

USS KENTUCKY (SSBN-737)
COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission: The USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737) (UIC 21433) was commissioned 13 July 1991. The ship's mission, as defined by the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific 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. Pacific Fleet, Rear Admiral P. F. Sullivan; administrative and predeployment cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group Nine, Rear Admiral M. Williams; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron Seventeen, Captain R. E. Schuetz. 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, Bangor, WA.

2. Chronology of Events

- a. 01 January - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) under the command of Commander C. J. Kelly underway for the ship's thirty-seventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- b. 12 March - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's thirty-seventh Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
- c. 14 March - 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.

- d. 16 April - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Bangor, WA to commence the ship's thirty-eighth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- e. 30 June - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) completes the ship's thirty-eighth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet conducts a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet conducts an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
- f. 02 July - 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.
- g. 07 August - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) departs Bangor, WA to commence the ship's thirty-ninth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
- h. 24 October - USS KENTUCKY (GOLD) completes the ship's thirty-ninth Strategic Deterrent Patrol. Prior to returning to port the Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet conducts a Short Notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (SNNTPI) and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet conducts a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
- i. 26 October - 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.
- j. 01 December - USS KENTUCKY (BLUE) departs Bangor, WA to commence the ship's fortieth Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

3. Narrative

- a. The ship completed three Strategic Deterrent Patrols during 2003.

b. The ship completed two Operational Reactor Safeguard Examinations (ORSE).

c. The ship completed one Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

d. The ship completed one Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

e. The ship completed one Short Notice Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (SNNTPI).