

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN-737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. The USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) (UIC 45234) was commissioned 13 July 1991. The ship'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, Rear Admiral G. L. Talbot, Jr.; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Captain T. E. Lindstrom and Commander, Submarine Squadron Sixteen, Captain G. Balzer. The Commanding Officer of the Blue crew is Commander R. W. Melampy. The Commanding Officer of the Gold crew is Commander C. J. Kelly.

c. Duty Station. USS KENTUCKY was homeported at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA until October 2002. Following interfleet transfer, Kentucky's homeport shifted to Naval Submarine Base, Bangor, WA.

2. Chronology of Events

- a. 24 January - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's thirty-third Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
- b. 26 January - The BLUE crew under the command of Commander R. W. Melampy relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit

period. The GOLD crew commences their Pre-Deployment Training Period.

- c. 09 March - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirty-fourth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- d. 09 May - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's thirty-fourth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
- e. 11 May - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander C. J. Kelly relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences their cross-country trip to Bangor, WA in preparation for the USS KENTUCKY homeport change and Pre-Deployment Training period.
- f. 23 July - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirty-fifth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- g. 09 August - The Blue crew returns to Kings Bay, GA in preparation for GOLD crew RTP.
- h. 13 August - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's thirty-fifth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander in Chief, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet conducts a Short Notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (SNNTPI).
- i. 15 August - The BLUE crew under the command of Commander R. W. Melampy relieves the GOLD crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Voyage Repair Period. The GOLD crew commences their cross-country trip to Bangor, WA in preparation for the USS KENTUCKY homeport change.
- j. 24 August - The USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Kings Bay, GA to commence the ship's thirty-sixth Strategic Deterrent Patrol and interfleet transfer.

- k. 08 October - USS KENTUCKY chops to the Pacific Fleet.
- l. 22 November - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's thirty-sixth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander in Chief, Submarine Force U.S Pacific Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
- m. 24 November - The GOLD crew under the command of Commander C. J. Kelly relieves the BLUE crew at Exchange of Command and commences the scheduled Refit Period. The BLUE crew commences their Pre-Deployment Training Period.
- n. 26 December - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Bangor, WA to commence the ship's thirty-seventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

3. Narrative

- a. The ship successfully completed three Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 2002.
- b. The ship successfully completed two Operational Reactor Safeguard Examinations (ORSE).
- c. The ship successfully completed one Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
- d. The ship successfully completed one Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).
- e. The ship successfully completed one Short Notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (SNNTPI).
- f. The ship successfully completed a Homeport shift from Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA to Naval Submarine Base Bangor, WA.