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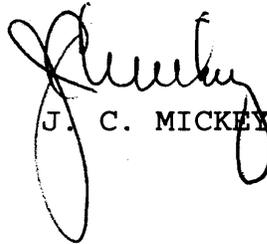
From: Commanding Officer, USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)
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Subj: USS CHICAGO COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

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(2) Chronology of Events for 1997
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(5) USS CHICAGO (SSN 721) Personnel Information

1. As required by reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted as the command history for USS CHICAGO (SSN 721) for calendar year 1997.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission: The USS CHICAGO is a vertical launch capable Los Angeles class nuclear fast attack submarine. The ship is capable of operations in the mission areas of undersea warfare (USW), surface warfare (SUW), strike warfare (STW), mine warfare (MIW), special warfare (SPECWAR) and intelligence gathering and surveillance.
2. Organizational Structure: Commander, Submarine Squadron THREE (ISIC).
3. Commanding Officer: CDR John C. Mickey, USN
4. Permanent duty station: Pearl Harbor, HI

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR 1997

01 JAN 97 - 05 JAN 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.
OBSERVING HOLIDAY STAND-DOWN PERIOD

06 JAN 97 - 15 JAN 97 LOCAL OPS, SOCIAL OP AREAS

14 JAN 97 - 16 JAN 97 OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS
EXAMINATION

16 JAN 97 - 20 JAN 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

21 JAN 97 - 25 JAN 97 TRANSIT TO PEARL HARBOR, HI.

26 JAN 97 - 29 JAN 97 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.

30 JAN 97 - 06 FEB 97 PGO OPS IN HAWAIIAN OP AREAS

07 FEB 97 - 08 FEB 97 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.

09 FEB 97 - 12 FEB 97 PCO OPS IN HAWAIIAN OP AREAS

13 FEB 97 - 13 FEB 97 LOCAL OPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREAS

14 FEB 97 - 20 FEB 97 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.

21 FEB 97 - 27 FEB 97 TRANSIT TO ALAMEDA, CA.

28 FEB 97 - 03 MAR 97 INPORT ALAMEDA, CA.

04 MAR 97 - 05 MAR 97 TRANSIT TO SAN DIEGO, CA.

06 MAR 97 - 09 MAR 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

10 MAR 97 - 09 APR 97 IMA UPKEEP PERIOD

10 APR 97 - 20 APR 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

21 APR 97 - 24 APR 97 SEA TRIALS, DEPENDENT'S CRUISE

25 APR 97 - 27 APR 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

28 APR 97 - 01 MAY 97 LOCAL OPS, SOCIAL OP AREAS

02 MAY 97 - 04 MAY 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

05 MAY 97 - 08 MAY 97 LOCAL OPS, SOCIAL OP AREAS

09 MAY 97 - 15 MAY 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

16 MAY 97 - 16 MAY 97 721 CLUB, VIP CRUISE

18 MAY 97 - 26 MAY 97 INPORT SAN DIEGO, CA.

27 MAY 97 - 01 JUN 97 TRANSIT TO NANOOSE, CANADA

02 JUN 97 - 03 JUN 97 INPORT NANOOSE, CANADA

04 JUN 97 - 04 JUN 97 LOCAL OPS, NANOOSE, CANADA

05 JUN 97 - 08 JUN 97 INPORT NANOOSE, CANADA

09 JUN 97 - 12 JUN 97 INPORT ESQUIMALT, CANADA

13 JUN 97 - 19 JUN 97 TRANSIT TO PEARL HARBOR, HI.

20 JUN 97 - 07 JUL 97 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
COMPLETED CHANGE OF HOMEPORT
FROM SAN DIEGO, CA. TO PEARL
HARBOR, HI.

08 JUL 97 - 08 JUL 97 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY.
CDR D. M. SCHUBERT RELIEVED BY
CDR J. C. MICKEY

09 JUL 97 - 09 JUL 97	UNDERWAY FOR WEAPONS LOAD AT WEST LOCH
10 JUL 97 - 13 JUL 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
14 JUL 97 - 17 JUL 97	LOCAL OPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREAS FOR SERVICE WEAPONS TEST
18 JUL 97 - 20 JUL 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
21 JUL 97 - 24 AUG 97	IMF UPKEEP
25 AUG 97 - 28 AUG 97	SEA TRIALS, LOCAL OPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREAS
29 AUG 97 - 01 SEP 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
02 SEP 97 - 11 SEP 97	LOCAL OPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREAS
12 SEP 97 - 21 SEP 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
22 SEP 97 - 10 OCT 97	TRANSIT TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA.
11 OCT 97 - 14 OCT 97	INPORT SAN FRANCISCO, CA.
15 OCT 97 - 15 OCT 97	TRANSIT TO ESQUIMALT, CANADA
16 OCT 97 - 18 OCT 97	INPORT ESQUIMALT, CANADA
19 OCT 97 - 04 NOV 97	TRANSIT TO PEARL HARBOR, HI.
05 NOV 97 - 05 NOV 97	LOCAL OPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREAS FOR OPERATIONAL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAMINATION
06 NOV 97 - 09 DEC 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI. FOR IMF UPKEEP
10 DEC 97 - 11 DEC 97	LOCAL OPS, HAWAIIAN OP AREAS FOR TACTICAL WEAPONS PROFICIENCY
12 DEC 97 - 18 DEC 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
19 DEC 97 - 31 DEC 97	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI. HOLIDAY STAND DOWN

NARRATIVE

During calendar year 1997, USS CHICAGO was involved in various exercises, training support, inspections, and a homeport change from San Diego, California to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Following the holiday stand down period in early January 1997, the ship conducted an unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination conducted by the Commander of the Pacific Fleet. Upon returning to San Diego, the ship transited to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in support of Prospective Commanding Officer operations which involved dedicated tactical training and torpedo firings for future submarine Commanding Officers. The rigorous tasking and training schedule improved the ship's tactical proficiency at several different warfare roles.

After a transit east from Hawaii and brief port visit to Alameda, California, CHICAGO returned to San Diego to complete a scheduled upkeep to perform routine maintenance. The sea trials following the upkeep allowed the ship to perform a dependent's cruise for family members of the crew. In mid-May, CHICAGO hosted several members of the ship's "721 Club" support group, an organization of local Chicago citizens originally formed to support the ship's commissioning in 1986, but which has become a standing organization of enthusiastic supporters of CHICAGO and her crew. On 27 May, CHICAGO departed San Diego for her eventual homeport change to Pearl Harbor, making port calls in British Columbia, Canada at both Nanoose and Esquimalt.

Upon arrival in Pearl Harbor in late June, CHICAGO became part of the newly formed Submarine Squadron THREE under the command of Captain J. Dohse, and shortly thereafter, conducted a change of command in which CDR David M. Schubert was relieved by CDR John C. Mickey on July 8. After the Change of Command, CHICAGO loaded weapons at the West Loch Weapons Facility in Pearl Harbor in preparation for a Service Weapons Test firing of a standard MK 48 ADCAP torpedo. The firing was successfully conducted and monitored, the first warshot torpedo test held in the Pacific Ocean in over five years. Upon return to port, CHICAGO had the honor of hosting the Chief of Naval Operations from the People's Republic of China for a tour of the ship.

CHICAGO returned to Pearl Harbor to conduct another planned maintenance period, where the ship prepared for local operations

in the Hawaiian OPAREAS and an upcoming joint US-Canadian maritime exercise, MARCOT 2-98, held in October. CHICAGO

departed on September 22 and made port calls in Alameda and Esquimalt before commencing the joint exercise. CHICAGO conducted another Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination in early November before returning to Pearl Harbor on November 6 to commence a planned maintenance upkeep period. In December, CHICAGO completed a Tactical Weapons Proficiency inspection which certified the ship to be ready for a January 1998 deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. After the completion of the tactical inspection, CHICAGO returned to port, continued to make preparations for deployment, and commenced the annual holiday standdown to support Christmas leave.