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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (BLUE)

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology and Narrative (1995)  
(3) Command highlights  
(4) Ship's Photograph  
(5) Welcome Aboard Booklet

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**USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730 BLUE)**

**COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION**

**MISSION:** To conduct submerged undetected patrols, maintaining the ship in the highest state of readiness in order to launch strategic missiles for the purpose of deterrence or attainment of national military objectives.

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:**

**Commanding  
Officer**

**Executive  
Officer**

<b>Executive Dept</b>	<b>Nav/Ops Dept</b>	<b>Weapons Dept</b>	<b>Engineering Dept</b>	<b>Supply Dept</b>
Chief of the Boat	Strategic Navigation	Strategic Weapons	Machinery	Stores
Yeoman	Navigation	Deck	Electrical	Food Service
Medical	Radio	Fire Control	Reactor Controls	
	Interior Communications	Torpedo	Chemistry and Radiological Controls	
	Sonar	Data Systems	Auxiliary	

**IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND:** COMSUBRON 17  
**COMMANDING OFFICER:** C. J. DONAHUE, CAPT, USN  
**HOMEPORT:** Bangor, Washington

**USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (BLUE)**  
**CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE (1995)**

01-14 JAN 95	Offcrew 35
15 JAN 95	Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieves Gold Crew
16 JAN 95	Refit 35
16 FEB 95	Patrol 35
20 MAR 95	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
21-24 MAR 95	Tactical Readiness Evaluation
25-27 MAR 95	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
20 APR 95	End of Patrol 35
22-23 APR 95	Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection
24 APR 95	Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieves Blue Crew
01 MAY 95	Refit Assist
29 MAY 95	Offcrew 37
30 JUL 95	Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieves Gold Crew
31 JUL 95	Refit 37
31 AUG 95	Patrol 37
07-11 OCT 95	Inport San Francisco, CA
16-18 OCT 95	Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam
07-08 NOV 95	Logistics Readiness Evaluation
11 NOV 95	Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieves Blue Crew
20 NOV 95	Refit Assist
11 DEC 95	Offcrew 39

LIST OF OPERATIONS  
USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730)  
1995

**JANUARY**

- The GOLD crew returned from an extremely successful four-missile Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test (FCET). The ship was commended by COMSUBRON-20 and COMSUBLANT for the efficient preparation and recovery from the FCET. The recovery was completed in half the normal time.

**FEBRUARY**

- The BLUE crew completed an intense Refit early despite two severe snow storms that shut down production. An intense nuclear plant alteration to the Pressurizer was completed on schedule during this refit.
- BLUE crew hosted visiting STRATCOM Officers as well as Brownsville Elementary school children on a tour of the ship and a VIP cruise.

**MARCH**

- While on patrol, the ship responded successfully and without error to four Weapons System Readiness Tests (WSRT), two Retargeting exercises, and one Command and Control exercise.
- The ship completed a successful Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) highlighted by an Above Average grade in the area of Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I).

**APRIL**

- The ship performed above the fleet average in TACAMO exercises during Patrol 35.
- The BLUE crew conducted a successful NTPI with grades of OUTSTANDING or EXCELLENT in six of eight areas.
- The BLUE crew completed Patrol 35 with 100% Navigation Subsystem readiness and quickly repaired a faulty umbilical connector identified during a WSRT to maximize the Strategic Weapons System readiness.

**MAY**

- GOLD crew successfully completed a challenging refit two days early to prevent degraded coverage of a strategic target package.

**JUNE**

- GOLD crew completed an extremely successful Tactical Weapons Proficiency with a Mission Execution grade of Above Average. The ship responded successfully and without error to two WSRT's, three Retargeting exercises and one Command and Control Exercise.

**JULY**

- The ship responded successfully and without error to one Retargeting exercise.
- The GOLD crew completed an extremely successful NTPI with grades of OUTSTANDING in all but two areas which were graded as EXCELLENT.
- GOLD crew completed an extremely successful Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination (ORSE) with an overall grade of Above Average.
- GOLD crew completed an extremely successful Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE) with an overall grade of Above Average.
- The ship had excellent results during their participation in Polo Hat 95-2.
- The ship performed above the fleet average during Tacamo exercises.

- The ship completed Patrol 36 with 100% Strategic Navigation Readiness and 100% Strategic Weapon System Readiness.

### **AUG**

- Completed a complex drydocking period on schedule and was ready to get underway early for patrol if required due to the "best planned and executed post-work testing phase" as commended by COMSUBRON 17.

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Conducted a successful VIP cruise for key congressional staff members. In addition, the ship was able to host many USSTRATCOM personnel enabling us to learn more of their mission as they also learned of ours.
- The ship participated in a Command and Control exercise with error-free results.

### **OCTOBER**

- The BLUE Crew participated in a very successful Fleet Week '95 in San Francisco. The ship gave tours to approximately 2100 people over a two day period. In addition, the local media were hosted on a day-long underway period which included submerged operations. Outstanding local TV and press coverage enhanced the image of the Navy, Submarine Force and the SSBN leg of the Triad.
- The ship earned an Above Average grade during an unscheduled ORSE.
- On patrol the ship successfully completed three Retargeting exercises, two WSRT's, and a Command and Control Exercise, exceeding the response criteria in all areas.
- The ship performed above the fleet average in TACAMO exercises during Patrol 37.
- During PoloHat 95-3, the ship was assigned as one of the transmitting ships, successfully transmitting four force report back messages to TACAMO aircraft. Reception results were likewise outstanding.

### **NOVEMBER**

- The ship completed Patrol 37 with 100% Navigation Subsystem readiness and 100% Strategic Weapons Subsystem readiness with the exception of a single missile with a faulty Flight Control Electronics package. This missile was promptly restored to service as soon as the failure was determined during a post-patrol test.
- Patrol 37 was completed with a Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE). The ship performed tremendously with OUTSTANDING or EXCELLENT grades in all areas.
- The GOLD crew earned an Outstanding grade on a Shipboard Explosives Safety Inspection.

### **DECEMBER**

- The ship commenced Patrol 38 on schedule following a successful refit period.
- The BLUE Crew was awarded the Green 'C' for top Communications performance and the Blue 'E' for Supply and Logistics excellence in the Squadron.

## PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

1. During 1995, the USS Henry M. Jackson completed 4 successful strategic deterrent patrols with 100 % coverage of its assigned strategic target packages with the exception of periods of unreadiness to single missiles during Patrols 35 and 37 that were promptly and properly identified, troubleshoot and repaired to minimize down time.
2. The ship started the year by completing an extremely successful 4-missile FCET mission on the Atlantic missile test range. The efficient preparation and recovery was noted by COMSUBRON 20 and COMSUBLANT.
3. During its strategic deterrent patrols, the ship responded without error in all and exceeding the response time criteria during most externally initiated Weapons System Readiness Tests (WSRT), retargeting exercises, and Command and Control exercises. In addition, performance during two Polo Hat communication exercises was outstanding. During POLO HAT 95-3, the ship had the distinction of being the first to clear 4 HF fleet report-back messages to a TACAMO aircraft. The BLUE crew was awarded the Green 'C' for the top Communications performance in the squadron.
4. The ship completed two Navy Technical Proficiency Inspections (NTPI) with commendable results.
5. The ships tactical abilities were demonstrated during two Tactical Proficiency Evaluations (TRE). Both crews performed well with solid grades in Strategic Mission execution.
6. Both crews earned Above Average grades on their Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination (ORSE). One of the exams was unscheduled.
7. Quality of Life concerns for the crew of JACKSON is unsurpassed. Both crews are near the top in reenlistment statistics and the BLUE crew had five enlisted men selected for commissioning programs. "Helping Hands" programs to assist the wives of the deployed crew has been extremely successful.
8. The ship's Supply department earned grades of Above Average and Excellent during their two Logistic Readiness Evaluations (LRE). Additionally, the BLUE Crew was awarded the Blue 'E' for the top logistics performance in the squadron.
9. The ship routinely finished its upkeep periods ahead of schedule permitting scheduling flexibility.
10. The ship participated in Fleet Week '95 in San Francisco boosting the Navy's image with the local community. The ship provided tours to over 2100 people in a two day period while in port. A day-long cruise for local dignitaries and media representatives was very well received by the local community.

11. Dedicated to community services, both crews have established strong ties with Brownsville Elementary school as part of its Personal Excellence through Cooperative Education (PECE) program. Sailors provided math tutoring, construction of gym equipment, field trip escort service, mentoring and many other services. In addition, crew members maintain the grounds near the Hood Canal bridge, increasing the beauty of the pristine Hood Canal where numerous community members view the Trident Submarines as they come and go from patrol.

12. The ship hosted numerous dignitaries including Senator Dorgan (D-ND), senior officers of foreign navies (including a Russian submarine commander), congressional staff members and many other VIPs during the year.

13. The ship has maintained close ties with the hometown of its namesake, Everett, Washington. During the past year, the BLUE crew marched in two festival parades and kept in close touch with Senator Jackson's widow, Helen.



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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

### USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (GOLD)

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#### Characteristics:

Length Overall: 560 ft  
Maximum Beam: 42 ft  
Navigational Draft: 36 ft  
Speed: >25 kts  
Keel laid: 19 Jan 1981  
Commissioned: 6 Oct 1984

Submerged Displacement: 18,700 tons  
Missile tubes: 24  
Torpedo tubes: 4  
Complement: 150 Enlisted, 16 Officers  
Homeport: Bangor, WA.



The USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) is the fifth powerful OHIO class TRIDENT submarine of the class. The ship is named after the late Henry M. Jackson, a proponent of the TRIDENT submarine program. The HENRY M. JACKSON was built at General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division in Groton, CT. Following new construction, the ship successfully completed sea trials and

Demonstration / Shakedown Operations (DASO) in Florida. The ship transited through the Panama Canal to its current homeport of Bangor, WA., arriving in June 1985.

TRIDENT submarines are undersea intercontinental ballistic missile launching platforms whose primary mission is strategic nuclear deterrence. The submarine is under the operational control of Commander Submarine Group Nine while in port and under the operational control of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and the United States Strategic Command while deployed at sea.



The ship has completed 38 strategic deterrent patrols to date and has participated in successful Operational Tests of the TRIDENT I missile system.

**Ship's Crest**

**USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (GOLD)**  
**CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE**

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14 JAN 95	Exchange of command, Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew
17 JAN 95	Gold Crew commenced refit assist period.
17 JAN 95	Off-Crew training period for Patrol 36.
23 APR 95	Completion of training period.
24 APR 95	Exchange of command, Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew
27 APR 95	Gold Crew commenced refit period.
22 MAY 95	Underway for Patrol 36
22 JUN 95 - 30 JUN 95	Operations in Hawaiian Operating areas which included: A Tactical Weapons Proficiency and a port visit in Pearl Harbor, HI.
21 JUL 95 - 28 JUL 95	Operations in Puget Sound Operating areas which included: A (NTPI) Nuclear Technical Proficiency Examination and a (ORSE) Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
28 JUL 95	Inport SUBASE Bangor, Wa. Patrol 36 complete.
30 JUL 95	Exchange of command, Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew
02 AUG 95	Gold Crew commenced refit assist period.
02 AUG 95	Off-Crew training period for Patrol 38.
11 NOV 95	Completion of training period.
12 NOV 95	Exchange of command, Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew
15 NOV 95	Gold Crew commenced refit period.
14 DEC 95	Underway for Patrol 38.