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Subj: USS ALBANY (SSN 753) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1992

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Enc1: (1) USS ALBANY (SSN 753) Command History for Calendar Year 1992

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

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USS ALBANY (SSN 753) Command History for Calendar Year 1992

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. It's 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 - Honorable Shawn O'Keefe (Acting)
Chief of Naval Operations - ADM Frank B. Kelso, II
Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet - ADM Henry H. Mauz, Jr.
Assistant CNO (Undersea Warfare) - VADM Roger F. Bacon
Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet - VADM Henry G. Chiles Jr.
Commander, Submarine Group TWO - RADM David M. Goebel
Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX - CAPT Stephen W. Zavadil
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 - 06 Jan	Inport Norfolk, VA
06 Jan - 21 Jan	Tomahawk Phase I Weapons Certification
21 Jan - 23 Jan	Underway, Independent Submarine Operations (ISE)
23 Jan - 05 Feb	Voyage Repairs, Inport Norfolk, VA
05 Feb - 24 Feb	ISE and ASW Exercises
25 Feb - 06 Mar	Weapons Certifications (MK 48/ADCAP/Harpoon/ Tomahawk)
06 Mar - 14 Apr	Upkeep, Norfolk, VA
14 Apr - 06 May	ISE, Weekly Underway Operations
07 May - 08 May	Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
08 May - 10 Jun	Prior to Overseas Movement Upkeep Initial VLS Loadout
10 Jun - 12 Jun	Underway, Enroute to Groton, CT
13 Jun - 19 Jun	Prior to Overseas Movement Refresher Training, Naval Submarine School, Groton, CT
19 Jun - 21 Jun	Prior to Overseas Movement Workup, Enroute to Norfolk, VA
22 Jun - 06 Jul	Voyage Repairs, Norfolk, VA
06 Jul - 09 Jul	Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Prior to Overseas Movement Certification
09 Jul - 21 Jul	Prior to Overseas Movement Loadout
21 Jul	Departed for First Major Deployment, Enroute to North Atlantic Ocean
22 Jul - 30 Aug	Deployed - North Atlantic Ocean
30 Jul	Cross Arctic Circle
31 Aug - 03 Sep	Voyage Repairs, Faslane, Scotland
03 Sep - 05 Sep	Underway, Enroute Mediterranean Sea
06 Sep	Inchopped, Mediterranean Sea
06 Sep - 10 Sep	Deployed Mediterranean Sea
11 Sep - 16 Sep	Liberty Port, Naples, Italy
17 Sep - 22 Sep	Voyage Repairs, Stan Steffaino, Italy
26 Sep - 08 Oct	Participated in Display Determination '92 NATO Exercise
09 Oct - 04 Nov	ISE, Mediterranean Sea
07 Nov - 10 Nov	Voyage Repairs, Stan Steffaino, Italy
11 Nov - 19 Nov	Liberty Port, Naples, Italy
13 Nov	Secretary of the Navy visited during port visit in Naples, Italy
21 Nov - 07 Dec	Upkeep, Stan Steffaino, Italy
10 Dec - 12 Dec	Voyage Repairs, Gibraltar, U.K.
12 Dec	Outchopped, Mediterranean Sea
12 Dec - 19 Dec	Deployed, North Atlantic Ocean
20 Dec - 24 Dec	Transit to Norfolk, VA
24 Dec	Returned from First Major Deployment
24 Dec - 31 Dec	Inport Standdown, Norfolk, VA

3. Narrative: USS ALBANY (SSN 753) was very successful in 1992. She was certified to carry all weapons she is capable of deploying. ALBANY spent the early part of the year completing certifications and inspections and making Prior to Overseas Movement preparations for her first major deployment. Upon departing for deployment, ALBANY's first portion consisted of a North Atlantic Deployment. ALBANY was the first improved 688 class submarine to surface under the ice, proving ALBANY is capable of operations in all oceans of the world. Next she inchopped to the Mediterranean Sea and participated in the NATO Exercise, Display Determination '92 during which the crew performed outstanding. ALBANY's operations while in the Mediterranean were flawless. Upon completion of her Mediterranean sea operations, she then completed a small North Atlantic Ocean deployment. During this deployment USS ALBANY earned a Navy Arctic Service Ribbon and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. She has proven herself capable of any assignment in an ocean, anywhere in the

world. As a result of her outstanding performance USS ALBANY was awarded the WHITE "T" for Tactical Operations from Submarine Squadron SIX in the 1992 Battle "E" competition. She has had VIP visits from numerous dignitaries including the Secretary of the Navy. ALBANY has proven she is "Still Making History" during 1992

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.