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Subj: USS ALBANY (SSN 753) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

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Encl: (1) USS ALBANY (SSN 753) Command History for Calendar Year 2000

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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USS ALBANY (SSN 753) COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

1. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Mission:

(1) USS ALBANY (SSN 753) is the 43rd ship of the Los Angeles class.

(2) The 360 ft long, 6900 ton ship is well equipped to accomplish any assigned mission. Equipped with "State of the Art" highly accurate sensors and weapons control systems, ALBANY is armed with sophisticated MK 48 anti-submarine torpedoes, Advanced Capability (ADCAP) torpedoes, mines, and twelve vertical launch tubes in the bow which carry TOMAHAWK cruise missiles. USS ALBANY carries a complement of 139 crew members (14 officers and 125 enlisted men).

b. Organizational Structure

(1) Immediate Senior Commands:

Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet-  
VADM J. Grossenbacher

Commander, Submarine Group TWO - RADM J. Padgett, III

Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX - CAPT Drennan

Commanding Officer - CDR Jaenichen

(2) Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, Virginia.

2. Chronology:

01 JAN - 03 JAN	Holiday Stand down
04 JAN - 09 JAN	Inport Norfolk, VA
10 JAN - 18 JAN	Underway for refresher training
18 JAN - 08 MAR	Inport Norfolk, VA
09 MAR - 15 MAR	Underway for predeployment exercise COMPTUEX
16 MAR - 20 MAR	Inport Port Canaveral Florida
21 MAR - 09 APR	Underway
10 APR - 11 APR	Underway for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
12 APR - 08 MAY	Inport Norfolk VA
09 MAY - 22 MAY	Underway JTFEX 00-2
23 MAY - 25 JUN	Inport Norfolk VA
26 JUN - 05 JUL	Underway for Mediterranean deployment
06 JUL - 10 JUL	Inport Gibraltar UK
10 JUL - 13 JUL	Underway
13 JUL - 17 JUL	Inport LaMaddelena Italy for upkeep
18 JUL - 21 JUL	Underway
21 JUL - 27 JUL	Inport Toulon France
27 JUL - 29 JUL	Underway
29 JUL - 01 AUG	Inport LaSpezia Italy
01 AUG - 04 AUG	Underway
04 AUG - 16 AUG	Inport LaMaddelena Italy for upkeep
16 AUG - 24 AUG	Underway
24 AUG - 28 AUG	Inport Souda Bay Crete
28 AUG - 30 OCT	Underway
30 OCT - 03 NOV	Inport Naples Italy
03 NOV - 22 NOV	Underway
22 NOV - 04 DEC	Inport LaMaddelena Italy for upkeep
04 DEC - 21 DEC	Underway
21 DEC - 31 DEC	Inport Norfolk VA for post deployment standdown

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3. Narrative:

The USS ALBANY (SSN 753) began the year with a holiday stand-down in homeport Norfolk, Virginia. In January and February the ship completed a maintenance period and refresher training. This included an interim drydocking in the RESOLUTE (ARDM 10) to repair a seawater system valve. ALBANY went to sea on March 9th for a pre-deployment exercise with the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battlegroup. The ship spent March 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20th in Port Canaveral for crew liberty. This included a picnic and ship tours with the local chapter of the Navy League. In early April the ship completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and on 12 April returned to Norfolk for upkeep. The ship got underway on May 9th for final pre-deployment certification and participation in Joint Fleet Exercise (JTFEX) 00-02. ALBANY returned to Norfolk for pre-deployment upkeep from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26th. ALBANY got underway for a Mediterranean deployment with the GEORGE WASHINGTON Battle Group on 26 June.

The ship arrived for her first Mediterranean liberty port, Gibraltar UK on the July 6th. ALBANY hosted the Governor and several government officials for a luncheon and tours. The ship arrived for the first of three visits alongside the USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) in La Maddalena, Italy for upkeep on July 13th. On July 18th the ship conducted a one-day VIP cruise sponsored by Commander, SIXTH Fleet, VADM Murphy, out of Gaeta Italy embarking several prominent businessmen from the local area. The ship had its second liberty port in Toulon, France from July 21<sup>st</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> where we hosted the France-Etats Unis Association for a luncheon. After a short underway for research testing, the ship went to La Spezia, Italy for a four-day liberty port. On August 4th the ship hosted a daylong VIP cruise for COMSUBRON 22 and 34 guests followed by arrival in La Maddalena, Italy on August 4th for a second upkeep. The ship was then underway for a week of training, followed by a port visit to Souda Bay, Crete for five days. Brief stops for personnel and cargo were conducted at Souda Bay Crete on September 16th, October 5th, October 13th, October 25th and October 27th. During this time the ship was participating in operation Flexible Deterrent, Exercise Destined Glory and multiple Battle Group exercises. This was followed by a much anticipated liberty port in Naples Italy from October 30th to November 3rd. During this visit, the ship conducted a VIP tour for local security officials and hosted Commander, SIXTH Fleet, VADM Johnson for a visit. On 3 November, the ship went back to the Adriatic Sea for exercise SLUNJ 2000 and returned to La Maddalena, Italy on November 22nd for a final deployed upkeep. On 4 December, ALBANY departed La Maddalena, Italy with Commander, Submarine Group EIGHT, Rear Admiral Munns embarked. After a brief stop to transfer personnel in La Maddalena, Italy Admiral Munns disembarked and the ship departed the Mediterranean on 11 December for return to Norfolk, VA. ALBANY conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination during the transit, returning to homeport, Norfolk, VA on 21 December just in time for Christmas and finishing the year with a holiday and post deployment stand down.