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1. Command Composition and Organization

a. <u>Mission</u>

(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 Advanced Capability (ADCAP) torpedoes and twelve vertical launch tubes in the bow which carry TOMAHAWK cruise missiles. USS ALBANY carries a complement of 143 crewmembers (18 officers and 125 enlisted men).

b. Organizational Structure

- (1) Immediate Senior Commands: Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet - VADM Donald Commander, Submarine Group TWO - RADM Walsh Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX - CAPT B. E. Grooms Commanding Officer - CDR B. J. Genoble
- (2) Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, Virginia.

2. Chronology

01 JAN - 31 JAN	In-port Norfolk, VA
01 FEB - 02 FEB	In-port Norfolk, VA
03 FEB - 05 FEB	Underway for Local Operations
06 FEB - 10 FEB	In-port Norfolk, VA
11 FEB - 14 FEB	Underway for Local Operations
15 FEB - 17 FEB	In-port Norfolk, VA
18 FEB - 20 FEB	Underway for Local Operations
21 FEB	In-port Norfolk, VA
22 FEB - 06 MAR	Underway for Local Operations
07 MAR - 11 MAR	In-port Norfolk, VA
12 MAR - 31 MAR	Underway for Local Operations
01 APR - 29 APR	In-port Norfolk, VA
01 May - 02 May	In-port Groton CT
03 May - 15 May	Underway for Local Operations
16 May - 19 May	In-port Port Canaveral, FL
20 May - 27 May	Underway for Local Operations
28 MAY - 31 MAY	In-port Norfolk, VA
01 JUN - 23 JUN	In-port Norfolk, VA
24 JUN - 11 JUL	Underway for Local Operations
12 JUL - 31 JUL	In-port Norfolk, VA
01 AUG - 01 SEP	In-port Norfolk, VA
02 SEP - 14 SEP	Underway for Local Operations
15 SEP - 25 SEP	In-port Groton, CT
26 SEP - 30 SEP	Underway for Local Operations
01 OCT - 02 OCT	Underway for Local Operations
03 OCT - 09 OCT	In-port Norfolk, VA
10 OCT - 31 OCT	In Dry Dock Norfolk, VA
01 NOV - 06 NOV	In-port Norfolk, VA
07 NOV	Underway for Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
08 NOV - 14 NOV	In-port Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
15 NOV - 24 NOV	Underway for Local Operations
25 NOV - 28 NOV	In-port Norfolk, VA
29 NOV - 30 NOV	Underway for Local Operations
01 DEC - 04 DEC	Underway for Local Operations
05 DEC - 06 DEC	In-port Port Canaveral, FL
06 DEC - 09 DEC	Underway for Local Operations
09 DEC - 14 DEC	In-port Norfolk, VA
15 DEC - 18 DEC	Underway for Local Operations
19 DEC - 31 DEC	In-port Norfolk, VA

Narrative 3.

USS ALBANY (SSN 753) started the year in a Holiday stand-down period in homeport Norfolk, Virginia. Upon completion of stand-down on 8 January, the ship commenced an IMA Upkeep availability. The ship returned to sea for Crew Certification process. ALBANY got underway to conduct INSURV from 25 to 30 February, then returned to Norfolk, VA for a four week upkeep. On 29 April, ALBANY got underway and conducted a two day Tiger Cruise (29 Apr - 1 May) from Norfolk, VA to Groton, CT. After leaving Groton on 2 May ALBANY conducted Prospective Commanding Officer Operations (PCO) and returned to Norfolk, VA for a four week upkeep. ALBANY conducted Midshipmen operations from 2-9 July then an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) from 9-11 July. Upon returning to Norfolk, VA commenced a six week upkeep. ALBANY got underway on 2 September for underway refresher training and pulled into Groton, CT on 14 September. During 15-26 September ALBANY conducted Pre-Deployment Training (PDT) in Groton, CT. ALBANY got underway on 26 September from Groton, CT and returned to Norfolk, VA to enter dry dock. USS ALBANY entered USS RESOLUTE dry dock for painting of the hull and visual inspections of the screw, hull, and other work. After exiting RESOLUTE, ALBANY transited to Yorktown Naval Weapons Station to on-load weapons for the upcoming deployment. The remainder of the year was spent preparing for the Tactical Readiness Exam in early January 2004.

Supporting Documents 4.

- a. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet with Biography
- b. Photograph of Commanding Officer.c. Photograph of USS ALBANY (SSN 753)