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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738)

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Encl: (1) Command History of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) for  
calendar year 1994

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

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## USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY

### Part I: Command Composition and Organization

- A. Mission: Conduct strategic deterrent patrols
- B. Organization Structure:
- Immediate Superior in Chain of Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron 20.
- Subordinate Units: None.
- C. Name of Commander:
- Blue Crew: CAPT Charles A. Schaefer, USN, 1 Jan - 31 Dec
- Gold Crew: CAPT Harold L. Sheffield, USN, 1 Jan - 31 Dec
- D. Permanent Duty Station: Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA

### Part II: Chronology (1994)

- 3 Jan Commenced operations for Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test (FCET) 10.
- 10 Jan Underway for FCET 10.
- 14 Jan Conducted HUMEVAC at STM Buoy, Kings Bay, GA.
- 16 Jan Conducted HUMEVAC at STM Buoy, Kings Bay, GA.
- 20 Jan Moored, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.
- 28 Jan Completed FCET 10 operations. Underway for strategic deterrent patrol #3.
- 29 Jan Commenced LANTSODASOEX 1-94.
- 04 Feb Completed LANTSODASOEX 1-94. Conducted PERSTRANS Port Canaveral, FL to disembark LANTSODASOEX riders.
- 21 Feb Conducted PERSTRANS at STM Buoy, Kings Bay, GA for VIP cruise. Embarked Rear Admiral Ellis, Commander Submarine Group 10, Rear Admiral Tillotson, Commander Naval Training Center Orlando, and members of the Atlanta Olympic Committee.
- 22 Feb Moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.
- 23 Feb Underway for Tactical Readiness Evaluation and MK-48 Torpedo Proficiency.

3 Mar Moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA. Commenced refit.

7 Mar Exchange of Command. Blue crew relieved Gold crew.

1 Apr Underway for sea trials in Jacksonville operating areas.

5 Apr Completed sea trails, moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

11 Apr Underway for strategic deterrent patrol #4.

13-16 Apr Embarked Vice Admiral Emery, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

2 Jun Moored Port Canaveral, Florida for exercise torpedo load.

4 Jun Underway for Tactical Readiness Evaluation and MK-48 Torpedo Proficiency.

10 Jun Embarked Ms. Rose Gottemueller, National Security Council Staff and Mr. Steve Pifer, State Department for VIP Cruise.

11 Jun Moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA. Commenced refit.

15 Jun Exchange of Command. Gold crew relieved Blue crew.

9 Jul Underway for sea trials in Jacksonville operating areas.

10 Jul Conducted MEDEVAC at STM Buoy, Kings Bay, GA.

12 Jul Completed sea trials, moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

15 Jul Conducted Family Member Cruise in Jacksonville operating areas. Returned to Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

17 Jul Underway for strategic deterrent patrol #5.

20 Jul Commenced Project EMERALD operations.

01 Aug Completed Project EMERALD operations.

03 Aug Conducted PERSTRANS at STM Buoy, Kings Bay, GA to disembark EMERALD riders.

19-20 Sep Gold Crew conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

20 Sep Moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA. Commenced refit.

23 Sep Exchange of Command. Blue Crew relieved Gold Crew.

17-21 Oct Underway for sea trials in Jacksonville operating areas.

21 Oct Completed sea trials, moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

25-26 Oct Underway for Port Canaveral, Florida. Conducted VIP Cruise for 15 business and civic leaders.

26 Oct Moored at Port Canaveral, Florida. Held ceremony on pier in which Maryland Eastern Shore Navy League officially adopted USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738).

27 Oct Underway for VIP Cruise for several members of Maryland Eastern Shore Navy League.

27 Oct - Conducted LANTSODASOEX. A sonar demonstration and test  
4 Nov exercise with USS NEBRASKA.

4 Nov Conducted VIP Cruise from Port Canaveral, Florida for members of Naval Reactors, Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Congressional Staff.

4-8 Nov Transit to VACAPES.

8 Nov Conducted tracking exercise with USS CINCINNATI.

8 Nov Underway for strategic deterrent patrol #6.

20-21 Dec Blue Crew conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

22 Dec Moored Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA. Commenced refit.

30 Dec Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved Blue Crew.

PART III: NARRATIVE

As the year started, the MARYLAND Gold Crew participated in a Follow-on CINC Evaluation Test (FCET). During the test, MARYLAND successfully fired four missiles to test the D-5 missile system.

Upon completion of the FCET operations in January, including reload operations in Kings Bay, GA, MARYLAND participated in LANTSODASOEX 1-94, a sub-on-sub sonar tracking exercise with the USS BALTIMORE (SSN 704).

Following the sonar exercise, MARYLAND commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol 3, then conducted a PERSTRANS at Kings Bay, GA for a VIP Cruise with Rear Admiral Ellis, Commander Submarine Group 10, Rear Admiral Tillotson, Commander Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL, and members of the Atlanta Olympic Committee.

The Gold Crew completed their third on-crew period in late February with a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and MK-48 Torpedo Proficiency firing at the AUTEK range. The Blue Crew relieved the Gold Crew on 7 March and commenced Refit 4.

After conducting a three day cruise with Vice Admiral Emery, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, MARYLAND commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol 4 in April. On 4 June, the ship moored at Port Canaveral, FL to load exercise torpedoes for the upcoming Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and MK-48 Torpedo Proficiency.

Following a successful (TRE), Ms. Rose Gottemueller of the National Security Council Staff and Mr. Steve Pifer of the State Department embarked for an overnight VIP Cruise. The ship then moored at Kings Bay, GA on 11 June to commence Refit 5.

After a successful refit and sea trials period, the Gold Crew conducted a Family Member Cruise in the Jacksonville operating areas on 15 June then got underway a couple days later for Project Emerald. The non-acoustic ASW test used MARYLAND as a test platform for a laser counterdetectability study. The 12 day test created very useful data for the Applied Physics Laboratory of the John Hopkins University.

After disembarking the Project Emerald riders at Kings Bay, GA on 3 August, the ship commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol 5. MARYLAND completed the patrol with an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and moored at Kings Bay, GA on 20 September.

Blue Crew relieved Gold Crew on 23 September and commenced Refit 6. Following refit and sea trials MARYLAND conducted an overnight VIP Cruise for 15 business and civic leaders from the Jacksonville, FL area.

The ship moored at Port Canaveral on 26 October and held an adoption ceremony in which the Maryland Eastern Shore Navy League officially adopted USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738). The next day a VIP cruise was conducted for several Navy League members.

The MARYLAND conducted another LANTSODASOEX, a sonar demonstration and test exercise with USS NEBRASKA (SSBN 739), then returned to Port Canaveral on 4 November to embark members of Naval Reactors, the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Congressional Staffs for a day long VIP Cruise.

MARYLAND transitted to the VACAPES operating areas for a tracking exercise with USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693) on 8 November then commenced Strategic Deterrent Patrol 6.

The patrol concluded on 22 December following a very successful Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination and the Gold Crew relieving the Blue Crew on 30 December and commenced Refit 7.

#### PART IV: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following supporting documents are included for calendar year 1994:

- a. USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) Adoption Ceremony program.