



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)

FPO SEATTLE, WA 98799

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From: Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
Washington, DC 20374

Subj: History of Ship to Commissioning

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12C

Encl: (1) Chronological Sequence of Events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


W. E. RICKMAN

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>KEY EVENTS</u> |
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| 4 APR 77 | Ship's Keel layed at General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT (no formal ceremony held). |
| 12 OCT 79 | Initial crew increment reported - CDR Wayne E. RICKMAN, USN, assigned as Prospective Commanding Officer. |
| 26 APR 80 | Ship launched at Electric Boat. The remarks were given by The Honorable Robert J. Murray, Under Secretary of the Navy. The principal address was given by The Honorable Lucien N. Nedzi (D-MI), United States House of Representatives. The Sponsor was Margaret Garvey Nedzi and as she christened the ship she said "In the name of the United States, I christen thee MICHIGAN. May God bless her and all who sail in her". |
| 24 AUG 81 | MICHIGAN's first move from launch area to a fitting out pier. |
| 6 FEB 82 | Initial criticality of the nuclear reactor. |
| 19 APR 82 | In-Service. |
| 21 MAY 82 - 23 MAY 82 | Initial Builders Sea Trials. ADM Kinnaird R. MCKEE, Director of the Division of Naval Reactors onboard. |
| 16 AUG 82 - 18 AUG 82 | INSURV Trial commenced. |
| 28 AUG 82 | MICHIGAN was delivered to the Navy. |
| 11 SEP 82 | USS MICHIGAN Commissioned. ADM Kinnaird R. MCKEE, Director of the Division of Naval Reactors was the principal speaker. VADM Steven A. WHITE, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet was the commissioning officer. Captain W. E. RICKMAN, USN, . Commanding Officer BLUE Crew Captain F. M. CONWAY III, USN, Commanding Officer GOLD Crew |



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| 11 SEP 82 | Captain W. E. RICKMAN, USN, 490-44-8800, Commanding Officer Blue and crew assumed command. |
| 13 SEP 82 | MICHIGAN departed General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT to commence Post Construction Shakedown Operations. |
| 21 NOV 82 | MICHIGAN's first TRIDENT C-4 Missile Launched. |
| 06 DEC 82 | Exchange of Command, Captain F. M. CONWAY, III, USN, Commanding Officer Gold and crew relieved Captain W. E. RICKMAN, USN, Commanding Officer Blue and crew. |