

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

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.
 - (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 J. J. Grossenbacher; administrative and pre-deployment cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group Ten, RADM R.P. Terpstra; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain A. R. Hochevar and Commander, Submarine Squadron Sixteen, Captain D. 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. 10 January 2000 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty-seventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- b. 20 March 2000 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's twenty-seventh 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. 21 March 2000 - 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.
- d. 26 April 2000 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty-eighth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- e. 12 July 2000 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's twenty-eighth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE). The Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts and Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). Additionally the ship performs Prospective Commanding Officer and Midshipmen Operations.
- f. 17 July 2000 - 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.
- g. 20 August 2000 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's twenty-ninth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- h. 15 September 2000 to 20 September 2000 USS KENTUCKY conducts the first ever TRIDENT port visit to Rota, Spain.
- i. 28 October 2000 - KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's twenty ninth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
- j. 31 October 2000 - 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.

- k. 14 December 2000 - KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirtieth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

3. Narrative

- a. The ship successfully completed three Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 2000.
- b. The ship successfully completed two Tactical Readiness Evaluations (TRE).
- c. The ship successfully completed one Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).
- d. The ship successfully completed two Operational Reactor Safeguards Examinations (ORSE).
- e. The ship performed Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) operations and two weeks of Midshipmen operations.
- f. The ship made the first ever TRIDENT port visit to Rota, Spain.
- g. Kentucky Gold crew was awarded the 2000 Captain F. Ney Food Service Excellence Award for the Best Galley Operation in SUBLANT.