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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are
forwarded.

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M. R. DARGEL
By direction

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)

UIC: 35955 and 35956

1. 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:

a. Operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to nuclear attack by foreign powers and to destroy land targets with nuclear-armed missiles.

b. Minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

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

2. Organizational Structure. USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727), the second in the Ohio Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, was commanded in 2003 by CDR Dietrich H. Kuhlmann, III (GOLD Crew) and CDR Thomas M. Calabrese (BLUE Crew).

On 17 October the ship combined crews under the command of CDR Calabrese. The ship had originally been scheduled to commence an Engineered Refueling Overhaul and SSGN Conversion in November 2003, but due to schedule delays at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and material casualties on other Submarine Squadron 17 ships, the ship deployed for an additional strategic deterrent patrol in October 2003.

CHRONOLOGY

DATE

EVENT

01JAN 03	UNDERWAY PATROL 64
12 FEB 03 - 17 FEB 03	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
24 FEB 03 - 26 FEB 03	OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAM
26 FEB 03	INPORT BANGOR, WA
01 MAR 03	BLUE CREW RELIEVED GOLD CREW
01 MAR 03 - 03 APR 03	REFIT PERIOD
03 APR 03	POST REFIT SEA TRIALS, DABOB BAY
06 APR 03	UNDERWAY FOR PATROL 65
15 MAY 03 - 19 MAY 03	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA FOR NAVY TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY INSPECTION
23 MAY 03	UNDERWAY FOR OVERHAUL PRE-ARRIVAL TESTING
23 MAY 03 - 24 MAY 03	INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA
03 JUN 03 - 04 JUN 03	INPORT BANGOR, WA
10 JUN 03 - 12 JUN 03	OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAM
12 JUN 03	INPORT BANGOR, WA
15 JUN 03	GOLD CREW RELIEVED BLUE CREW
15 JUN 03 - 29 JUL 03	REFIT PERIOD

29 JUL 03 POST REFIT SEA TRIALS, DABOB BAY
31 JUL 03 UNDERWAY FOR PATROL 66
15 SEP 03 - 18 SEP 03 TACTICAL READINESS EVALUATION
18 SEP 03 - 22 SEP 03 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
06 OCT 03 INPORT BANGOR, WA
09 OCT 03 BLUE CREW RELIEVED GOLD CREW
09 OCT 03 - 13 OCT 03 VOYAGE REPAIR PERIOD
13 OCT 03 - 16 OCT 03 UNDERWAY FOR REFRESHER TRAINING
16 OCT 03 - 18 OCT 03 INPORT BANGOR, WA FOR CREW
COMBINATION
18 OCT 03 UNDERWAY FOR PATROL 67
26 NOV 03 - 03 DEC 03 INPORT BANGOR, WA
03 DEC 03 UNDERWAY FOR OPERATIONS ON NANOOSE
ACOUSTIC RANGE
15 DEC 03 INPORT BANGOR, WA

NARRATIVE

No narrative is provided. The events listed in the chronology need no further amplification.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) is the second Trident Class Nuclear Powered Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine to have been constructed at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The keel was laid on 4 April 1977. MICHIGAN was commissioned on 11 September 1982 and is the third United States Navy vessel to bear the name of the State. MICHIGAN arrived in Bangor, WA on 16 March 1983 and completed 67 Strategic Deterrent Patrols.

MICHIGAN's outstanding performance during 2003 was recognized by receipt of:
COMMANDER, Submarine Squadron 17 Battle Efficiency "E"
COMPACFLT Retention Excellence Award