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1. Enclosures (1) through (2) are submitted in accordance with
reference (a).


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USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

I. Command Composition and Organization.

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

USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

II. Chronology.

01 JAN-02 JAN Moored aside USS Emory S. Land (AS-39),
La Maddalena, Italy

02 JAN-17 JAN Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE)/Transit to
Rota, Spain

17 JAN-21 JAN Port Visit, Rota, Spain

21 JAN OUTCHOP, Squadron Twenty-Two, Group Eight / CTF-
69; INCHOP, Squadron Four, Group Two

21 JAN-29 JAN Transit to Bermuda

29 JAN-31 JAN Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE)

31 JAN Return to Port (RTP), United States Naval
Submarine Base (USNSB) Groton, CT; moored Pier 8N.

31 JAN-05 MAR Post-deployment Stand-Down.

05 MAR-09 MAR Upkeep/Planning Availability (P-24)

09 MAR-20 MAR Inport Type Training, Groton, CT

20 MAR-21 MAR Enroute Cherry Point Operating Areas (CPOAs)

21 MAR-26 MAR Joint Fleet Exercise (JTFEX) as Opposing Force
(OPFOR) in CPOAs w/ ENTERPRISE Battlegroup

26 MAR-30 MAR Enroute Groton

30 MAR RTP Groton, CT

30 MAR-04 MAY FMA Upkeep (A-24)

04 MAY-08 MAY Inport Type Training, Groton, CT

08 MAY-10 MAY Enroute Port Everglades Operating Areas (PEVOAs)
and Atlantic Underwater Testing and Evaluation
Center (AUTEK)

10 MAY-13 MAY Operations in PEVOAs

13 MAY-17 MAY Torpedo Proficiency and target services, AUTEK

17 MAY-19 MAY Target services, PEVOAs

19 MAY-22 MAY Port Visit, Port Canaveral (PCAN), Florida

22 MAY-29 MAY Enroute Groton, CT (Tiger Cruise)

29 MAY-31 MAY Inport Groton, CT

31 MAY-08 JUN Type Training, Narragansett Bay Operating Areas
(NBOAs). Support to USS SEAWOLF POMCERT.

08 JUN-11 JUN Inport Type Training

11 JUN-20 AUG FMA Upkeep (Modernization Period) (A-25)

20 AUG-24 AUG Inport Type Training, Groton, CT

24 AUG-28 AUG Underway NBOAs for ARCI Eval and COMSUBLANT
Navigation Evaluation.

28 AUG-05 SEP Inport, Groton, CT

05 SEP-11 SEP Type Training and ARCI Certification - NBOAs with
USS ALEXANDRIA

11 SEP Terrorist Attacks on United States.

11 SEP-14 SEP Services for USS TOLEDO in Northern Virginia Capes
Operating Areas (NVCOAs); cancelled due to
terrorist attack. ISE.

14 SEP-17 SEP Inport, Groton, CT, TB-23 Towed Array repairs
17 SEP-04 OCT Operation in Canadian Operating Areas for
CANFLTEX; transit south for Tactical Readiness
Evaluation (TRE)/Torpedo Exercise (TORPEX) in
PCAN/AUTEC

04 OCT-06 NOV Inport, Groton, CT; A-26 Upkeep
06 NOV-09 NOV Underway for CSS-4 Navigation Evaluation, USS
SPRINGFIELD POMCERT and ARCI/APB-01 shakedown
period.

09 NOV-16 NOV ARCI APB-01 (Acoustic) and (Tactical) testing.
16 NOV HUMEVAC, PCAN

16 NOV-20 NOV Transit to Groton, CT
20 NOV-17 DEC Inport, Groton, CT

17 DEC-21 DEC Underway for ISE, NBOAs, COMSUBGRU TWO embarked
21 DEC-31 DEC Holiday Standown, Inport, Groton, CT

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III. Narrative.

USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) celebrated the New Year of 2001 alongside the submarine tender USS EMORY S LAND (AS 39) in La Maddalena, Sardinia. During the holiday stand-down period many ANNAPOLIS sailors received visits from spouses and children and several traveled to the Italian mainland to visit historic Italian cities like Naples and Rome.

On January 2nd, the ship got underway for a period of Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE), during which time the ship prepared for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) prior to return-to-port from its six-month Mediterranean deployment. In mid-January, the ship completed its sixth and final submerged transit of the Strait of Gibraltar and pulled into Rota, Spain for its final liberty port.

On January 21st, ANNAPOLIS left Rota and formally out-chopped from Commander Task Force (CTF) 69. Seven days later, the ship conducted a brief stop for personnel (BSP) in Bermuda to pick up the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) for the ORSE.

For the next three days, ANNAPOLIS participated in a series of inspections, written and oral examinations, and simulated casualties designed to test their knowledge and skills as technicians and plant operators. On January 31st, ANNAPOLIS returned to its homeport of Groton, CT.

During the month of February, the crew enjoyed a well-deserved 30-day stand-down, returning in early March for a short upkeep and a period of inport type-training. On the 18th of March, the ship got underway for its first post-deployment at-sea exercises, transiting to the Cherry Point Operating Areas to serve as the opposing force in a Joint Fleet Exercise held as part of the pre-deployment certification process for the USS ENTERPRISE battle group. After handily 'dispatching' all hostile combatants within weapons range, ANNAPOLIS returned to homeport in early April for a month-long upkeep availability (A-24).

In May, the ship and crew transited south to the Port Everglades (PEV) Operating Areas and the Atlantic Underwater Training and Evaluation Center (AUTEK) for its annual torpedo proficiency and to provide cooperative services for the USS BOISE Fire Control Certification and USS TOLEDO Tactical Readiness Evaluation. Following these exercises, ANNAPOLIS made

its first domestic port-call of the new year, pulling into Port Canaveral (PCAN) for a few days of rest and relaxation in the vicinity of Orlando and Cocoa Beach. The ship departed PCAN on the 22nd of May and conducted a Tiger Cruise during the transit home. Several sailors got the chance to introduce friends and relatives to the daily routine of a submarine and its crew and show them how the ship conducted warfare operations and responded to casualties.

After spending the weekend in port, ANNAPOLIS sailed to the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOAs) for a brief ISE period, returning to port on the 6th of June for a summer-long upkeep (A-25). During this period, the ship conducted several major infrequent Preventative Maintenance (PM) actions including primary relief valve and steam generator safety valve testing. The forward compartment also saw major changes with the installation of the Acoustic Rapid COTS Insertion (ARCI) Phase IV sonar system and the replacement of the BLQ-10 ESM suite with the WLR-8/BRD-7 system.

In late August, the ship was underway for four days for an initial shakedown of the new sonar system, returning to the NBOAs in early September to employ the system against another 688-class submarine, the USS ALEXANDRIA. Following a BSP, ANNAPOLIS transited south to the Northern Virginia Capes Operating Areas (NVCOAs) to continue ARCI testing with the USS TOLEDO. The latter half of this testing, which was to have included an open ocean torpedo firing exercise, was cancelled following the events of September 11th.

ANNAPOLIS arrived in homeport on the 14th of September to repair it's TB-23 towed array and departed on the 17th, heading north to the Canadian Operating Areas to participate in Undersea Warfare (USW) fleet exercises with the Canadian Navy. Immediately following these exercises, the ship turned south, picking up the COMSUBLANT Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) team in PCAN and returning to AUTEK for an evaluation of the ship's tactical prowess and for an additional torpedo proficiency.

After a successful TRE, the ship returned to Groton for another month-long upkeep (A-26) during which the Advanced Process Build (Tactical)-01 (APB(T)-01) fire control and tracking system was installed on the ship for development testing. In early November, ANNAPOLIS got underway to test this new system and continue evaluation of the ARCI Phase IV suite. Along the way, the ship supported POM certification for the USS

SPRINGFIELD prior to commencing APB(T)-01 testing with the assistance of the USS PHILADELPHIA. An emergent HUMEVAC in PCAN led to an early termination of testing but program developers reported getting excellent data to assist with the evaluation and improvement of the APB(T) system during the development process.

During 2001, USS ANNAPOLIS was visited by the following VIPs:

On 14 August 2001, COMSUBLANT (VADM Grossenbacher) escorted the Royal Navy Flag Officer Submarines (FOSM) on ANNAPOLIS, displaying the AN/BVS-1 Photonics Mast and the Acoustic Rapid Cots Inertion Phase IV Sonar Suite. FOSM and VADM Grossenbacher were impressed by the state of the art technology and the responsiveness of the crew.

On 26 July 2001 ANNAPOLIS' duty section was served a gourmet meal by the 5-star chefs of the Four Seasons restaurant of New York City. Owner Alex Von Bidder and World-Class chef Fred Mero prepared a three course meal in New York and transported it to Groton, serving ANNAPOLIS watchstanders. The event was covered by numerous Connecticut newspapers and television stations.

On 26 April 2001, ADM James Watkins, USN(Ret), former CNO, toured ANNAPOLIS.

On 15 December 2001, Representative Michael Capuano (D-Mass) toured ANNAPOLIS with his family.

During the week of 17-21 December, COMSUBGRU TWO (RDML Mike Tracy) rode ANNAPOLIS.

For the Year 2001, ANNAPOLIS earned the following honors:

Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR Damage Control Red "DC"
Commander, Submarine Squadron FOUR Supply Blue "E"