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(4) Copy of Sponsor's first correspondence
(5) Copy of ship's launch logo, cancellation
(6) Copy of ship's logo with symbolism
(7) Launch Book
(8) Launch Photo
(9) Newspaper article from the COLUMBUS DISPATCH

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (9) are submitted.


C. M. SMEIGH, JR.

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PCU COLUMBUS (SSN 762) COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization.

Submarines of the LOS ANGELES Class, the Navy's current class of nuclear powered attack submarine, are the most advanced undersea vessels of their type in the world. While antisubmarine warfare is their primary mission, the enduring characteristics of the submarine: stealth, endurance, and agility will be used to develop roles and missions for the changing world order as a shift in emphasis to account for regional conflicts take place.

These 360 foot, 6,900 ton ships are well equipped to accomplish this task. Faster than their predecessors and possessing highly accurate sensors, weapon control systems, and central computer complexes, they are armed with sophisticated MARK 48 anti-submarine/ship torpedoes, and Harpoon cruise missiles. The COLUMBUS is the fifty first 688 and an improved version of this magnificent class which includes a vertical launch system for Tomahawk Cruise missiles, and an improved hull designed for under ice operations.

She will carry a compliment of 127, (12 officers, 115 enlisted).

PCU COLUMBUS was initially manned on 21 November 1991. The submarine COLUMBUS, the thirtieth 688 to be built by Electric Boat was launched on 1 August 1992 at Electric Boat, Groton, CT. Her commissioning is set for July 1993.

PCU COLUMBUS 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, and a heavy cruiser (CA-74), later converted to a guided missile cruiser (CG-12).

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

The Commanding Officer is CDR C. M. SMEIGH, JR; the Executive Officer is LCDR A. A. Adell; Department heads include LCDR [REDACTED], Engineer Officer; LT [REDACTED], Combat Systems Officer; LT [REDACTED] Operations Officer; and LT [REDACTED], Supply Officer. The Chief of the Boat is FTGCM (SS) D. McAuliffe III who relieved SKCM (SS) W. P. Meyers in April 1992.

CHRONOLOGY TO 1992
PCU COLUMBUS (SSN 762)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
6-8 Feb 92	CDR Smeigh visited Columbus, OH. Met with Columbus Commissioning Committee members and the Honorable Greg LaSchutka, Mayor of Columbus, OH.
21 Feb 92	CDR Smeigh reenlists 9 nuclear trained Petty Officers in one day. Selected Reenlistment Bonus money paid out totaled \$56,686.
4 Mar 92	Received our first correspondence from our ship's sponsor, Mrs. M. A. DeMars, wife of ADM Bruce DeMars, Director of Naval Nuclear Power. Enclosure (3) and (4).
15-17 Mar 92	CDR Smeigh and two of his crew return to Columbus, Ohio to speak at the Columbus Rotary Club and kick off the ship's logo design contest with a local school. Was introduced to the Columbus city council and presented a proclamation officially recognizing the submarine COLUMBUS.
30 Mar 92	Engineering Department stands up watches onboard.
3 Apr 92	Initial Fill for the propulsion plant. New Chief of the Boat is assigned. Also get new Engineering Department Enlisted Advisor.
June 92	Fancy cancellation for Launch is approved. New COLUMBUS Commissioning Committee logo is approved. Enclosure (5).
17 Jul 92	Ship's logo approved. Enclosure (6).
01 Aug 92	Ship is launched at Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, Groton, CT. Ship's sponsor is Mrs. Margaret A. DeMars. Principle speaker is ADM Bruce DeMars. The Mayor of Columbus, the Honorable Gregory LaSchutka is present. The crew is made honorary members of the USS Columbus Veterans Association. Enclosures (7) and (8).
25-27 Sep 92	CDR Smeigh and 11 other crew members attend the USS Columbus Veterans Association annual reunion in Columbus, Ohio. CDR Smeigh and the commissioning Commanding Officer of the USS Columbus (CG-12) Captain Gideon Boyd, are the guest speakers. The mayor of Columbus also makes an appearance and speaks. The Veterans present a check for \$1000.00 to the Welfare and Recreation committee for purchase of entertainment equipment.

Date

Event

Dec 92

Reactor Safeguards Exam.

11 Dec 92

Three crewmembers drive to Columbus, Ohio through a snow storm to deliver toys that the command has collected to present to the "Christmas for the Children" Program. Enclosure (9).