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From: Commanding Officer, USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (BLUE)
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Encl: (1) Command History and Narrative for 1993
(2) Biography and photograph of Commanding Officer
(BLUE)/(GOLD)
(3) Photograph of ship

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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C. C. HAYES
By direction

USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1993

Command Composition and Organization

FLORIDA's mission is to remain submerged undetected and to serve as a strategic nuclear deterrent. FLORIDA is a unit of Submarine Squadron 17, home ported at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, WA. Two crews, Blue and Gold, alternate manning of the ship on approximately 95 day cycles. When not manning the ship, the "off-crew" is under the administrative command of Submarine Group 9. The Blue Crew is commanded by CAPT T. W. Mader, and the Gold Crew by CAPT K. M. Trautmann.

1993 Chronology

1 Jan FLORIDA is at sea and manned by the Gold Crew on Patrol 32.

6-8 Jan Satisfactorily conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) in conjunction with a Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

8 Jan Completed Patrol 32. Moored at Explosives Handling Wharf, Bangor, WA.

11 Jan Commenced Refit 33. Blue Crew relieved Gold Crew.

11 Feb Conducted VIP Cruise at Dabob Bay, WA. Underway for Patrol 33.

10-12 Mar Satisfactorily conducted an unscheduled ORSE and an SMI.

29 Mar Satisfactorily conducted a Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP).

25 Apr Completed Patrol 33. Moored at Service Pier, Bangor, WA.

28 Apr Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew. Commenced Refit 34.

21 May CAPT T. W. Mader relieved CAPT P. F. Sullivan as Commanding Officer USS FLORIDA (SSBN 728) (BLUE).

1 June Conducted Sea Trials at Dabob Bay, WA.

2 June Underway for Patrol 34.

16-18 Jun Conducted a port call in Pearl Harbor, HI.

18-20 Jun Satisfactorily conducted a TWP.

26-29 Jul Satisfactorily conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

6 Aug Completed Patrol 34. Moored at Service Pier, Bangor, WA.

9 Aug Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew. Commenced Refit 35.

10 Sep Underway for Patrol 35.

11-13 Sep Satisfactorily conducted a combined TRE/TWP. Blue Crew designated as a COMSUBPAC "TRE Top Performer".

5-9 Nov Conducted PACSECEX 1-94.

10 Nov Completed Patrol 35. Moored at Explosives Handling Wharf, Bangor, WA.

12-13 Nov Satisfactorily conducted a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.

15 Nov Blue Crew relieved by the Gold Crew. Commenced Refit 36.

16 Dec Conducted Sea Trials and VIP Cruise at Dabob Bay, WA. Underway for Patrol 36.

12 Mar 1993 Submarine Squadron 17 Tactical Operations "T" and the Communications "C" awarded to Blue Crew.

Narrative

FLORIDA began 1993 underway under the command of Captain K. M. Trautman with the Gold Crew on Patrol 32. A successful patrol ended with an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) conducted 6-8 January, wherein the Gold Crew performed satisfactorily. Concurrently, Commander Submarine Squadron 17 conducted a Supply Management Inspection (SMI), in which the Gold Crew also performed satisfactorily. January 8 the Gold Crew brought the ship into its home port of Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Bangor, WA at the Explosives Handling Wharf (EHW), completing her 32nd strategic deterrent patrol.

On January 11, under the command Captain P. F. Sullivan, the Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew at the Trident Refit Facility, NSB Bangor, beginning Refit 33. Completing a successful refit period on 11 February, FLORIDA made a VIP Cruise in Dabob Bay, WA. Embarked were Commander Submarine Group Nine and a group of aspiring journalists from an Everett, WA high school. Later, that morning, FLORIDA transferred her guests to shore and set sail on time for Patrol 33. Underway FLORIDA received a message directing her to participate in an unscheduled short notice ORSE and SMI. Both inspections were conducted satisfactorily 10-12 March.

Upon completion of these inspections on March 12, FLORIDA made a short overnight port visit to Pearl Harbor, HI. After participating in a special research and development project for the next two weeks in Hawaiian waters, the ship returned to Pearl Harbor on 25 March. FLORIDA set sail on 29 March to conduct a Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP), in which her ability to accurately launch torpedoes was assessed. Performing satisfactorily in this evaluation, FLORIDA returned to Pearl Harbor on 1 April and embarked the CINCPACFLT Supply Officer, RADM Bondi and other distinguished visitors from COMSUBPAC. After disembarking her guests on 2 April, FLORIDA resumed her 33rd strategic deterrent patrol. On 19 April Commander Submarine Group Nine, RADM Riddell embarked.

FLORIDA completed her 33rd patrol on 25 April upon return to her home port of Bangor, WA. At the Explosives Handling Wharf she underwent a major modification to her Strategic Weapons System. The Gold Crew relieved the Blue crew on 28 April to commence Refit 34.

On 21 May Captain T. W. Mader relieved Captain P. F. Sullivan of command of the USS FLORIDA Blue Crew. Upon completion of her refit period on 1 June, FLORIDA got underway to conduct Sea Trials at Dabob Bay, WA, returning to NSB Bangor latter that day.

On 2 June the FLORIDA set sail for Patrol 34. The ship conducted testing for a Chief of Naval Operations special project, the Transient Self Monitor, 11-15 June in the Hawaii operations area. The ship arrived at Pearl Harbor on 16 June for a short port visit. Underway again on 18 June, the ship satisfactorily conducted her TWP and returned to Pearl Harbor on 21 June. Getting underway that same day, FLORIDA resumed her patrol.

FLORIDA returned to Hawaiian waters on 26 July to conduct her Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE). This inspection consists of a battery of tests that determine the ability of the ship to carry out her strategic and tactical missions in a variety of scenarios. Upon satisfactorily completing the TRE on 29 July, the ship continued with Patrol 34.

The FLORIDA returned to her home port on 6 August, mooring at the Service Pier, NSB Bangor. The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew and commenced Refit 35. FLORIDA set sail for Patrol 35 on 10 September.

The ship moored at Subase San Diego, CA on 7 October for crew liberty and to prepare for her upcoming TRE. FLORIDA performed satisfactorily on the combined inspections, returning to San Diego for a short port visit on 14 October. The ship set sail that day to resume her 35th strategic deterrent patrol.

The FLORIDA embarked the research and pre-production crew of the feature film "Crimson Tide" while conducting her pre-underway Sea Trials at Dabob Bay on 16 December. After transferring her visitors to shore, the ship departed for her 36th strategic deterrent patrol.