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1. Per reference (a), USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) command history for the period of 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1996 is submitted.

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. USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) was commissioned on 6 November 1993 at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in Newport News, VA.

b. USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) 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 Christopher L. Stathos is the Commanding Officer of USS HAMPTON (SSN 767).

3. CHRONOLOGY

22 January 1996	HAMPTON returns to La Maddalena, Italy for a second upkeep alongside USS SIMON LAKE (AS 33).
05 February 1996	HAMPTON departs La Maddalena, Italy to return to the United States.
21 February 1996	HAMPTON conducts an Operational Reactors Safeguard Evaluation.

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24 February 1996 HAMPTON returns to Norfolk, Virginia after an extremely successful overseas deployment.

24 February 1996 HAMPTON earns the NATO Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Sea Service Ribbon and a Meritorious Unit Commendation Award for outstanding contributions during her maiden overseas deployment.

25 April 1996 CDR Christopher L. Stathos relieves CDR Steve A. Correll as Commanding Officer, USS HAMPTON.

17 May 1996 Embarked reporters from WCPX channel 6 Orlando, Florida while visiting Port Canaveral, FL.

6 June 1996 LCDR Robert J. Brennan relieves LCDR John F. Brandeau as Executive Officer.

10-14 June 1996 HAMPTON conducts PROTRAMID 1996 Operations with both male and female Midshipman off the coast of Port Canaveral, FL.

1-5 August 1996 HAMPTON visits Portsmouth, New Hampshire. During this port call many visitors from Hampton, N.H., one of the submarine's four namesake cities, tour the ship.

25-26 August 1996 Embark Brigadier General Jaeger from USACOM/J2 in support of Strike Warfare exercises for an orientation course.

4 September 1996 HAMPTON conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

11 September 1996 HAMPTON participates in the 1996 FLEET WEEK HAMPTON ROADS PARADE OF SHIPS by Pass in Review.

13 September 1996 HAMPTON earns Silver Dolphin Flag.

22 October 1996 HAMPTON earns Gold Dolphin Flag.

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5-16 November 1996

HAMPTON conducts Prospective
Commanding Officer Operations.

25 November 1996 -
24 January 1997

HAMPTON receives EHF Installation,
greatly enhancing communication
capabilities.

4. NARRATIVE

HAMPTON continued an operationally intense schedule throughout 1996. After returning from the Mediterranean Sea deployment at the end of February, the ship completed a schedule that alternated month long periods in port and at sea. The in port periods were spent in upkeeps, or maintenance periods, making modifications and improvements to the ship. The at sea periods were spent conducting local operations and exercises as well as gaining operational experience and training for the crew.

In July, the ship spent four days in Portsmouth Naval Shipyard conducting a namesake city visit with Hampton, New Hampshire. The visit was a tremendous success and allowed the opportunity for many Hamptonians from New Hampshire to visit the ship.

The ship completed an extremely successful Tactical Readiness Evaluation in October 1996. The ship was recertified to perform all its primary and secondary warfighting missions.

In November, the ship supported two weeks of simulated wartime training for Prospective Commanding Officers. This training provided the future commanding officers with the ultimate training experience operating a submarine in wartime situations. The crew also benefited significantly from this training exercise.


C. L. STATHOS