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JEFFERSON CITY (SSN-759) PRECOMMISSIONING UNIT
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From: Commanding Officer, JEFFERSON CITY (SSN759) Precommissioning Unit
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12E

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography
(2) JEFFERSON CITY Christening Ceremony Brochure
(3) JEFFERSON CITY Christening Poster

1. JEFFERSON CITY's command history for the period 16 January 1990 to 28 February 1991 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. JEFFERSON CITY (SSN759) Precommissioning Unit was established on 16 January 1990. Its mission is to support the construction and testing of an improved 688 Class fast attack submarine and prepare to take JEFFERSON CITY to sea. When the ship is commissioned, the Precommissioning Unit will become the initial crew.

b. JEFFERSON CITY is under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, VA. The Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, USN is responsible for overseeing and administering Navy contracts for the ship. JEFFERSON CITY is administratively assigned to Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT, Norfolk, VA; Commander Submarine Group SIX, Charleston, SC; and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. CDR Russell E. Harris is the Commanding Officer of the Precommissioning Unit and the Prospective Commanding Officer of USS JEFFERSON CITY (SSN759). Enclosure (1) provides his biography.

3. Chronology.

16 JAN 90 PRECOMUNIT JEFFERSON CITY established at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. LCDR R. S. BENNETT, USN, Executive Officer, 3 officers and 20 enlisted men reported for duty.

22 JAN 90 CDR R. E. HARRIS assumed command of Precommissioning Unit JEFFERSON CITY.

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- 24 MAR 90 Mrs. Susan Skelton christened JEFFERSON CITY at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, VA. Mrs. Skelton is JEFFERSON CITY's sponsor and wife of United States Congressman Ike Skelton. Matron of Honor was Elena C. Skelton and Maid of Honor was Carolyn R. Skelton. Guests of Honor included Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee, United States Navy (RET), as principal speaker; the Honorable Ike Skelton, United States Congressman from Missouri; the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, United States Congressman from Virginia; the Honorable Louise Gardner, Mayor of Jefferson City, MO; and VADM Daniel L. Cooper, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Undersea Warfare. Enclosure (2) provides details on the Christening Event.
- 14 MAY 90 First watches stationed aboard JEFFERSON CITY.
- 16 AUG 90 JEFFERSON CITY moved from outboard ways of the Submarine Modular Outfitting Facility to the drydock 'ED CAMPBELL' in preparation for launch.
- 17 AUG 90 JEFFERSON CITY launched.
- 18 AUG 90 Power unit loaded.
- 9 JAN 90 Dock trials complete.

4. Narrative. Since its establishment, PRECOMUNIT JEFFERSON CITY has grown to 12 officers and 116 enlisted personnel. Major objectives of the command during this reporting period were:

- a. Conduct of Propulsion Plant Test and Acceptance Program.
- b. Watchstander qualification to support operation of shipboard equipment.
- c. Continuing training and qualification of the assigned personnel in preparation for sea trials and shakedown operations of the ship.



R. E. HARRIS