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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological Sequence of Events
(3) Narrative
(4) History

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are forwarded.

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USS MICHIGAN GOLD

PART I

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. The mission of the SSBN 726 Class submarine is to provide a strategic deterrence against hostile attack by maintaining a continuous capability to deliver strategic missile attacks against hostile targets. In order to carry out this mission, SSBN 726 Class submarines are designed to perform the following tasks:

a. To operate at sea for extended periods as a highly reliable, survivable deterrent to a nuclear weapon attack by a foreign power, and to destroy land targets with strategic, nuclear armed missiles.

b. To minimize the probability of detection by any potential threat.

c. To operate defensively against submarine and surface ship threats as necessary to accomplish the mission.

2. Organization. The USS MICHIGAN, second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines is commanded by (Blue Crew) Captain Neil P. Walsh and (Gold Crew) by Captain Bruce S. Lemkin.

There are presently fourteen Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Kent V. L. MacNeill.

PART II

1993 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

KEY EVENTS

DATE:	
20 May 93	Port Visit to San Diego, California.
20 - 24 May 93	Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
28 May 93	Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
Mar 93 - May 93	Blue Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 36.
01 Jun 93	Exchange of command, Captain B. S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
09 Jul - 12 Aug 93	Conducted Operational Test of Weapons System
31 Aug - 02 Sep 93	Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
Jul 93 - Sep 93	Gold crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 37.
05 Sep 93	Exchange of command, Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain B. S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
18 Sep 93	Ship celebrated Eleventh Anniversary of Commissioning.
04 - 10 Nov 93	Port visit to Alameda, California.
07 - 09 Dec 93	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
07 - 09 Dec 93	Conducted Supply Management Inspection.
Oct 93 - Dec 93	Blue Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 38.
12 Dec 93	Exchange of command, Captain B. S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
22 - 28 Feb 94	Port Visit to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

PART III

NARRATIVE

No narrative provided. The events listed in the Chronology need no further amplification.

PART IV

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727)

HISTORY

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727) is the second Trident Class Nuclear submarine to be constructed, and is the third U. S. warship to bear the name of the Great Lakes State.

The ship's keel was laid on 4 April 1977 at Electrical Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The submarine was christened on 26 April 1980 by Mrs. Lucien N. Nedzi and commissioned on 18 September 1982.

After completing Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO) at Cape Canaveral in January 1983, MICHIGAN transited the Panama Canal and arrived at Naval Submarine Base, Bangor on 16 March 1983.

In the spring of 1983, MICHIGAN completed Post Shakedown Availability at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. She subsequently assumed her major role as a strategic deterrent, deploying for her first patrol in August 1983.

MICHIGAN's performance to date has been demonstrated by reception of the following awards:

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727)(GOLD)

FY-83

Engineering "E"
ASW "A"
Damage Control "DC"

FY-84

Communications "C"

FY-85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Damage Control "DC"

FY-86

Battle Efficiency "E"
Engineering "E"
ASW "A"
Silver Anchor Award
Olympic Flag Trophy

FY-87

CINCPACFLT
Silver Anchor Award

FY-88

CINCPACFLT
Golden Anchor Award

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727)(BLUE)

FY-84

Battle Efficiency "E"
Engineering "E"

FY-85

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Engineering "E"
Strategic Weapons "S"
Communications "C"

FY-86

Battle Efficiency "E"
Supply "E"

FY-88

Olympic Flag Trophy

FY-89

Damage Control "DC"
Supply "E"

FY-91

ASW "A"

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727)(GOLD)

FY-90

CINCPACFLT
Golden Anchor Award

FY-92

Medical "M"

FY-93

Battle Efficiency "E"
Captain's Cup as Subase Bangor's intramural sports champion
Medical "M"

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727)(BLUE)

FY-92

BUPERS MWR Fleet Recreation Award for Best Small Ship Underway Recreation Program

FY-93

Battle Efficiency "E"
Captain's Cup as Subase Bangor's intramural sports champion
CINCPACFLT
Golden Anchor Award
Trident Submarine Outstanding Performance Award
Best Trident Crew

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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1993

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and organization
(2) Chronological Narrative of 1993
(3) Narrative
(4) USS MICHIGAN History
(5) Ship's Picture
(6) Commanding Officer's Biography and picture
(7) Welcome Aboard Booklet

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Part I
USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727))
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Part II
1993 Chronological Sequence of Events

Date	
1 Jan - 5 Feb 93	Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 35.
5 - 8 Jan 93	Gold Crew successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
8 Jan 93	Port call Pearl Harbor, HI.
7 - 8 Feb 93	Gold Crew successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
9 Feb 93	Exchange of Command, Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain Bruce S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
9 Feb - 7 Mar 93	Completed refit 36.
26 Mar - 14 May 93	Blue Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 36.
19 - 20 May 93	Port call San Diego, CA.
20 - 23 May 93	Blue Crew successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
28 May 93	Blue Crew successfully completed a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection.
31 May 93	Exchange of Command, Captain Bruce S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
27 May - 1 Jul 93	Completed refit 37.
14 - 21 Jul 93	In port Bangor, WA.
27 - 28 Jul 93	Conducted Follow on Commander and Chief Evaluation Test (FCET) successful launch of four Trident I submarine launched ballastic missiles, verifying the accuracy and reliability of the Trident I strategic weapons system under simulated wartime conditions.

Part II
1993 Chronological Sequence of Events
Continued

Date	
02 Aug 93	Conducted Midshipmen cruise off San Diego, CA.
12 - 17 Aug 93	In port Bangor, WA.
18 Aug - 2 Sep 93	Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent Patrol 37.
31 Aug - 2 Sep 93	Gold Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Supply Management Inspection.
5 Sep 93	Exchange of Command, Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Captain Bruce S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.
3 Sep - Oct 93	Completed refit 38.
12 Oct - 9 Dec 93	Blue Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 38.
7 - 9 Dec 93	Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Supply Management Inspection.
12 Dec 93	Exchange of Command, Captain Bruce S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain N. P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
10 - 31 Dec 93	Conducted refit 39.

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Narrative

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Part IV
USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
History

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Engineering "E" ASW "A" Damage Control "DC"	Battle Efficiency "E" Engineering "E"
FY 84	FY 85
Communications "C"	Meritorious Unit Commendation Engineering "E" Strategic Weapons "S" Communications "C"
FY 85	FY 86
Meritorious Unit Commendation Damage Control "DC"	Battle Efficiency "E" Supply "E"
FY 86	FY 88
Battle Efficiency "E" Engineering "E" ASW "A" Silver Anchor Award Olympic Flag Trophy	Olympic Flag Trophy
FY 87	FY 89
Silver Anchor Award	Damage Control "DC"

Part IV
USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)
History
Continued

FY 88

Golden Anchor Award

FY 90

Golden Anchor Award

FY 92

Medical "M"

FY 93

Battle Efficiency "E"
Medical "M"

FY 91

ASW "A"

FY 92

Fleet Recreation Award

FY 93

Battle Efficiency "E"
Golden Anchor Award