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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1995

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronological Narrative of 1995  
(3) Narrative  
(4) USS MICHIGAN History  
(5) Ship's Picture  
(6) Commanding Officer's Biography and picture

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded.

  
J. E. SEARS

**Part I**  
USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)  
Command Composition and Organization

1. Mission. The mission of SSBN726 class submarine is to provide 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, SSBN726 Class submarines are designed to:

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 Steven G. Slaton, and (Gold Crew) Commander Jonathan E. Sears.

There are presently eight Trident submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain J.R. Harvey.

Part II  
1995 Chronological Sequence of Events

DATE

01 Jan 95	Continued Engineered Overhaul from 10 Oct 95.
16-17 Mar 95	Pre-Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Exam.
10 Apr 95	Post Overhaul Reactor Safeguards Exam.
14 Apr 95	Phase I Crew Certification.
11 May 95	Dock Trials Complete.
12 May 95	Phase II Crew Certification.
16 May 95	Fast Cruise.
22-29 May 95	Sea Trials.
7 Jun 95	Complete Engineered Overhaul.
9 Jun 95	Crews split, Blue Crew keeps the boat, and the Gold Crew begins Off-Crew training period.
13-21 Jun 95	The Blue Crew commences an Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE), Command and Control Exercise (CACEX) and is in route to the Submarine Environmental Acoustical Facility for Acoustic Trials.
26 Jun-10 Jul 95	The Blue Crew is in port Bangor, WA. to conduct Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO) load out.
24-30 Jul 95	The Blue crew gets underway to San Diego, CA.
31 Jul-04 Aug 95	The Blue Crew conducts a Coordinated Training of Midshipmen.
05-13 Aug 95	The Blue Crew goes on a Independent Steaming Exercise (ISE) and a port call to Alameda, CA.
14-17 Aug 95	The Blue Crew successfully completes a Phase-III Sonar Certification.
18-21 Aug 95	The Blue Crew is in port San Diego, CA. for a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai) Technical Assistance Visit.

22-23 Aug 95 The Blue Crew completes a Tactical Weapons Torpedo Certification Program (TWTCP) exercise.

24 Aug-14 Sep 95 The Blue Crew is in route to Kings Bay, GA. Via the Panama Canal.

14-27 Sep 95 The Blue Crew successfully completes a non-firing Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO).

29-30 Sep 95 The Blue Crew successfully completes a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai).

30 Sep-02 Oct 95 Exchange of Command (the Gold Crew flies to Kings Bay, GA. to relieve the Blue Crew)

02-03 Oct 95 The Gold Crew conducts Fast Cruise.

04-08 Oct 95 The Gold Crew is underway from Kings Bay, GA. on an Independent Steaming Exercise, and a Command and Control Exercise.

09 Oct-01 Nov 95 The Gold Crew conducts preparations for, and successfully completes a Firing Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO).

02-05 Nov 95 The Gold Crew completes a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai) Technical Assistance Visit at Kings Bay, GA.

06-21 Nov 95 The Gold Crew gets underway from Kings Bay, GA. in route to the Southern California Operations Area, Via the Panama Canal.

30 Nov-01 Dec 95 The Gold Crew successfully completes an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

04-07 Dec 95 The Gold Crew completes a Phase-III Sonar Certification.

11-12 Dec 95 The Gold Crew successfully completes a Tactical Weapons Torpedo Certification Program (TWTCP) certification.

13-20 Dec 95 The Gold Crew departs San Diego, CA. in route to Bangor, WA.

21-22 Dec 95 The Gold Crew successfully completes a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (Nwai).

23-31 Dec 95

The Gold Crew conducts Holiday Standown until 02 Jan 96, and will have Exchange of Command by the Blue Crew from 03-05 Jan 96.

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 Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut. The submarine was christened on 26 April 1980 by Mrs. Lucian 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, Washington on 16 March 1983.

The MICHIGAN entered an Engineered Overhaul period on 10 OCT 1994 at Naval Submarine Base Bangor, WA. The Overhaul was conducted by Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, in conjunction with Trident Refit Facility, and was completed on 07 JUN 1995.

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

**USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE)**

**FY84**

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

**Part IV**  
USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727)  
History  
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**FY 87**

Silver Anchor Award

**FY 88**

Golden Anchor Award

**FY 90**

Golden Anchor Award

**FY 92**

Medical "M"

**FY 93**

Battle Efficiency "E"  
Medical "M"

**FY 89**

Damage Control "DC"

**FY 91**

ASW "A"

**FY 92**

Fleet Recreation Award

**FY 93**

Battle Efficiency "E"  
Golden Anchor Award





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S. G. SLATON

## PART I

### COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

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2. Organization. The USS MICHIGAN, second in the Trident Class of nuclear strategic ballistic missile submarines, is commanded by Captain Steven G. Slaton (BLUE) and Commander Jonathan E. Sears (GOLD).

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

Enclosure (1)

PART II

1995 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

KEY EVENTS

DATE:

- Apr 95 Conducted Pre-Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.
- May 95 Conducted Phase I and Phase II Crew Certification.
- 09 Jun 95 Completed Engineered Overhaul.
- 09 Jun 95 Crew Split Ceremony. Captain Steven G. Slaton, Commanding Officer USS MICHIGAN, (Blue), Commander Jonathan E. Sears Commanding Officer, USS MICHIGAN (Gold).
- Jun - Jul 95 Conducted Sea Trials.
- Jul - Oct 95 Conducted Demonstration and Shakedown Operation.
- Jul 95 Conducted Underway Material Inspection (UMI).
- Aug 95 Conducted Sonar Certification.
- Aug 95 Conducted Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Program (TWTCP).
- Aug 95 Conducted Fleet Technical Assist Visit (FTAV).
- 18 Sep 95 Ship celebrated Thirteenth Anniversary of Commissioning.
- Sep 95 Conducted Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection.
- 02 Oct 95 Exchange of Command, Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain Steven G. Slaton, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.
- Oct - Dec 95 Conducted Demonstration and Shakedown Operation.
- Oct 95 Conducted Fleet Technical Assist Visit (FTAV).

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- Oct 95 Conducted Sonar Certification
- Oct 95 Conducted Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Program (TWTCP).
- Dec 95 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).
- Dec 95 Conducted Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWAII).
- Dec 95 - Feb 96 Conducted Strategic Onload.
- 05 Jan 96 Exchange of Command, Captain Steven G. Slaton, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.

MICHIGAN received the following awards for FY-95:

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

PART III

NARRATIVE

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

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