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From: Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727 BLUE)  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology of Events  
(3) Disk with electronic copy of files

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted for USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727 BLUE), UIC 35955.

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

## 1. UNIT IDENTIFICATION:

COMMAND SHORT TITLE: USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE)  
UIC: 35955  
CO: CDR Thomas M. Calabrese  
HOMEPORT: Bangor, Washington

2. Mission: The mission of the SSBN 726 Class submarine is to provide strategic deterrence against hostile attack by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missile attacks against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN 726 Class submarines are designed to perform the following tasks:

a. To operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to a nuclear weapon attack by a foreign power, and to destroy designated targets with strategic missiles.

b. To remain undetected while fulfilling her strategic mission.

c. To operate defensively against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

3. Organization: USS MICHIGAN (BLUE), second in the TRIDENT Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by Commander Thomas M. Calabrese (BLUE) and Commander Dietrich H. Kuhlmann III (GOLD).

There are presently eighteen TRIDENT submarines; eight are home-ported at Submarine Base Bangor, Washington and are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17.

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PART II

2001 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Key Event</u>
14 Jan	Exchange of Command, Commander Dietrich H. Kuhlmann III, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew relieve Commander Brian S. Coval, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew.
10 May	Exchange of Command, Commander, Brian S. Coval Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieve Commander Dietrich H. Kuhlmann III, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew.
11 May-04 Jun	Refit
05 Jun	Sea trials Dabob Bay, WA.
11-15 Jun	Refresher Training
19 Jun-02 Jul	Underway Patrol
12-13 Jul	Conducted Strategic Readiness Evaluation (SRE)
14-15 Jul	KILOEX with USS GREENEVILLE (SSN 772)
18-20 Jul	Conducted Tactical Warfare Proficiency (TWP) Inspection
20-27 Jul	Port Visit Pearl Harbor, HI
29-30 Jul	Conducted Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations
02-03 Aug	Conducted Undersea Warfare Exercise (USWEX 01-01) with USS CARL VINSON Battlegroup
04-06 Aug	Conducted Commander Submarine Development Squadron Twelve Pacific Security Exercise (PACSECEX 01-01) with USS TUCSON (SSN 770)

Enclosure (2)

17 Aug Conducted Distinguished Visitor cruise to Dabob Bay, WA, return to port, Bangor, WA

20 Aug Conducted Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (ANTPI)

21 Aug Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI)

26 Aug Exchange of Command, Commander Dietrich H. Kuhlmann III, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew relieve Commander Brian S. Coval, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew.

05 Dec Change of Command, Commander Thomas M. Calabrese relieved Commander Brian S. Coval as Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN SSBN 727 (BLUE) at Naval Submarine Base Bangor Chapel, Bangor, WA

09 Dec Exchange of Command, Commander Thomas M. Calabrese, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieve Commander Dietrich H. Kuhlmann III, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew.

09-31 Dec Refit

MICHIGAN received the following awards in 2001:

- Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen Damage Control Efficiency "Red DC".