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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAMPTON (SSN-767)  
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography and Photograph

1. USS HAMPTON command history for the period of 1 March 1994 to 29 February 1996 is submitted per reference (a).

2. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

a. USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) is an improved Los Angeles Class fast attack submarine that supports a variety of missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, surveillance, strike warfare and mining operations. HAMPTON was commissioned on 6 November 1993 at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Newport News, VA.

b. HAMPTON 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. Operationally, USS HAMPTON is responsible to Commander Submarine Squadron Eight and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. CDR Steve A. Correll is the Commanding Officer of USS HAMPTON.

3. CHRONOLOGY

26 March 1994

CDR Steve A. Correll relieves CDR David J. Antanitus as Commanding Officer, USS HAMPTON.

12 - 14 April 1994

HAMPTON visits Charleston, South Carolina. During this port call many visitors from Hampton, S.C., one of the submarine's four namesake cities, tour the ship.

29 April 1994

HAMPTON returns to Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company to

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commence Post-Shakedown  
Availability (PSA).

26 September 1994 HAMPTON departs Newport News Shipyard, finishing PSA one month earlier than scheduled.

04 October 1994 LCDR John F. Brandeau relieves LCDR Brian C. O'Neill as Executive Officer.

12 November 1994 Embarked reporters from KDAY-TV in Fargo, N.D.

15 - 22 November 1994 HAMPTON undergoes degaussing at the Magnetic Deperming Facility in the Elizabeth River. This was a particularly difficult week because of the adverse weather influenced by Hurricane Gordon.

22 - 29 February 1995 HAMPTON dry-docks in Norfolk Naval Shipyard to conduct emergent repairs to her Secondary Propulsion Motor.

21 April - 25 May 1995 COMPTUEX 1-95. HAMPTON participates in a series of exercises with the USS AMERICA Battle Group in preparation for a Mediterranean deployment.

05 - 08 May 1995 HAMPTON conducts her first port call outside the continental U.S. when she pulls into Frederiksted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

06 - 24 July 1995 HAMPTON underway for JTFEX 95-3, a war-fighting scenario fought alongside the rest of the USS AMERICA Battle Group.

15 - 19 August 1995 HAMPTON conducts an emergent underway to avoid Hurricane Felix, which was predicted to make landfall in the vicinity of Hampton Roads.

28 August 1995 HAMPTON leaves Norfolk as part of the USS AMERICA Battle Group on her

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first deployment, to the Mediterranean Sea.

07 - 12 September 1995 HAMPTON conducts a port call in the British Crown Colony of Gibraltar.

24 - 30 September 1995 HAMPTON participates in an officer exchange with the German submarine U-30. LCDR Christian Faust, XO of U-30, rides HAMPTON; LT [REDACTED], HAMPTON's Sonar Officer, rides U-30.

04 - 08 October 1995 HAMPTON conducts a port call in Naples, Italy.

09 - 26 October 1995 HAMPTON in upkeep alongside USS SIMON LAKE (AS-34) at the U.S. Navy Support Facility in La Maddalena, Italy.

27 Oct - 03 November 1995 HAMPTON conducts a port call in Toulon, France.

12 - 18 December 1995 HAMPTON conducts a port call in Souda Bay on the island of Crete, Greece.

22 - 29 December 1995 HAMPTON spent her first Christmas abroad in Gibraltar, BCC.

22 January 1996 HAMPTON returns to La Maddalena for a second upkeep alongside USS SIMON LAKE.

05 February 1996 HAMPTON departs La Maddalena to return to the U.S.

24 February 1996 HAMPTON returns from deployment and begins a post-deployment stand-down.

#### 4. NARRATIVE

HAMPTON has had an operationally intense two years. Her crew successfully completed a rigorous series of certifications and examinations during her workup to deployment. Once in the Mediterranean, HAMPTON extremely successfully completed a series of missions and exercises, including operations in the Adriatic in support of NATO and U.S. forces in Bosnia.


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During PSA HAMPTON was upgraded with a series of improvements to the ship and her combat systems. PSA culminated with HAMPTON leaving the shipyard a month ahead of schedule.

HAMPTON then began training for her first deployment. A series of exercises during COMPTUEX and JTFX, demonstrated HAMPTON's proficiency in coordinated Battle Group operations.

In August 1995, one week before HAMPTON was scheduled to deploy for six months, Hurricane Felix forced an emergent underway. Although Felix never did strike the Hampton Roads Area, HAMPTON proved her readiness by getting underway as tasked.

On August 28 HAMPTON and the other 10 ships of the USS AMERICA Battle Group left for the Mediterranean Sea. While on deployment HAMPTON participated in a series of exercises, performed a variety of missions, and visited several ports of call. During this deployment the crew was awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal and the NATO Medal, as well as the Sea Service Ribbon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Correll".

S. A. CORRELL