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COMMANDING OFFICER
USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743)
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From: Commanding Officer, USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (BLUE)
To: Director, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2000

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Commanding Officer's Biography
(2) Executive Officer's Biography
(3) 3 1/2" Disk

1. Per reference (a), the following information is provided:
2. Command Composition and Organization:

a. Mission: The Trident Submarine is one of the nation's highest priority defense programs and is the cornerstone of the National Security Policy, functioning as a survivable leg of the nuclear deterrence triad. The deterrence of war has been the sole mission and fundamental reason for the existence of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine. The Trident II D-5 missile is ready to be launched within minutes of receiving a command from the President of the United States and is a powerful deterrent to those who might start a global war. The ship maintains the highest standards of personnel and material readiness to be ready to fight the ship in war and strives to continuously improve submarine tactics and techniques. The ship has two complete crews, Blue and Gold, in order to keep the ship at sea for the maximum amount of time possible.

b. Organizational Structure: USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (BLUE) (UIC-48585) operates under the cognizance of the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Vice Admiral J. J. Grossenbacher; administrative and pre-patrol training period cognizance of Commander, Submarine Group 10, Rear Admiral R. P. Terpstra; operational and refit cognizance of Commander, Submarine Squadron 16, Captain D. R. Sigg. The Commanding Officer is Commander M. W. Byman and the Executive Officer is Lieutenant Commander E. J. Ruff, Jr.

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c. Duty Station: Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
1050 USS Georgia Avenue
Kings Bay, GA 31547

3. Chronology:

- a. Completed Refit in the months of January and February.
- b. Completed Strategic deterrent patrol Six (February - April).
- c. Completed Pre-Patrol Training Period Seven (May - August).
- d. Completed Refit in the months of August and September.
- e. Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Eight (September - December).

4. Narrative:

a. USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) began the new millennium with the Gold crew near the end of Patrol 5. Exchange of Command was conducted on 12 January from the Gold to Blue crew. The ship conducted a Refit period and departed Kings Bay, GA in February for Patrol 6. On 17 March the ship arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia for a port visit. In April, the ship had a successful [REDACTED] and an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). The ship returned to Kings Bay on 28 April and on 30 April conducted an Exchange of Command to the Gold crew. Exchange of command was conducted on 30 April. The crew assisted with the Gold crew refit until 25 May and then began the Pre-Patrol Training Period. The Blue crew held a Change of Command on 26 May when Commander Michael W. Byman relieved Commander John E. Bruns.

b. On 23 August the ship arrived in Kings Bay and began crew turnover from the Gold to Blue crew. Exchange of Command was conducted on 25 August and then completed refresher training from 26-30 August followed by a return to port to conduct refit. The ship got underway on 27 September for a VIP cruise with several businessmen from the state of Louisiana, several Submarine Veterans, and a senior congressional staff member. The VIPs were transferred off and the ship began Patrol 8 on 28 September and returned to Kings Bay on 17 November. The ship departed on 20 November to conduct a Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE) which was successfully completed. The ship returned to port in Kings Bay on 6 December for crew turnover from Blue to Gold crew and

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conducted Exchange of Command on 8 December. The Blue crew assisted with the Gold crew refit until the end of the year.

c. The Blue crew received the following awards for the year 2000:

- (1) Navigation "N" for navigation excellence
- (2) Communication "C" for communication excellence
- (3) SUBLANT nomination for the Omaha Trophy for the best SSBN

5. Supporting Documents: Enclosures (1) and (2) are provided giving the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer biographies, Enclosure (3) is submitted per reference (a).

6. Point of contact: The point of contact is ENS [REDACTED]
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