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Encl: (1) Annual Command History for 1988

1. As requested by reference (a), a copy of USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) 1988 Command History is forwarded in enclosure (1).


BRUCE S. LEMKIN

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 799) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1988

On 23 January, Commander Bruce S. LEMKIN relieved Commander Jay M. COHEN as Commanding Officer. The ship continued upkeep until 8 February then proceeded to sea for a short period of support operations to COMPATWING ELEVEN. The ship returned to Norfolk, VA for a one month upkeep and satisfactory completion of a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.

The ship sailed again on 15 March to provide ADCAP target services to USS NORFOLK in the Gulf of Maine. The ship returned to homewaters on 25 March to conduct two weeks of independent steaming off the coast of Virginia prior to successfully completing an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination with an evaluation of ABOVE AVERAGE. The ship continued operational steaming and participated in exercises against the USS FORRESTAL and her battlegroup during exercises FLEETEX 1-88 and Ocean Venture. During this period the ship operated extensively throughout the Caribbean and enjoyed a short port visit to St. Croix, USVI.

The ship returned to Norfolk, VA on 29 April for a one month upkeep alongside USS HUNLEY (AS 31). The ship continued support operations through the month of May, June, and July which included services to USS BATON ROUGE (SSN 689); Midshipmen Training Operations from AUTEK at Andros Island, BI and Charleston, SC; and torpedo target support services for USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN 663), USS RAY (SSN 653), USS GALLERY (FFG 26), COMPATWINGS ELEVEN and FIVE, and COMHELODET SEVEN-FIVE and SEVENTEEN. The ship conducted a four day port visit to Port Everglades, FL in June. The ship returned to Norfolk, VA on 18 July and conducted a Dependents Cruise.

After a short upkeep, the ship successfully conducted a Tactical Readiness Evaluation while en route and at AUTEK, Andros Island, BI. The ship completed Acoustic Sound Trials in Exuma Sound, BI prior to returning to homeport on 4 September.

The months of September and October were spent in upkeep alongside USS HUNLEY (AS 31) preparing for the ship's fourth deployment. The ship satisfactorily completed an Underway Material Inspection on 6 October. The ship sailed to New London, CT on 10 November for refresher training and POM certification. The ship departed Norfolk, VA on 30 December for a five month Mediterranean Sea deployment.

The ship was the subject of the filming of a documentary for PBS entitled "Steel Boats, Iron Men."

For USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER's performance during 1988, the ship received the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Supply Blue "E" and was the COMSUBLANT nominee for the Battenburg Cup for FY88.

PORT VISITS DURING 1988 ARE LISTED BELOW:

St. Croix, USVI	22-23 April, 1988
Port Everglades, FL	21-24 June, 1988
New London, CT	13-17 November, 1988

COMMAND ORGANIZATION:

CDR B. S. LEMKIN	Commanding Officer
LCDR D. M. BAKER, JR.	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Navigator
LCDR [REDACTED]	Weapons Officer
ENS [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
MMCM(SS) H. E. HONAKER	Chief of the Boat