

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

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 R.W. Mies and Vice Admiral E.P. Giambastiani; administrative and off-crew cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group Ten, RADM J.A. Henry; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain W.E. Frye and Commander, Submarine Squadron Sixteen, Captain T.E. Digan. The Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew is Commander T. M. Giardina. The Commanding Officer of the BLUE crew is Commander Roy H. Harkins.

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

2. Chronology of Events

a. 3 February 1998- KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's twentieth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts an Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

b. 5 February 1998 - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander T.M. Giardina relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE Crew commences their off-crew Training Period.

c. 21 February 1998 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty first Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

d. 28 May 1998 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's twenty first Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts an

Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and a Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

e. 30 May 1998 - The BLUE crew under the command of Commander Roy H. Harkins relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The GOLD crew commences their off-crew Training Period.

f. 14 July 1998 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty second Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

g. 11 September 1998 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's twenty second Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

h. 13 September 1998 - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander T.M. Giardina relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE Crew commences their off-crew Training Period.

i. 26 October 1998 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty third Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

j. 23 December 1998 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's twenty third Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and a Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

k. 27 December 1998 - The BLUE crew under the command of Commander Roy H. Harkins 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 three Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 1998.

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

c. The ship successfully completed two Navy Technical Proficiency Inspections (NTPI).

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