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USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) COMMAND HISTORY, 1987

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. MISSION STATEMENT. The mission of 688 class submarines including USS LOUISVILLE (SSN-724) is to destroy hostile ships, primarily submarines, in order to prohibit the employment of such forces in the attack and destruction of United States or Allied targets.

2. HISTORY STATEMENT. The USS LOUISVILLE is the thirty-fifth ship of the LOS ANGELES class submarines to enter the submarine fleet. USS LOUISVILLE was constructed by the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, CT. USS LOUISVILLE is named for the city of Louisville, Kentucky and is the fourth United States Ship to bear this name. Major milestones in the new construction period of the ship were as follows:

Keel Laid	-	16 September 1984
Launched	-	14 December 1985
Commissioned	-	08 November 1986

The ship's sponsor is Mrs. Betty Ann McKee, wife of Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee, Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. The USS LOUISVILLE is currently assigned to Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO at the Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT. and is part of the Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet. The ship is scheduled to complete an interfleet transfer in January 1988 and be assigned to the Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN at the Submarine Base, San Diego, CA. The ship's onboard organization consists of the following departments that report to the Commanding Officer via the Executive Officer: Engineering, Navigation/Operations, Combat Systems, and Supply. USS LOUISVILLE is assigned 13 Officers and 125 Enlisted personnel.

4. NAME OF COMANDING OFFICER/ DATE ASSUMED COMMAND.
Commander Charles Barry Beckman, U. S. Navy / 24 April 1986.

5. HOMEPORT OF SHIP. The USS LOUISVILLE is currently homeported in Groton, CT. The ship is scheduled to complete an interfleet transfer in January 1988 and be homeported in San Diego, CA.

CHRONOLOGY/NARRATIVE. The following information identifies significant events that occurred during calendar year 1987.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHRONOLOGY</u>	<u>NARRATIVE</u>
08 NOV 1986	LOUISVILLE COMMISSIONED	USS LOUISVILLE commissioned at Subase, NLON. 35th ship of Los Angeles Class.
05-09 JAN 87	RECOVERY TRIALS	Enroute to Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico conducted 688 Class recovery trials.
10-16 JAN 87	WEAPONS TRIALS	Conducted Weapons Systems Accuracy Trials and Port Visit at Roosevelt Roads.
17-25 JAN 87	PORT VISIT	Conducted Port Visit in Fredricksted, St. Croix and continued with Weapons Systems Accuracy Trials.
26 JAN 87 TO 01 FEB 87	ACOUSTIC TRIALS	Conducted acoustic trials in Exuma Sound.
02-04 FEB 87	SERVICES	Provided services to the USS ANTIETAM (CG-53).
11 FEB 87 TO 08 MAR 87	WEAPONS CERTIFICATION	Conducted Phase I Harpoon and Tomahawk Cruise Missile Certification.
09-15 MAR 87	WEAPONS CERTIFICATION	Conducted MK-48 Torpedo, Harpoon and Tomahawk Certification at St. Croix.
16-23 MAR 87	PORT VISIT	Conducted Port Visit at Ireland Island, Bermuda.
14-15 APR 87	ORSE	Satisfactorily completed first Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination
24 APR 87	CHANGE OF COMMAND	Capt. Charles E. ELLIS, USN LOUISVILLE'S first Commanding Officer relieved by Cdr Charles B. BECKMAN, USN
30 APR 87 TO 31 DEC 87	POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY	Conducted PSA at Electric Boat Shipyard at Groton, CT