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Encl: (1) Command History for 1999
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

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

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J. K. BURROUGHS

ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

1. Command Composition and Organization.
 - a. Mission: Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Unit Warfare, Strike Warfare, and Special Operations.
 - b. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO.
 - c. Commanding Officer: CDR J. K. BURROUGHS
 - d. Permanent Duty Station: NAVSUBASE NLON, Groton, CT.

2. Chronology:
 - a. 01 Jan - 09 Feb Inport for Availability A024, Groton, CT.
 - b. 09 Feb - 08 Mar Underway Operation for JTFEX.
 - c. 08 Mar - 26 Mar Inport for Availability Z41, Groton, CT.
 - d. 26 Mar - 24 Sep Mediterranean Sea deployment.
 - e. 02 Apr INCHOP Mediterranean Sea
 - f. 08 Apr - 02 May Operations ALLIED FORCE/NOBLE ANVIL
 - g. 03 May - 14 May Inport for Availability A91, Santo Stefano, Sardinia
 - h. 14 May Underway Operations, Operations ALLIED FORCE/NOBLE ANVIL
 - i. 03 Jun - 10 Jun Port visit, Toulon, France
 - j. 10 Jun - 17 Jun Underway Operations, Mediterranean Sea
 - k. 17 Jun - 28 Jun Inport for Availability A92, Santo Stefano, Sardinia
 - l. 28 Jun - 19 Jul Underway Operations, Special Operations
 - m. 19 Jul - 23 Jul Port visit, Cartagena, Spain
 - n. 23 Jul - 30 Jul Underway Operations, Mediterranean Sea.
 - o. 30 Jul - 03 Aug Inport for port visit and Availability Z93, Naples, Italy
 - p. 03 Aug - 06 Aug Underway Operations, Mediterranean Sea.
 - q. 06 Aug - 18 Aug Inport for Availability A94, Santo Stefano, Sardinia
 - r. 29 Aug OUTCHOP Mediterranean Sea.
 - s. 24 Sep - 25 Oct Inport for Deployment Stand Down, Groton, CT.
 - t. 25 Oct - 27 Oct Inport SUBASE NLON.
 - u. 27 Oct - 29 Oct Prospective Commanding Officer Operations (PCO OPS).
 - v. 29 Oct - 07 Dec Inport for Availability A25, Groton, CT.
 - w. 01 Dec Change of Command
 - x. 7 Dec - 14 Dec Underway Operations, National Security Advisor/Naval Reactors Tour
 - y. 14 Dec - 16 Dec Inport Groton, CT.
 - z. 17 Dec - 31 Dec Inport for Holiday Stand Down, Groton, CT.

3. Narrative

The year began making preparations for participation in Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) 99-1. Upon completion of JTFEX and a short maintenance period in homeport, USS ALBUQUERQUE headed East for a Mediterranean Sea deployment that included combat action in Operations NOBLE ANVIL/ALLIED FORCE and other Special Operations. Commander Submarine Group EIGHT nicknamed USS ALBUQUERQUE the "SURE SHOOTER OF THE SUBMARINE FORCE" based on the ship's 100% launch reliability for assigned Tomahawk missions during combat. During the deployment, the crew enjoyed liberty in Spain, France and Italy. USS ALBUQUERQUE was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for combat action in Operations NOBLE ANVIL/ALLIED FORCE.

This was an important public relations year for ALBUQUERQUE. During deployment, the ship hosted VADM Murphy, COMSIXTHFLT and RADM Metzger, COMSUBGRU EIGHT. Former President George Bush visited the ship while in Santo Stefano, Sardinia. Following deployment the ship hosted Mr. Sandy Berger, National Security Advisor, and ADM Bowman, Naval Reactors for an orientation cruise from Port Canaveral, Florida.

Submarine Squadron TWO recognized USS ALBUQUERQUE's outstanding performance in 1999 by awarding her the White Tactical Operations "T", Blue Supply "E" and, for the second year in a row, the Green Communications "C".