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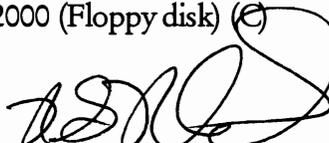
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USS MIAMI (SSN 755) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

1. Command Composition and Organization.

Mission: USS MIAMI (SSN 755) is the 44th ship of the Los Angeles class of nuclear attack submarines, but fitted with such advanced modifications that she and her sister ships, beginning with SSN-751, are specially designated as Improved 688 Class Submarines. These modifications include retractable bow planes, under ice operation capability, vertical launch Tomahawk Cruise Missile capability, significant ship quieting enhancements, integrated combat systems suite, and improved speed. MIAMI represents the Submarine Force's premier asset for accomplishing the variety of missions demanded in today's political environment. An independent and powerful anti-ship/anti-submarine asset, she is the ultimate stealth platform, and the singular defense resource capable of covert mining operations, special forces delivery and retrieval, precision land attack strike warfare, sophisticated intelligence gathering, covert communications monitoring, deep arctic operations, visual and electronic surveillance, and regional sea control/denial. Her speed, endurance, versatility, and sustained readiness make MIAMI one of the most formidable, operationally cost-effective, and flexible assets within the country's defense structure.

ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR
Commanding Officer: Commander Randall G. Richards, USN
Homeport: Groton, CT

2. Chronology.

1 JAN - 11 JAN	The ship enjoyed a stand-down period and made preparations for a port visit in Port Everglades, Florida.
11 JAN-14 JAN	Enroute to Port Everglades, Florida.
15 JAN	Guests of "Mom and Pop" Kaye, the crew enjoyed a day on the town of Fort Lauderdale and the surrounding area for the night. The crew enjoyed their hospitality.
16-17 JAN	Departed Fort Lauderdale for a day-long VIP Cruise with ABC News Correspondent Martha Raddatz.
17-20 JAN	The ship was once again in Port Everglades, enjoying the hospitality of the Kaye's.
20-28 JAN	Participated in a Tactical Development Exercise (TACDEVEX) while enroute to Groton, Connecticut.
29 JAN-9 FEB	MIAMI conducted an upkeep period in Groton, CT.
10 FEB-20 FEB	Underway to Port Everglades, to pick up a news crew from North Carolina. Additionally, MIAMI supported exercises with other submarines.
20-23 FEB	Conducted small boat personnel transfer (BSP) operations at Andros Island to pick up the Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) team, and conducted the examination.
23-25 FEB	Enroute Norfolk to drop off the ORSE team.

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23 FEB-28 FEB	In port Groton.
29 FEB-10 MAR	MIAMI supported a Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE) with another submarine.
10 MAR-23 APR	In port Groton.
24 APR-1MAY	The ship was in Scheduled Preservation Upkeep Coordinated Effort (SPRUCE) for this period to preserve the boat.
2 MAY-6 MAY	Enroute to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Made preparations for Perspective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations.
7 MAY-22 MAY	The ship participated in PCO Operations and supported a TRE with another submarine.
23MAY-14JUN	In port Groton. Continued the SPRUCE.
15 JUN-30 JUN	MIAMI participated in Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM).
1 JUL - 14 AUG	Conducted a Fleet Maintenance Activity (FMA) upkeep period.
15 AUG - 23 AUG	Following the upkeep period, the ship returned to sea for a Tactical Development Exercise with another submarine.
24 AUG - 1 SEP	Conducted an upkeep.
1 - 11 SEP	In port Groton.
6 SEP	Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet presented MIAMI the Battenberg Cup for 1999.
8 SEP	Hosted Submarine Squadron FOUR Change of Command.
11 - 13 SEP	The ship transited to Annapolis, MD (Naval Academy). Select family members of the crew accompanied MIAMI on a Tiger Cruise during the transit to experience first hand submarine life.
13 - 18 SEP	The ship anchored at Annapolis. The crew enjoyed the sights in and around Annapolis. Over 700 midshipmen toured the ship for the next 3 days.
18 - 21 SEP	Transit to Groton, CT. The ship conducted another Tiger Cruise.
22 SEP	Conducted a Family Cruise with 30 family members.
22 - 28 SEP	In port Groton.
28 - 2 OCT	Underway to Port Everglades for the third time this year to participate in Broward County Navy Days (BCND).
2 - 5 OCT	Participated in BCND and enjoyed the hospitality of Mom and Pop Kaye.
5 - 7 OCT	Transited to Groton.

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13 OCT	CDR R. G. RICHARDS relieved CDR J. P. RANSOM III as Commanding Officer, USS MIAMI.
17 - 23 OCT	MIAMI participated in Joint Tactical Fleet Exercise (JTFEX) Exercise.
23 - 25 OCT	Underway in support of Prospective Commanding Officers (PCO) Operations with the USS Providence (SSN 719). At the completion of the exercise, we conducted a small boat transfer of PCO's off the boat at the mouth of the Thames River and MIAMI headed for deeper waters yet again.
25 OCT - 6 NOV	Enroute to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. Conducted SEAWOLF Operational Evaluation.
6 - 7 NOV	In port Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
7 NOV - 24 NOV	Completed the SEAWOLF Operational Evaluation.
24 NOV - 31 DEC	In port Groton. The ship started Depot Modernization Period (DMP) preparations. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard sent a contingent of personnel to support "Fast-Start", to get a head start on the DMP.

3. Awards (Enclosure 1): The USS MIAMI was awarded:

- a. Commander Submarine Squadron Four Tactical Excellence "T".
- b. Commander Submarine Squadron Four Medical "M" for the third year in a row.

4. Media Articles (Enclosure 2):

- a. Nuclear Sub Docks At Port Everglades by Wanda J. DeMarzo, The MIAMI Herald, 15 January 2000.
- b. MIAMI Receives Second Combat Award by JO1(SW) Terry Burnley, The Dolphin newspaper, 10 February 2000.
- c. A Milestone for the MIAMI by Robert A. Hamilton, The Day newspaper, 8 February 2000.
- d. Request For Subs Could Spark Defense Battle by Andrea Stone, USA Today, 8 March 2000.
- e. U.S. Subs: No Place For Women? By Matthew I. Pinzur, The Florida Times-Union, 12 March 2000.
- f. Leap of Faith by Martha Raddatz, ABC News, 13 March 2000.
- g. Submarine Strike Comes Of Age by CDR Dietrich Kuhlmann, Undersea Warfare magazine, Spring 2000.
- h. Crew Held for Ransom by PH2(AW) Jim Watson, All Hands magazine, April 2000.

i. CINCLANT presents MIAMI Battenberg Cup by JO1 Ronn Poole, The Dolphin newspaper, 7 September 2000.

j. MIAMI Changes Commanders by JO1 Ronn Poole., The Dolphin newspaper, 19 October 2000.

k. CDR Ransom Departs MIAMI for War College by Robert A. Hamilton, The Day newspaper, 23 October 2000.