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USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998.

1. Command Composition and Organization.

USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762) is the fifty-first submarine of the Los Angeles class, and the twelfth of the improved version. With her stealth, endurance and agility, COLUMBUS can be used in roles and missions to meet the challenges of the ever changing global geopolitical climate. USS COLUMBUS has the ability to arrive on station quickly, stay for an extended period of time and carry out her mission including undersea warfare (USW), surface warfare (SUW), deployment of special operation forces, mine laying, precision strike land attack, and by her perceived presence, act as a deterrent while still remaining undetected.

USS COLUMBUS is based out of Pearl Harbor, HI under the cognizance of Submarine Squadron SEVEN. CDR Tracey A. Fischer is the Commanding Officer.

CHRONOLOGY TO 1998
USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762)

1. CHRONOLOGY.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01JAN98	Awarded CINCPACFLT Silver Anchor Award, SUBRON SEVEN Engineering Readiness "E"
01JAN98-05JAN98	Inport Holiday Stand Down
06JAN98-19JAN98	Ship's Force Upkeep in Pearl Harbor, HI
20JAN98-30JAN98	Underway for Tactical Warfare Proficiency (TWP)
31JAN98-02FEB98	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
03FEB98-08FEB98	Local operations with USS Topeka, transit to San Diego
09FEB98-25FEB98	Voyage repairs in San Diego, CA
26FEB98-27FEB98	Underway for VIP Tours
28FEB98-02MAR98	Inport for liberty in San Diego, CA
03MAR98-12MAR98	Sound trials and transit to Esquimalt
13MAR98-16MAR98	Inport for liberty in Esquimalt, Canada
17MAR98-24MAR98	Transit to Hawaii
25MAR98-03APR98	Underway for Tactical Readiness Evaluation(TRE)
04APR98-07APR98	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
08APR98-10APR98	Conducted Deperm
11APR98-01JUN98	Spruce and Upkeep
02JUN98-13JUN98	Local operations with USS Pasadena in Hawaiian OPAREAS

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13JUN98-15JUN98	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination(ORSE)
16JUN98-17JUN98	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
18JUN98-23JUN98	ASWEX-98 in Hawaiian OPAREAS
24JUN98-25JUN98	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
26JUN98-29JUN98	Local operations in Hawaiian OPAREAS
30JUN98-11JUL98	Ship's Force Upkeep in Pearl Harbor, HI
12JUL98-01AUG98	Underway for RIMPAC
02AUG98-07SEP98	Upkeep/Crew Training at Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific
08SEP98-16SEP98	Local operations and Sea Trials in Hawaiian OPAREAS
17SEP98-05OCT98	Inport for Upkeep and Pre-Deployment Stand Down
09OCT98-31DEC98	Western Pacific Deployment Port call - Yokosuka, Japan Port call - Phuket, Thailand Participated in Operation Strong Resolve with USS Carl Vinson Battle Group
01JAN99	Awarded Deck Seamanship 'E' for 1998

NARRATIVE TO 1998
USS COLUMBUS (SSN 762)

1. NARRATIVE.

1998 was a busy year for USS COLUMBUS. After taking a break for the Holiday Stand Down and a short upkeep, the ship began to work up for its October Western Pacific deployment (WESTPAC). The first major event was the successful completion of the Tactical Warfare Proficiency exercise (TWP).

COLUMBUS returned to Pearl Harbor briefly before setting out on a two-month Eastern Pacific deployment (EASTPAC). After a three week visit to San Diego for conferences and training with other members of the CARL VINSON Battle Group, COLUMBUS sailed to Alaska to conduct sound trials. The ship then made a port visit to Esquimalt, Canada, where the crew enjoyed several great days of liberty in scenic Victoria. During the transit back to Hawaii, the ship completed its Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

Following the TRE, COLUMBUS was depermed and underwent a Scheduled Preservation Upkeep Coordinated Effort (SPRUCE). COLUMBUS returned to the waters off Hawaii for its Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE), the last major inspection prior to deployment.

With its pre-deployment inspections finished, COLUMBUS had the opportunity to work with the navies of many of its allies during the three-week Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC). Ships from Australia, Japan, South Korea, and Chile participated, along with the CARL VINSON Battle Group and several Pearl Harbor-based ships. The exercises provided COLUMBUS valuable experience working as part of a Battle Group.

Following RIMPAC, COLUMBUS returned home for its first Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep and classroom training. During the final POM upkeep period, the specialized equipment COLUMBUS would carry was installed and the ship was loaded out with food and supplies. After more than a year of hard work and preparation, COLUMBUS was ready to begin her second WESTPAC. Prior to departure, the crew enjoyed a pre-deployment stand down.

On October 9, COLUMBUS said goodbye to family and friends and began WESTPAC 98-99. The ship conducted operations in the western Pacific for a month and a half before arriving in Yokosuka, Japan. COLUMBUS spent Thanksgiving in Yokosuka, the only holiday the ship would spend in port on WESTPAC.

The next port visit was Phuket, Thailand. After departing

Phuket, COLUMBUS headed west to join the CARL VINSON Battle Group where it ended 1998 while participating in Operation Strong Resolve. The busy year ended on a high note, as COLUMBUS won the 1998 SUBRON SEVEN Deck Seamanship award.