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S. G. GABRIELE

## ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

### 1. Command Composition and Organization.

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

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

c. Commanding Officer: CDR L. A. Zingarelli (01 Jan-23 Jun)  
CDR S. G. GABRIELE (24 Jun-31 Dec)

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

### 2. Chronology:

a. 01 Jan - 06 Jan	In port SUBASE NLON.
b. 06 Jan - 10 Jan	Local steaming operations for pre-overseas movement (POM)
c. 10 Jan - 13 Jan	In port SUBASE NLON.
d. 13 Jan - 17 Jan	Local steaming operations for POM training.
e. 17 Jan - 05 Feb	In port for maintenance availability, SUBASE NLON.
f. 05 Feb - 12 Feb	Local steaming operations for POM training.
g. 12 Feb - 21 Feb	In port for maintenance availability, SUBASE NLON.
h. 21 Feb - 26 Feb	Local steaming operations for POM training.
i. 26 Feb - 05 Mar	In port SUBASE NLON.
j. 05 Mar - 20 Mar	Northern Atlantic deployment.
k. 20 Mar - 21 Mar	In port, Tromso, Norway.
l. 21 Mar - 29 Apr	Northern Atlantic deployment
m. 29 Apr - 01 May	Port visit Faslane, U.K.
n. 01 May - 20 May	NATO exercise Linked Seas
o. 20 May - 26 May	Port visit Lisbon, Portugal.

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p.	26 May - 03 Jun	Northern Atlantic deployment
q.	03 Jun - 20 Jun	Standown SUBASE NLON.
r.	20 Jun - 28 Jul	In port for maintenance availability, SUBASE NLON
s.	24 Jun	Change of Command
t.	28 Jul - 11 Aug	Underway steaming operations.
u.	11 Aug - 15 Aug	Port visit, Port Everglades, FL.
v.	15 Aug - 04 Sep	Opposing Force operations for JTFEX 97-3.
w.	04 Sep - 12 Sep	In port maintenance availability, SUBASE NLON
x.	12 Sep - 24 Sep	Local steaming operations.
y.	24 Sep - 25 Sep	In port SUBASE NLON.
z.	25 Sep - 26 Sep	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
aa.	26 Sep - 01 Oct	In port SUBASE NLON.
bb.	01 Oct - 08 Dec	Selected Restricted Availability conducted by Naval Submarine Support Facility New London and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.
cc.	01 Oct - 22 Nov	Drydock (ARDM-1).
dd.	05 Dec - 08 Dec	SRA sea trials.
ee.	08 Dec - 21 Dec	In port SUBASE NLON.
ff.	22 Dec - 31 Dec	Holiday standown

### 3. Narrative.

ALBUQUERQUE began the year at Naval Submarine Base New London conducting Pre-Overseas Movement training and certifications. ALBUQUERQUE then completed a North Atlantic deployment vital to national security. While deployed, ALBUQUERQUE participated in NATO exercise Linked Seas and saw port visits in Norway, Scotland, and Portugal. For its actions during deployment, the crew was awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal, and Arctic Service and Sea Service ribbons, and was recommended for a Navy Unit Commendation.

Shortly after deployment, Commander Stephen G. Gabriele relieved Commander Leonard Zingarelli as Commanding Officer.

During the summer, the ship conducted a VIP orientation cruise from Port Everglades, Florida. Members of the Albuquerque Committee, a group of civic leaders from Albuquerque, NM were embarked for the day, fostering better namesake city relationships. They brought traditional Southwestern cuisine for the crew to enjoy.

The ship was busy during the fall, participating in Joint Task Force exercise 97-3 as an opposing force submarine, completing a successful Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, and conducting a two month Selected Restricted Availability.

As the year came to an end Submarine Squadron TWO recognized USS ALBUQUERQUE's outstanding performance by awarding her the Battle Efficiency "E" for 1997, and the Tactical Operations White "T" for tactical excellence for the second consecutive year.