



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

**COMMANDING OFFICER  
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743)  
1050 USS GEORGIA AVE  
KINGS BAY, GA 31547**

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From: Commanding Officer, USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD)  
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard,  
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

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

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

a. Command Composition and Organization:

- (1) USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD) (48586)
- (2) Strategic Missile Nuclear Submarine
- (3) ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron 16
- (4) CDR Peter H. Hanlon
- (5) Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay  
1050 USS GEORGIA Avenue  
Kings Bay, GA 31547

b. Chronologically:

- (1) Completed refit during the months of December 2003  
and January 2004
- (2) Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Nineteen  
(February - April 2004)
- (3) Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Twenty One  
(May - July 2004)
- (4) Completed refit during the month August 2004

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(5) Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Twenty One (September - December 2004)

c. Awards: LOUISIANA GOLD was presented with the following awards on 1 January 2005 from Submarine Squadron Sixteen for superior performance in 2004:

(1) Communications "C"

(2) Supply Blue "E"

d. Narrative:

(1) On 9 December 2003 the Gold crew relieved the Blue crew. During the months of December 2003 and January 2004 the Gold Crew completed their revitalization period.

(2) On 4 February 2004, the LOUISIANA (GOLD) departed to conduct Strategic Deterrent Patrol Nineteen. On 15 April 2004, the LOUISIANA (GOLD) completed their patrol. On 17 April 2004 the Blue crew relieved the Gold crew. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted the following significant events during Patrol Nineteen:

(a) Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)

(b) Supply Management Inspection (SMI)

(c) Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI)

(3) On 7 May 2004 CDR Peter H. Hanlon relieved CDR William A. Ebbs as Commanding Officer USS LOUISIANA (GOLD).

(4) On 25 May 2004, the Gold crew began Pre-deployment Training Period Twenty One. On 8 August 2004 the Gold crew relieved the Blue crew. During the month of August 2004 the Gold crew completed their revitalization period.

(5) USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) sortied on 3 September 2004 to avoid Hurricane Charlie. LOUISIANA returned to port on 7 September 2004.

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(6) USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) departed on 10 September 2004 to conduct Strategic Deterrent Patrol Twenty One. The following significant event was conducted during Patrol Twenty One:

(a) Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)

(7) USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) returned to port on 20 December 2004 following an extended patrol. The Blue crew relieved the Gold crew on 22 December 2004.

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



P. H. HANLON