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From: Commanding Officer, USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

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Encl: (1) Command History for 2000 (S)
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(3) Ship's Photograph

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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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. Captain Hochevar relieved Captain Hansen on 4 August 2000.

(2) Commanding Officer USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD) (1 January - 14 September 2000) - Commander Christopher C. Hayes. Commander Russell H. Smith relieved Commander Hayes on 15 September 2000.

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

2. (S) Chronology

a. Exchange of Command, Commander Chris Hayes commanding - 12 April 2000

b. Ship conducted Refresher Training - 14 April 2000

c. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Refit Wharf #2 - 17 April 2000

- d. Ship conducted Sea Trials - 13 May 2000
- e. Ship moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Lay Berth #2 - 15 May 2000
- f. Ship is underway for Patrol Twenty Five - 18 May 2000
- g. Ship is moored at Norfolk, Virginia, Pier #11 1 North to support COMSUBLANT Change of Command - 3 July 2000
- h. Ship is underway for Patrol #25 - 10 July 2000
- i. Ship conducted VIP embark of COMSUBLANT Chief of Staff and distinguished guests - 13 July 2000
- j. Ship conducted Standard Leopard Follow-on (SLFO) operations - 22 July 2000
- k. Ship conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination - 30 July 2000
- l. Ship is moored at Kings Bay, Georgia, Explosive Handling Wharf #2 to support COMSUBRON TWENTY and USS PENNSYLVANIA Change of Command - 4 August 2000
- m. Exchange of Command to Blue Crew, Commander Keith Bowman - 5 August 2000
- n. Exchange of Command, Commander Russell Smith commanding - 22 November 2000
- o. Ship conducted Refresher Training and Sea Trials - 20 December 2000
- p. Ship is underway for Patrol Twenty Seven - 27 December 2000

3. (S) Narrative

This year MARYLAND GOLD completed a highly successful strategic deterrent patrol. The significant patrol highlights are as follows:

During our refit, we conducted a highly visible orientation tour for 32 flag level Foreign Attaches.

The first week of Patrol 25 were spent conducting a Burial at Sea and a VIP embark of NAVSEA 08 (Admiral Bowman) along with his distinguished guests.

The ship completed four weeks of alert patrol with 100% ship and weapons system readiness. The ship then arrived in Norfolk, VA for a port visit and to be the platform for the COMSUBLANT Change of Command Ceremony. After the port visit, we embarked the COMSUBLANT Chief of Staff and his distinguished guests.

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The end of patrol consisted of conducting Midshipmen Operations and participated in a Standard Leopard Follow-on Operations, and conducted a highly successful Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

Upon our arrival back to Kings Bay, we were the host platform for both the COMSUBRON 20 and USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735) Change of Command Ceremonies.

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