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From: Commanding Officer, USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE)
To: Chief of Naval Operations (N09BH)

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738)

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Encl: (1) Command History of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) for
Calendar year 1998
(2) 3.5" disk w/enclosure (1)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

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F. CATTANI
By direction

USS MARYLAND COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. USS MARYLAND's ultimate mission is to provide strategic deterrence to prevent nuclear war. The ship's current operations include various ship inspections and conducting deterrent patrols.

b. Organization Structure. The immediate senior in command is Captain W. E. Frye, Commander, Submarine Squadron 20.

c. Name of Commander. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE) is Commander Keith P. Bowman. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (GOLD) is Commander Christopher C. Hayes.

d. Permanent Duty Station. Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA.

2. Chronology

1 Jan	Gold Crew began the year at sea on Patrol 17.
31 Jan	Moored, Naval Submarine Base (NSB), Kings Bay, GA.
4 Feb	Underway for local operations in Jacksonville Operating Areas (JAXOAS).
6-7 Feb	Embarked COMSUBRON 20 Operational Readiness Assessment (ORA) Team.
7 Feb	Conducted Humanitarian Evacuation (HUMEVAC) at St Marys Entrance Buoy (STM), Kings Bay, GA.
10-14 Feb	Gold Crew conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
17-23 Feb	Conducted Undersea Warfare (USW) Exercise with USS JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981).
25-27 Feb	Gold Crew conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
28 Feb	Conducted HUMEVAC at STM, Kings Bay, GA.
2 Mar	Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.
5 Mar	Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew.
30 Mar	Underway for sea trials and refresher training (REFTRA) in JAXOAS.
2 Apr	Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

6 Apr Underway for Distinguished Visitor Cruise in JAXOAS.

7 Apr Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

8 Apr Underway for Patrol 18.

13-17 Apr Conducted USW Exercise in Narragansett Bay Operating Area (NBOAS).

20 Apr Moored, Pier 11, Norfolk, VA. Conducted HUMEVAC for Commanding Officer.

24 Apr Underway to resume Patrol 18.

27 May Conducted security exercise (SECEX).

28 May Conducted HUMEVAC near Roosevelt Road, PR.

5 Jun Conducted SECEX.

7 Jun Conducted SECEX.

8-10 Jun Blue Crew conducted TRE. Embarked COMSUBGRU 10.

11-15 Jun Conducted Technical Onboard Monitoring Assist (TOMA).

12 Jun Conducted SECEX.

17-24 Jun Conducted midshipmen training operations in JAXOAS.

24-26 Jun Conducted Underway Material Inspection (UMI).

26 Jun Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

30 Jun Exchange of Command. Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew.

24 Jul Underway for sea trials and REFTRA in JAXOAS.

28 Jul Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

30 Jul Underway for Distinguished Visitor Cruise in JAXOAS.

30 Jul Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

31 Jul Underway for Patrol 19.

01-02 Aug Conducted USW Exercise.

3-7 Aug Conducted midshipmen training operations in Virginia Capes Operating Areas (VCOAS).

1-3 Sep [REDACTED]

3 Sep Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

5 Sep Underway to resume Patrol 19.

5-7 Sep Conducted USW Exercise.

8-9 Sep Embarked COMSUBLANT.

9 Sep Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

11 Sep Underway to resume Patrol 19.

13-14 Sep Conducted MK 48 torpedo proficiency firing in AUTEC, Bahamas.

28-29 Sep Conducted Surface Warfare (SUW) Exercise.

3-6 Oct Gold Crew conducted TRE. Embarked COMSUBRON 20 Commodore.

9-14 Oct Conducted LANTSODASOEX.

15 Oct Conducted SUW Exercise.

16 Oct Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

18 Oct Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew.

13 Nov Underway for sea trials and REFTRA in JAXOAS.

16 Nov Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

17-18 Nov Conducted NTPI at NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

20 Nov Underway for Patrol 20.

3. Narrative. The ship continued to excel in all endeavors. The ship conducted a wide variety of operations and exercises during its strategic deterrent patrols, performing superbly in each task. The Blue Crew was awarded the Submarine Squadron TWENTY Red and Green Navigation "N" and Damage Control Red "DC." The ship is regarded as one of the best in the Atlantic Fleet as evidenced by frequent VIP visits and external inspection results. Additionally, the Blue and Gold crews combined efforts to achieve the 1998 Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship award for medium-sized commands.