

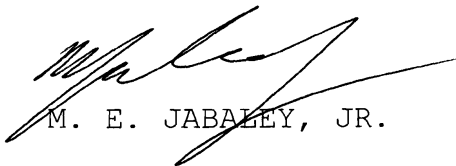


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From: Commanding Officer, USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724)
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2002 (OPNAV Report 5750-1)
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12G
Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative
(4) Supporting Documents
(5) 3.5" Electronic Media

1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) Command Composition and Organization

1. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

a. Command Short Title: USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724)

b. UIC: 21302

c. Mission: USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) provides a covert, multi-mission platform that can operate independently, or in conjunction with a Carrier Battle Group or joint forces, to support the interests of the United States. USS LOUISVILLE uses her stealth, mobility, and endurance to perform the following tactical missions: Undersea Warfare, Surface Warfare, Strike Warfare, Mine Warfare, Naval Special Warfare, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, and Combat Search and Rescue.

d. Organizational Structure:

ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron Three (COMSUBRON 3)

Units under operational/administrative control: None

e. Commanding Officer: CDR Michael Ellis Jabaley, Jr., USN

f. Permanent Duty Station: Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) Chronology

January

- 01 In-port Pearl Harbor, HI
- 07 Underway. Conducted Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE) in Hawaiian Operating Areas.
- 11 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI
Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PHNSY & IMF) until 13 March

March

- 13 Underway. Conducted post-upkeep sea trials in Hawaiian Operating Areas.
- 15 Moored Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- 25 Underway. Conducted ISE in Hawaiian Operating Areas
- 29 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI

April

- 2 Underway. Conducted ISE in Hawaiian Operating Areas.
- 4 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI
- 15 Underway. Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE) in Hawaiian Operating Areas
- 25 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.

May

- 13 Underway. Conducted AN/BQQ-10(V) ARCI Phase III Operational Evaluation in Hawaiian Operating Areas with USS OLYMPIA.
- 17 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
- 24 CDR Michael E. Jabaley, Jr. relieved CDR Russel T. Janicke as Commanding Officer, USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) in a change of command ceremony held on board.
- 28 Underway. Conducted Shallow-water MK-48 ADCAP Torpedo Tactical Development Exercise (TACDEVEX) with USS CHEYENNE. Also conducted Very Low Frequency-Acoustic (VLF-A) tracking exercise with USS OLYMPIA in Hawaiian Operating Areas.

June

- 4 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep with PHNSY & IMF until 20 July.

July

- 20 Underway. Conducted sea trials and ISE in Hawaiian Operating Areas.

August

- 5 Underway. Conducted Pre-Overseas Movement Certification (POMCERT) with COMSUBRON THREE
- 9 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI. Completed preparations for overseas deployment, including on-load of tactical weapons.

September

- 5 Underway.
- 6 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI.
- 10 Underway. Commenced deployment to Western Pacific (WESTPAC).
- 13 Crossed 180° west longitude, entering the COMSEVENTHFLT area of responsibility (AOR). Shifted Operational Command to Commander Task Force 74
- 17 Moored Yokosuka, Japan. Conducted upkeep with USS FRANK CABLE.
- 24 Underway with Commander, Submarine Group Seven (COMSUBGRU SEVEN), RADM Enright, onboard.
- 26 Conducted BSP in Sasebo, Japan to debark COMSUBGRU SEVEN
- 27 Moored Chin Hae, Republic of Korea (ROK) for liberty.

October

- 2 Underway. Conducted Submarine Exercise with ROK Navy submarine LEE CHUN.
- 5 Moored Chin Hae, ROK.
- 10 Underway.
- 15 Moored Okinawa, Japan.
- 19 Underway. Conducted classified operations.

November

- 12 - 22 Participated in ANNUALEX.
- 25 Moored Yokosuka, Japan. Conducted upkeep with Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka.

December

- 10 Underway. Conducted classified operations.

USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) Narrative

a. On September 10, 2002, USS LOUISVILLE started a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific (WESTPAC). Activity prior to September 10 focused on preparing the ship for deployment. Significant activities included two Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) upkeeps conducted with Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility; Independent Steam Exercises (ISE) and type training conducted in local operating areas; an Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE); a three-day tactical weapons on-load; and a Pre-Overseas Movement Certification (POMCERT).

b. In addition to deployment preparations, LOUISVILLE participated in an AN/BQQ-10(V) ARCI Phase III Operational Evaluation (OPEVAL) and a MK-48 ADCAP Tactical Development Exercise (TACDEVEX). OPEVAL is the process by which the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) verifies that new equipment and systems perform to specification. During the TACDEVEX, LOUISVILLE fired several exercise ADCAP torpedoes to support testing of new ADCAP software.

c. During the first four months of deployment, LOUISVILLE conducted two classified missions vital to national security and visited Yokosuka, Japan; Chin Hae, ROK; and Okinawa, Japan. On 3-4 October, LOUISVILLE participated in a submarine exercise with ROK Navy submarine LEE CHUN. This exercise provided valuable experience operating with allied submarine forces. From 12 to 22 November, LOUISVILLE participated in ANNUALEX, a multi-national fleet-level exercise involving U.S. and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) units. LOUISVILLE served as an opposing force (OPFOR) unit throughout.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

a. The following supporting documents are attached:
Commanding Officer's Biography and Photo, Ship's Photo, and
Welcome Aboard Package.

b. Classified mission reports have been forwarded to the
Chief of Naval Operations through official channels.