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Encl: (1) Command and Composition  
(2) Chronological Order of Events  
(3) Narrative  
(4) Supporting Documents  
(5) 3.5" Disk in MSWord 97 Format

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted for inclusion in the historical package of USS HONOLULU (SSN 718).

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J. M. RICHARDSON

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## COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) is the 31st of the LOS ANGELES CLASS SSNs and the 97th FAST ATTACK nuclear submarine to be commissioned. FAST ATTACK submarines are deployed throughout the world performing various missions including intelligence gathering, anti-submarine warfare, over-the-horizon targeting and battle group operations. Commanded by Commander John M. Richardson, U. S. Navy of Petersburg, VA, USS HONOLULU is attached to Submarine Squadron THREE homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Commander of Submarine Squadron THREE is Captain J.L. Fowler, United States Navy.

Enclosure (1)

## CHRONOLOGY

Jan 4 Underway Pearl Harbor, HI for WESTPAC 99  
Announced as 1998 Deck Seamanship White "D"  
winners for CSS-3.

Jan 13 - 22 Inport Yokosuka, Japan

Jan 15 RADM Krol, Commander Submarine Group 7 Visit

Jan 15 VIP Tour: RADM(ret) Masanori Ogino, JSDMF and  
family, CAPT(ret) Kouta, JMSDF (ret  
submariner), and Mr. Soji and Mrs. Satomi  
Twana

Jan 20 VADM Doran, Commander Seventh Fleet Visit

Feb 17 Personnel Transfer Chinhae, South Korea

Mar 23 Personnel Transfer Chinhae, South Korea

Mar 27 Personnel Transfer Guam, USA

Mar 27 - Apr 4 Exercise Tandem Thrust

Apr 4 - 18 Inport Guam, USA

Apr 6 VIP Tour: RADM Greenert, USN and Commodore  
McMillian, Canadian Navy

Apr 20 - 24 Inport Okinawa, Japan

May 15 - 17 Inport Sasebo, Japan

May 24 - 30 Inport Phattaya Beach, Thailand

June 7 - 21 Inport Yokosuka, Japan

June 10 USS HONOLULU Change of Command

June 11 VIP Cruise: Japanese Rotary Club

June 30 - July 1 Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination  
(ORSE)

July 1 Return to Port from WESTPAC 99

July 19 COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON THREE Change of  
Command

July 21 VIP Tour: LCOL Cheong, LCOL Lee, CAPT Liow of  
the Singapore Royal Navy

July 23 VIP Tour: Republic of Korea Ambassador Sung,  
National Defense Assembly Committee Chairman  
Mr. Han, Assembly Members Mr. Hur, Mr. Lee,  
and Mr. Bin, and Military Representative CDR  
Choi

August 2 - 19 Underway Pearl Harbor, HI for Weapons Offload  
and Local Operations (CNO Project/TORPEX)

August 12 VIP Cruise: Congressional Staff Members led  
by Mr. Mark Keenum.

September 1 -

October 27 Nuclear Regeneration Exercise 2-99

October 8 VIP Tour: Director of Naval Reactors ADM  
Bowman

October 12 Underway Pearl Harbor, HI for EASTPAC 99

October 18 - 22 Inport Bangor, Washington

October 26 Exercise TLAM Missile Launch

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October 27 - 29      Inport San Diego, California  
October 30 -  
November 7          FLEETEX as OPFOR for USS JOHN C. STENNIS  
                         Battlegroup  
November 8 - 12     Inport San Diego, California  
November 13 - 17    JTFEX as OPFOR for USS JOHN C. STENNIS  
                         Battlegroup  
November 23         Return to Port from EASTPAC 99

## NARRATIVE

USS HONOLULU began the new year making preparations for its upcoming Western Pacific deployment. The officers and crew spent numerous hours ensuring that the ship was ready to meet all operational requirements from the time it set sail on 4 January 1999.

The ship's first port visit was Yokosuka, Japan. While in Japan, USS HONOLULU had the pleasure of hosting RADM Krol, VADM Doran, RAMD(ret) Masanori Ogino, JMSDF, and some of the officers and crew of the JDS YUKISHIO. JDS YUKISHIO sponsored USS HONOLULU during her stay in Yokosuka scheduling trips to the local sights, and organizing a ship's picnic followed by a friendly game of softball. Honolulu's crew was afforded an excellent opportunity to visit places such as Tokyo, Mount Fuji, and the ski resort at Nagano where the 1996 Winter Olympics were hosted.

USS HONOLULU next participated in the multi-national exercise Tandem Thrust. Hosted off the coast of Guam, USS HONOLULU demonstrated the importance of submarines as a force multiplier by executing multiple simulated attacks on the USS KITTY HAWK and various American, Australian, and Canadian frigates and destroyers. After completing her operations in Tandem Thrust, USS HONOLULU returned to Guam for a much needed upkeep. While in Guam, USS HONOLULU hosted both RADM Greenert, Commander of US Naval Forces Marianas and Commodore McMillian, Commander of Canadian Pacific Fleet. Commodore McMillian served as Honolulu's warfare commander during Tandem Thrust while RADM Greenert is a former USS HONOLULU skipper. Both congratulated the ship on her very successful participation in exercise Tandem Thrust.

With almost five months completed in her deployment, USS HONOLULU anchored in Pattaya Beach, Thailand for a liberty port visit. After many long months at sea, the crew and officers were ready to relax and enjoy the various sights offered in Thailand. Some members of the crew elected to spend their time in Bangkok where they visited the Royal Palace while others stayed in Pattaya and enjoyed a calm day by the pool or taking in the sights. Some members of the crew elected to spend time volunteering for a community project at one of the local Pattaya orphanages.

USS HONOLULU returned to Yokosuka, Japan in June for an upkeep period and change of command. CDR John M. Richardson relieved CAPT (sel) Cecil D. Haney as commanding officer. In attendance were RADM Krol, Commander Submarine Group 7, CAPT Dohse, Commander Submarine Squadron Three, and various dignitaries and guests from the Yokosuka area.

Upon leaving Youkosuka to transit back to Pearl Harbor,

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USS HONOLULU began a challenging one week period of engineering drills in preparation for her upcoming Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE). During this period, the ship simulated combating major propulsion plant casualties. After completing ORSE, USS HONOLULU was greeted by families and friends as she moored in Pearl Harbor, HI, ending her sixth Western Pacific Deployment.

After a well deserved standown period, USS HONOLULU returned to sea to conduct a CNO Project. After completing the CNO Project, USS HONOLULU was given the opportunity to fine tune her tactical skills by shooting four exercise torpedoes. In true HONOLULU fashion, the ship expertly completed her tasking and returned to port to pick up Congressional Staff Members for a VIP cruise. With the VIP's onboard, USS HONOLULU simulated a scenario encompassing various missions typical of today's modern submarine fleet tasking, providing the staff members with a better understanding of the submarine's capabilities and personal sacrifices made by crews to accomplish submarine missions.

During the month of October, USS HONOLULU had the pleasure of hosting ADM Bowman, Director of Naval Reactors. ADM Bowman dined with the wardroom and spoke on the issues of submarine manning, retention, and technological advances in nuclear power.

The month of November proved to be a challenging time for USS HONOLULU as she completed a Nuclear Weapons Regeneration culminating in the launching of an exercise Tomahawk cruise missile. Preparations for the launch began in early September as the ship prepared to deploy on EASTPAC. During EASTPAC, USS HONOLULU also had an opportunity to exercise her tactical skills during a FLEETEX and JTFEX with the USS JOHN C. STENNIS Battlegroup. EASTPAC also provided the ship with a chance to visit ports such as Bangor, WA and San Diego, CA. Upon return to Pearl Harbor, USS HONOLULU crew members enjoyed some time off celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mine deployment is one of the many missions assigned to submarines. In order to handle mines, each submarine must undergo a Mine Certification. December found USS HONOLULU preparing for her upcoming Mine Certification in January.