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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (8) are submitted.


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USS 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).

USS 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. She was commissioned on July 24, 1993 at pier 32N on board Submarine Base New London, Groton, CT with the Honorable John H. Glenn, (D-OH) as the principle speaker.

USS 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).

USS COLUMBUS is presently assigned to Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair Groton, CT while undergoing Post Shipyard Availability with administrative chain of command being Commander Submarine Squadron TWO, Groton, CT. She will be transferred to Commander Submarine Squadron Seven, Pearl Harbor, HI in July 94.

The Commanding Officer is CDR C. M. SMEIGH, JR.; the Prospective Commanding Officer is CDR D. Sigg with a scheduled change of command of 30 April 1994. The Executive Officer is LCDR M. R. Breor; Department heads include LCDR [REDACTED], Engineer Officer; LCDR [REDACTED], Operations Officer; LT [REDACTED], Combat Systems Officer; and LT [REDACTED], Supply Officer. The Chief of the Boat is FTGCM (SS) D. McAuliffe III.

CHRONOLOGY TO 1993
USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
January	Initial Criticality
February	Power Range Testing
March	Salvage Inspection; INSURV Inspection; Crew Certification
April	1st- Inservice date; Galley opens for the first time 27th- Builders Sea Trials
May	Builders sea trials continued.
June	23rd- PCU Columbus delivered. Moored at Subase NLON
July	24th- Commissioned. The Honorable John H. Glenn is principal speaker. CDR Adell is relieved as XO by LCDR Mark Breor.
August	First deployment. Port visits included Port Canaveral, Puerto Rico, and St. Croix
September	Second deployment. Port visit in Charleston, SC. CDR Smeigh is once again the principal speaker for the USS COLUMBUS VETERANS ASSOCIATION annual reunion.
October	Underway.
November	Back home in Groton, CT. Underway for Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam.
December	Underway for Supply Management Inspection followed by Dependents Cruise.