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1. As required by reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted as the command history for USS CHICAGO (SSN 721) for calendar year 1999.

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)
2. Unit Identification Code (UIC): 21100
3. Mission: The USS CHICAGO is a vertical launch capable Los Angeles class nuclear fast attack submarine. The ship is capable of operations in areas of undersea warfare (USW), surface warfare (SUW), strike warfare (STW), mine warfare (MIW), special warfare (SPECWAR) and intelligence gathering and surveillance.
4. Organizational Structure: Commander, Submarine Squadron THREE (ISIC).
5. Commanding Officer: CDR Daniel E. Prince, USN
6. Permanent Duty Station: Pearl Harbor, HI

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR 1999

01 JAN 99 - 04 MAR 99 DRYDOCK No. 3 PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD, PEARL HARBOR, HI FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

05 MAR 99 - 17 MAY 99 BERTH SHIFT TO B-2, INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

18 MAY 99 - 19 MAY 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD. COMPLETED POST OVERHAUL REACTOR SAFEGUARDS EXAM

20 MAY 99 - 08 JUN 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

09 JUN 99 - 09 JUN 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD. COMPLETED PHASE I CREW CERTIFICATION

10 JUN 99 - 09 NOV 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

10 NOV 99 - 12 NOV 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD. COMPLETED PHASE II CREW CERTIFICATION

13 NOV 99 - 21 NOV 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

22 NOV 99 - 24 NOV 99 SEA TRIALS, HAWAIIAN OPERATING AREAS

25 NOV 99 - 07 DEC 99 BERTH SHIFT TO S-11, PEARL HARBOR, HI FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

08 DEC 99 - 08 DEC 99 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. CDR J.C. MICKEY RELIEVED BY CDR D.E. PRINCE

09 DEC 99 - 17 DEC 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI FOR DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD

17 DEC 99 - 31 DEC 99 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI. OBSERVED HOLIDAY STAND DOWN

## NARRATIVE

During calendar year 1999, USS CHICAGO underwent a Depot Modernization Period overhauling much of its hull, mechanical and electrical systems. Beginning the year in Dry Dock #3 of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, CHICAGO first underwent a series of intensive tests to certify repairs to the propulsion system. Following undocking in March, CHICAGO moved under tow to the refit piers at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for more testing and certification.

Upon arrival at the refit piers, the crew divided their attention between the task of finishing the installation and testing of CHICAGO's new systems and recertification in their underway watches. First, the Engineering Department successfully completed a Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Examination while the Weapons Department conducted a Combat Systems Assessment. The crew was then evaluated during Phase I Crew Certification. This examination tested their knowledge level of the ship's equipment and their response to casualties. The CHICAGO's Engineering Department then completed a comprehensive Propulsion Plant Test Program. As soon as the propulsion system was certified, the crew underwent their final certification alongside the pier. After nearly three months of testing and training, the crew satisfactorily completed Phase II Crew Certification and the CHICAGO was completely certified for at-sea testing.

CHICAGO finally returned to sea in late November 1999 for a Post-Overhaul Sea Trials. CHICAGO completed its first sea trials period and returned to port for additional Depot Modernization Period Maintenance. While awaiting maintenance completion, CHICAGO's crew bid farewell to her Commanding Officer, CDR John C. Mickey, and welcomed aboard his relief, CDR Daniel E. Prince. The crew then enjoyed a well deserved Holiday Stand-down. By the end of the year, CHICAGO and crew stood prepared to face another round of sea trials, completion of the Depot Modernization Period (DMP) and future operations as the millennium drew to a close.