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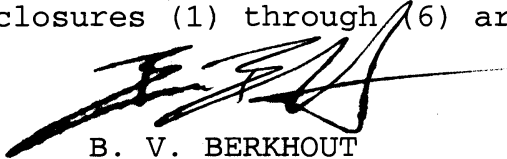
From: Commanding Officer, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)
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(Attn) Ship's History

Subj: ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

Encl: (1) Command History for 2003
(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), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.



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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003

1. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Command: USS HYMAN G RICKOVER (SSN 709) UIC: 20885

b. 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, to conduct cruise missile strikes against land targets and other operations that rely on the inherent stealth of the submarine.

c. Organizational structure - Immediate Senior in Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT

d. Name of commander: K. L. Gray, CDR, USN

e. Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, VA

2. Chronology.

Significant Events:

01 JAN - 09 JAN	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2.
09 JAN - 13 JAN	Underway conducting sea trials in the Northern Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
13 JAN - 26 JAN	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2.
26 JAN - 28 JAN	Underway conducting sea trials in the Southern Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
28 JAN - 28 JAN	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2.
28 JAN - 30 JAN	Underway conducting transit to Port Canaveral, Florida for personnel transfer.
30 JAN - 30 JAN	Conducted personnel transfer Port Canaveral, Florida.
30 JAN - 03 FEB	Conducted transit to AUTECH Weapons Range.

03 FEB - 03 FEB	Conducted personnel transfer AUTECH Weapons Range, Site ONE.
03 FEB - 06 FEB	Conducted Acoustic Trials on the AUTECH Weapons Range.
06 FEB - 06 FEB	Conducted personnel transfer AUTECH Weapons Range, Site ONE.
06 FEB - 08 FEB	Conducted transit to the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
08 FEB - 13 FEB	Conducted individual exercises within the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
13 FEB - 04 MAR	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2.
04 MAR - 07 MAR	Conducted individual exercises within the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
07 MAR - 07 MAR	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2.
07 MAR - 12 MAR	Conducted individual exercises within the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
12 MAR - 14 MAR	Conducted transit to Port Canaveral, Florida.
14 MAR - 14 MAR	Inport Port Canaveral, Florida, Trident Basin Pier North.
14 MAR - 17 MAR	Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation, Cape Canaveral Operating Areas and open ocean SOPAREAS to AUTECH Weapons Range.
17 MAR - 17 MAR	Conducted personnel transfer, AUTECH Weapons Range, Site ONE.
17 MAR - 21 MAR	Conducted transit to the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
21 MAR - 28 APR	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 5 for Pre-Overseas Movement Upkeep.

28 APR - 05 MAY	Conducted Battle Readiness Review with USS HAMPTON in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas and the Cherry Point Operating Areas.
05 MAY - 05 MAY	Conducted personnel transfer at Gulf 3 Anchorage, Norfolk, Virginia.
05 MAY - 10 MAY	Conducted individual exercises in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
10 MAY - 12 MAY	Conducted transit to Port Canaveral, Florida.
12 MAY - 13 MAY	Inport Port Canaveral, Florida, Trident Basin Pier North.
13 MAY - 14 MAY	Conducted personnel transfer Port Canaveral, Florida to embark the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team.
14 MAY - 16 MAY	Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation in the Cape Canaveral Operating Areas and open ocean SOPAREAS.
16 MAY - 17 MAY	Inport Port Canaveral, Florida, Poseidon Pier.
17 MAY - 20 MAY	Conducted open ocean transit to New London, Connecticut.
20 MAY - 05 JUN	Inport New London Naval Base, Groton, Connecticut, Pier 32N for pre-deployment training
05 JUN - 07 JUN	Conducted transit to Norfolk, Virginia via the Narragansett Bay Operating Areas, and the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
07 JUN - 09 JUN	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 3B.
09 JUN - 18 JUN	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination workup in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.

18 JUN - 18 JUN	Conducted personnel transfer at Gulf 3 Anchorage to embark the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination Team.
18 JUN - 21 JUN	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
21 JUN - 28 JUL	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 4 for Pre-Overseas Movement Upkeep.
28 JUL - 07 AUG	Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Workup, POPS One, in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
07 AUG - 15 AUG	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2B, outboard USS NEWPORT NEWS.
15 AUG - 18 AUG	Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Workup, POPS Two, in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
18 AUG - 18 AUG	Conducted personnel transfer at Gulf 3 Anchorage, Norfolk, Virginia.
18 AUG - 27 AUG	Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Workup, POPS Two, in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
27 AUG - 08 SEP	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 6.
08 SEP - 12 SEP	Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Workup, POPS Three, in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
12 SEP - 12 SEP	Conducted personnel transfer at Gulf 3 Anchorage, Norfolk, Virginia.
12 SEP - 14 SEP	Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Workup, POPS Three, in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
14 SEP - 16 SEP	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 2.

16 SEP - 22 SEP	Conducted sortie for Hurricane Isabel, individual exercises in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
22 SEP - 22 SEP	Conducted personnel transfer at Gulf 3 Anchorage, Norfolk, Virginia to embark the Pre-Overseas Movement Certification Team.
22 SEP - 26 SEP	Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Certification in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
26 SEP - 30 SEP	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 4.
30 SEP - 03 OCT	Conducted Operational Readiness Evaluation in the Virginia Cape Operating Areas.
03 OCT - 10 OCT	Inport Norfolk, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, Pier 3, Berth 4.
10 OCT - 18 NOV	Commenced North Atlantic Deployment.
18 NOV - 21 NOV	Inport Olavsvern Naval Base, Tromso, Norway, at Oil Quay Jetty.
21 NOV - 25 NOV	Conducted COMSUBRON 22 Engineering Readiness Review enroute to Rona, Scotland.
25 NOV - 25 NOV	Conducted personnel transfer, Rona, Scotland.
25 NOV - 02 DEC	Conducted transit from Rona, Scotland to Portsmouth, England.
02 DEC - 17 DEC	Inport Portsmouth, England at Middle Slip Jetty North for mid-deployment upkeep.
17 DEC - 31 DEC	Continued North Atlantic Deployment.

b. Port Visits:

14 MAR - 14 MAR	Port Canaveral, Florida
12 MAY - 14 MAY	Port Canaveral, Florida
20 MAY - 05 JUN	Groton, Connecticut
18 NOV - 21 NOV	Tromso, Norway
02 DEC - 17 DEC	Portsmouth, England

c. Unit Awards:

Awarded the Navy Unit Citation for the period OCT 01-APR 02.
Awarded the Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT Battle Efficiency
"E" for 2002.

3. Narrative.

USS HYMAN G RICKOVER began the year by conducting Sea Trials during the month of January following an Interim Drydocking at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. During the months of February through June, USS HYMAN G RICKOVER conducted various individual exercises and supported various multi submarine exercises. In June, USS HYMAN G RICKOVER commenced pre-overseas movement workup, and conducted various exercises in preparation for the upcoming deployment through the months of July, August and September. USS HYMAN G RICKOVER deployed in October and conducted port visits in Tromso, Norway and Portsmouth, England, ending the year on a North Atlantic Deployment.