

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1993

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. Commissioned 13 July 1991, KENTUCKY's mission consisted of four Strategic Deterrent Patrols.

b. Organizational Structure. KENTUCKY was under the cognizance of Submarine Group TEN, commanded by RADM W.G. Ellis. The Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew was CAPT W.W. Schmidt, USN. The BLUE crew was commanded by CAPT R.D. Rish, USN.

c. Duty Station. KENTUCKY was homeported at Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA.

Chronology of Events

a. 22 December 1992 - Exchange of Command takes place, the GOLD crew, under the command of CAPT W.W. Schmidt, mans the ship. The BLUE crew begins its off-crew training period.

b. 28 January 1993 - KENTUCKY GOLD departs Kings Bay for Patrol 3.

c. 30 March 1993 - KENTUCKY GOLD completes Patrol 3, and conducts a Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE).

d. 4 April 1993 - Exchange of command takes place, the BLUE crew, under the command of CAPT R.D. Rish, mans the ship. The GOLD crew begins its off-crew training period.

e. 11 May 1993 - KENTUCKY BLUE departs Kings Bay for Patrol 4.

f. 19 May 1993 - KENTUCKY BLUE is the first Trident submarine to make a port call to the island of Barbados. The crew enjoyed a 4 day liberty port.

g. 12 July 1993 - KENTUCKY BLUE completes Patrol 4, conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and a surprise Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE), passing both inspections.

h. 15 July 1993 - Exchange of command takes place, the GOLD crew, under the command of W.W. Schmidt, mans the ship. The BLUE crew begins its off-crew training period.

i. 21 July 1993 - KENTUCKY host CAPSTONE tour for 25 Flag selectees.

j. 23 August 1993 - KENTUCKY GOLD departs Kings Bay for Patrol 5.

k. 24 September 1993 - KENTUCKY GOLD makes a port call to the island of Antigua. The crew enjoys a 5 day liberty port.

l. 11 October 1993 - KENTUCKY GOLD completes Patrol 5, and conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

m. 19 October 1993 - The GOLD crew satisfactorily completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

n. 24 October 1993 - Exchange of command takes place, The BLUE crew, under the command of CAPT R.D. Rish, mans the ship. The GOLD crew begins its off-crew training period.

o. 3 November 1993 - KENTUCKY BLUE welcomes Commodore Paul Trewby, Commander Submarine Base Faslane, Scotland for a VIP tour.

p. 7 November 1993 - The BLUE crew satisfactorily completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

q. 9 November 1993 - KENTUCKY welcomes 50 members of the Nuclear Weapons Safety Council onboard during a three day visit to the Submarine Base Kings Bay.

r. 27 November 1993 - KENTUCKY BLUE departs Kings Bay for Patrol 6.

Narrative

a. USS KENTUCKY's four Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 1993 were highly successful. During this period, the ship completed two Navy Technical Proficiency Inspections, a Tactical Readiness Evaluation, and two Operational Reactor Safeguard Examinations. All inspections and evaluations were completed satisfactorily.