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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F (Command Histories)

Encl: (1) Command History of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) for
calendar year 1996
(2) Command History of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) for
calendar year 1997
(3) USS MARYLAND Command photos (2)
(4) 3.5" disk w/enclosure (1) and (2)

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


W. SCOTT GRAY, IV

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. USS MARYLAND's ultimate mission is to provide strategic deterrence to prevent nuclear war. The ship's current operations include various ship's inspections and conducting deterrent patrols.

b. Organization Structure. The immediate senior in command is Captain D. P. Cocolin, Commander, Submarine Squadron 20.

c. Name of Commander. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE) is Commander W. Scott Gray, IV. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD) is Commander C. B. Hasbrouck.

d. Permanent Duty Station. Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

2. Chronology

1 Jan	Blue Crew began the year at sea on Patrol 10.
17 Jan	Conducted Humanitarian Evacuation (HUMEVAC) at New London, CT.
19 Jan	Participated in COMSUBGRU 2 Exercise.
20 Jan	Conducted HUMEVAC at New London, CT.
24-26 Jan	Embarked COMSUBRON 20 Commodore.
6-7 Feb	Blue Crew conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
10 Feb	Exchange of Command. Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew.
3 Mar	Underway for sea trials and refresher training (REFTRA) in Jacksonville operating areas (JAXOAS).
7 Mar	Moored, Naval Submarine Base (NSB), Kings Bay, GA.
13 Mar	Underway for Distinguished Visitor Cruise.

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996 (Cont'd)

14 Mar Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

15 Mar Underway for Patrol 11.

20 Mar Conducted Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) and HUMEVAC near Bermuda.

13 Apr Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA. Commenced Follow-on Commander-in-Chief Evaluation Test (FCET).

18 Apr Underway for FCET.

23 Apr Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

29 Apr Underway for Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

2 May Conducted personnel transfer (BSP) at Port Everglades, FL. Disembarked NTPI team.

5 May Conducted MEDEVAC at STM, Kings Bay, GA.

8 May Conducted BSP at Port Everglades, FL. Embarked Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) team.

8-11 May Gold Crew conducted TRE and MK 48 torpedo proficiency firings.

11 May Conducted BSP at Bahamas. Disembarked TRE Team.

14 May Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

17 May Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew.

10 Jun Underway for sea trials and REFTRA in JAXOAS.

14 Jun Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

18 Jun Underway for Augmenting NTPI (ANTPI).

18-20 Jun Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI) and ANTPI.

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996 (Cont'd)

1 Jul Moored, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada for port call.

5 Jul Underway for Patrol 12.

8 Aug Conducted BSP at Bahamas. Embarked LANTSODASOEX team.

9-13 Aug Conducted LANTSODASOEX 1-96.

16 Aug Conducted BSP at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Disembarked LANTSODASOEX team.

19 Aug Conducted BSP at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Embarked ORSE team.

19-21 Aug Blue Crew conducted ORSE.

22 Aug Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

26 Aug Exchange of Command. Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew.

24 Sep Underway for sea trials and REFTRA in JAXOAS.

27 Sep Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

28 Sep Conducted a Family Members Cruise.

3 Oct Underway for Mini-Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO).

3-8 Oct Conducted Mini-DASO.

8 Oct Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

12 Oct Underway for Patrol 13.

11 Nov Conducted HUMEVAC at Norfolk, VA.

20-25 Nov Embarked COMSUBRON 20 Commodore.

25-27 Nov Conducted a Acoustic Evaluation Exercise.

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996 (Cont'd)

29 Nov Commenced Anti Submarine Warfare Exercise (ASWEX).
30 Nov Conducted HUMEVAC at STM, Kings Bay, GA.
1 Dec Resumed ASWEX.
2 Dec Completed ASWEX.
5-7 Dec Gold Crew conducted ORSE and Logistics Readiness
Exam (LRE).
7-11 Dec Conducted ASWEX.
17 Dec Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.
20 Dec Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved by Blue
Crew.

3. Narrative. USS MARYLAND continued to excel in 1996. The ship conducted a wide variety of operations and exercises and performed superbly in each task. The ship was awarded the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Athletic Excellence Award in the SSBN Category, and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Athletic Excellence Award in the Small Afloat Category. Additionally, the Gold crew was awarded the Commander Submarine Group 10 White Tactical "T" award.

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

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b. Organization Structure. The immediate senior in command is Captain W. E. Frye, Commander, Submarine Squadron 20.

c. Name of Commander. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE) is Commander W. Scott Gray, IV. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD) is Commander C. B. Hasbrouck.

d. Permanent Duty Station. Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

2. Chronology

- 15 Jan Blue Crew underway for sea trials and Refresher Training (REFTRA) in the Jacksonville Operating Area (JAXOAS).
- 19 Jan Conducted personnel transfer (BSP) at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Disembarked COMSUBRON 20 personnel and embarked family members for Tiger Cruise.
- 20 Jan Moored, Naval Submarine Base (NSB), Kings Bay, GA.
- 23 Jan Underway for a media cruise. Embarked John McWethy from ABC News.
- 24 Jan Conducted BSP at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Disembarked ABC News crew.
- 26 Jan Conducted VIP cruise for Rep McInnis (R-CO). Underway for Patrol 14.
- 9-13 Mar Blue Crew conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and MK-48 torpedo proficiency firings.

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997 (Cont'd)

21-25 Mar Visited Annapolis, MD for Midshipmen Career Information Program and Maryland Day.

25-29 Mar Embarked COMSUBGRU 10.

1-3 Apr Conducted Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercise (ASWEX).

4 Apr Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

7 Apr Exchange of Command. Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew.

9 May Underway for sea trials and REFTRA in JAXOAS.

12 May Conducted BSP at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Embarked COMSUBRON 16 personnel.

16 May Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

16-18 May Conducted Family Member and VIP cruises.

18 May Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

22 May Underway for Patrol 15.

25-28 May Conducted Undersea Warfare Exercise (USWEX).

2 Jun Moored, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada for port call.

6 Jun Underway to continue Patrol 15.

9-12 Jun Conducted Midshipmen Orientation Cruises in Norfolk, VA.

14 Jun Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

15 Jun Underway to continue Patrol 15.

2 Jul Conducted Humanitarian Evacuation (HUMEVAC) at Bermuda.

8-9 Jul Conducted USWEX.

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997 (Cont'd)

10 Jul Conducted BSP at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Embarked COMSUBRON 20 personnel.

12 Jul Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

13 Jul Underway for completion of Patrol 15.

17-19 Jul Gold Crew conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

25 Jul Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

26 Jul Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI).

29 Jul Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew.

21 Aug Underway for sea trials and REFTRA in JAXOAS.

25 Aug Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

27 Aug Conducted Family Member Cruise.

28 Aug Underway for Congressional VIP Cruise. Embarked Rep. Cardin (D-MD) and Rep. Hoyer (D-MD).

29 Aug Conducted BSP at STM, Kings Bay, GA. Disembarked Congressional VIP's. Underway for Patrol 16.

18 Sep Conducted Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) at Bermuda.

15-17 Oct Blue Crew conducted NTPI.

27 Oct Moored, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico for port call and Atlantic SSBN Continuity of Operations Exercise (LANTSCOPEX 1-98).

1 Nov Underway for Patrol 16.

9-11 Nov Conducted Atlantic Security Exercise (LANTSECEX 1-98).

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997 (Cont'd)

- 13-14 Nov Blue Crew conducted ORSE and Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE).
- 14 Nov Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.
- 17 Nov Exchange of Command. Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew.
- 23 Dec Underway for Patrol 17.

3. Narrative. The ship earned an unprecedented second Battle Efficiency "E" Award in the last three years. Additionally, the Gold crew was awarded the Strategic "S" and Deck Seamanship "D". The ship is regarded as the best in the Atlantic Fleet as evidenced by frequent VIP visits and high visibility port visits.