

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN708)
Command History for 1991

I. Command Composition and Organization:

Ship's Mission:

MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL's primary mission is to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. With the advent of the submarine launched Tomahawk cruise missile, the ship is capable of tactical strike against land based targets.

Immediate Senior Command

Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT (1 January - 31 August 1991)
Commander, Submarine Group TWO (1 September - 31 December 1991)

Commanding Officer -- Commander Neil E. Rondorf, USN

Executive Officer -- Lieutenant Commander Clare W. Hanson, USN

II. Chronology:

JAN - FEB Mediterranean Deployment in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Awarded Southwest Asia Service Medal.

FEB 21 Arrived Norfolk, VA., moored, deployment stand-down.

MAR Underway for training and preparations for Depot Modernization Period.

MAR 15 U.S. Army War College tour of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL.

APR Inport Norfolk, VA, prepared for Depot Modernization Period. Underway for training and Fleet Exercise 91-1. Port Call Port Everglades.

MAY Norfolk, VA., moored, ship's upkeep to prepare for Depot Modernization Period.

JUN - JUL Arrived Port Canaval for Port Call. Underway to conduct training\Midshipman operations out of Port Canaval, FL.

Enclosure (4)

JUN 17 White House Fellowship tour of USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL.

AUG 27 Underway for homeport change to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

AUG 30 Arrived Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, NH to commence a Depot Modernization Period.

SEP Conducted Scheduled Preservation Upkeep Coordinated Effort (SPRUCE).

SEP 30 Awarded the Submarine Squadron Eight Communications Green "C" for Fiscal Year 1991.

OCT - DEC Depot Modernization Period.

Sonar Technician Submarines First Class (STS1(SS)) Donald Blake Melton was selected as the USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN708) Sailor-of-the-Year for 1991.

III. Supporting Documents:

- a. Operation Desert Shield/Storm Certificate.
- b. Farewell from Mediterranean message (COMSIXTHFLT 111436Z FEB 91).
- c. Welcome Home Message (COMSUBLANT 191754Z FEB 91).
- d. Arrivederci message (CTF 69 101200Z FEB 91).
- e. United States Army War College Letter.
- f. Bravo Zulu message (COMSUBLANT 090031Z APR 91).
- g. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Letter of Appreciation.
- h. USNA SUBPROTRAMID message (USNA 141500Z JUN 91).
- i. White House Fellows Letter.
- j. Southwest Asia Service Medal message (COMSUBLANT 100228Z DEC 92)

In Recognition of Participation in OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM

*is awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal
for services on USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708).
Your contribution during the deployment significantly added
to the SIXTH's Fleet readiness in defense of the
Mediterranean Theater and the ship's ability to perform the
essential missions assigned during this critical military
campaign. With skill, with courage and an awe-inspiring
degree of dedication, you have helped make a safer, more
peaceful world. On behalf of a grateful nation, I
congratulate you.*



For the Secretary of the Navy



N.E. Rondorf
Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)