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Subj: USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) Command History for January to December 2000  
(2) 3 1/2" floppy-disk with MS Word formatted Command History  
(3) Biography and Photo of Commanding Officer  
(4) Photo of USS ANNAPOLIS alongside USS EMORY S LAND  
(5) Copy of Dolphin Newspaper dated 15 February 2001  
(6) CSG-8 BZ Message for VIP Cruise  
(7) Welcome Aboard Package

1. Enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).

  
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## USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

### I. Command Composition and Organization.

- A. USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760), UIC 21690
- B. Mission: To rapidly conduct sustained combat operations at sea.
- C. ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR
- D. Commanding Officer: CDR David J. Bartholomew Jr.
- E. Homeport: United States Submarine Base, New London, Groton, Connecticut

## USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

### II. Chronology.

01 JAN 2000 - In port Groton, CT. Pier 18S  
04 JAN 2000 Completed Selected Restricted Availability (SRA).  
  
04 JAN 2000 - Post SRA Sea Trials in Narragansett Bay Operating  
06 JAN 2000 Areas (NBOAs).  
  
06 JAN 2000 - In port Groton, CT. Pier 8N  
11 JAN 2000  
  
11 JAN 2000 - Underway en route Acoustic Underwater Testing and  
14 JAN 2000 Evaluation Center (AUTECH), Bahamas  
  
14 JAN 2000 - AUTECH Operations  
18 JAN 2000 SSN POMCERT Support  
AN/BLQ-10 ESM and AN/BVS-1 Non-Penetrating  
Periscope Testing  
  
18 JAN 2000 - En Route Cape Canaveral Operating Areas (CCOAs)  
19 JAN 2000  
  
19 JAN 2000 - SSBN Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) Support  
21 JAN 2000 in CCOAs  
En route AUTECH  
  
21 JAN 2000 - Target Services AUTECH  
23 JAN 2000 Torpedo Certification Proficiency  
  
23 JAN 2000 - AN/BLQ-10 and AN/BVS-1 Testing  
27 JAN 2000  
  
27 JAN 2000 - En route Port Canaveral, Florida  
28 JAN 2000  
  
28 JAN 2000 - In port Port Canaveral, Florida  
31 JAN 2000  
  
31 JAN 2000 - VIP Cruise for Indy Car drivers  
31 JAN 2000  
  
31 JAN 2000 - En route Groton  
04 FEB 2000 CSS-4 Engineering Readiness Review (ERR)  
  
04 FEB 2000 - In port Groton, CT. Pier 33S  
28 FEB 2000 Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR)

28 FEB 2000 - Pre-overseas movement (POM) 1 Upkeep  
25 APR 2000

25 APR 2000 - Underway en route Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training  
28 APR 2000 Facility (AFWTF), Puerto Rico

28 APR 2000 - AN/BLQ-10 operational evaluation at AFWTF  
01 MAY 2000

01 MAY 2000 - In port Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico  
02 MAY 2000

02 MAY 2000 - Underway for Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO)  
06 MAY 2000 Operations at AFWTF

06 MAY 2000 - Brief Stop for Personnel (BSP) Roosevelt Roads,  
06 MAY 2000 PR to debark PCOs.

06 MAY 2000 - Underway en route Groton, CT  
11 MAY 2000

11 MAY 2000 - BSP Groton, CT to embark Nuclear Propulsion  
11 MAY 2000 Examining Board (NPEB)

11 MAY 2000 - Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)  
13 MAY 2000

13 MAY 2000 - In port Groton, CT. Pier 31N  
19 JUN 2000 Upkeep

19 JUN 2000 - Underway in NBOAs for Sea Trials  
22 JUN 2000

22 JUN 2000 - Exercise Phoenix - a joint training exercise with  
26 JUN 2000 a French Nuclear Submarine.

26 JUN 2000 - In port Groton, CT. Pier 31N  
06 JUL 2000 Pre-Deployment training

06 JUL 2000 - Underway en route Norfolk, VA  
10 JUL 2000

10 JUL 2000 - BSP Norfolk  
10 JUL 2000

10 JUL 2000 - POM Certification  
 21 JUL 2000

21 JUL 2000 - Pre-Deployment stores loadout  
 03 AUG 2000 Voyage repairs upkeep

03 AUG 2000 - Underway for six month Mediterranean Sea  
 15 AUG 2000 deployment  
 En route Gibraltar

15 AUG 2000 - In port Gibraltar  
 21 AUG 2000

21 AUG 2000 - Underway en route La Maddalena, Italy  
 23 AUG 2000 Inchop COMSUBGRU Eight/CTF 69

23 AUG 2000 - In port La Maddalena, Italy for upkeep  
 28 AUG 2000

28 AUG 2000 - Underway en route Toulon, France  
 29 AUG 2000

29 AUG 2000 - In port Toulon, France  
 04 SEP 2000

04 SEP 2000 - Underway en route Rota, Spain  
 07 SEP 2000

07 SEP 2000 - In port Rota, Spain  
 09 SEP 2000

09 SEP 2000 - Exercise Veritas VI - an exercise with German  
 15 SEP 2000 SSKs evaluating SSK tactics.

15 SEP 2000 - In port Rota, Spain  
 19 SEP 2000 Change of Command

19 SEP 2000 - Exercise Tapon - a multinational exercise led by  
 21 SEP 2000 Spain, displaying Spain's ability to defend a  
 choke point.

21 SEP 2000 - In port La Maddalena, Italy  
 27 SEP 2000

27 SEP 2000 - Underway en route Adriatic Sea  
 29 SEP 2000

29 SEP 2000 - Operations in Adriatic Sea  
 15 OCT 2000

15 OCT 2000 - En route Aegean Sea  
 18 OCT 2000

18 OCT 2000 - Exercise Destined Glory - major NATO amphibious  
 24 OCT 2000 exercise.

24 OCT 2000 - En route Souda Bay, Crete  
 25 OCT 2000

25 OCT 2000 - BSP Souda Bay, Crete  
 25 OCT 2000

25 OCT 2000 - Underway  
 26 OCT 2000

26 OCT 2000 - Classified Operations  
 08 NOV 2000

08 NOV 2000 - En route Augusta Bay, Italy  
 09 NOV 2000

09 NOV 2000 - BSP Augusta Bay, Italy  
 09 NOV 2000

09 NOV 2000 - En route La Maddalena, Italy  
 19 NOV 2000

19 NOV 2000 - BSP La Maddalena, Italy  
 19 NOV 2000 COMSUBGRU Eight embark

19 NOV 2000 - En route Toulon, France  
 22 NOV 2000

22 NOV 2000 - In port Toulon, France  
 30 NOV 2000

30 NOV 2000 - Underway en route La Maddalena, Italy  
 01 DEC 2000

01 DEC 2000 - BSP La Maddalena, Italy  
 01 DEC 2000

01 DEC 2000 - Underway La Maddalena Operations Areas (LMOAs)  
 07 DEC 2000 CSS-22 ERR

07 DEC 2000 - In port La Maddalena, Italy for upkeep  
21 DEC 2000

21 DEC 2000 - Underway en route Naples, Italy  
22 DEC 2000

22 DEC 2000 - BSP Naples, Italy  
22 DEC 2000 CINCUSNAVEUR Distinguished Visitors (DV) Cruise

22 DEC 2000 - En route La Maddalena, Italy  
23 DEC 2000

23 DEC 2000 - In port La Maddalena, Italy  
31 DEC 2000 Holiday standdown

## USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

### III. Narrative.

USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) started the year 2000 in Groton, Connecticut. The ship had just completed a Christmas and New Year's stand-down and was entering the final days of an arduous Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) upkeep that had begun in October of the previous year.

ANNAPOLIS went to sea for two days in early January to complete post-SRA sea trials and then briefly returned to homeport before getting underway for the Navy's Acoustic Underwater Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEK) in the Bahamas. There, USS ANNAPOLIS provided support for USS SPRINGFIELD's pre-deployment certification and conducted testing of two newly installed prototype systems, the AN/BVS-1 non-penetrating periscope and the AN/BLQ-10 Electronic Support Measures (ESM) suite. These systems were installed on ANNAPOLIS for testing and development prior to intended use on the future VIRGINIA-class attack submarines. During this underway, ANNAPOLIS also supported a readiness exam for a ballistic missile submarine and completed torpedo certification on the AUTEK range.

Following these evolutions, ANNAPOLIS transited to Port Canaveral, Florida for a port-call. While in port ANNAPOLIS sailors were invited to an Indy car race at the Disney Speedway. In return, upon getting underway from Port Canaveral, ANNAPOLIS conducted a VIP cruise for several Indy car drivers including the winner of the 2000 Indianapolis 500, Elisio Salazar.

ANNAPOLIS then transited back to Groton, Connecticut. Along the way, the ship completed a successful Engineering Readiness Review (ERR) conducted by the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR (CSS-4).

ANNAPOLIS returned to homeport in early February and conducted a Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) and the first of two pre-overseas movement (POM) upkeeps. During this upkeep, several small improvements were made to the ship in preparation for the upcoming deployment.

Late in April, ANNAPOLIS got underway for more testing of the AN/BLQ-10 prototype ESM suite at the AFWTF weapons range off the coast of Puerto Rico. ANNAPOLIS then made a brief stop at the Roosevelt Roads Naval Station to embark a group of Prospective (submarine) Commanding Officers (PCOs) and spent the next week conducting PCO operations in the waters around Puerto Rico with



other US assets. At the completion of these operations, ANNAPOLIS performed a BSP to debark the PCOs and then transited back toward homeport Groton.

Following its northward transit, the ship conducted a BSP to pick up members of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) and returned to the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOAs) to conduct an Operational Reactor Safeguards exam.

After return to homeport, ANNAPOLIS entered its second POM upkeep. During this time, the ship conducted extensive tactical training and completed routine maintenance and minor installs to support its upcoming deployment.

In mid-June, ANNAPOLIS got underway to conduct an exercise with a French RUBI-class nuclear attack submarine, the FS EMERAUDE. This exercise provided an excellent opportunity for evaluating the tactical proficiency of the French submariners and the acoustic health of their ship.

ANNAPOLIS returned to homeport late in June for a week of pre-deployment training and to begin pre-deployment certification. In mid-July, ANNAPOLIS got underway for Norfolk, Virginia to pick up a team of evaluators scheduled to complete the at-sea portion of the pre-deployment certification process.

ANNAPOLIS performed well on this certification and returned to Groton for two weeks to load stores and perform a few small repairs before deploying in early August.

ANNAPOLIS got underway on 3 August for a six-month independent deployment to the Mediterranean Sea. Following a twelve-day transit of the Atlantic, the ship pulled into Gibraltar for its first overseas port call of the year.

ANNAPOLIS sailors enjoyed the opportunity to see the sights in Gibraltar. Crew members took advantage of the British pub life, learned about the cultural and military history of the Rock, and visited the area's famous Barbary Apes.

ANNAPOLIS left Gibraltar on 21 August. Submarine Group EIGHT staff members embarked at this time to complete the INCHOP process and introduce the ANNAPOLIS crew to Mediterranean operating procedures and prospective deployment events.

Following a brief transit, ANNAPOLIS pulled into La Maddalena, Italy to conduct necessary repairs alongside the

submarine-tender, USS EMORY S LAND (AS 39). After four days, the ship got underway for Toulon, France.

ANNAPOLIS moored in Toulon for a port call late in August. The crew enjoyed outstanding liberty in Toulon and nearby cities of Paris, Nice, Lyon, and Monte Carlo and members of the ANNAPOLIS crew were invited to attend several social functions hosted by various groups in the Toulon area.

After its Toulon port call, ANNAPOLIS transited to Rota, Spain in preparation for a large multinational exercise, Veritas VI. ANNAPOLIS moored near two German diesel U-boats and the crews shared stories, tours and souvenirs.

During Veritas VI, ANNAPOLIS worked on its tactical proficiency by engaging various NATO submarines and surface ships in simulated ASW and USW events. Following this exercise, ANNAPOLIS returned to Rota to hold a change-of-command at which CDR Daniel I. Nylen was relieved by CDR David J. Bartholomew, Jr.

The ship got underway on September 19, ready to participate in another large multinational exercise, Exercise Tapon, but after a single day of participation, she was ordered to the Adriatic Sea. There, she took part in a NATO-organized show of force ordered in response to heightened tensions associated with presidential elections in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY).

The NATO presence in the Adriatic was designed to apply pressure to FRY president, Slobodan Milosevich to allow democratic elections to run their course. This large multinational operation involved 18 ships and submarines. Due in part to the NATO presence, Milosevich allowed the democratic process to take place and refrained from the use of force even after losing the election.

ANNAPOLIS spent 16 days in the Adriatic before transiting to the Aegean Sea in mid-October. There, the ship took part in the large Nato exercise, Destined Glory. The exercise allowed the ANNAPOLIS crew to hone their tactical skills against participating military units from several countries. After Destined Glory, ANNAPOLIS conducted a two-week special operation and then transited to La Maddalena where Rear Admiral Munns, Commander Submarine Group EIGHT, came aboard and rode the ship for two days during a transit back to Toulon, France.

ANNAPOLIS moored in Toulon for a second time in late November and spent Thanksgiving in port. Members of the crew celebrated Thanksgiving with the French-American League in Toulon, the proprietor of Domaine Des Chamberts in the wine-country of Provence, and the Americans-on-the-Riviera Club in Monte Carlo. ANNAPOLIS spent seven days in Toulon for her second visit before getting underway for an Engineering Readiness Review conducted by CSS-22. Captain Klein, Commander Submarine Squadron TWENTY-TWO, embarked for this underway.

ANNAPOLIS moored next to the USS EMORY S LAND early in December for its main deployment upkeep. The ship spent two weeks next to the tender performing necessary repairs and routine maintenance before getting underway on December 21 to conduct required retests and transit to Naples, Italy for a Distinguished Visitors (DV) cruise.

During the DV cruise, Admiral Ellis, Commander United States Naval Forces Europe, embarked on ANNAPOLIS along with one Spanish Air Force Lt General, an Italian Army Lt General, a US Air Force Lt General, Commander Submarine Group EIGHT, and several other VIPs and family members from the Naples area. Along with a firsthand look at how American sailor operate their submarine and live at sea, the guests were treated to a gourmet lunch prepared by the ship's Ney Award-winning galley.

ANNAPOLIS disembarked the DV's late on the 22nd and returned to La Maddalena on the 23rd. The ship tied up alongside the EMORY S LAND for a holiday stand-down period on 23 December 2000 and remained there through the end of the year.