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Subj: USS ALBANY (SSN 753) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1991

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Encl: (1) USS ALBANY (SSN 753) Command History for Calendar Year 1991

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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USS ALBANY (SSN 753) Command History for Calendar Year 1991

1. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Mission:

(1) USS ALBANY (SSN-753), the 43rd ship of the Los Angeles class, represents the "New Flight" 688 class submarine. It is the most advanced undersea vessel of its type in the world. ALBANY employs the use of retractable bow planes to replace the traditional fair water planes. This allows for less drag at high speeds and better sonar characteristics. Its mission is to seek out and destroy enemy ships, and in particular, submarines in order to prohibit the employment of such forces in the attack and destruction of U. S. or allied targets.

(2) USS ALBANY IS approximately 360 feet long and displaces approximately 6900 tons of seawater when submerged. In addition to being faster than her predecessors, USS ALBANY has the capability to vertically launch tomahawk cruise missiles. This added capability is provided by twelve vertical launch tubes in the bow. ALBANY carries a crew of 141 (14 officers and 127 enlisted men), all specialists in their respective fields.

b. Organizational Structure:

(1) Immediate Senior Commands:

Secretary of the Navy - H. Lawrence Garrett, III
Chief of Naval Operations - ADM Frank B. Kelso, II
Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet - ADM Paul F. Miller
Assistant CNO (Undersea Warfare) - VADM Roger F. Bacon
Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet - VADM H. G. Chiles Jr.
Commander, Submarine Group SIX - RADM Thomas A. Meinicke
Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX - CAPT G. D. Jensen
Commanding Officer, USS ALBANY (SSN 753) - CDR William F. Murphy

(2) Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, Virginia.

2. Chronology:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 Jan - 29 Aug	Post Shipyard Availability Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Exam
29 Aug - 30 Aug	Sea Trials
30 Aug - 03 Sep	Inport Norfolk Virginia
31 Aug	Change from Submarine Squadron EIGHT to Submarine Squadron SIX
03 Sep - 05 Sep	Underway - Enroute Fort Lauderdale, Florida
05 Sep - 12 Sep	Inport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
12 Sep - 23 Sep	Enroute Norfolk, Virginia

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
23 Sep - 30 Sep	Inport Norfolk, Virginia
30 Sep - 09 Oct	Underway to PCAN (Sound Trials)
09 Oct - 11 Oct	Inport - Cocoa Beach, Florida
11 Oct	VIP cruises, USS ALBANY reunion
11 Oct - 15 Oct	Inport - Cocoa Beach, Florida
15 Oct - 18 Oct	Enroute Norfolk, Virginia
18 Oct - 12 Nov	Inport - Norfolk, Virginia
08 Nov	Change Of Command
12 Nov - 26 Nov	Weapons Certification
26 Nov - 31 Dec	Inport - Norfolk, Virginia

3. Narrative: USS ALBANY (SSN 753) successfully completed a post sea-trial availability at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. She then proceeded to Norfolk where she was transferred from Submarine Squadron EIGHT and became the first Los Angeles class submarine in Submarine Squadron SIX. ALBANY then began to establish herself both as an outstanding warship and ambassador of goodwill. She successfully completed all assigned exercises and became the centerpiece of the USS ALBANY Memorial Association reunion at Cocoa Beach, Florida. The crew of ALBANY greatly impressed the surviving members of past ships bearing the name ALBANY. In fact, so impressed were they that they changed the name of their association to the USS ALBANY Association to include members of the submarine ALBANY as well. She has also hosted several VIP luncheons and dinners in Norfolk area always leaving visitors impressed with both the professionalism of the crew, and the quality of the meals. On 08 Nov, Commander Daryl R. Anderson was relieved by Commander William F. Murphy in ceremonies held in Norfolk. Under Commander Murphy, ALBANY continues to live up to her motto, "Still Making History." In short, all equipment and weapons systems aboard ALBANY performed well and all operations performed by ALBANY were successfully completed.

4. Supporting Documents:

- a. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- b. ALBANY Sticker
- c. Photo of USS ALBANY (SSN 753) underway and during an emergency blow to the surface.