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From: Commanding Officer, PCU COLUMBUS (SSN 762)
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PCU COLUMBUS (SSN 762) COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization.

PCU COLUMBUS was manned on 21 November 1991. Her mission as an ice-hardened, bow plane, vertical launch Los Angeles Class nuclear powered attack submarine will be to help maintain world order. In accomplishing her mission, PCU COLUMBUS is still designed to hunt down enemy surface ships and submarines, but in light of the end of the Cold War, a change of emphasis has been brought about which places even more significance on a highly mobile deployed platform capable of independent operations. Being built by General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, COLUMBUS will displace 6,900 tons submerged, is 360 feet long with a beam of 33 feet. She will be armed with conventional and ADCAP MK48 torpedoes that can be used for anti-ship or anti-submarine scenarios, and, HARPOON and TOMAHAWK cruise missiles. Her vertical launch system gives her the capability of carrying 12 TOMAHAWK cruise missiles in the bow in addition to the weapons carried in the torpedo room. She will have a crew of 127 (12 officers, 115 enlisted).

PCU COLUMBUS is presently assigned to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair with Administrative chain of command being Commander Submarine Squadron TWO, Groton, CT.

The Commanding Officer is CDR C. M. SMEIGH, JR.; the Executive Officer is LCDR A. A. ADELL; Department Heads include, LT [REDACTED], Engineer Officer; LT [REDACTED], Operations Officer; LT [REDACTED], Combat Systems Officer; LT(jg) [REDACTED], Supply Officer. The Chief of the Boat is SKCM(SS) W. P. MEYERS.

PCU COLUMBUS (SSN 762) is the fifth ship of the line to bear her name. Previous warships include a 24 gun sailing vessel, a 74 gun Ship-of-the-Line, heavy cruiser (CA-74), later converted to a guided missile cruiser (CG-12).

CHRONOLOGY to 1991
PCU COLUMBUS (SSN 762)

DATE
7 JAN 91
21 NOV 91

EVENT
Keel Laid
Initial Manning of 45 crew members