

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

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 and RADM Charles J. Beers, Jr.; operational and Refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain L. D. Meier and Captain D. P. Cocolin. The Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew is Captain W. E. Cook. The Commanding Officer of the BLUE is Captain Richard R. Stark.

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

2. Chronology of Events

a. 20 February 1995 - The BLUE crew commences a two day port visit in Port Canaveral, FL for a weapons onload in preparation for a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

b. 8 March 1995 KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's tenth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

c. 10 March 1995 - 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.

d. 8 April 1995 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's eleventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

e. 9 June 1995 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's eleventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

f. 14 June 1995 - 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. The GOLD crew commences their Off-crew Training Period.

g. 27 July 1995 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) concludes a Refit period which included an unscheduled dry docking to perform a shaft changeout and departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twelfth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

h. 19 September 1995 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's twelfth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and Submarine Group Ten conducts a Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE).

i. 22 September 1995 - 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. 26 October 1995 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirteenth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

k. 22 December 1995 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's thirteenth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (NPEB) conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and Submarine Group Ten conducts a Logistics Readiness Evaluation (LRE).

o. 28 December 1995 - 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. The GOLD crew commences their Off-crew Training Period.

3. Narrative

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

b. The ship successfully completed two Tactical Readiness Evaluations (TRE).

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d. The ship successfully completed two Operational Reactor Safeguards Examinations (ORSE).