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(4) EASTPAC Photograph
(5) USS HONOLULU Pamphlet

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted for inclusion in the historical package of USS HONOLULU.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) is a Los Angeles Class Fast Attack Submarine attached to Submarine Squadron Seven, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Commanding Officer of the HONOLULU is CDR Jonathan W. Greenert, USN.

Enclosure (1)

CHRONOLOGY

January 01-02	- Holiday Stand-down
January 07-24	- Local Operations
January 28-29	- Supply Management Inspection
January 31-February 14	- Prospective Commanding Officer Operations
February 17-March 20	- Upkeep
March 13	- Admiral Demars (OP-00N) Visit
March 23-April 13	- Local Operations/TRE Workup
April 27-29	- Tactical Readiness Evaluation
May 06-18	- PACSUBASWEX 92-3; Tactical Development Exercise
May 18	- Local Honolulu Dignitaries Visit
May 19-June 19	- Upkeep at SUBASE, Pearl Harbor
June 16	- Korean National War College Visit
June 23-July 2	- Local Operations/RIMPAC'92 Workup
July 06	- Special Forces Tour
July 07-23	- RIMPAC 92
July 23-August 26	- EASTPAC/San Diego/Alameda/Bangor/Nanoose/Esquimalt, BC. visit
August 11-12	- EASTPAC/Nanoose Torpedo Test Range Exercise
September 11	- Hurricane Iniki
September 25-28	- Trim Dive/Shipyard Pre-arrival Inspections
September 30	- Depot Modernization Period
October 01-December 31	- A-6, A-3 Upkeeps
November 03	- CNO - Admiral Kelso Visit
November 23-24	- Command Inspection
December 23-31	- Holiday Stand-down

NARRATIVE

The year started with the ship completing a Christmas holiday stand-down and immediately proceeding into a vigorous series of local operations, being at sea every week during the month of January.

At the end of January, with two days notice, the ship successfully conducted PCO operations.

After the PCO Operations, the ship began a month long upkeep. While in upkeep, the crew also began its preparations for the upcoming Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE), training hard and working on the practical skills and knowledge aspects of the TRE.

At the conclusion of the upkeep, the ship then began a series of local operations.

On 27 April the ship began its TRE with COMSUBPAC, RADM McKinney onboard along with the TRE team, observing the operation of the ship and the tactical abilities of the crew. The TRE went extremely well with HONOLULU receiving grades of Above Average in all areas but one and earning an overall grade of Above Average.

The second week of May HONOLULU prepared for and participated in PACSUBASWEX 92-3. This nine-day submarine tactics exercise involved four submarines and was used to help in the development of active sonar tactics.

After the conclusion of the last exercise HONOLULU hosted many dignitaries from the Honolulu and Pearl Harbor communities taking them on a one-day cruise. The dignitaries included many local politicians and local business leaders. These dignitaries were given tours of the ship and observed demonstrations of various systems.

The ship spent the remainder of May and the first half of June in another month-long upkeep. During this time the crew won the coveted Commodore's Cup for crew performance and participation in team athletic events.

The ship then began preparing for RIMPAC 92 with inport training and a 10 day underway period. These exercises allowed the HONOLULU an opportunity to practice operating with and against international naval forces.

One notable event of the RIMPAC workup was the PHOTOEX on 30 June, involving the Battle Group which included HONOLULU. The enclosed official photograph of the exercise shows the ship's involved.

On 6 July, the HONOLULU was visited by many high ranking officers representing the special forces branches of the various armed services. The tour demonstrated submarines as a vehicle for special forces operation, consisting of a brief tour and a simulated Tomahawk missile launch.

The ship departed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on 07 July to participate in RIMPAC 92. This international naval exercise involved many vessels from the U.S. Pacific Fleet, Australia, Canada, Japan and South Korea.

The ship visited San Diego, CA; Alameda, CA; Bangor, WA; Nanaimo, BC, Canada; and Esquimalt, BC, Canada.

While visiting Nanaimo, the HONOLULU worked on the Nanaimo test range assisting in torpedo development.

The ship returned to Pearl Harbor on 26 August and began a pre-Depot Modernization Period (DMP) upkeep. Also, the ship made preparations for the Trim Dive and pre-arrival inspections.

The ship began the DMP on the 30 September.

The months of October, November and December were dedicated to pre-DMP upkeeps. These upkeeps were used as a time to clear the majority of the pre-arrival inspection discrepancies.

Calendar year 1992 was another great year for the HONOLULU. The crew was honored with several Submarine Squadron Seven awards. The HONOLULU won its third consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" award, third Engineering Readiness Red "E", first Supply Excellence Blue "E" Award and first Medical Yellow "M" Award.