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NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE BANGOR
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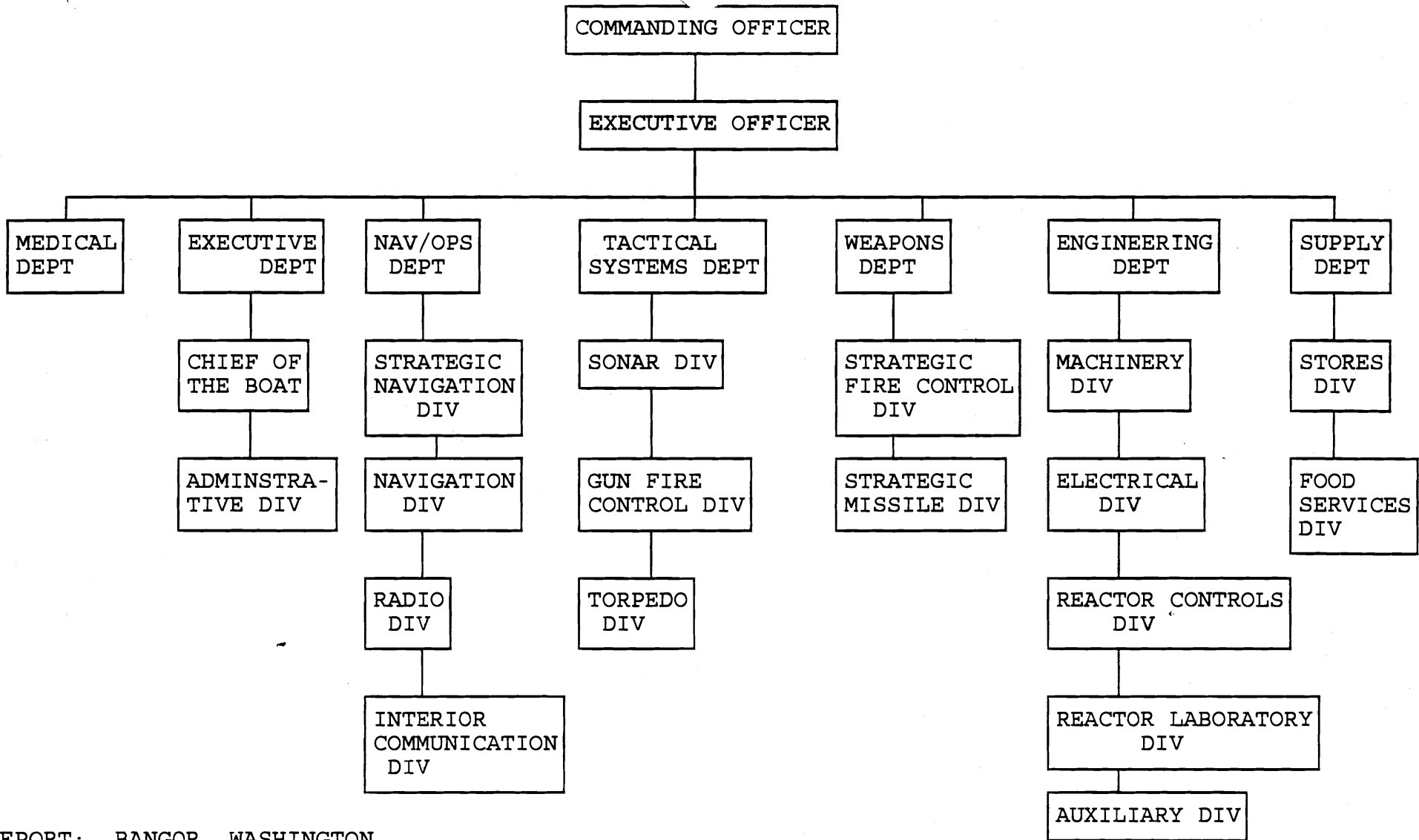
Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Command History for 1996
(3) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.


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COMMAND ORGANIZATION



HOMEPORT: BANGOR, WASHINGTON

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND: COMSUBRON 17

MISSION: TO CONDUCT SUBMERGED UNDETECTED PATROLS MAINTAINING THE SHIP IN THE HIGHEST STATE OF READINESS IN ORDER TO LAUNCH STRATEGIC MISSILES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERRENCE AND/OR RETALIATION.

1996 COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY/NARRATIVE

- 01 Jan 96 Gold crew in port conducting Refit 36. Ship awarded Commander Submarine Squadron SEVENTEEN Battle Efficiency "E" and Strategic Operations "S".
- 16 Jan 96 Conducted a Short Notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
- 01 Feb 96 Completed Refit 36. Underway for Patrol 36.
- 12-15 Mar 96 Conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
- 15-20 Mar 96 Conducted port visit, Pearl Harbor, HI.
- 16 Mar 96 Ship awarded U. S. Strategic Command "Omaha Trophy" for ballistic missile unit excellence.
- 04 Apr 96 Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 36.
- 07 Apr 96 Exchange of Command (Blue crew relieving). Commenced Refit 37.
- 08 May 96 Completed Refit 37. Underway for Patrol 37.
- 7-10 Jun 96 Conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
- 10-13 Jun 96 Conducted a port visit, San Diego, CA.
- 12 Jul 96 Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 37.
- 13-14 Jul 96 Conducted a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
- 15 Jul 96 Exchange of Command (Gold crew relieving). Commenced Refit 38.
- 16 Aug 96 Completed Refit 38. Underway for Patrol 38.
- 25-27 Oct 96 Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Logistics Readiness Evaluation.
- 28 Oct 96 Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 38.
- 30 Oct 96 Exchange of Command (Blue crew relieving). Commenced Refit 39.
- 29 Nov 96 Completed Refit 39. Underway for Patrol 39.
- 31 Dec 96 Ship underway on Patrol 39.

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