

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)  
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1999

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 E.P. Giambastiani; administrative and pre-deployment cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group Ten, RADM R.P. Terpstra; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain W.A. Hansen and Commander, Submarine Squadron Sixteen, Captain W.R. Sigg. The Commanding Officer of the BLUE crew is Commander P.F. Seidel. The Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew is Commander M.W. McKinnon.

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

2. Chronology of Events

a. 22 January 1999 - Commander M.W. McKinnon relieves Commander T.M. Giardina as Commanding Officer USS KENTUCKY (GOLD).

b. 29 January 1999 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) under the command of Commander Roy H. Harkins departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty-fourth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

c. 17 April 1999 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's twenty-fourth 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).

d. 18-24 April 1999 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes U.S. CINC STRAT Y2K Operation and Evaluation Test.

e. 25 April 1999 - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander M.W. McKinnon relieves the Blue crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences their Pre-Deployment Training Period.

f. 26 May 1999 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty-fifth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

g. 11 June 1999 - Commander P.F. Seidel relieves Commander R.H. Harkins as Commanding Officer USS KENTUCKY (BLUE).

h. 13 August 1999 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's twenty-fifth 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).

i. 15 August 1999 - The BLUE crew under the command of Commander P.F. Seidel relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The GOLD crew commences the Pre-Deployment Training Period.

j. 11 September 1999 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty-sixth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

k. 10 November 1999 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) Successfully conducts Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test #22.

l. 6 December 1999 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's twenty-sixth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts and Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE), Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI), and an Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (ANTPI).

m. 7 December 1999 - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander M.W. McKinnon relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences their Pre-Deployment Training Period.

### 3. Narrative

a. The ship successfully completed three Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 1999.

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 one Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection (DNSI) and one Augmenting Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (ANTPI).

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

f. The ship successfully completed Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test #22 (FCET 22).