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Subj: 1997 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) 1997 Command History
(2) Commanding Officer Biography
(3) Commanding Officer Photograph
(4) Ship's "Welcome Aboard" Pamphlet
(5) Ship's Photograph
(6) 3.5" disk with Command History (MS Word 6.0 Format)

1. Per reference (a), the 1997 Command History for USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) is submitted.

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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1997

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. The ship's principal mission is to operate against enemy submarines and surface ships.

b. Immediate Senior in Command: COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON EIGHT

c. Homeport: NORFOLK, VA

d. Command Organization:

J. A. WALSH	CDR	COMMANDING OFFICER (D)	
R. E. SCHUETZ	CDR	COMMANDING OFFICER (R)	
S. P. DAVITO	LCDR	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
[REDACTED]	LCDR	ENGINEERING OFFICER	
[REDACTED]	LT	NAVIGATOR/OPERATIONS OFFICER (D)	
[REDACTED]	LT	NAVIGATOR/OPERATIONS OFFICER (R)	
[REDACTED]	LCDR	COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER (D)	
[REDACTED]	LT	COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER (R)	
[REDACTED]	LT	SUPPLY OFFICER	(D)
[REDACTED]	LT	SUPPLY OFFICER	(R)
J. F. JACKSON III	MMCS	CHIEF OF THE BOAT	

2. Chronology.

a. Significant Events:

01 JAN - 03 JAN	INPORT NORFOLK
04 JAN - 10 JAN	LOCAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES
11 JAN - 17 FEB	INPORT NORFOLK (UPKEEP)
18 FEB - 28 FEB	LOCAL OPERATIONS AND ORSE
01 MAR - 03 MAR	INPORT NORFOLK
04 MAR - 16 MAR	AUTEC FOR TRE SUPPORT
17 MAR - 21 MAR	LOCAL OPERATIONS WITH COMSUBLANT EMBARKED
22 MAR - 30 MAR	INPORT NORFOLK
31 MAR - 04 APR	LOCAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES
05 APR - 11 MAY	INPORT NORFOLK FOR UPKEEP
12 MAY - 17 MAY	TRANSIT TO HALIFAX
18 MAY - 21 MAY	INPORT HALIFAX FOR PORT VISIT
22 MAY - 23 MAY	TRANSIT TO GROTON CONNECTICUT
24 MAY - 09 JUN	INPORT GROTON CONNECTICUT
10 JUN - 13 JUN	LOCAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES
14 JUN - 16 JUN	INPORT NORFOLK
17 JUN - 28 JUN	LOCAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES
28 JUN - 04 AUG	INPORT NORFOLK (POM UPKEEP)
05 AUG - 08 AUG	POST UPKEEP SEA TRIALS
09 AUG - 14 AUG	INPORT NORFOLK
15 AUG - 19 AUG	LOCAL OPERATIONS (POPS I)

20 AUG - 24 AUG	INPORT NORFOLK
25 AUG - 27 AUG	LOCAL OPERATIONS (POPS IA)
28 AUG - 07 SEP	INPORT NORFOLK
08 SEP - 12 SEP	LOCAL OPERATIONS (POPS II)
13 SEP - 11 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK (DRY DOCK, AFDM 10 23 SEP - 01 OCT)
12 OCT - 21 OCT	LOCAL OPERATIONS (POPS IIA)
22 OCT - 29 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK (LOADOUT/UPKEEP)
30 OCT - 07 NOV	LOCAL OPERATIONS (POPS III/POM WORKUP)
08 NOV - 17 NOV	INPORT NORFOLK (UPKEEP/FINAL LOADOUT)
18 NOV - 21 NOV	LOCAL OPERATIONS (POMCERT)
22 NOV - 01 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK
02 DEC - 03 DEC	LOCAL OPERATIONS
04 DEC - 06 DEC	INPORT NORFOLK (VOYAGE REPAIRS)
07 DEC - 31 DEC	NORTHERN ATLANTIC DEPLOYMENT

b. Port Visit:

17 MAY - 21 MAY	PORT VISIT, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA
23 MAY - 09 JUN	PORT VISIT, GROTON, CONNECTICUT

3. Narrative.

The ship began the year supporting workup and certifications for other submarines of the Atlantic fleet. Upon return from the Caribbean, the ship returned to the local operating areas to support more POM workups, this time with COMSUBLANT embarked.

The ship spent April and the first part of May in Norfolk for Pre-Overseas Movement Upkeep and special equipment loadout. Upon completion of the upkeep, the ship departed Norfolk for a port visit in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Upon completion of a week in

Halifax, the ship went to Groton, Connecticut for two weeks of Pre-Overseas Movement Training at Submarine School.

RICKOVER returned to Norfolk following the Halifax and Groton port visits to complete the final installations of special equipment and to conduct an upkeep period in preparation for the upcoming deployment. The upkeep and maintenance period lasted through July and into August. RICKOVER then spent the next three months conducting certification and testing of the special equipment in the local operations areas. The crew was trained and ready for the deployment late in the month of November.

Average crew compliment consists of approximately 15 officers and 125 enlisted.

On 6 December, the ship departed for a four month Northern Atlantic deployment.

For the ship's sustained superior performance, RICKOVER was awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency "E" Award for 1997, Submarine Squadron EIGHT Engineering "E" for 1997, and the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Supply "E" for 1997. The ship also received an honorable mention for the CINCLANTFLT Captain Edward F. Ney Award for Food Service Excellence.