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Encl: (1) USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) Command History for 1998

(2) Ship's Picture

(3) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

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USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) COMMAND HISTORY 1998

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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

- 1. MISSION STATEMENT. USS LOUISVILLE's mission is to provide a covert platform, which can operate independently or in support of a carrier battle group to protect the interests of the United States and its allies. Tactical employment roles include Undersea Warfare, Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Mine Warfare, Intelligence and Warning, and Special Forces Warfare all can be accomplished while remaining submerged and undetected.
- 2. **HISTORY STATEMENT**. The USS LOUISVILLE is the thirty-fifth LOS ANGELES class submarine to enter the submarine fleet. USS LOUISVILLE was constructed by the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. USS LOUISVILLE is named for the city of Louisville, Kentucky and is the fourth United States Ship to bear this name. Major milestones in the new construction period of the ship were as follows:

Keel Laid - 16 September 1984 Launched - 14 December 1985 Commissioned - 08 November 1986

The ship's sponsor was Mrs. Betty Ann McKee, deceased wife of retired Admiral Kinnaird R. McKee, former Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion.

- 3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. The USS LOUISVILLE is one of the units under the responsibility of Commander Submarine Squadron THREE at Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On board, the Commanding Officer is assisted in carrying out the ship's mission by the Executive Officer, four Department Heads, eight Division Officers and a crew of 130.
- 4. NAME OF COMMANDING OFFICER/DATE ASSUMED COMMAND. Commander Joseph E. Skinner, U.S. Navy/03 July 1997
- 5. **HOME PORT OF SHIP**. USS LOUISVILLE is currently home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) CHRONOLOGY FOR 1998

DATE EVI	<u>ent</u>
January 051310 131848	Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
March 101258 210959 260658 261754 300715 301821 310859 311621	Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway for family cruise. Anchored Kona, HI. Underway for family cruise. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway for Ka'iulani School cruise. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
April 010852 011629	Underway for VIP cruise. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
May 111300 220813	Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
June 151434 200718 230601 260735 261332 261450	Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway for local operations. Moored West Loch, HI for weapons load. Underway to Pearl Harbor. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
August 171005 221721 260629 260743 281815 290808	Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway to West Loch, HI. Moored West Loch, HI for weapons load. Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
September 080957 120809 141027 161211 250953 251052 261008 281401	Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway to West Loch, HI. Moored West Loch, HI for weapons load. Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.

DATE	EVENT
October 021118 021233 021648 031922 041730 131407 151352 201414 241359 261347	Underway to West Loch, HI. Moored West Loch, HI for weapons load. Underway for local operations. Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Underway for Western Pacific deployment. Moored Yokosuka, JA. Underway for deployed operations. Moored Yokosuka, JA. Underway for deployed operations. Moored Yokosuka, JA. Underway for deployed operations. Moored Yokosuka, JA.
November 020953 24	Underway for deployed operations. Awarded Navy Expeditionary Medal.
December 021053 071348 121001 240954	Anchored Hong Kong for port call. Underway for Yokosuka, JA. Moored Yokosuka, JA for upkeep. Underway for deployed operations.