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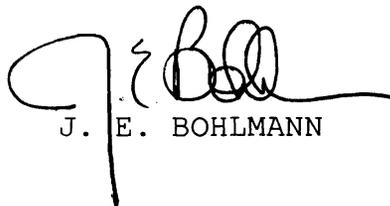
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1996

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronological History of USS HARTFORD (SSN 768)  
(3) Narrative of 1996 Events

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

  
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Command Composition and Organization

Mission: To locate and destroy surface ship's and submarines, strike warfare, reconnaissance, mine planting, and operations with special warfare forces.

Organizational Structure: Officers: 14  
Enlisted: 140

Name of Commanding Officer: Joel E. Bohlmann, Commander, USN

Permanent Duty Station: Groton, Connecticut

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF  
USS HARTFORD (SSN 768)  
for calendar year 1996

16 JAN 96 Local Operations with HMCS OKANAGAN

23 JAN 96 Post PSA Fire Control System Certification

24 JAN 96 Operations in Jacksonville Operating Areas

27 JAN 96 Final Weapons Certification

31 JAN 96 Port Visit in Port Canaveral, FL (2 days)

20 FEB 96 Western Atlantic Operations - ENTERPRISE  
BATTLEGROUP COMPTUEX

20 FEB 96 Conducted MEDEVAC in Groton, CT

06 MAR 96 TRE Support for USS PITTSBURGH and USS NORFOLK

18 MAR 96 Port visit in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles  
(5 days)

27 MAR 96 IMA Upkeep A002 Groton, CT (5 weeks)

29 APR 96 Sea Trials/PCO Operations

16 MAY 96 VIP Cruise

25 MAY 96 Command Assessment completed

Successfully completed Logistics Readiness  
Evaluation (LRE)

07 JUN 96 VIP Cruise

10 JUN 96 Port visit in Halifax, Canada (3 days)

13 JUN 96 Support of Canadian Joint Exercise MARCOT-96

27 JUN 96 Port visit in Halifax, Canada (2 days)

01 JUL 96 VIP Cruise

08 JUL 96 IMA Upkeep A003 Groton, CT (5 weeks)

14 AUG 96 Family Cruise

15 AUG 96           Family Cruise  
16 AUG 96           VIP Cruise  
06 SEP 96           Operations in Virginia Capes  
16 SEP 96           Port visit Port Canaveral, FL (4 days)  
30 SEP 96           IMA Upkeep A004 Groton, CT (5 weeks)  
                    Pre Overseas Movement (POM) workup  
04 NOV 96           DEPERM maintenance in Norfolk, VA  
06 NOV 96           Tactical Onboard Monitoring Analysis  
03 DEC 96           Local Operations  
20 DEC 96           Christmas holiday standdown

## Narrative of 1996 Events

1996 marked HARTFORD's initial year of operations following Post Shakedown Availability (PSA). In January, the ship completed Post PSA fire control system certification, the final weapons system certification which was followed by a two day port visit in Port Canaveral, Florida. In February, HARTFORD participated in the ENTERPRISE Battle Group COMPUTEX and also conducted a medical evacuation of a crew member in Groton, Connecticut. The ship supported another submarine's Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) in early March, followed by a 5 day port visit in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles and an Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) upkeep in Groton, Connecticut. The ship was underway for sea trials in late April followed by Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) operations and a VIP cruise in May. While inport, the ship completed a command assessment and was evaluated as Satisfactory in a Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE). June began with a VIP cruise followed by a port visit in Halifax, Canada. HARTFORD then provided support for the Canadian joint exercise MARCOT 96 followed by a second port visit to Halifax. Another VIP cruise occurred in July and then HARTFORD entered an IMA upkeep in Groton, Connecticut. In mid-August, the ship conducted two family cruises and a VIP

cruise. In September, HARTFORD operated in the Virginia Capes Operating Areas supporting various submarines and then conducted a port call in Port Canaveral, Florida. In late September, the ship entered an IMA Upkeep in Groton, Connecticut and commenced its initial Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) workup. HARTFORD transited to Norfolk, Virginia in early November for DEPERM maintenance which was followed by the ship conducting its first Technical Onboard Monitoring Analysis. Early December consisted of local operations supporting various other submarines and a Christmas holiday stand down period.

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