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Subj: HISTORY OF THE SHIP

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronological Sequence of Events
(3) Narrative/Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.


C. W. HANSON II

PART I

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

1. Mission. The mission of the SSBN 726 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, 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 Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson II (BLUE) and Commander Jonathan E. Sears (GOLD).

There are presently sixteen Trident submarines, eight of which are assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Don V. Hahnfeldt.

Enclosure (1)

PART II

1996 CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

KEY EVENTS

DATE:

5 JAN 96 Exchange of Command, Captain Steven G. Slaton, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.

JAN 96 Conducted Strategic Onload

APR 96 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

APR 96 Conducted Logistics Readiness Examination (LRE).

6 MAY 96 Exchange of Command, Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew relieved Captain Steven G. Slaton, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew.

4 JUN 96 Change of Command, Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson II relieved Captain Steven G. Slaton as Commanding Officer USS MICHIGAN (Blue).

15 AUG 96 Exchange of Command, Commander Clare W. (Bill) Hanson II, Commanding Officer (Blue) and crew relieved Commander Jonathan E. Sears, Commanding Officer (Gold) and crew.

18 SEP 96 Ship celebrated Fourteenth Anniversary of Commissioning.

OCT 96 Conducted VIP Cruise for USS BOWFIN WWII Veterans Reunion.

OCT 96 Conducted Tactical Weapons Training and Certification Program (TWTCP).

OCT 96 Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

Enclosure (2)

PART III

NARRATIVE/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

Enclosure (3)



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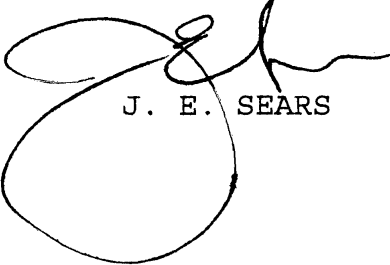
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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1996

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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

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J. E. SEARS

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 (Gold Crew) Commander Jonathan E. Sears, and (Blue Crew) Commander Clare W. Hanson, II.

There are presently eight Trident submarines assigned to Submarine Squadron 17, commanded by Captain Don V. Hahnfeldt.

1996 Chronological Sequence of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
01-02 Jan 96	The Gold Crew continues Holiday Standown from 23 Dec 95.
03-05 Jan 96	Exchange of Command, the Blue Crew relieves the Gold Crew.
08-17 Jan 96	Gold Crew assists Blue Crew with missile onload.
23 Jan-22 Feb 96	Refit Assist.
23 Feb-28 Mar 96	Off-Crew Training Period.
29 Mar-15 Apr 96	Leave and Stand Down Period.
16 Apr-03 May 96	Continue the Offcrew Training Period.
03-06 May 96	Exchange of Command, the Gold Crew relieves the Blue Crew.
06 May-04 Jun 96	Refit Period.
05-08 Jun 96	At sea Refresher Training (REFTRA).
09 Jun-10 Jul 96	Commence a Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
11-12 Jul 96	Arrive at Point Loma, San Diego to load Exercise MK48 Torpedoes in preparation for a Tactical Weapons Proficiency and a Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
13-18 Jul 96	Successfully completed a Tactical Weapons Proficiency Inspection and a Tactical Readiness Examination, receiving a score of "Above Average" and the designation of SUBPAC's "Top TRE Performer".
19-21 Jul 96	Inport Point Loma, San Diego for crew R&R period.
22-26 Jul 96	At sea in the Southern California Op area for Coordinated Training of Midshipmen (CORTRAMID).
26-28 Jul 96	Inport Point Loma, San Diego for a second crew R&R period.

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29 Jul-11 Aug 96	Depart San Diego and continue Strategic Deterrent Patrol.
12-13 Aug 96	Successfully complete an Augmented Naval Technical Proficiency Inspection and a Defense Nuclear Safety Inspection (ANTPI/DNSI) receiving a grade of "OUTSTANDING" in all areas.
14-15 Aug 96	Exchange of Command, the Blue Crew Relieves the Gold Crew.
20 Aug-05 Sep 96	Refit Assit.
06-22 Sep 96	Leave and Stand Down Period.
23 Sep-26 Oct 96	Off-Crew Training Period.
27-29 Oct 96	Exchange of Command, the Gold Crew Relieves the Blue Crew.
30 Oct-09 Dec 96	Refit Period.
10-15 Dec 96	At sea Refresher Training (REFTRA).
16-31 Dec 96	Commenced a Strategic Deterrent Patrol.

Narrative

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

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 GOLD'S performance to date has been demonstrated by receipt of the following awards:

USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (GOLD)

FY 83

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

FY 85

Meritorious Unit Commendation
Damage Control "DC"

FY 87

Silver Anchor Award

FY 90

Golden Anchor Award

FY 84

Communications "C"

FY 86

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

FY 88

Golden Anchor Award

FY 92

Medical "M"

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FY 93

Battle Efficiency "E"
Medical "M"

FY 96

Tactical "T"
Damage Control Red "DC"