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From: Commanding Officer, USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G

Encl: (1) Command Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
(2) 3 1/2" Disk

1. Per reference (a), the following information is provided:

2. Command Composition and Organization:

- a. USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) (GOLD) (48586)
- b. Strategic Missile Nuclear Submarine
- c. ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron 16
- d. Commander William A. Ebbs
- e. Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
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3. Chronology:

- a. Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Thirteen (November 2001- February 2002).
- b. Completed Refit during the month of March 2002.
- c. Completed Strategic Deterrent Patrol Thirteen (March - June 2002).
- d. Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Fifteen (June - September 2002)
- e. Completed Refit during the month of October 2002.
- f. Completed Pre-deployment Training Period Fifteen (October 2002- January 2002).

4. Narrative:

a. On 14 February 2002, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) completed pre-deployment Training Period Twelve and on 17 February 2002 the Gold crew relieved the Blue Crew. In late February, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted a 4-day refresher training, preparing for Strategic Deterrent Patrol Thirteen. During the months of February and March USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) completed their revitalization period. In late March USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) got underway for Patrol Thirteen. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted the following significant events during Patrol Thirteen:

- (1) Alert Strategic Deterrent Patrol in support of National Tasking.
- (2) Follow-on Cinc Evaluation test (FCET).
- (3) Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
- (4) Midshipmen Cruise Operations. USS LOUISIANA received one group of Midshipmen with 9 Midshipmen.

b. On 11 June 2002, the blue crew relieved the Gold Crew and Gold Crew commenced the Pre-deployment Training Period from June until September 2002 in preparation for Patrol fifteen.

c. On 21 September 2002, the Gold Crew relieved the Blue Crew. Following completion of a revitalization period in late October, USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) got underway for Patrol Fifteen. USS LOUISIANA (GOLD) conducted the following Significant events during Patrol Fifteen:

- (1) Alert Strategic Deterrent Patrol in support of National Tasking.
- (2) Tactical Readiness Evaluation Re-inspection (TRE).
- (3) [REDACTED]
- (4) [REDACTED]
- (5) Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE).
- (6) Supply Management Inspection (SMI).

d. Awards. LOUISIANA GOLD was presented the following awards on 1 January 2002 from COMSUBRON 16 for superior performance in 2002:

- (1) Deck Seamanship "D"
- (2) Medical "M"

5. Supporting Documents. Enclosure (1) is provided giving the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer biographies and miscellaneous information on USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743) and its mission.



W. A. EBBS