

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)  
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1994

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. The ship was commissioned 13 July 1991. USS KENTUCKY's mission, as defined by the Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet is three fold:

(1) To be continuously ready to fight the ship in war,

(2) To maintain the highest standards of personnel and material readiness for this war action, and

(3) To strive continuously to improve submarine tactics and techniques to achieve the maximum readiness posture.

b. Organizational Structure. USS KENTUCKY operated under the cognizance of the Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Vice Admiral G. W. Emery; administrative and Off-Crew cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group Ten, RADM W. G. Ellis; operational and Refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain L. D. Meier. The Commanding Officers of the GOLD crew were Captain W. E. Cook and Captain W. W. Schmidt. The Commanding Officers of the BLUE were Captain Richard R. Stark and Captain R. D. Rish.

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

2. Chronology of Events

a. 26 January 1994 - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's sixth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

b. 29 January 1994 - The GOLD crew under the command of Captain W. W. Schmidt relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences their Off-crew Training Period.

c. 6 March 1994 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's seventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

d. 9 May 1994 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's seventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) and Commander Submarine Group Ten conducts a Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

e. 11 May 1994 - The BLUE crew under the command of Captain R. D. Rish relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. During the Refit period the ship hosted the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Emmett Paige and Commander in Chief U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Admiral H. H. Mauz. The GOLD crew commences their Off-crew Training Period.

f. 24 June 1994 - Captain W. W. Schmidt, USN is relieved by Captain W. E. Cook, USN as Commanding Officer of the GOLD Crew.

g. 25 June 1994 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's eighth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

h. 18 August 1994 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's eighth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE) and Commander Submarine Group Ten conducts a Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

i. 21 August 1994 - The GOLD crew under the command of Captain W. E. Cook relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences their Off-crew Training Period.

j. 15 September 1994 - Captain R. D. Rish, USN is relieved by Captain Richard R. Stark, USN as Commanding Officer of the BLUE Crew.

k. 20 September 1994 - The Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

l. 30 September 1994 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's ninth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

m. 8 October 1994 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) commences a three day port visit to Port Everglades, FL to participate in Fleet Week events.

n. 26 November 1994 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's ninth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) conducts an unannounced Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

o. 29 November 1994 - The BLUE crew under the command of Captain Richard R. Stark relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. During the Refit Period the ship hosted the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral J. M. Boorda and the Commander In Chief, Strategic Command, Admiral H. C. Chiles. The GOLD crew commences their Off-crew Training Period.

p. 29 December 1994 - KENTUCKY BLUE departs Kings Bay, GA for the ship's tenth Strategic Deterrent patrol.

3. Narrative

a. The ship successfully completed five Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 1994.

b. The ship successfully completed one Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

c. The ship successfully completed two Supply Management Inspections.

d. The ship successfully completed three Operational Reactor Safeguards Examinations.

4. Supporting Documents

a. Photograph of Captain Richard R. Stark, USN, Commanding Officer USS KENTUCKY (BLUE).

b. Biography of Captain Richard R. Stark, USN, Commanding Officer USS KENTUCKY (BLUE).

c. Photograph of Captain W. E. Cook, USN, Commanding Officer USS KENTUCKY (GOLD).

d. Biography of Captain W. E. Cook, USN, Commanding Officer USS KENTUCKY (GOLD).

e. "Welcome Aboard" booklet.