



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
FPO AP 96683-2402

5750

Ser 722/241

APR 23 2004

From: Commanding Officer, USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
To: Director, Naval Historical Center

Subj: USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) 2003 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, is positioned above the name "K. R. SAULT".

K. R. SAULT

COMMAND HISTORY
USS KEY WEST (SSN 722)
2002

1. Command Composition for USS KEY WEST (SSN 722):
 - a. Commanding Officer:
 - (1) CDR Kenneth R. Sault
 - b. Immediate superior in command:
 - (2) COMSUBRON THREE
 - c. Mission: Plan for and when ordered
 - Conduct offensive submarine operations, to include 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.
 - * 01 January - 06 January
Holiday stand-down period
 - * 07 January - 09 January
In port Pearl Harbor
 - * 10 January - 11 January
Underway local ops, Commanding Officers Discretionary Time (CODT)
 - * 12 January - 24 January
In port Pearl Harbor, pre-deployment load out period
 - * 24 January - 14 April
Underway on Western Pacific deployment, FIFTH Fleet contingency operations, Operation Iraqi Freedom

- * 14 April - 21 April
In port HMAS Stirling, Western Australia
- * 21 April - 29 April
Underway, transit to Guam
- * 29 April - 10 May
In port Apra Harbor, Guam, upkeep with the USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)
- * 10 May - 27 May
Underway, transit to Yokosuka, Japan
- * 27 May - 09 June
In port Yokosuka, Japan
- * 09 June - 11 July
Conducting missions vital to national security
- * 11 July - 16 July
In port Saipan
- * 16 July - 24 July
Transit to Pearl Harbor. Ship also completed an Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE), receiving and above average grade
- * 24 July - 02 September
In port Pearl Harbor, Change of Command on 29 July
- * 02 September - 08 September
Underway local op area
- * 08 September - 17 September
In port Pearl Harbor,
- * 17 September - 19 September
Underway local ops
- * 19 September - 29 September
In port Pearl Harbor
- * 29 September - 02 October
Underway local op area, completed a Basic Submarining Assessment

- * 02 October - 12 November
In port Pearl Harbor, preparations for entering a Dry Dock
Selected Reserve Availability (SRA)
- * 12 November - 31 December
In port Pearl Harbor, Dry Dock SRA

3. Narrative.

a. Summary 2003 KEY WEST spent the first half of the year conducting a Western Pacific deployment that included strike operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The ship also conducted two missions vital to national security and successfully completed an ORSE. After returning from deployment the ship had a change of command with CDR Kenneth R. Sault relieving CDR Charles K. Merkel.

b. During the last half of the year USS KEY WEST completed a Basic Submarining Assessment, two underways in the local op area to increase crew proficiency and entered drydock for an extensive SRA.

Supporting Documents

1. Welcome Aboard Booklet (CDR Sault)
2. Photograph (Ship) (2)