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1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded per reference (a).

  
S. G. GABRIELE

## ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

### 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 S. G. GABRIELE

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

### 2. Chronology:

a. 01 Jan - 12 Jan	In port SUBASE NLON.
b. 12 Jan - 19 Jan	Operations for JTFEX 98-1
c. 19 Jan - 21 Jan	Port visit, Port Everglades, FL
d. 21 Jan - 26 Jan	JTFEX 98-1
e. 26 Jan - 28 Jan	Port visit Kings Bay, GA (DEPERM)
f. 28 Jan - 06 Feb	At sea supporting USS MIAMI sound evaluation and USS SPRIGFIELD POM
g. 06 Feb - 20 Feb	In port SUBASE NLON
h. 20 Feb - 12 Mar	At sea for Tactical Readiness Evaluation
i. 12 Mar - 13 Mar	Port visit Port Canaveral, FL
j. 13 Mar - 16 Mar	Tiger Cruise enroute Groton
k. 16 Mar - 29 Apr	In port SUBASE NLON
l. 29 Apr - 01 May	Prospective Commanding Officer Operations (PCO OPS)

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m.	01 May - 12 May	In port SUBASE NLON
n.	12 May - 12 May	VIP cruise (WWII Vets)
o.	13 May - 19 May	Special Operations
p.	19 May - 19 May	In port Kings Bay, GA
q.	19 May - 29 May	Special Operations
r.	29 May - 02 Jun	In port SUBASE NLON
s.	02 Jun - 04 Jun	At sea enroute to Halifax, NS
t.	04 Jun - 08 Jun	Port visit Halifax, NS
u.	08 Jun - 24 Jun	MARCOT 98
v.	25 Jun - 26 Jun	Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE)
w.	26 Jun - 07 Jul	In port SUBASE NLON
x.	07 Jul - 10 Aug	Drydock (ARDM-4)
y.	10 Aug - 19 Aug	In port SUBASE NLON
z.	19 Aug - 24 Aug	Sea Trials
aa.	24 Aug - 18 Sep	In port SUBASE NLON
bb.	18 Sep - 03 Oct	JTFEX 98-2 (Support of ENTERPRISE battle group)
cc.	03 Oct - 06 Oct	TACDEVEX 45-98
dd.	06 Oct - 19 Nov	In port SUBASE NLON
ee.	19 Nov - 25 Nov	COMPTUEX 99-2
ff.	25 Nov - 29 Nov	Port visit Roosevelt Roads, PR
gg.	29 Nov - 18 Dec	COMPTUEX 99-2
hh.	18 Dec - 31 Dec	Holiday standown

### 3. Narrative.

The year began making preparations for participation in Joint Task Force Exercise 98-1. During this exercise the crew enjoyed port visits in Port Everglades, Fl and Kings Bay, Ga. Throughout the year ALBUQUERQUE participated in several tactical exercises including MARCOT 98, JTFEX, TACDEVEX 45-98, and COMPTUEX 99-2.

ALBUQUERQUE also completed several significant maintenance milestones. During a five week Drydock period the Nuclear divisions flawlessly completed a Resin discharge, the most complex nuclear maintenance performed on an operational submarine. Many modifications were made to Radio in order to communicate with the Battle Group and allow sailors to send and receive E-mail at sea.

The ship proved its many capabilities by successfully completing several inspections including a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Operation Reactor Safeguard Examination. Other significant events include Prospective Commanding Officer Operations, a VIP cruise for World War II Submarine Veterans, and short-fused Special Operations in support of National Security.

Submarine Squadron TWO recognized USS ALBUQUERQUE's outstanding performance in 1998 by awarding her the Green Communications "C" and the Red Damage Control "DC". The year ended with the crew taking a much needed break for holiday standown.