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HAMPTON (SSN 767) PRECOMMISSIONING UNIT  
SUPERVISOR OF SHIPBUILDING, CONVERSION AND REPAIR, USN  
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**From:** Commanding Officer, HAMPTON (SSN 767) Precommissioning Unit  
**To:** Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-0571

**Subj:** COMMAND HISTORY

**Ref:** (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

**Encl:** (1) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph  
(2) Christening of HAMPTON Brochure  
(3) Photograph of HAMPTON Christening

1. The Command History for the period of 12 August 1991 to 29 February 1992 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION:

a. HAMPTON (SSN 767) Precommissioning Unit was established on 12 August 1991. Its mission is to support the construction and testing of this improved 688 Class fast attack submarine and to prepare the crew to take the ship to sea. When the ship is commissioned, the Precommissioning Unit will become the initial crew.

b. HAMPTON (SSN 767) is under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN, under the command of Captain Frederick R. Lutz, is responsible for overseeing and administering Navy contracts for the ship. HAMPTON (SSN 767) Precommisssioning Unit is administratively responsible to Commander Submarine Squadron Eight, Norfolk, Virginia; Commander Submarine Group Two, Groton, Connecticut; and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia.

c. CDR David J. Antanitus is the Commanding Officer of the Precommissioning Unit and the Prospective Commanding Officer of USS HAMPTON (SSN 767). Enclosure (1) provides his biography and photograph.

3. CHRONOLOGY:

12 AUG 91 PRECOMUNIT HAMPTON established at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. CDR D. J. ANTANITUS, USN, Commanding Officer; LCDR G. A. BALZER, Executive Officer; 7 officers, and 35 enlisted men reported for duty.

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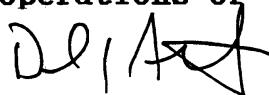
28 SEP 91 Mrs. Laura Y. Bateman officially christened Hull No 637D as HAMPTON at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. Mrs. Laura Y. Bateman is HAMPTON's sponsor and wife of Herbert H. Bateman, United States Congressman from Virginia's First District. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Jeanne Y. Turley, and Maid Of Honor was Ms. Laura M. Bateman, sister and daughter of Mrs. Laura Y. Bateman, respectively. Guests of Honor included the principal speaker, the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman; VADM Roger F. Bacon, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, Undersea Warfare; VADM H. G. Chiles, Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet; VADM J. M. Boorda, Chief of Naval Personnel; the Honorable Authur J. Moody, Selectman, Town of Hampton, NH; the Honorable Harold S. McMillan, Mayor, Town of Hampton SC; and the Honorable James L. Eason, Mayor, City of Hampton, VA. Enclosure (2) provides details of the Christening. Enclosure (3) provides the official photograph of the Christening.

18 NOV 91 First watches manned aboard HAMPTON by the Engineering Department. LT [REDACTED] was the ship's first Engineering Duty Officer.

4. NARRATIVE:

Since its establishment, HAMPTON has grown to 13 Officers and 58 enlisted personnel. Major objectives of the command during this reporting period were:

- a. Efficient and safe conduct of Engineering testing.
- b. Timely qualification of watch stations necessary to support testing and ensure security of assigned spaces.
- c. Continuing training and qualification of the crew to support sea trials and shakedown operations of the ship.



D. J. ANTANITUS