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Encl: (1) Command History Chronology of Events (U)
(2) Narrative (U)
(3) Commanding Officer's Biography (U)
(4) Annual Highlights (U)

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USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) Command History for 20011. (U) Command Composition and Organization

a. (U) Mission: USS MARYLAND's primary mission is Strategic deterrence to prevent the use of weapons of mass destruction. The ship's current operations include various ship inspections, conducting strategic deterrent patrols and supporting fleet operations.

b. (U) Organizational Structure: The immediate superior in command is Captain Timothy E. Linstrom, Commander, Submarine Squadron 20.

c. (U) Name of Commander: The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE) is Commander Steven P. Davito. The Commanding Officer of USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (Gold) is Commander Russell H. Smith.

d. (U) Permanent duty station. Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia.

2. (S) Chronology

1 Jan 2001	Gold Crew began the year at sea on Patrol 27.
3 Jan	Conducted Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) for two crewmembers at Kings Bay, GA.
6-8 Jan	Performed Noise Monitoring for USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743).
9-11 Jan	Provided Services for USS RHODE ISLAND (SSBN 740).
4 Feb	Conducted MEDEVAC for one crewmember at Kings Bay, GA.
4-6 Feb	Gold crew conducted unscheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).
8 Feb	Conducted Humanitarian Evacuation (HUMEVAC) at Kings Bay, GA.
21 Feb	Conducted HUMEVAC at Kings Bay, GA.
22-24 Feb	Conducted exercise torpedo load at Kings Bay, GA.

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24-27 Feb Conducted Operational Readiness Assessment (ORA).

27-28 Feb Gold Crew conducted Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

6-9 Mar Gold Crew conducted Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE).

9 Mar Conducted MK-48 Torpedo Proficiency Firing.

9 Mar CDR Davito relieved CDR Bowman as Commanding Officer of the USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE).

12-13 Mar Performed Noise monitoring for USS LOUISIANA (SSBN 743).

16 Mar Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

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

20 Apr Blue Crew conducted Defense Nuclear Surety Inspection/ Augmented Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (DNSI/ANTPI).

21 Apr Underway for Patrol 28.

29 Apr Conducted HUMEVAC at Kings Bay, GA.

11-12 May Conducted Solar Hawk Exercise.

24 May Conducted HUMEVAC at Kings Bay, GA.

6-7 Jun Participated in USS SEAWOLF (SSN 21) POMCERT.

10-14 Jun Conducted Midshipman Operations.

10-14 Jun Conducted Exercises with USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735).

14-18 Jun Conducted Squadron Twenty Engineering Readiness Assessment (ERA).

18-22 Jun Conducted Midshipman Operations.

24-27 Jun Participation with USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750) ARCI Type Training.

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30 Jun-02 Jul Blue Crew conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).

8-9 Jul Conducted Tiger Cruise.

9 Jul Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

11 Jul Exchange of Command, Blue Crew relieved by Gold Crew.

8 Aug Underway for Patrol 29.

14 Aug Participated in SECEX 602-01.

5-8 Aug Participated in Global Guardian exercise.

13-14 Sep Provided services for JFK Battle Group ASWPT.

17 Sep Participated in SECEX 603-01.

18-20 Sep Conducted exercise torpedo on/off load at NSB Kings Bay, GA.

21-23 Sep Conducted ORA. Services provided by USS KENTUCKY (SSBN 737).

24-19 Sep Conducted voyage repairs to fairwater planes at NSB, Kings Bay, GA.

7-9 Oct Participated in TRACKEX with USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735).

11 Oct Conducted MEDEVAC at Fort Clinch, Amelia Island, FL.

12-14 Oct Provided services to support USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) ORA.

16 Oct Fired one MK48 warshot torpedo for the JFKBATGRU SINKEX of ex-USS GUAM.

19-22 Oct Gold Crew conducted TRE.

22 Oct Conducted Torpedo proficiency firing on AUTEK.

23 Oct Provided services for HS-7 TOOEX.

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26 Oct Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.
28 Oct Exchange of Command. Gold Crew relieved by Blue Crew.
4-7 Dec Underway for Sea Trials and refresher training.
5-6 Dec Conducted TRACKEX with USS WYOMING (SSBN 742).
7 Dec Moored, NSB, Kings Bay, GA.
10 Dec Underway for Patrol 30.

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NARRATIVE

1. In March of 2001, CDR Steven P. Davito relieved CDR Keith P. Bowman of command of the USS MARYLAND (SSBN 738) (BLUE). With CDR Davito at the helm, the MARYLAND performed exceptionally well, receiving the 2001 Battle "E", Engineering "E", Navigation "N", and Communications "C" awards from Submarine Squadron 20.

2. From 21 April until 9 July, the MARYLAND was at sea on her 28th patrol. During this patrol she conducted two HUMEVACs, Midshipman Ops, a POMCERT with the USS SEAWOLF (SSN 21), and exercises with the USS PENNSYLVANIA (SSBN 735) and USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750). She also performed her mission of strategic deterrence. The patrol ended with the ship receiving the highest grade possible on her Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). Upon return to port on 11 July 2001, the Blue Crew conducted an Exchange of Command with the Gold Crew.

3. During the period between patrols the crews participated in extensive training, including several sessions graded by the parent squadron. These sessions included the Tactics Team Trainer, SPAN (Submarine Piloting and Navigation), Weapons Team Trainer, Acoustic Team Trainer, COMCONEX (Command and Control Exercise), Ship's Control Team Trainer, Damage Control Trainer, Fire-fighting Trainer, and several others. Members of the Blue Crew also traveled to Maryland to represent the ship at the University of Maryland Career Fair and volunteered countless hours at Woodbine Elementary School.

4. The Blue Crew resumed control of the ship at the Exchange of Command on 28 October 2001. Following an arduous refit, the MARYLAND conducted REFTRA (Refresher Training) and Sea Trials, along with a TRACKEX with the USS WYOMING (SSBN 742) from 4 December through 7 December 2001. On 10 December, she was underway from her homeport of Kings Bay, GA to perform her mission of strategic deterrence on her 30th Patrol.

5. The Gold Crew continued to excel in all endeavors. Under CDR Smith, the ship conducted a wide variety of operations and exercises during its strategic deterrent patrols, performing superbly in each task. The Gold Crew was awarded the 2001 Submarine Squadron Supply "E".

6. The ship is regarded as one of the best in the Atlantic Fleet as evidenced by frequent VIP visits and external inspection results.

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