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From: Commanding Officer, USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (GOLD)  
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Subj: 2000 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) (GOLD)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology and Narrative  
(3) Ship's Photograph  
(4) Commanding Officer's Biography  
(5) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet  
(6) Diskette, containing enclosures (1), (2), and (4)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Aronson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT A. ARONSON

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: >25kts	Complement: 147 Enlisted 14 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 ship in the powerful 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 Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and the United States Strategic Command while deployed at sea.

The ship has completed 55 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

21 JUL 00 Completed Training Period

30 JUL 00 Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew

31 JUL 00 Commenced Refit Period

03 SEP 00 Underway, commenced Patrol 53

05 OCT 00 Inport, SUBASE San Diego, CA

06 OCT 00 Underway, continue Patrol 53

10 OCT 00 Operations in Eastern Pacific which included: Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP), Strategic Readiness Examination (SRE)

15 OCT 00 Inport, SUBASE San Diego, CA

18 OCT 00 Underway, continue Patrol 53

03 NOV 00 Inport, SUBASE Bangor, WA

14 NOV 00 Operation: Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI), Patrol 53 completed

17 NOV 00 Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew

20 NOV 00 Commenced Refit Assist

18 DEC 00 Commenced R & R Period

08 JAN 01 Commenced Training Period

27 FEB 01 Completed Training Period

09 MAR 01 Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew

10 MAR 01 Gold Crew commenced Refit Period

27 MAR 01 Received the Submarine Squadron 17 Deck 'D' Seamanship Award, the Medical 'M' Award, and the Supply 'E' Award

12 APR 01 Underway, commenced Patrol 55

26 APR 01            Operation in Eastern Pacific: Deep Submergence Recovery  
Vehicle Rendevous completed

01 MAY 01            Operation in Eastern Pacific: Torpedo Exercise completed

26 MAY 01            Operation in Eastern Pacific: Unscheduled Operational Reactor  
Safeguards Examination completed

28 JUN 01            Dabob Bay, V.I.P. Cruise. Inport, SUBASE Bangor, WA, Patrol  
55 completed

30 JUN 01            Exchange of Command, Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew

05 JUL 01            Gold Crew commenced Refit Assist