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(2) Chronological Sequence of Events  
(3) Narrative  
(4) History

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

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## 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 Captain Steven G. Slaton.

There are presently fourteen Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain James R. Harvey.

PART II

1994 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

KEY EVENTS

DATE:

- 28 Feb - 03 Mar 94 Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
- Jan 94 - Mar 94 Gold Crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 39.
- 24 Mar 94 Exchange of command, Captain Neil P. Walsh, Commanding Officer (BLUE) and crew relieved Captain Bruce S. Lemkin, Commanding Officer (GOLD) and crew.
- Apr 94 - Jun 94 BLUE crew completed strategic deterrent patrol 40.
- 08 Jul 94 Crew Combination Ceremony, Captain Neil P. Walsh relieved as Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN.
- 11 Jul 94 Captain Steven G. Slaton relieved Captain Neil P. Walsh as Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN.
- 12 Jul 94 Commenced Restricted Availability.
- 18 Sep 94 Ship celebrated Twelfth Anniversary of Commissioning.
- 01 Oct 94 Commenced Engineered Overhaul.

PART III

NARRATIVE

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

Enclosure (3)

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 Electric 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)	USS MICHIGAN (SSBN-727) (BLUE)
FY-83	FY-84
Engineering "E" ASW "A" Damage Control "DC"	Battle Efficiency "E" Engineering "E"
FY-84	FY-85
Communications "C"	Meritorious Unit Commendation
FY-85	Engineering "E" Strategic Weapons "S" Communications "C"
Meritorious Unit Commendation Damage Control "DC"	FY-86
FY-86	Battle Efficiency "E" Supply "E"
Battle Efficiency "E" Engineering "E" ASW "A" Silver Anchor Award Olympic Flag Trophy	FY-88
FY-87	Olympic Flag Trophy
CINCPACFLT Silver Anchor Award	FY-89
FY-88	Damage Control "DC" Supply "E"
CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award	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"

FY-94

Captain's Cup as Subase Bangor's  
intramural sports champion

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

FY-94

Meritorious Unit Commendation  
Captain's Cup as Subase Bangor's  
intramural sports champion  
Captain Edward F. Ney Award