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(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents  
(5) CDR P.D. Ims JR. Biography and Photo

1. Enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted in accordance with  
reference (a).

  
P. D. IMS



**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	Auxiliary	
		Data Systems		

**IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND:** COMSUBRON 17  
**COMMANDING OFFICER:** P. D. IMS JR., CDR, USN  
**HOMEPORT:** Bangor, Washington

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**USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (BLUE)  
CHRONOLOGY (1998)**

01 JAN	Continued Patrol 45
9 FEB	Inport Bangor, WA
11 FEB	Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieves Blue Crew
09 MAR	Commenced Extended Refit Period (ERP)
08 JUN	Offcrew Training Period 45
22 JUL	Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieves Gold Crew
25 JUL	Ship departed on Patrol 46,
11 AUG	Inport Bangor, WA
14 - 17 AUG	Mini Demonstration And Shakedown Operation (DASO)
17 AUG	Inport Bangor, WA
18 - 22 AUG	Gold Crew Weapons department Mini-DASO
22 AUG	Inport Bangor, WA
14 SEPT	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
15 SEPT	Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP)
16 - 18 SEPT	Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
18 - 21 SEPT	Inport Pearl Harbor, HI
27 - 30 SEP	NAVSEA Acoustic Trials
30 SEPT - 02 OCT	Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI)
02 OCT	Inport Bangor, WA
04 OCT	Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieves Blue Crew
26 OCT	Offcrew Training Period 47
11 DEC	Change of Command, Captain D. D. Mericle relieved by Commander P. D. Ims, JR.

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**USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730 BLUE)**  
**NARRATIVE (1998)**

- \* February through June 1998, the Blue and Gold crews completed an intense Extended Refit Period (ERP) supporting 250,000 man-hours of Trident Refit Facility (TRF), Bangor maintenance. The ERP extended the operational life of the ship, updating various weapons, navigational, and engineering systems.
- \* During Patrol 46, the ship responded successfully and without errors to four Weapons Systems Readiness Tests, a SOLAR HAWK strategic weapons test, two Retargeting exercises, participated in a CNO project, and conducted a KiloEX with an attack submarine.
- \* The Blue crew completed a successful TRE in September 1998, highlighted by an AVERAGE grade which was the highest grade any Trident submarine has had following an ERP.
- \* At the end of Patrol 46, the Blue crew conducted a successful NTPI. The command received grades of EXCELLENT in three areas and OUTSTANDING in five other areas.
- \* The Blue Crew completed Patrol 46 with 100 percent Navigation Subsystem and Strategic Weapons readiness.
- \* As a result of the ERP over 11,000 excess parts with a value of over 6.2 million were offloaded and placed back into the Naval Stock System. The JACKSON was commended by Squadron 17 and Group 9 as being in the best material condition and having the highest crew readiness condition of any Trident submarine completing ERP.
- \* The Mini-Demonstration and Shakedown Operation conducted by the Blue crew involved the simulation of a Strategic Missile Launch. The Mini-DASO is principally used for the training of units, especially those that have come out of an extended maintenance period, and is not a graded evolution. After completing Mini-DASO the Gold crew's Strategic weapons department replaced the Blue crew and conducted their own Mini-DASO.
- In summary, the command received the following awards for 1998:
  1. Communications Green "C"
  2. COMSUBPAC Fleet Recreation Award
  3. Submarine Base Bangor's "Captain's Cup" Award for sporting excellence.



COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION  
USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730)

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Characteristics

Length Overall: 560 feet	Submerged Displacement: 18,700 tons
Maximum Beam: 42 feet	Missile tubes: 24
Navigational Draft: 36 feet	Torpedo tubes: 4
Speed: >25 kts	Complement: 146 enlisted 16 Officers
Keel laid: 19 Jan 81	Launched: 15 Oct 83
Commissioned: 6 Oct 84	Homeport: Bangor, WA

The USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) is the fifth powerful ship in the OHIO TRIDENT submarine class. The ship is named after the late United States Senator 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 Squadron 17 and Commander Submarine Group 9 while inport and under the control of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and the United States Strategic Command while deployed at sea.

The ship has completed 47 strategic deterrent patrols to date and has participated in successful operational tests of the TRIDENT I Missile System.



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

16 JUL 98 Commence Sea Trials  
22 JUL 98 Complete Sea Trials  
24 JUL 98 Exchange of Command, R&R period begins  
10 AUG 98 Commence Training Period  
25 SEP 98 Complete Training Period  
4 OCT 98 Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew  
5 OCT 98 Gold Crew commenced refit period  
29 OCT 98 Underway, commence Patrol 47  
11 JAN 99 Operations in Eastern Pacific Ocean which  
included: Tactical Weapons Proficiency and an  
Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)  
13 JAN 99 Inport SUBASE Bangor, WA, Patrol 47 complete,  
conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection  
(DNSI)/Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (ANTPI)  
17 JAN 99 Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew  
21 JAN 99 Gold Crew commenced refit assist  
9 MAR 99 Commence Training Period

Received the Submarine Squadron Tactical Operations "T" Award for  
superior performance of the tactical mission and the  
Communications "C" Award for excellence in submarine  
communications.