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From: Commanding Officer, USS HAMPTON (SSN 767)  
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV 5750-1)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

Encl: (1) Chronological history  
(2) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(3) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.  
The following information is provided:

a. Command short title: USS HAMPTON

b. Unit Identification Code: 21764

c. HAMPTON is capable of launching torpedoes, cruise missiles and mines. HAMPTON is capable of defeating enemy naval forces alone or in battle group operations, laying mines off enemy ports, providing covert intelligence, supporting special operations and conducting cruise missile strikes on targets ashore. Surpassing the underwater capability of any class ship before her, HAMPTON's communications, navigation, propulsion and computerized weapons systems are of the most advanced design. When coupled with the talents of a well-trained crew, HAMPTON provides a capability of significant proportions to our national defense.

d. Immediate Senior Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT

e. Name of Commander: Commander Robert P. Burke, United States Navy

f. Permanent Duty Station: USS HAMPTON (SSN 767), Norfolk, Virginia

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## 2. Narrative

USS HAMPTON (SSN 767) conducted Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) preparations that extended through the beginning of January. The ship was underway for the remainder of the month conducting various tactical development exercises and certification of the new CCS Mk 2 Block 1C Fire Control System.

In late May HAMPTON completed the POM certification period and made final preparations for deployment to the Mediterranean.

The HAMPTON completed the trans-oceanic voyage in early June and conducted a brief port call in Gibraltar, United Kingdom. This afforded the crew an opportunity to relax and enjoy the local hospitality. Shortly thereafter the ship participated in an exercise with the French Navy, with a port visit to Toulon, France.

Following a short upkeep period in La Maddalena, Italy, HAMPTON conducted special operations in the Eastern Mediterranean. During August and September there were several opportunities for port calls in Souda Bay, Crete and La Maddalena, Italy.

Following a successful Distinguished Visitor embark for a number of Turkish naval officers and civilian leaders, the crew enjoyed liberty in Aksaz, Turkey for a week in late October. Before HAMPTON commenced the journey to Norfolk, VA in late November, the ship visited Rota, Spain.

Upon returning to the east coast of the United States, HAMPTON conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination before returning to homeport in mid-December.

Through the remainder of the year, HAMPTON conducted stand-down and crew rest in preparation for an upkeep period in January 2004.

  
F. P. FREELAND  
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## Chronological History

### January

- 1 - 7 January In Port (Norfolk, VA)
- 8 - 29 January Underway - tactical exercise in AUTECH
- 30 - 31 January In Port (Norfolk, VA)

### February

- 1 - 2 February Underway - Transit to Groton, CT
- 3 - 16 February In Port (Groton, CT)
- 17 - 19 February Underway - Transit to Norfolk, VA
- 20 - 28 February In Port (Norfolk, VA)

### March

- 1 - 7 March Underway - Pre-overseas Movement Cert
- 8 - 31 March In Port (Norfolk, VA)

### April

- 1 - 21 April In Port (Norfolk, VA)
- 22 - 25 April Underway - Pre-overseas Movement Cert
- 26 - 30 April In Port (Norfolk, VA)

### May

- 1 - 5 May In Port (Norfolk, VA)
- 6 - 9 May Underway - Pre-overseas Movement Cert
- 10 - 19 May In port (Norfolk, VA)
- 20 - 23 May Underway - Pre-overseas Movement Cert
- 24 - 31 May In port (Norfolk, VA)

### June

- 1 - 11 June In port (Norfolk, VA)
- 12 - 23 June Underway - transit to Mediterranean Sea
- 24 - 27 June Port Visit - Gibraltar, United Kingdom
- 28 - 30 June Underway - transit to Toulon, France

### July

- 1 - 3 July Underway - transit to Toulon, France
- 4 - 8 July Port Visit - Toulon, France
- 9 Underway - Transit to La Maddalena, Italy
- 10 - 14 July Port Visit - La Maddalena, Italy
- 15 - 31 July Underway - Special Operations

### August

- 1 - 15 August Underway - Special Operations
- 16 - 19 August Port Visit - Souda Bay, Crete
- 20 - 26 August Underway - USW Exercise
- 27 - 31 August Port Visit - Souda Bay, Crete

### September

- 1 - 2 September Port Visit - Souda Bay, Crete
- 3 - 5 September Underway - transit to La Maddalena, Italy
- 6 - 19 September Port Visit - La Maddalena, Italy
- 20 - 30 September Underway - USW Exercise

### October

- 1 - 3 October Underway - USW Exercise
- 4 - 6 October Port Visit - La Maddalena, Italy
- 7 - 22 October Underway - USW Exercise
- 23 - 28 October Port Visit - Aksaz, Turkey
- 29 - 31 October Underway - transit to La Maddalena, Italy

**November**

- 1 - 3 November
- 4 - 14 November
- 15 - 24 November
- 25 - 28 November
- 29 - 31 November

Underway - transit to La Maddalena, Italy  
Port Visit - La Maddalena, Italy  
Underway - transit to Rota, Spain  
Port Visit - Rota, Spain  
Underway - transit to Norfolk, VA

**December**

- 1 - 11 December
- 12 - 31 December

Underway - Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination  
In Port (Norfolk, VA)