their revitalization period.

c. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) got underway on 28 July to conduct Strategic Deterrent Patrol Seventeen. The following significant events were conducted during Patrol Seventeen:

(1) Midshipmen Cruise Operations. USS LOUISIANA received one group of midshipmen encompassing 9 midshipmen.

(2) Operational Readiness Assessment (ORA)

(3) Tiger Cruise

(4) Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)

d. On 21 September the Blue crew relieved the Gold crew. The Gold crew then conducted Pre-Deployment Training Period from 21 September 2003 through 23 December 2004 in preparation for Patrol Nineteen.

e. On 23 December 2003 the Gold crew relieved the Blue crew. During the months of December 2003 and January and 2004 the Gold Crew completed their revitalization period.

6. Supporting Documents: Enclosure (1) is provided giving the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer biographies and miscellaneous information on USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) and its mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. H. HANLON', with a stylized, cursive script.

P. H. HANLON