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1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded.

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## COMMAND HISTORY

1. Command Composition and Organization. The ship's mission is to remain submerged and undetected, and serve as a strategic deterrent. The ship's parent command is Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen and the ship is homeported in Bangor, Washington. Two crews alternate manning of the ship on approximately 105 day cycles; when not manning the ship, the "off-crew" is under the administrative command of Commander, Submarine Group Nine.

### 2. Chronology:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
12-14 February	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
14 February	FLORIDA moored at Bangor, WA. completing Patrol 29.
17 February	Gold Crew relieves Blue Crew, commenced Refit 30.
22 March	FLORIDA underway for Patrol 30.
30 May - 1 June	FLORIDA Gold conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
3 June	FLORIDA moored at Bangor, WA. completing Patrol 30.
4 June	Blue Crew relieves gold Crew, commenced Refit 31.
2 July	Conducted Re-entry Vehicle on Site Inspection (RVOSI) rehearsal.
6 July	FLORIDA underway for Patrol 31.
28 July	Captain Kurt M. Trautman relieved Captain George E. Keefe, Jr. as Commanding Officer USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728)(GOLD) at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor Washington.
14-17 August	Conducted CNO special project trials at Barking Sands Underwater Tracking Range, Kauai, HI.
18-19 August	Conducted VIP cruise for Commander Submarine Fleet Pacific in local Hawaiian OPAREAS.
20 August	Provided Anti-submarine Warfare (ASW) services for PCO class 92-2.
20-26 August	Participated in Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) Operational test.
27 August - 2 September	Port Visit in Pearl Harbor, HI.
16-18 September	FLORIDA Blue conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

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19 September FLORIDA moored at Bangor, completing Patrol 31.

20-21 September Conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection.

23 September Gold Crew relieves Blue Crew, commenced Refit 32.

28 September FLORIDA provided services as the host ship for Commander Submarine Squadron Seventeen change of command ceremony, Captain K. V. L. McNeill relieved Captain M. S. Wright.

22 October FLORIDA underway for Patrol 32.

22-23 October Conducted refresher training with Commander Submarine Group Nine, (RADM Riddell) embarked in local Bangor OPAREAS.

19 November Conducted Commander Submarine Fleet Pacific distinguished visitor cruise in Hawaiian OPAREAS.

20-25 November Port Visit, Pearl Harbor, HI.

### 3. Narrative.

a. 1992 was an exceptionally eventful year for the FLORIDA. In February the Blue Crew returned from Patrol 29 after completing a Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE), achieving grade of EXCELLENT. In late March the Gold Crew got underway on Patrol 30, intent on maximizing training opportunities and honing the crew's war fighting capabilities. The FLORIDA's efforts payed off when in early June they had a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) just prior to returning to homeport. The FLORIDA and the Blue Crew returned to sea in early July to commence Patrol 31.

b. On 28 July, Captain Kurt M. Trautman relieved Captain George E. Keefe, Jr. as Commanding Officer of the USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (GOLD). Shortly thereafter, the Blue Crew conducted a CNO special project in Hawaii followed by a VIP cruise for the Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet. While operating near Hawaii, they provided Antisubmarine Warfare services for training prospective submarine Commanding Officers and conducted an operational test of Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) radio communications. Before returning to Bangor in mid September the Blue Crew conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation off the coast of Washington state.

c. In late September, the Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew and commenced Refit 32, during which the FLORIDA acted as host ship for the Submarine Squadron 17 change of command in which Captain K. V. L. McNeill relieved Captain M. S. Wright.

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d. The FLORIDA got underway for her fourth patrol in 1992 in late October, conducting refresher training in local operating areas with RADM Riddell, Commander Submarine Group Nine, embarked. The ship then preceded to Hawaii to conduct a distinguished visitor cruise for the Commander, Submarine Force Pacific Fleet and a Port visit in Pearl Harbor.

e. The outstanding performance during 1992 by the FLORIDA was recognized by receiving the following Commander Submarine Squadron Seventeen awards:

- (1) Blue Crew - Best Trident Crew.
- (2) Gold Crew - Deck Seamanship "D"
- (3) Gold Crew - Communications "C"

f. 2 officers completed their command qualifications, 7 officers completed basic submarine qualifications, and 95 enlisted personnel qualified or requalified in submarines. The FLORIDA takes pride in ensuring the readiness of tomorrow's submarine force through the training of today's junior submariners.