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**Subj:** ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1991

**Ref:** (a) COMSUBLANTINST 5400.4L  
(b) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

**Encl:** (1) Command History for 1991  
(2) Change of Command brochure  
(3) CDR J. J. DONNELLY biography and photograph

1. The 1991 Command History and supplemental information for USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709), enclosures (1) through (3), are submitted in accordance with references (a), and (b).

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**ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1991**

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Mission: USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine of the LOS ANGELES (SSN 688) Class. Her principal mission is to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships.

b. Immediate Senior Command - Commander Submarine Squadron Eight

c. Homeport - Norfolk, VA

d. Command Organization:

CDR J. J. DONNELLY	Commanding Officer
LCDR J. L. FOWLER	Executive Officer
LCDR [REDACTED]	Engineer Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Weapons Officer
LT [REDACTED]	Navigator/Operations Officer
CWO4 [REDACTED]	Supply Officer
MMCS(SS) D. L. HAMM	Chief of the Boat

2. Chronology.

a. Significant Events:

25-28 January	Drydock (Towed Array Maintenance)
6 February-10 May	North Atlantic Deployment
25 April	CINCLANT Tour
3 June	British House of Commons Defense Committee Tour
17-20 August	Tiger Cruise
31 October	Finland Minister of Defense Tour
2 November	SSN 709 Change of Command

b. Port Visits:

10-12 April	Rosyth, Scotland
15-19 April	Rotterdam, Netherlands
23-26 April	Lisbon, Portugal

Enclosure (1)

18-21 June	Port Everglades, Florida
09-12 August	Port Canaveral, Florida
16-18 August	Port Canaveral, Florida

### 3. Narrative.

RICKOVER completed a Pre Overseas Movement Upkeep in Norfolk on 7 January in preparation for the ship's sixth deployment. A pre deployment sonar calibration in mid-January revealed that repairs to the towed array flushing pump cable were needed, requiring the ship to go into drydock for four days at the end of January.

RICKOVER performed a Pre-Overseas Movement workup and certification in the Virginia Capes Operating Areas prior to deploying on 6 February. The extended North Atlantic deployment, which involved operations vital to the security of the United States, proved to be very successful. RICKOVER arrived in Rosyth, Scotland on 28 April for a two day stay, followed by a transit and port visit in Rotterdam, Netherlands. A transit of the English Channel preceded the last port visit to Lisbon, Portugal before the trans-Atlantic transit to Norfolk starting on 26 April and a return to homeport on 10 May.

RICKOVER subsequently conducted a 2 week standdown followed by a demanding 2 week maintenance period, the first upkeep of the year for the ship. The ship provided sea trial support services for the PCU Asheville, and target support services for USS Atlanta, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, and Baton Rouge before a port visit to Port Canaveral, Florida. The ship returned to Norfolk for the Fourth of July, then conducted Midshipman training in Charleston, South Carolina from 19-29 July. A weekend in Norfolk was followed by services to USS Kitty Hawk, services at AUTECH, and additional Midshipman training in Port Canaveral, Florida. Following a short stay in Port Canaveral, the ship conducted a Tiger Cruise enroute to Norfolk 17-20 August.

RICKOVER commenced a pre Depot Modernization Period (DMP) maintenance availability on 20 August which included at sea testing 26-28 August and ended on 2 October. During the upkeep, many new upgrades to the engineering spaces and the fire control system were conducted. The ship conducted services at the AFWTF Range, St. Croix, USVI, followed by services in the Guantanamo Operating Areas the week of 7 October. A two week inport period allowed arrangements to be completed for the upcoming change of command which occurred on 2 November. Two weeks of underway operations at the beginning of November enabled the new Commanding Officer to observe the ship's operations against a P-3 squadron, surface units and other submarines.

RICKOVER returned to Norfolk on 15 November to commence a five week Pre-DMP maintenance availability before enjoying a two week Christmas holiday stand down with friends and family.

For USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER's performance during FY 1991, the ship was awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHT ASW "A". Additionally, the crew was awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Arctic Service Ribbon, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon for their 1991 deployment.

4. Supporting Documents.

a. Enclosure (2) is a copy of the ship's Change of Command brochure. Enclosure (3) is a copy of CDR Donnelly's biography and photograph.