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From: Commanding Officer, USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)

To: Director of Naval History (OP 09HB)

Subj: USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 1990 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12D

Encl: (1) Organization, chronology, and narrative  
(2) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) forwards USS KEY WEST 1990 command history.

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COMMAND HISTORY  
USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)  
1990

1. Command Composition and Organization for USS KEY WEST (SSN 722).

- a. Commanding Officer: CDR Kirkland H. Donald, USN
- b. Immediate senior in command: COMSUBRON EIGHT
- c. Mission: Plan for and when ordered

- Conduct offensive submarine operations, including offensive anti-submarine warfare, mining operations, and other operations as required.

- Conduct submarine anti-submarine warfare in conjunction with other anti-submarine warfare forces and other operations as required.

- Conduct offensive strike operations.

- d. Homeport: Norfolk, VA.

2. Chronology.

\* 1 January 1990 - 11 January 1990

- Pre Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep

\* 12 January 1990 - 16 February 1990

- Local operations

\* 17 February 1990 - 25 February 1990

- Inport Norfolk, VA

\* 26 February 1990 - 02 March 1990

- POM Workup

\* 03 March 1990 - 11 March 1990

- Inport Norfolk, VA

\* 12 March 1990 - 16 March 1990

- POM certification

\* 17 March 1990 - 22 March 1990

- Inport Norfolk, VA

\* 23 March 1990 - 09 September 1990

Enclosure (1)

COMMAND HISTORY (CONTINUED)

- Mediterranean Deployment
- Upkeep La Maddalena, IT 8-22 April 1990
- Port Visit Cartagena, Spain, 25-28 May 1990
- Port Visit Monaco, 26-29 June 1990
- Port Visit La Maddalena, IT 30 June 1990 - 05 July 1990
- Port Visit Naples, IT 06-13 July 1990. Ship visited by ADM Howe  
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- Upkeep La Maddalena, IT 14 July 1990 - 01 August 1990
- Port Visit Gibraltar 30 August 1990 - 01 September 1990
- \* 09 September 1990 - 05 November 1990
  - Standdown/Upkeep Norfolk, VA
  - Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI)
- \* 20 October 1990
  - Change of Command: CDR Joseph G. Henry, USN relieved by CDR Kirkland H. Donald, USN
  - Principle speaker: Rear Admiral (SEL) Dennis A. Jones, USN, Director of Special Programs in the Office of the Under Secretary for Defense for Acquisition.
- \* 05 November 1990 - 11 November 1990
  - Local OPS
- \* 11 November 1990 - 19 November 1990
  - Dry Docking, Kings Bay, Georgia
- \* 19 November 1990 - 21 November 1990
  - Transit to Norfolk, VA
- \* 21 November 1990 - 26 November 1990
  - Inport Norfolk, VA
- \* 27 November 1990 - 30 November 1990

COMMAND HISTORY CONTINUED

- Local OPS
- \* 30 November 1990 - 03 December 1990
  - Inport Norfolk, VA
- \* 03 December 1990 - 06 December 1990
  - Local OPS
- \* 06 December 1990 - 07 December 1990
  - Inport Norfolk, VA
- \* 07 December 1990 - 11 December 1990
  - Local OPS
- \* 11 December 1990 - 13 December 1990
  - Inport Norfolk, VA
- \* 13 December 1990 - 14 December 1990
  - Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE)
- \* 15 December 1990 - 31 December 1990
  - Holiday Standdown

3. Narrative.

a. The USS KEY WEST started 1990 in a Pre-overseas Movement (POM) Workup, preparing for the ship's first Mediterranean deployment. Upon completion of POM certification the ship deployed to the MED.

b. The USS KEY WEST enjoyed great success while deployed to the Mediterranean. The ship received the Sixth Fleet "Hook-em" Award for antisubmarine warfare excellence.

The Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) was held on 14 and 15 October, 1990. The NTPI was extremely successful, resulting in an overall grade of satisfactory for USS KEY WEST.

d. CDR Joseph G. Henry, USN was relieved by CDR Kirkland H. Donald, USN, at a ceremony on 20 October 1990 at Naval Base, Norfolk. Rear Admiral (SEL) Dennis A. Jones, USN was the guest speaker.

e. The USS KEY WEST went into drydock at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia. USS KEY WEST was the first 688 class submarine to use this facility.

COMMAND HISTORY CONTINUED

f. The Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination was held on 13 and 14 December 1990. The ORSE was extremely successful, resulting in an overall grade of excellent for the USS KEY WEST.