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From: Commanding Officer, USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)  
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Subj: USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) 1991 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Supporting Documents

1. The following command history of USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) is submitted in accordance with reference (a). As the ship was commissioned in 1991 and no previous history was submitted, the following history covers the period from initial manning in 1988 through 1991.

2. Command composition and organization.

Mission: To support the objectives of National defense policy in support of the U. S Atlantic Fleet by any possible means, including locating and destroying submarines and surface ships, conducting reconnaissance, strike warfare, mine planting, and operations with special warfare units.

Organizational structure: An element of Submarine Squadron TWO. Main operational departments are Engineering, Navigation/Operations, Combat Systems, and Supply.

Commanding Officer: Commander Paul E. Normand

Homeport: Groton CT

3. Chronology.

- 19 Jul 88 Initial manning of Pre-commissioning Unit Alexandria begins. Commanding Officer Pre-commissioning Unit CDR Wilbur Cooke
- 6 Oct 89 CDR Wilbur Cooke detaches due to construction delays on ALEXANDRIA.
- 11 DEC 89 CDR Paul Normand reports as Commanding Officer Pre-commissioning Unit ALEXANDRIA.
- 23 JUN 90 The ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) is launched at Electric Boat  
Sponsor: Myrtle "Tookie" Conrad Clark  
Guest Speakers:  
Vice Admiral Daniel Cooper Asst. Chief of Naval Operations

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James E. Turner Jr. Vice President-General Manager  
Electric Boat Division  
Stanley C. Pace Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
General Dynamics  
Edward Randolph Jr. Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia  
James Moran Jr. Mayor of Alexandria, Louisiana  
The Honorable Stan Parris Representative - Virginia

22 MAR 91 1600Q Ship placed in service

16 APR 91 Underway Alpha trials  
VIP Riders:  
Admiral Bruce DeMars Director Naval Nuclear  
Propulsion Program  
Mr. William Anderes CEO General Dynamics  
Captain Moore Commodore Squadron 2  
James Turner Jr. General Manager Electric Boat

19 APR 91 Underway Bravo trials

17 MAY 91 Underway Charlie trial

4 JUN 91 Underway Delta trials Combined Acceptance Trial(INSURV)

29 JUN 91 1143Q Ship placed in commission at SUBASE Groton  
Guest Speakers:  
Vice Admiral Henry G. Chiles COMSUBLANT  
Rear Admiral Thomas W. Evans Naval Sea Systems Command  
Captain William D. Larson Supervisor of Shipbuilding  
Edward G. Randolph Mayor of Alexandria, Louisiana  
Patricia S. Ticer Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia  
Ronald K. Machtley U.S. Congress  
Myrtle "Tookie" Clark Ship's Sponsor

8 JUN 91 Underway enroute Roosevelt Roads PR (shakedown ops)

14 JUN 91 Port call Roosevelt Roads PR

15 JUL 91 Commenced weapon system accuracy test (WSAT)

23 JUL 91 Continued WSAT (underway phase)

26 JUL 91 Transit Virgin Passage, commenced FLEETEX 4-91

6 AUG 91 Port call Port Everglades

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10 AUG 91            Conducted ISE in Exuma Sound

16 AUG 91            Port call Port Canaveral FL

11 OCT 91            Dependence cruise

15 OCT 91            Underway enroute to Exuma Sound for acoustic trials  
VIP Rider: Admiral Habermeyer COMSUBGROUP TWO

20 NOV 91            Completed initial operational propulsion plant inspection

3 DEC 91            Underway enroute Atlantic Underwater test and Evaluation  
Center

6-11 DEC 91          Conducted tactical weapon certification  
VIP Rider: Robert Shaffer, Congressional staff member

### 3. Narrative.

Named after the two cities of Alexandria, Virginia, and Alexandria, Louisiana, Pre-commissioning Unit ALEXANDRIA was initially manned in the summer of 1988, with her Commanding Officer, CDR Will Cooke. Following a slip in shipyard construction schedules CDR Cooke detached in Oct 89. In Dec 89 CDR Paul Normand reported as the Commanding Officer Pre-commissioning Unit ALEXANDRIA. She was christened USS ALEXANDRIA at her launching on 23 June 1990 by her sponsor, Myrtle "Tookie" Clark, wife of retired Vice Admiral Glenwood Clark, adopting the motto "Twice as Strong" in honor of her two namesake cities. Following launching in June of 1990, an aggressive testing and crew certification program resulted in the ship going in service in March of 1991. The ship next underwent a series of highly successful sea trials, culminating in her delivery to the Navy 37 days ahead of schedule.

Following commissioning of USS ALEXANDRIA on 29 June 1991, she commenced a series of shakedown cruises which included acoustic trials in the Bahamas, combat systems testing in the Virgin Islands, and port visits in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After successfully completing these tasks and extensive crew training she passed her initial operational propulsion system examination with flying colors. This was followed by also excelling in certification for tactical weapon employment including MK-48/ADCAP torpedoes, and HARPOON and TOMAHAWK cruise missiles.

### 4. Supporting Documentation.

Supporting documentation, including the biography of Normand, is included as enclosure (1).

  
P. E. NORMAND