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Encl: (1) Command History for 1995
(2) Up-to-Date Ship's Picture dated from Fall 1994
(3) Crew Photo dated from Summer 1995
(4) Change of Command Pamphlet

1. Per reference (a), forwarding enclosures.

L. A. Zingarelli
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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Unit Warfare, Strike Warfare and Counter Drug Operations.

b. Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron 2.

c. Commanding Officer: CDR M. R. King (01 Jan - 06 Apr)
CDR L. A. Zingarelli (06 Apr - 05 May)
CDR R. S. Brown (05 May - 18 Jul)
CDR L. A. Zingarelli (18 Jul - 31 Dec)

d. Permanent Duty Station: NAVSUBASE NLON, Groton, CT.

2. Chronology:

- a. 01 Jan - 13 Feb WESTLANT Deployment.
- b. 13 Feb - 17 Feb Port visit Rosyth, Scotland, United Kingdom.
- c. 17 Feb - 17 Mar NATO Exercise STRONG RESOLVE in the Halifax Operating Areas (HOAs).
- d. 17 Mar - 06 Apr Post deployment stand down.
- e. 06 Apr CDR L.A. Zingarelli relieves CDR M.R. King as Commanding Officer.
- f. 06 Apr - 05 May In port SUBASE NLON for Post Deployment Upkeep.
- g. 05 May CDR R.S. Brown relieves CDR L. A. Zingarelli as Commanding Officer for medical reasons.
- h. 05 May - 06 Jun In port SUBASE NLON for Post Deployment Upkeep.
- i. 06 Jun - 14 Jun Acoustic trials and Torpedo Proficiency exercises, AUTEC range.
- j. 14 Jun - 16 Jun In port SUBASE NLON.
- k. 16 Jun - 03 Jul MARCOT Exercise with Canadian Forces, (HOAs).
- l. 03 Jul - 06 Jul In port SUBASE NLON.
- m. 06 Jul - 18 Jul Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE) for SSBN and a Joint Task force (JTF) exercise, AUTEC range.
- n. 18 Jul CDR L. A. Zingarelli relieves CDR R. S. Brown as Commanding Officer.
- o. 18 Jul - 22 Jul Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE) for SSN, AUTEC range.

p. 22 Jul - 16 Aug	In port SUBASE NLON for SPRUCE and Upkeep.
q. 16 Aug - 31 Aug	In port SUBASE NLON, berthed in SHIPPINGPORT ARDM-4 for dry dock services.
r. 31 Aug - 20 Sep	In port SUBASE NLON for initial Pre Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep.
s. 20 Sep - 01 Oct	TRE support for SSN, AUTEK range.
t. 01 Oct - 23 Oct	In port SUBASE NLON for (POM) classroom training.
u. 23 Oct	VIP cruise.
v. 23 Oct - 02 Nov	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) workup in the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOAs) and ORSE.
w. 02 Nov - 07 Nov	In port SUBASE NLON.
x. 07 Nov - 17 Nov	POM type training,(NBOAs).
y. 17 Nov - 18 Dec	In port SUBASE NLON, POM Upkeep.
z. 18 Dec - 31 Dec	Holiday stand down and leave period.

3. Narrative.

ALBUQUERQUE entered 1995 on deployment in the Western Atlantic tasked with a mission of vital importance to National Security. Following this highly praised mission ALBUQUERQUE participated in operation STRONG RESOLVE; a major NATO exercise involving many different NATO countries and their Naval Forces. Upon return to port the ALBUQUERQUE crew enjoyed a brief stand down period during which CDR Michael R. King USN was relieved, after a highly successful command tour, by CDR Leonard A. Zingarelli USN. An intensive post deployment upkeep followed which enabled the ship to complete all needed repairs. The ALBUQUERQUE began the summer participating in torpedo proficiency exercises and certifications which enabled her to demonstrate her tactical prowess. These operations included support for an SSBN and an SSN during their Tactical Readiness Examinations in the AUTEK operation areas. These operations resulted in the need to enter the USS SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM-4) for emergent repairs to the towed array sonar system. The ship exited ARDM-4 rapidly allowing for extensive preparations for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination in early November. ALBUQUERQUE then entered a Pre Overseas Movement cycle to prepare for another mission of vital importance to National Security in spring of 1996.