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From: Commanding Officer, USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
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Subj: USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 1994 COMMAND HISTORY
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Encl: (1) Organization, Chronology, and Narrative
(2) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) forwards USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 1994 Command History. Enclosure (2) forwards supporting documents.


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COMMAND HISTORY
USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
1994

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

- a. Commanding Officer: CDR Robert H. Koppers
- b. Immediate senior in command: COMSUBRON EIGHT
- c. Mission: Plan for and when ordered:

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

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

- Conduct offensive strike operations.

- Deploy Special Forces.

- d. Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

2. Chronology

- * 1 January - 2 January
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 3 January - 8 January
 - Local Operations/POM Certification
- * 9 January - 17 January
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 18 January - 24 January
 - Local Operations
- * 25 January - 06 February
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 07 February - 10 February
 - Local Operations
- * 10 February - 15 February
 - Port Visit Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- * 15 February - 17 February
 - Local Operations
- * 17 February - 22 February

- Port Visit Charleston, South Carolina
- * 22 February - 14 March
 - Local Operations/AUTEC
- * 14 March - 17 March
 - Local Operations
- * 17 March - 15 May
 - Selected Restricted Availability Norfolk, Virginia
- * 16 May - 18 May
 - Local Operations/Sea Trials
- * 19 May - 30 May
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 31 May - 13 June
 - Local Operations
- * 14 June - 27 June
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia for Midshipmen Operations
- * 27 June - 02 July
 - Local Operations/ISE
- * 03 July - 05 July
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 06 July - 07 July
 - Local Operations/ORSE
- * 07 July - 11 July
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 12 July - 15 July
 - Local Operations
- * 15 July - 20 July
 - Port Visit Key West, Florida
- * 20 July - 22 July
 - Local Operations
- * 22 July - 03 August
 - Midshipmen Operations Port Canaveral, Florida
- * 04 August - 08 August
 - Local Operations
- * 09 August - 22 August
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 23 August - 01 September

- Local Operations
- * 02 September - 05 September
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 06 September - 19 September
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia/SPRUCE
- * 20 September - 23 September
 - DEPERM Norfolk, Virginia
- * 24 September - 01 November
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 02 November - 24 November
 - Local Operations/COMPTUEX
- * 25 November - 28 November
 - Port Visit Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
- * 29 November - 30 November
 - Local Operations/PROAS
- * 01 December - 02 December
 - Media Embark/PROAS
- * 03 December - 04 December
 - Torpedo Proficiency/PROAS
- * 05 December - 08 December
 - Inport Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
- * 09 December - 12 December
 - Local Operations
- * 13 December - 17 December
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia
- * 18 December - 31 December
 - Inport Norfolk, Virginia/Stand Down

3. Narrative:

a. Completed a highly successful Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) which significantly upgraded the capabilities of the ship's Communications equipment in preparation for a Battlegroup deployment. All ship's major electrical switchboards were upgraded through installation of an Arc Fault Detection System ship alteration. Despite a heavy workload and tight schedule, KEY WEST became the first SUBLANT unit in over two years to complete SRA ahead of schedule and under budget.

b. Hosted over two hundred Midshipmen for submarine

career orientation training, including the first ever submarine career orientation training for female Midshipmen.

c. Satisfactorily completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

d. Successfully completed a Mine Readiness Certification Inspection during which inspectors observed the fastest mine reload times observed in the previous thirty inspections.

e. Satisfactorily completed a Supply Management Inspection with Stores Division being rated as one of the finest on the waterfront.

f. Conducted MK-48 torpedo proficiency firings and a Harpoon missile live fire exercise with a clean sweep of all weapons hitting their targets.

g. Represented the Submarine Force during several media "firsts":

- demonstrated the missions and capabilities of an attack submarine in littoral conflicts for CNN, the first time on Network TV.

- featured in "The Submarines of Hampton Roads", a Cable TV production broadcast throughout the Atlantic Coast.

- first prime time network coverage when featured on ABC-TV's "Behind Closed Doors with Joan Lunden".