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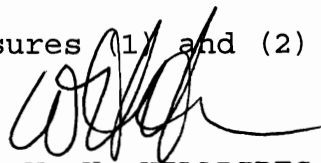
To: Director of Naval History (OP 09HB)

Subj: USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 1998 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Organization, Chronology, and Narrative
(2) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded.


W. H. HILARIDES

COMMAND HISTORY
USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
1998

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

a. Commanding Officer:

CDR George M. Wadzita (1 Jan 98 - 29 May 98)
CDR William H. Hilarides (29 May 98 - Present)

b. Immediate superior in command:

(1) COMSUBRON THREE (1 Jan 98 - 31 Dec 98)

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

d. Homeport: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

2. Chronology.

- * 1 January - 25 January
Ship's Upkeep, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- * 26 January - 6 February
Prospective Commanding Officers Operations
- * 7 February - 16 February
In port Pearl Harbor
- * 17 February - 20 February
Underway for Local Operations
- * 21 February - 08 March
In port Pearl Harbor
- * 09 March - 22 March
En route EASTPAC Deployment
- * 23 March - 08 April
CARL VINSON Battle Group Work-up
- * 09 April - 12 April
In port San Diego

- * 13 April - 21 April
LINCOLN Battle Group Joint Task Force Exercise 98-1
- * 22 April - 23 April
In port San Diego
- Prospective Commanding Officer CDR W. H. Hilarides
Embarks
- * 24 April - 29 April
En route Pearl Harbor
- * 30 April - 03 May
In port Pearl Harbor
- * 04 May - 08 May
Underway for Tactical Readiness Exam (TRE)
- * 09 May - 28 May
Ship's 801 Upkeep
- * 29 May
- Change of Command Ceremony
Naval Submarine Base
Pearl Harbor, HI
CDR William H. Hilarides, USN
Relieved
CDR George M. Wadzita, USN
As
Commanding Officer
USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
- * 30 May - 15 June
Ship's 801 Upkeep
- * 16 June - 20 June
Underway for Local Operations
- * 21 June - 03 July
Scheduled Preservation Upkeep and Coordinated Effort
(SPRUCE)
- * 04 July - 06 July
In port Pearl Harbor, HI
- * 07 July - 09 July
Underway for RIMPAC '98 Exercises
- * 10 July - 14 July
In port Pearl Harbor, HI
- * 15 July - 31 July
Underway RIMPAC '98 Exercises

- * 01 August
Dependent's Cruise
- * 02 August - 11 September
 - Ship's 802 Upkeep
 - Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) In port Training
- * 12 September - 28 September
 - Underway for Sea Trials/Routine Training
 - Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam
- * 29 September - 01 October
In port Pearl Harbor, HI
- * 02 October - 08 October
Underway for Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Certification
- * 09 October - 12 October
In port Pearl Harbor, HI
- * 13 October - 23 October
En route WESTPAC Deployment
- * 24 October - 25 October
In port Chinhae, South Korea
- * 26 October - 01 November
EXERCISE FOAL EAGLE '98 (U.S./Republic of Korea)
- * 02 November - 03 November
In port Chinhae, South Korea
- * 04 November - 12 November
ANNUAL EXERCISE '98 (U.S./Japan)
- * 13 November
Voyage repair, Yokosuka, Japan
- * 14 November - 16 November
En route Chinhae, South Korea
- * 17 November - 18 November
 - In port Chinhae, South Korea
 - Embark RADM Krol, Commander, Submarine Group SEVEN
 - Embarked Three Republic of Korea Naval (ROKN) Officers
- * 19 November - 21 November
 - East Sea Torpedo Exercise
 - Debark RADM Krol (20 November near Pohang, South Korea via small boat transfer)

- * 22 November - 23 November
 - In port Chinhae, South Korea
 - Debark ROKN Officers
- * 24 November
 - En route Sasebo, Japan
- * 25 November - 30 November
 - In port Sasebo, Japan
 - Community Relations Project at Hakujusou Kashimae Nursing Home
 - Thanksgiving Celebration
- * 01 December - 03 December
 - En route Guam
- * 04 December - 09 December
 - In port Guam
- * 10 December - 17 December
 - En route Pearl Harbor, HI
- * 18 December
 - Arrive Pearl Harbor, HI
- * 19 December - 31 December
 - In port Pearl Harbor/Holiday Period

3. Narrative.

a. USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) participated in the USS CARL VINSON Battle Group COMPTUEX and Integrated Training Assessment, and the USS LINCOLN Battle Group Joint Force Exercise 98-1 during its Eastern Pacific deployment. This was the ship's first underway after deployment and provided many fruitful training opportunities.

b. The ship participated in the multi-national exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) '98 in the Hawaiian operating areas. RIMPAC '98 included ships from Japan, Canada, Chile, the Republic of Korea and Austrailia. KEY WEST hosted HMAS Onslow, an Oberon class SS.

c. In the fall, KEY WEST deployed to the Western Pacific and participated in several foreign naval exercises, including FOAL EAGLE '98 with the Republic Of Korea Navy and ANNUALEX with Japan's Joint Maritime Self Defense Force. Port visits to both countries provided the opportunity to engage with Korean and Japanese officers and enlisted men.

d. KEY WEST distinguished itself during the deployment as the first submarine to conduct MK48 ADCAP exercise torpedo firings in foreign waters off the coast of the Republic of South Korea in the Sea of Japan. This exercise was considered a great success and proved our weapons and tactics.

e. KEY WEST was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service in the 1997 Western Pacific Deployment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Photograph (Ship - Navy Standard)
2. Welcome Aboard Booklet (CDR Hilarides)
3. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (CDR Wadzita)
4. USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) Bumper Sticker (1)
5. USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) Ship's Crest Sticker (2)
6. Hawaii Navy News return from WESTPAC article
7. Bravo Zulu documents (8)