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Encl: (1) Command History for 1987
(2) 8 X 10 Official Ship's Photograph
(3) USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) Welcome Aboard
Pamphlet

1. This letter forwards the 1987 command history for USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709), enclosures (1) through (3), in accordance with references (a) and (b).



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**USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1987**

The ship proceeded to sea on 5 January to support operations with USS ATLANTA (SSN 712) and USS JACKSONVILLE (SSN 699). The ship then completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an overall evaluation of Excellent. On 25 January the ship commenced a 2-month Selected Restricted Availability and repair period that included drydocking in RESOLUTE (AFDM 10) and major modifications to the ship's diesel exhaust valves and main engines. During this period, the ship satisfactorily completed a short notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.

On 4 May the ship sailed again to provide services to USS JOHN L. HALL (FFG 32), USS WAINWRIGHT (CG 28), and COMPATWING ELEVEN and to act as an aggressor submarine against the USS SARATOGA (CV 60) during FLEETEX 2-87. After a short period in port, the ship again put to sea to provide ADCAP target services with USS BOSTON (SSN 703) and to conduct TOMAHAWK operational test launch 33 in the Puerto Rican operating areas. The ship returned to Norfolk, VA on 6 June to reload test missiles and then twice proceeded to the Gulf of Mexico where the test range at Eglin AFB, and Port Everglades, FL, and participated in operations against the USS IOWA (BB-61) during FLEETEX 3-87 prior to proceeding to AUTEC, Andros Island, BI, for Midshipman Training Operations, torpedo proficiency certification and further ADCAP target services.

The ship returned to Norfolk, VA, on 2 August and conducted a dependents cruise for 78 family members and friends of the crew including the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Hyman G. Rickover. The month of August was spent in upkeep alongside USS HUNLEY (AS 31) preparing for the ship's third deployment. The ship sailed to New London, CT, on 8 September for refresher training, preoverseas certification, and a 3-day rapid deployment exercise. On 14 October, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) departed Norfolk, VA for a 2-month deployment. The ship completed operations and visited Holy Loch, Scotland, before returning home to Norfolk, VA on 21 December 1987.

For USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER's performance during 1987, the ship received the Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, and Submarine Squadron EIGHT's Battle Efficiency "E", and was Submarine Squadron EIGHT's Best Mess/NEY Award nominee for the third consecutive year.