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USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD)

COMMAND HISTORY

1. (U) Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. Carry out tasks assigned by higher authority, fulfill assigned commitments, maintain high standards of personnel and material readiness for Naval action and strive continuously to improve submarine tactics in the accomplishment of this mission. To serve the country as the primary, survivable strategic deterrent force in America's Armed Forces.

b. Organization and Structure

(1) Immediate Senior In Command - Commander Submarine Squadron 20 - Captain Hansen, commanding.

(2) Commanding Officer USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD) - Commander Christopher C. Hayes.

c. Homeport. USS MARYLAND's homeport is Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia.

2. (S) Chronology

a. Exchange of Command, Commander Chris Hayes commanding - 24 January 1999

b. Ship shifts berths to Refit Wharf #2 - 27 January 1999

c. Ship shifts berths to Explosive Handling Wharf #2 for Trident Technical Operations - 12 February 1999

d. Ship is underway for Patrol Twenty One - Gold Crew - 21 February 1999

e. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Explosive Handling Wharf #1 for Trident Technical Operations - 15 April 1999

f. Ship is underway for Follow-on Commander-in-Chief Evaluation Test and Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination - 23 April 1999

g. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Explosive Handling Wharf #1 for FCET recovery - 29 April 1999

h. Ship is underway for ISE - 6 May 1999

i. Exchange of Command to Blue Crew, Commander Keith Bowman - 14 May 1999

j. Exchange of Command, Commander Christopher C. Hayes commanding - 22 August 1999

k. Ship is underway for Mini-DASO - 24 August 1999

l. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Explosive Handling Wharf #2 - 31 August 1999

m. Ship shifts berths to Drydock - 3 September 1999

n. Ship shifts berths to Refit Wharf #3 - 16 October 1999

o. Ship shifts berths to Explosive Handling Wharf #1 - 17 October 1999

p. Ship shifts berths to Layberth #2 - 19 October 1999

q. Ship is underway for Patrol 23 - 20 October 1999

r. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Refit Wharf #3 for torpedo load - 29 November 1999

s. Ship is underway continuing Patrol 23 and for Tactical Readiness Evaluation - 2 December 1999

t. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia - 26 December 1999

u. Exchange of Command to Blue Crew, Commander Keith P. Bowman, commanding - 29 December 1999

### 3. (S) Narrative

This year MARYLAND GOLD completed two very successful strategic deterrent patrols. The significant patrol highlights for each patrol are as follows:

a. Patrol 21 (Commanded by CDR Chris Hayes). The first week of Patrol 21 consisted of two days of sound trials at AUTECH followed by a COMSUBRON TWENTY Assist/Evaluation ride. This early evaluation of crew performance proved to be helpful in evaluation the ships training plan and determining areas where more emphasis was necessary. The ship then completed four weeks of alert patrol with 100% ship and weapons system readiness. At the completion of our alert patrol, we performed a Follow-on Commander-in-Chief Evaluation Test (FCET) during which two Trident D-5 missiles were successfully launched on 26 April.

During our missile conversion period, the ship hosted Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, for a luncheon and ship tour.

The ship then conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. I was pleased with the operational performance of the crew after spending the previous three weeks preparing and conducting the FCET.

b. Patrol 23 (Commanded by CDR Chris Hayes). Shortly after crew turnover from Patrol 22, The ship conducted a MINI-DASO prior to entering a lengthy drydock period. At the conclusion of the drydock period Commodore Hansen awarded 23 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals to the GOLD Crew for community service in the Oklahoma City, OK disaster relief campaign.

The first four weeks of Patrol 23 were spent alert with 100% ship and weapons system readiness. Upon completion of the alert period, MARYLAND participated in a highly successful POLO HAT exercise, immediately followed by a VIP Cruise, embarking Admiral Mies (CINCSTRATCOM), Rear Admiral Sullivan and dignitaries from Nebraska.

Following a highly successful inport Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI), receiving grades of Outstanding in 11 out of 13 areas, we then participated in JTFEX-00 and conducted a TRE.