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COMMAND HISTORY REPORT FOR 2002

USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) UIC: 45671

1. Command Composition and organization:

a. Mission - Ship's primary mission is to provide a strategic deterrence to war.

b. The Immediate Senior in Command (ISIC) - Captain T. E. Lindstrom, Commander, Submarine Squadron TWENTY.

c. Commanding Officer USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD) - Russell H. Smith, CDR, USN.

Commanding Officer USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE) - Steven P. Davito, CDR, USN.

d. Homeport - USS Maryland's homeport is Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

2. Chronology:

a. The following information is a chronological list of events during this year:

(S) 2 January 2002 - Conducted a Medical Evacuation at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

(S) 6 January 2002 - Conducted a Humanitarian Evacuation at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

(S) 18-20 January 2002 - Conducted TRACKEX with USS WEST VIRGINIA (SSBN 736).

(S) 22-25 January 2002 - Conducted Operational Readiness Assist.

(S) 23 January 2002 - Conducted a Humanitarian Evacuation at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

(S) 5-8 February 2002 - Conducted TRACKEX in support of USS LOUISIANA's (SSBN 743) Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

(S) 8-9 February 2002 - Conducted emergent repairs at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA to replace both towed arrays.

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(S) 11-14 February 2002 - Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

(U) 18 February 2002 - Exchange of Command. (GOLD Crew relieved BLUE Crew.)

(S) 21-25 February 2002 - Refresher Training.

(S) 29 March - 1 April 2002 - Sea Trials.

(S) 11 April 2002 - Conducted Medical Evacuation near Bermuda Island.

(U) 5 May 2002 - ETC(SS) LeRoy W. Young experienced a fatal heart attack and was pronounced dead by Dr. Angela Marini upon arrival aboard via small boat transfer.

(S) 5 May 2002 - Conducted Medical and Humanitarian Evacuation near Bermuda Island.

(S) 6 May 2002 - Conducted Medical Evacuation and transferred body of ETC(SS) LeRoy W. Young ashore near Bermuda Island.

(S) 12-13 May 2002 - Port visit Kings Bay, GA for ETC(SS) LeRoy W. Young funeral and follow-on inspections.

(S) 13 May 2002 - Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection.

(S) 13-15 May 2002 - Conducted Supply Management Inspection.

(S) 13-15 May 2002 - Conducted Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.

(S) 15-20 May 2002 - Conducted Engineering Readiness Assist.

(S) 20-21 May 2002 - Conducted Prospective Commanding Officer Operations.

(S) 29-31 May 2002 - Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

(S) 2 June 2002 - Exchange of Command (BLUE Crew relieved GOLD Crew).

(S) 5-8 July 2002 - REFRESHER TRAINING/Sea Trials.

(S) 13-15 July 2002 - Conducted Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection.

(S) 15-18 July 2002 - Conducted Midshipmen Operations out of Port Canaveral, FL.

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(S) 19-23 July 2002 - Participated in COMSUBDEVRON TWELVE LANTSECEX 1-02 with USS HAMPTON (SSN 767).

(S) 21 July 2002 - Conducted Medical Evacuation at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

(S) 29 July - 2 August 2002 - Conducted Midshipmen Operations out of Naval Station, Norfolk, VA.

(S) 2-5 August 2002 - Conducted Engineering Readiness Assist.

(S) 5-13 August 2002 - Conducted emergent repairs at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA to replace the propeller and Navigation Sonar System hydrophones.

(S) 6-8 September 2002 - Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Supply Management Inspection.

(U) 20 September 2002 - Exchange of Command. (GOLD Crew relieved BLUE Crew.)

(S) 20 September - 31 October 2002 - Refit Maintenance Period.

(S) 1-5 November 2002 - Sea Trials.

(S) 19 November - Conducted Humanitarian Evacuation near Bermuda Island.

(S) 3-4 December 2002 - Conducted Acoustic Trials on the AUTEC range.

(S) 5-7 December 2002 - Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

(S) 10-11 December 2002 - Completed Operation VIGILANT WATCH, an intelligence gathering training mission against a missile launch.

(S) 12 December 2002 - Acted as the target in a P-3 ASW exercise.

(S) 14 December 2002 - Conducted a NEY evaluation for excellence in food service.

(S) 17-20 December 2002 - Conducted an Operational Readiness Assist from Submarine Squadron TWENTY.

(S) 24-27 December 2002 - Port call Kings Bay, GA.

(S) 29-31 December 2002 - Participated in Operation GUNSLINGER, a submarine-on-submarine tracking exercise.

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b. During this period the ship received the 2002 COMSUBRON TWENTY Battle Efficiency "E", Supply Blue "E", Damage Control Red "DC", 2002 Health, Safety, Fitness Community Service Flagship Award, 2002 Environmental Stewardship Community Service Flagship Award, and the 2003 Captain Edward F. Ney Award for excellence in food service.

3. Narrative:

a. Patrol 31 (Commanded by CDR Russell Smith, USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD)). Patrol 31 started with a successful Sea Trials period which the Crew used as a spring board to jump into our work up for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

Half way through patrol the command lost a loyal submariner when ETC(SS) LeRoy W. Young experienced a fatal heart attack. The ship had a short port call soon thereafter to attend the funeral of our fallen shipmate.

While in port the ship successfully conducted a Defense Nuclear Security Inspection, a Supply Management Inspection, and an Augmenting Navy Technical Inspection.

Upon completion of our port call the ship conducted an Engineering Ready Assist period in preparation for the upcoming ORSE. This was followed by Prospective Commanding Officer Operations which offered the opportunity for the crew to hone their war fighting skills.

The patrol was finished with a strong performance and an Above Average overall during the Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam.

b. Patrol 32 (Commanded by CDR Steven Davito, USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE)). The first portion of Patrol 32 consisted of a Refresher Training/Sea Trials period followed by a Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection. This was quickly followed by Midshipmen Operations out of Port Canaveral, FL, which gave the future officers in the Submarine Force a great idea what life is like as a Junior Officer on board a nuclear submarine.

The ship participated in COMSUBDEVRON TWELVE LANTSECEX 1-02 with the USS Hampton (SSN 767) which offered a vast number of learning opportunities for our Junior Officers and Crew who have had just a few chances to work with other submarines. During

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this exercise a Medical Evacuation had to be conducted in Kings Bay, GA.

Further Midshipmen Operations were conducted followed soon thereafter by an Engineering Readiness Assist. This assist period was a mile marker to see where we stood prior to our Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination (ORSE). The officers and crew did an exceptional job during ORSE which led to a grade of above average.

c. Patrol 33 (Commanded by CDR Russell Smith, USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD)). Patrol 33 started off with a Refresher Training/Sea Trials period. The crew and the ship performed wonderfully and we were able to continue directly into our primary mission of strategic deterrence.

Early into the patrol the ship conducted a Humanitarian Evacuation. This was followed by Acoustic Trials and an unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. The crew performed great, scoring an average plus during the ORSE, which was conducted during a high speed transit back to our local operating areas.

This patrol offered great training opportunities for our Junior Officers and our newer crew members. The ship participated in Operation Vigilant Watch, which was an intelligence reconnaissance mission on another submarine's training missile launch. In conjunction with this, the ship acted as a target for P-3 aircraft during an Anti-Submarine training exercise. Later in patrol we participated in a submarine-on-submarine tracking exercise named Operation Gunslinger. All these opportunities gave our officers and crew members a chance to train in areas rarely covered by SSBN operations.

Just prior to our home port call for Christmas, we participated in an Operational Readiness Assist from Submarine Squadron Twenty. This was a fabulous indicator of what to expect during our upcoming Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

Approaching the end of the run the ship was awarded the 2002 COMSUBRON TWENTY Battle Efficiency "E", Supply Blue "E" and Damage Control Red "DC".

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