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NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE BANGOR
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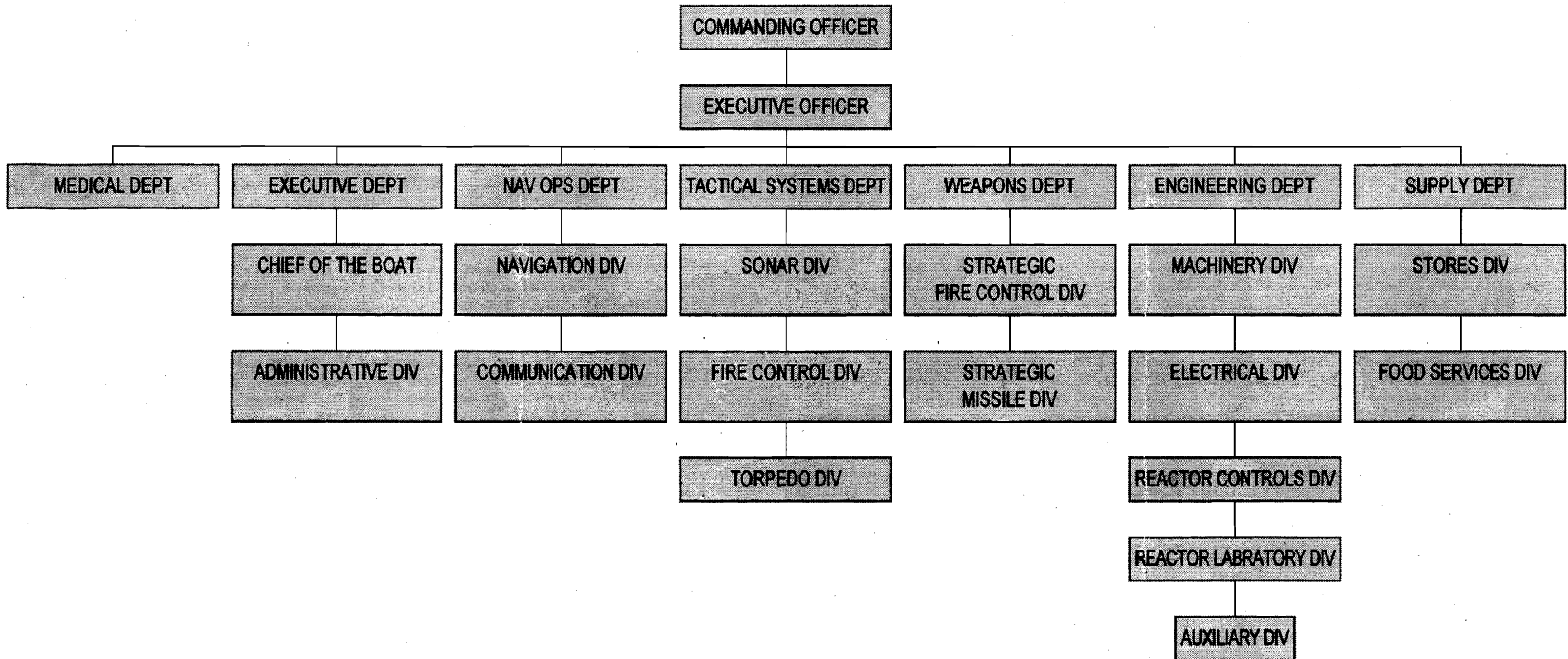
Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Command History for 1997
(3) Supporting Documents

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION



HOME PORT: BANGOR, WASHINGTON

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR 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.

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1997 COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY/NARRATIVE

01 Jan 97 Blue crew is underway on patrol 39 with Capt D. A. Schneegas USN Commanding.

29-31 Jan 97 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

31 Jan 97 Moored SUBASE Bangor Washington. Completed patrol 39.

02 Feb 97 Capt Wheeler and the Gold crew relieve Capt Schneegas and the Blue crew. Commenced refit 40.

04 Mar 97 Completed refit 40. Underway for patrol 40.

24 Mar 97 Moored Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

24 Mar 97 Underway from Pearl Harbor Hawaii for Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Tactical Weapons proficiency.

24-27 Mar 97 TRE/TWP

28 Mar 97 Moored Pearl Harbor Hawaii for port visit.

02 Apr 97 Underway from Pearl Harbor Hawaii. Continued patrol 40.

04 Apr 97 Capt J. D. Guth relieves Capt J. A. Schneegas as Commanding Officer of USS ALABAMA BLUE in ceremonies held at SUBASE Bangor, Washington.

14 Apr 97 Moored SUBASE Bangor Washington.

16 Apr 97 Capt Guth and the Blue crew relieve Capt Wheeler and the Gold crew. Commenced refit 41.

21 Apr 97 Completed refit 41. Underway for patrol 41.

14 May 97 Moored Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

1997 COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY/NARRATIVE

14 May 97 Underway from Pearl Harbor Hawaii for Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Tactical Weapons proficiency

19-23 May 97 TRE/TWP

23 May 97 Moored Pearl Harbor Hawaii for port visit.

28 May 97 Underway from Pearl Harbor Hawaii. Continued patrol 41.

13 Jun 97 Capt M. R. King relieves Capt D. R. Wheeler as Commanding Officer of USS ALABAMA GOLD in ceremonies held at SUBASE Bangor Washington.

18 Jun 97 Moored SUBASE Bangor Washington. Completed patrol 41.

18-19 Jun 97 NTPI

22 Jun 97 Capt King and the Gold crew relieve Capt Guth and the Blue crew. Commence refit 42.

23 Jul 97 Completed refit 42. Underway for patrol 42.

18-20 Sep 97 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

21 Sep 97 Moored SUBASE Bangor Washington. Completed patrol 42.

27 Sep 97 Capt Guth and the Blue crew relieve Capt King and the Gold crew. Commenced refit 43.

31 Oct 97 Completed refit 43. Underway for patrol 43.

31 Dec 97 Continued patrol 43.